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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1935,
AND JUNE, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$5,117,066; this was an increase of \$291,881 or six p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,825,185^{1/}, and of \$2,705,606 or 112.2 p.c. in the more significant comparison with June, 1934, when the authorizations amounted to \$2,411,460.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first six months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years. Although the improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 81.5 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1935, showing that they had issued more than 300 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,241,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,700,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$23,000 were authorized in Brantford. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 400 dwellings and some 2,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and \$3,260,000, respectively; engineering projects estimated at \$119,152 were also authorized.

Improvement over May, 1935, was recorded in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$278,842 or 90.8 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere reported, those of \$190,751 or 11.3 p.c. in Quebec and \$103,505 or 72.6 p.c. in Saskatchewan were most pronounced.

As compared with June, 1934, there were increases in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; the gain of \$1,008,847 or 75.8 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,004,953 or 204.2 p.c. in Quebec were largest. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, there were decreases of \$36,655 and \$25,881, respectively, in this comparison.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1935, and also with June, 1934; Toronto showed a loss in the first, but a gain in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, York and East York Townships, East Windsor, Riverside, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops and New Westminster also reported improvement over May, 1935, and June, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

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 years are also given.

1/ Includes figures for Charlottetown and Fredericton, received too late for inclusion in the May report.

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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)
1935	\$ 5,117,066	\$24,629,071	31.3	81.5
1934	2,411,460	10,411,377	13.2	82.8
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	78.9
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	65,399,717	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	55,771,634	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 decidedly higher than in any of the last three years, although it was lower than in earlier years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was slightly lower than in the first half of 1934, and was also lower than in other years since 1920, except 1933 and 1932.

The half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1932-1935. The aggregates in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia were higher in the period January - June, 1935, than in the same six months in any other of the years here shown; they were, however, generally lower than in earlier years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were smaller than in any of the preceding three years.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 61 CITIES
IN FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1932 - 1935.

Province	1935	1934	1933	1932
Prince Edward Island	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900	\$ 284,500
Nova Scotia	324,745	374,600	349,865	611,552
New Brunswick	140,817	210,740	175,288	377,176
Quebec	5,874,111	2,462,677	3,504,039	6,510,196
Ontario	12,591,610	5,094,136	3,749,568	10,028,674
Manitoba	2,354,965	348,986	434,586	1,652,427
Saskatchewan	312,980	209,840	393,904	1,664,997
Alberta	1,196,008	585,785	431,543	1,551,626
British Columbia	1,737,510	1,077,513	1,235,206	1,659,896
Canada	24,629,071	10,411,377	10,315,899	24,341,044

The following shows the January-June aggregates for the four leading cities:-

City	1935	1934	1933	1932
Montreal	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191	\$ 5,824,407
Toronto	5,215,395	2,523,471	1,614,038	4,154,431
Winnipeg	2,262,450	298,100	386,550	1,543,750
Vancouver	1,331,880	700,094	932,697	1,261,805
Total	13,231,140	5,129,570	6,097,476	12,784,393

In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the totals for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1931, while the Montreal aggregate was higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1932. Nearly 54 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 61 cities in the months January - June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with just over 49 p.c. in 1934.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1935, and June, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Year	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1935	May, 1935	June, 1934
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	41,575	24,500 1/	4,600
Nova Scotia	77,355	114,425	114,010
x Halifax	67,630	104,205	107,130
New Glasgow	2,325	2,720	1,280
x Sydney	7,400	7,500	5,600
New Brunswick	35,451	39,505 1/	61,332
Fredericton	400	1,400 1/	3,650
x Moncton	17,472	20,525	10,207
x Saint John	17,579	17,580	47,475
Quebec	1,497,183	1,687,934	492,230
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,407,754	567,387	360,695
x Quebec	34,789	1,053,097	18,635
Shawinigan Falls	3,140	14,350	6,100
x Sherbrooke	20,150	30,900	16,100
x Three Rivers	13,600	11,900	56,600
x Westmount	17,750	10,300	34,100
Ontario	2,338,877	2,152,273	1,330,030
Belleville	7,850	11,300	10,500
x Brantford	32,878	30,962	25,064
Chatham	6,900	13,625	100
x Fort William	43,400	8,200	14,900
Galt	262,105	10,805	8,072
x Guelph	157,624	11,253	32,452
x Hamilton	85,730	109,370	86,170
x Kingston	24,442	47,683	22,395
x Kitchener	23,754	94,934	43,050
x London	62,015	56,645	52,210
Niagara Falls	560	5,065	1,860
Oshawa	15,025	6,250	6,000
x Ottawa	203,315	258,630	116,615
Owen Sound	13,051	5,425	1,750
x Peterborough	62,645	14,776	11,045
x Port Arthur	20,245	42,164	23,790
x Stratford	5,231	1,793	3,463
x St. Catharines	25,490	16,923	8,580
x St. Thomas	7,475	2,795	5,100
Sarnia	15,379	10,150	16,270
Sault Ste. Marie	9,030	14,795	7,540
x Toronto	1,027,362	1,179,404	720,462
York & East York Townships	188,337	141,266	96,880
Welland	4,620	5,605	2,700
x Windsor	18,282	32,760	5,930
East Windsor	1,575	510	Nil
Riverside	500	200	Nil
Sandwich	200	-	400
Walkerville	3,000	6,000	Nil
Woodstock	10,857	12,985	6,732
Manitoba	189,483	181,480	82,590
x Brandon	2,650	8,450	3,105
St. Boniface	4,985	3,630	14,635
x Winnipeg	181,850	169,400	64,850
Saskatchewan	39,185	142,690	20,935
x Moose Jaw	700	87,850	3,650
x Regina	31,120	18,440	13,915
x Saskatoon	7,365	36,400	3,370
Alberta	312,042	175,307	93,585
x Calgary	237,735	72,246	33,848
x Edmonton	66,140	72,011	53,995
Lethbridge	7,672	27,860	5,087
Medicine Hat	495	3,190	655
British Columbia	585,913	307,071	212,148
Kamloops	29,083	6,909	495
Nanaimo	3,180	3,846	1,900
x New Westminster	17,500	15,650	4,100
Prince Rupert	490	3,466	7,030
x Vancouver	507,720	202,995	167,190
North Vancouver	1,225	5,125	410
x Victoria	26,715	69,080	31,023
Total - 61 Cities	5,117,066	4,825,185 1/	2,411,460
Total - x35 Cities	4,483,507	4,484,208	2,205,814

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