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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1933,
 AND JULY, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$1,453,646, or 41.1 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$2,329,867, or 52.8 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1933, was \$2,082,302, as against \$3,535,948 in June, 1933, and \$4,412,169 in July, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued 265 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$1,000,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$47,859 were authorized by three cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

An increase over June, 1933, was reported in Nova Scotia, where the value of the permits issued was 12.3 p.c. higher in July. The remaining provinces showed declines, that of \$1,028,870 or 57.7 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

In comparison with July, 1932, all provinces showed reductions, that of \$1,362,636 or 64.4 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported decreases as compared with June, 1933, and also as compared with July, 1932. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Boniface and Kamloops showed gains as compared with both June, 1933, and July, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

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)
1933	\$ 2,082,302	\$ 12,189,591	12.5	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
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	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,226,043	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	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower than in any other of the last thirteen years, having fallen from 144.2 in the first seven months of 1920, to 76.5 in the period January - July 1933. This was a decline of 46.9 p.c.

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

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

Cities	July 1933	June 1933	July 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	-	-	2,500
Nova Scotia	73,675	65,625	119,646
xHalifax	67,835	59,400	104,611
New Glasgow	2,010	1,600	1,160
xSydney	3,830	4,625	13,875
New Brunswick	12,915	38,030	87,782
Fredericton	150	450	5,300
xMoncton	-	23,741	58,275
xSaint John	12,765	13,839	24,207
Quebec	753,416	1,782,286	2,116,052
xMontreal- xMaisonneuve	468,152	1,665,780	1,809,582
xQuebec	86,444	48,851	240,680
Shawinigan Falls	3,825	36,760	125
xSherbrooke	84,600	11,100	46,300
xThree Rivers	4,575	2,575	7,665
xWestmount	105,820	17,220	11,700
Ontario	875,142	999,838	1,172,508
Belleville	8,000	5,415	5,970
xBrantford	14,959	32,645	13,020
Chatham	5,510	3,550	1,785
xFort William	10,750	33,150	28,200
Galt	16,874	16,921	8,015
xGuelph	14,241	10,038	8,448
xHamilton	51,375	23,950	186,700
xKingston	59,572	32,921	7,625
xKitchener	25,348	17,520	2,087
xLondon	48,475	94,200	34,845
Niagara Falls	8,379	870	1,824
Oshawa	2,200	825	1,100
xOttawa	91,430	125,455	115,185
Owen Sound	1,300	2,000	6,100
xPeterborough	2,572	9,355	7,991
xPort Arthur	4,055	21,535	30,510
xStratford	25,987	6,450	3,973
xSt. Catharines	18,907	25,632	50,084
xSt. Thomas	1,616	1,871	2,350
Sarnia	3,274	2,236	3,581
Sault Ste. Marie	4,170	21,150	13,337
xToronto	385,945	458,692	451,050
York & East York Townships	57,125	34,700	115,275
Welland	2,465	1,496	2,540
xWindsor	5,175	7,805	65,750
East Windsor	Nil	257	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	75	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	5,438	8,124	4,193
Manitoba	78,595	139,140	201,525
xBrandon	4,120	4,450	6,250
St. Boniface	10,075	3,840	3,275
xWinnipeg	64,400	130,850	192,000
Saskatchewan	22,965	70,048	207,266
xMoose Jaw	4,300	21,325	112,363
xRegina	14,230	24,773	6,508
xSaskatoon	4,435	23,950	88,395
Alberta	109,086	133,666	190,542
xCalgary	37,448	51,106	68,357
xEdmonton	69,456	71,895	112,395
Lethbridge	1,622	10,615	8,970
Medicine Hat	560	50	820
British Columbia	156,508	307,315	314,348
Kamloops	6,311	2,660	825
Nanaimo	Nil	350	3,250
xNew Westminster	21,150	38,710	17,150
Prince Rupert	6,540	225	10,440
xVancouver	95,510	232,875	232,810
North Vancouver	1,760	6,450	4,965
xVictoria	25,237	26,045	44,908
Total - 61 Cities	2,082,302	3,535,948	4,412,169
Total - x35 Cities	1,934,714	3,374,329	4,205,819

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