

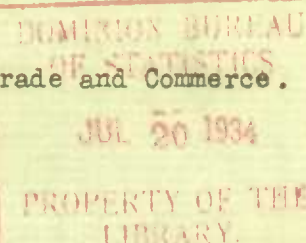
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1934,
 AND JUNE, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$2,364,109; this was a decrease of \$635,586 or 21.9 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,997,695, and of \$1,225,095 or 34.1 p.c., as compared with June, 1933, when the authorizations amounted to \$3,589,204. The record for the last fourteen years shows that the value of the building authorized in June is usually rather less than in May, the decline, on the average, being over six p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1934, showing that they had issued more than 240 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$960,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,145,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$33,319 were authorized in two cities, viz., Brantford and Port Arthur. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 300 dwellings and some 2,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1934, was recorded in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, where there were gains of 7.6 p.c. and 9.3 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere reported, that of \$389,253 or 44.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with June, 1933, there were increases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, amounting to 73.7 p.c., 35.6 p.c. and 28.2 p.c., respectively. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Quebec reporting the greatest loss of \$1,290,056, or 72.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Winnipeg recorded reductions in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1934, and also with June, 1933; Vancouver showed a gain in the first, but a decline in the second comparison, while the total value of building authorized in Toronto was higher in June, 1934, than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, St. Boniface, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert also reported improvement over May, 1934, and June, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

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)
1934	\$ 2,364,109	\$10,282,641	13.1	83.5
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	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 practically the same as in the first half of 1933, but was lower than in previous years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, while higher than in the first half of 1933 or 1932, and the same as in 1931, was lower than in other years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and May, 1934, and June, 1933. 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	June, 1934	May, 1934	June, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	32,300	15,800
Nova Scotia	114,010	105,930	65,625
x Halifax	107,130	102,205	59,400
New Glasgow	1,280	2,050	1,600
x Sydney	5,600	1,675	4,625
New Brunswick	51,125	56,981	37,705
Fredericton	3,650	7,555	450
x Moncton	1/ -	26,127	23,416
x Saint John	47,475	23,299	13,839
Quebec	492,230	881,483	1,782,286
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	360,695	505,091	1,665,780
x Quebec	18,635	36,806	48,851
Shawinigan Falls	6,100	96,855	36,760
x Sherbrooke	16,100	10,200	11,100
x Three Rivers	56,600	158,325	2,575
x Westmount	34,100	74,206	17,220
Ontario	1,317,006	1,360,024	1,027,524
Belleville	10,500	27,900	5,415
x Brantford	25,064	8,296	32,645
Chatham	100	2,700	3,550
x Fort William	14,900	19,650	33,150
Galt	8,072	7,394	16,921
x Guelph	32,452	9,340	10,038
x Hamilton	86,170	112,680	23,950
x Kingston	22,395	14,598	32,921
x Kitchener	43,050	18,103	17,520
x London	52,210	63,455	94,200
Niagara Falls	1,860	21,040	870
Oshawa	6,000	3,600	825
x Ottawa	118,615	264,250	125,455
Owen Sound	1,750	3,000	2,000
x Peterboro	11,045	33,415	9,355
x Port Arthur	23,790	11,975	21,535
x Stratford	3,463	6,400	6,450
x St. Catharines	8,580	17,090	25,632
x St. Thomas	5,100	2,105	1,871
Sarnia	16,270	30,670	2,236
Sault Ste. Marie	7,540	21,585	21,150
x Toronto	705,438	529,972	468,668
York & East York Townships	96,880	104,950	52,410
Welland	2,700	9,430	1,496
x Windsor	5,930	4,621	7,805
East Windsor	N11	475	257
Riverside	N11	N11	N11
Sandwich	400	700	75
Walkerville	N11	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	6,732	8,630	8,124
Manitoba	81,440	147,861	139,140
x Brandon	1,955	10,306	4,450
St. Boniface	14,635	4,205	3,840
x Winnipeg	64,850	133,350	130,850
Saskatchewan	17,565	75,290	70,048
x Moose Jaw	3,650	2,820	21,325
x Regina	13,915	32,925	24,773
x Saskatoon	1/ -	39,545	23,950
Alberta	93,585	157,404	133,761
x Calgary	33,848	45,260	51,106
x Edmonton	53,995	96,640	71,895
Lethbridge	5,087	9,124	10,710
Medicine Hat	655	6,380	50
British Columbia	197,148	180,422	317,315
Kamloops	495	8,472	2,660
Nanaimo	1,900	200	350
x New Westminster	4,100	17,190	38,710
Prince Rupert	7,030	1,375	225
x Vancouver	167,190	119,235	232,875
North Vancouver	410	240	6,450
x Victoria	16,023	33,710	36,045
Total - 61 Cities	2,364,109	2,997,695	3,589,204
Total - x35 Cities	2,164,063	2,584,865	3,393,980

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