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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1933,
AND JUNE, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$3,535,948; this was an increase of \$1,532,639, or 76.5 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,003,309, while in comparison with June, 1932, there was a decline of \$1,492,376, or 29.7 p.c., the value for that month having been \$5,028,324. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that wholesale costs of building materials have been lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record, averaging 75.8 in the first half of 1933, as compared with 76.8 in the first six months of 1932, the previous minimum since 1920, and with 144.5 in 1920, the maximum in the thirteen years considered. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,200,000 and some 1,700 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$2,300,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 300 dwellings and some 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$700,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1933, was recorded in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The largest increase, of \$1,250,691, or 235.3 p.c., occurred in Quebec. On the other hand, there was a decline of 15.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

As compared with June, 1932, there were increases in Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia, that of \$109,459 or 55.3 p.c. in the last-named being largest. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,346,470, or 57.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1933, and also with June, 1932, while Toronto showed a gain in the first but a decline in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, London, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, East Windsor, Regina, Lethbridge, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1933, and June, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six 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 six months of the same year are also given.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average =100).
1933	\$ 3,535,948	\$ 10,107,289	12.8	75.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was lower than in the first half of 1932 or any previous year of the record; however, the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last thirteen years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1933, and June, 1932; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	June, 1933.	May, 1933.	June, 1932.
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	279,000
Nova Scotia	65,625	78,060	92,269
x Halifax	59,400	72,260	88,655
New Glasgow	1,600	5,800	1,050
x Sydney	4,625	Nil	2,564
New Brunswick	38,030	31,245	39,047
Fredericton	450	6,125	2,800
x Moncton	23,741	3,740	5,700
x Saint John	13,839	21,380	30,547
Quebec	1,782,286	531,595	1,535,862
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,665,780	469,051	1,420,337
x Quebec	48,851	38,996	52,250
Shawinigan Falls	36,760	1,200	3,700
x Sherbrooke	11,100	7,100	28,400
x Three Rivers	2,575	8,488	8,110
x Westmount	17,220	6,760	23,065
Ontario		901,469	2,346,308
Belleville	5,415	1,725	13,735
x Brantford	32,645	7,551	6,765
Chatham	3,550	1,000	9,530
x Fort William	33,150	25,750	23,250
Galt	16,921	15,431	9,664
x Guelph	10,038	13,892	38,257
x Hamilton	23,950	53,385	149,350
x Kingston	32,921	19,680	28,117
x Kitchener	17,520	12,542	37,155
x London	94,200	24,695	49,450
Niagara Falls	870	9,424	105,610
Oshawa	825	7,800	6,180
x Ottawa	125,455	91,245	261,390
Owen Sound	2,000	5,600	Nil
x Peterborough	9,355	5,370	16,765
x Port Arthur	21,535	14,255	13,831
x Stratford	6,450	5,840	7,052
x St. Catharines	25,632	7,515	17,850
x St. Thomas	1,871	2,435	1,255
Sarnia	2,236	17,515	8,433
Sault Ste. Marie	21,150	16,655	33,860
x Toronto	458,692	389,840	654,894
York & East York Townships	1/ 34,700	124,890	126,370
Welland	1,496	3,405	8,235
x Windsor	7,805	8,855	698,850
East Windsor	257	Nil	100
Riverside	Nil	2/ 1,000	1,925
Sandwich	75	250	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	8,124	12,924	17,435
Manitoba	139,140	132,780	134,697
x Brandon	4,450	6,695	2,322
St. Boniface	3,840	11,785	3,925
x Winnipeg	130,850	114,300	128,450
Saskatchewan	70,048	25,780	154,703
x Moose Jaw	21,325	2,325	23,932
x Regina	24,773	8,930	22,370
x Saskatoon	23,950	14,525	108,401
Alberta	133,666	96,815	248,582
x Calgary	51,106	37,617	74,344
x Edmonton	71,895	52,840	171,345
Lethbridge	10,615	5,858	2,293
Medicine Hat	50	500	600
British Columbia	307,315	205,565	197,856
Kamloops	2,660	2,750	8,050
Nanaimo	350	850	4,300
x New Westminster	38,710	5,690	9,790
Prince Rupert	225	2,535	4,505
x Vancouver	232,875	160,117	126,650
North Vancouver	6,450	2,773	985
x Victoria	26,045	30,850	43,576
Total - 61 Cities	3,535,948	2,200,309	5,028,324
Total - x35 Cities	3,374,329	1,744,514	4,375,039

1/ Report for East York not received. May report.

2/ Including Riverside, not shown in the

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