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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1932,
AND JULY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$161,101, or 3.7 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$6,815,436, or 61.7 p.c., as compared with July, 1931. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1932, was \$4,227,173, as against \$4,388,274 in June, 1932, and \$11,042,609 in July, 1931. The total for the first seven months of 1932, (viz., \$26,806,241), was lower than in earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that there has also been a very considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (average 1926=100) having fallen from 144.3 in the first seven months of 1920 to 78.2 in the period January-July, 1932, or by 45.8 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 450 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,000,000, and some 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$3,200,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1932, were reported in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the largest gain being that of \$585,390, or 38.1 p.c., in Quebec. On the other hand, there were reductions of 46.0 p.c. in Ontario and 23.3 p.c. in Alberta.

In comparison with July, 1931, all provinces showed declines, that of \$3,843,385, or 77.5 p.c., in Ontario being greatest.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported increases over June, 1932, but decreases as compared with July, 1931. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Brandon and Moose Jaw showed gains as compared with both June, 1932, and July, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months, (1926 =100).	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months, (1926 average = 100)
1932	\$ 4,227,173	\$26,806,241	27.5	78.2
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.6
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.7
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1931 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1932, and July, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1932	June, 1932	July, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	119,646	92,269	299,123
x Halifax	104,611	88,655	276,895
New Glasgow	1,160	1,050	13,995
x Sydney	13,875	2,564	8,233
New Brunswick	87,782	39,004	91,635
Fredericton	5,300	2,800	2,475
x Moncton	58,275	5,700	69,830
x Saint John	24,207	30,504	19,330
Quebec	2,120,252	1,534,862	3,985,987
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,813,782	1,420,337	3,652,045
x Quebec	240,680	52,250	205,687
Shawinigan Falls	125	3,700	3,800
x Sherbrooke	46,300	28,400	18,000
x Three Rivers	7,665	8,110	6,350
x Westmount	11,700	22,065	100,105
Ontario	1,115,392	2,064,321 ^{1/}	4,958,777
Belleville	5,970	13,735	21,735
x Brantford	13,020	6,765	18,384
Chatham	1,785	9,530	5,500
x Fort William	28,200	23,250	38,450
Galt	8,015	9,664	15,505
x Guelph	8,448	38,257	16,874
x Hamilton	186,700	149,350	878,700
x Kingston	7,625	28,117	49,817
x Kitchener	2,087	37,155	41,599
x London	34,845	49,450	109,920
Niagara Falls	1,824	105,550	5,815
Oshawa	1,100	6,180	1,860
x Ottawa	115,085	260,390	440,505
Owen Sound	6,100	Nil	15,000
x Peterborough	7,991	16,765	19,536
x Port Arthur	30,460	12,207	24,255
x Stratford	3,973	7,052	10,515
x St. Catharines	50,084	17,850	28,117
x St. Thomas	2,350	1,255	45,140
Sarnia	3,581	8,433	20,390
Sault Ste. Marie	13,337	33,860	18,638
x Toronto	394,054	375,591	2,490,534
York & East York Townships	115,275	126,370	560,675
Welland	2,540	8,235	28,420
x Windsor	65,750	698,850	29,135
East Windsor	Nil	100	1,350
Riverside	Nil	1,925 ^{1/}	10,400
Sandwich	-	Nil	1,400
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	4,193	17,435	9,508
Manitoba	201,525	134,695	347,400
x Brandon	6,250	2,320	4,200
St. Boniface	3,275	3,925	17,050
x Winnipeg	192,000	128,450	326,150
Saskatchewan	87,686	86,685	232,807
x Moose Jaw	71,383	2,675	66,382
x Regina	6,508	22,370	66,985
x Saskatoon	9,795	61,640	99,440
Alberta	190,542	248,582	299,053
x Calgary	68,357	74,344	158,811
x Edmonton	112,395	171,345	115,965
Lethbridge	8,970	2,293	19,442
Medicine Hat	820	600	4,835
British Columbia	304,348	187,856	827,827
Kamloops	825	8,050	8,215
Nanaimo	3,250	4,300	950
x New Westminster	17,150	9,790	56,000
Prince Rupert	10,440	4,505	39,455
x Vancouver	232,810	126,650	660,910
North Vancouver	4,965	985	6,740
x Victoria	34,908	33,576	55,557
Total - 61 cities	4,227,173	4,388,274 ^{1/}	11,042,609
Total x- 35 cities	4,023,323	4,014,049	10,208,356

^{1/} Includes Riverside, not included in report for June, 1932.

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