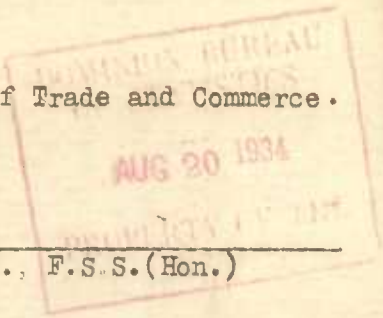


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1934,
AND JULY, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July stood at \$3,219,086; this was an increase of \$854,977 or 36.2 p.c., as compared with the total of \$2,364,109 reported in the preceding month. The gain is especially interesting since the experience of the last fourteen years shows that the building authorized is usually lower in July than in June. The comparison with the July, 1933, aggregate of \$2,180,403 was also favourable, the total for last month being \$1,038,683 or 47.6 p.c. higher than in the same month last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and some 1,600 permits for other buildings estimated at more than \$1,900,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$286,515 were authorized by two cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 240 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$960,000 and \$1,145,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1934, were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the largest gain of \$464,494 occurring in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia showed declines, that of \$74,333 or 37.7 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan showed increases, that of \$562,848 or 64.1 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. In the remaining provinces, the value of the authorized building was lower than in July of last year, Alberta showing the greatest loss of \$30,821 or 28.3 p.c.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal reported an increase over June, 1934, but a small decrease as compared with July, 1933; in Toronto and Vancouver, on the other hand, there were reductions as compared with the preceding month, but increases over July of last year, while Winnipeg reported improvement in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Brantford, Fort William, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterboro, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Walkerville, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Lethbridge showed gains as compared with both June, 1934, and July, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

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)
1934	\$ 3,219,086	\$ 13,501,727	13.9	83.5
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	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	86,126,043	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	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 8.0 p.c. than in 1933, but the total was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1933 or 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, was also lower than in any of the preceding eleven years.

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Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	July, 1934	June, 1934	July, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. -Charlottetown	-	-	23,100
Nova Scotia	113,198	114,010	74,715
x Halifax	68,748	107,130	67,835
New Glasgow	1,100	1,280	3,050
x Sydney	43,350	5,600	3,830
New Brunswick	515,619	51,125	78,350
Fredericton	16,200	3,650	150
x Moncton	464,410	-	65,435
x Saint John	35,009	47,475	12,765
Quebec	568,046	492,230	753,416
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	450,619	360,695	468,152
x Quebec	48,722	18,635	86,444
Shawinigan Falls	5,700	6,100	3,825
x Sherbrooke	11,775	16,100	84,600
x Three Rivers	8,550	56,600	4,575
x Westmount	42,680	34,100	105,820
Ontario	1,441,516	1,317,006	878,668
Belleville	6,200	10,500	8,000
x Brantford	46,650	25,064	14,959
Chatham	2,750	100	5,510
x Fort William	35,050	14,900	10,750
Galt	1,758	8,072	16,874
x Guelph	15,554	32,452	14,241
x Hamilton	46,830	86,170	51,375
x Kingston	7,471	22,395	59,572
x Kitchener	38,013	43,050	25,348
x London	45,555	52,210	48,475
Niagara Falls	6,493	1,860	8,379
Oshawa	13,475	6,000	2,200
x Ottawa	204,105	118,615	91,430
Owen Sound	Nil	1,750	1,300
x Peterboro	15,910	11,045	2,572
x Port Arthur	14,665	23,790	4,055
x Stratford	2,198	3,463	25,987
x St. Catharines	24,425	8,580	18,907
x St. Thomas	3,800	5,100	1,616
Sarnia	13,165	16,270	3,274
Sault Ste. Marie	7,620	7,540	4,170
x Toronto	630,333	705,438	389,471
York & East York Townships	188,365	96,880	57,125
Welland	14,710	2,700	2,465
x Windsor	42,166	5,930	5,175
East Windsor	525	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	400	Nil
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	10,730	6,732	5,438
Manitoba	96,887	81,440	78,595
x Brandon	4,087	1,955	4,120
St. Boniface	5,050	14,635	10,075
x Winnipeg	87,750	64,850	64,400
Saskatchewan	282,740	17,565	22,965
x Moose Jaw	254,100	3,650	4,300
x Regina	21,815	13,915	14,230
x Saskatoon	6,825	-	4,435
Alberta	78,265	93,585	109,086
x Calgary	33,600	33,848	37,448
x Edmonton	36,120	53,995	69,456
Lethbridge	8,450	5,087	1,622
Medicine Hat	95	655	560
British Columbia	122,815	197,148	161,508
Kamloops	1,000	495	6,311
Nanaimo	Nil	1,900	Nil
x New Westminster	1,700	4,100	21,150
Prince Rupert	525	7,030	6,540
x Vancouver	101,992	167,190	95,510
North Vancouver	1,125	410	1,760
x Victoria	16,473	16,023	30,237
Total - 61 Cities	3,219,086	2,364,109	2,180,403
Total - x35 Cities	2,911,050	2,164,063	2,008,675

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