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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1935, AND JULY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 61 cities during July stood at $4,266,224, a seasonal decline of $850,842 or 16.6 p.c. as compared with the June, 1935, total of $5,117,066, but an increase of $1,008,754 or 31.0 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1934, aggregate of $3,257,470.

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 seven 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 81.8 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 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 300 permits for dwellings valued at nearly $1,090,000, and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated at almost $3,100,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at $27,530 were undertaken by Brantford. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately $1,241,000 and $3,700,000, respectively, while an engineering project valued at $23,000 was also listed.

An increase over June, 1935, was reported in British Columbia, where the authorizations were valued at $1,504,823, or 156.8 p.c. more than in the preceding month. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of 54.0 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1934, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases, that of $1,367,008 in British Columbia being most pronounced. The value of the building authorized in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan was lower than in July of last year.

Three of the four largest cities - Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg - reported decreases as compared with June, 1935, but increases over July, 1934, while in Vancouver, there was an increase in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Quebec, Belleville, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed gains as compared with June, 1935, and also with July, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

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 January - July total in 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)
1935	$ 4,266,224	$28,895,295	29.7	81.8
1934	3,257,470	13,668,847	14.0	82.8
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 very substantially higher than in 1934 or 1933, and also slightly exceeded the 1932 total; the increase over the same months of last year was 111.4 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was rather lower than in 1934; while it was higher than in 1933 or 1932, it was lower than in any of the preceding twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1935, and July, 1934; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

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

Cities	July, 1935.	June, 1935.	July, 1934.
	$	$	$
P. E. I.-Charlottetown	24,110	41,575	5,000
Nova Scotia	65,025	77,355	113,198
x Halifax	49,550	67,630	68,748
New Glasgow	675	2,325	1,100
x Sydney	14,800	7,400	43,350
New Brunswick	35,322	35,451	514,304
Fredericton	7,850	400	16,200
x Moncton	13,422	17,472	465,095
x Saint John	14,050	17,579	33,009
Quebec	688,670	1,497,183	563,046
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	547,015	1,407,754	450,619
x Quebec	87,740	34,789	43,722
Shawinigan Falls	2,790	3,140	5,700
x Sherbrooke	19,900	20,150	11,775
x Three Rivers	4,800	13,600	8,550
x Westmount	26,425	17,750	42,680
Ontario	1,609,992	2,338,877	1,461,203
Belleville	10,100	7,850	5,800
x Brantford	32,574	32,878	46,650
Chatham	6,400	6,900	8,600
x Fort William	33,900	43,400	35,050
Galt	7,057	262,105	1,758
x Guelph	26,855	157,624	15,554
x Hamilton	99,540	85,730	46,830
x Kingston	34,641	24,442	7,471
x Kitchener	90,983	23,754	38,013
x London	59,220	62,015	45,555
Niagara Falls	9,817	560	6,493
Oshawa	5,850	15,025	13,475
x Ottawa	100,320	203,315	204,105
Owen Sound	760	13,051	Nil
x Peterborough	15,059	62,645	15,910
x Port Arthur	16,355	20,245	14,665
x Stratford	7,937	5,231	2,198
x St. Catharines	26,825	25,490	24,425
x St. Thomas	60,050	7,475	3,800
Sarnia	11,452	15,379	13,165
Sault Ste. Marie	9,140	9,030	7,620
x Toronto	736,208	1,087,362	644,570
York & East York Townships	172,580	188,337	188,365
Welland	7,790	4,620	14,710
x Windsor	14,600	18,282	42,166
East Windsor	2,825	1,575	525
Riverside	1,350	500	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	200	Nil
Walkerville	4,000	3,000	3,000
Woodstock	5,804	10,857	10,730
Manitoba	157,550	189,485	96,887
x Brandon	11,000	2,650	4,087
St. Boniface	27,250	4,985	5,050
x Winnipeg	119,300	181,850	87,750
Saskatchewan	25,165	39,185	282,752
x Moose Jaw	900	700	254,112
x Regina	14,765	31,120	21,815
x Saskatoon	9,500	7,365	6,825
Alberta	155,567	312,042	78,265
x Calgary	77,570	237,735	33,600
x Edmonton	63,175	66,140	36,120
Lethbridge	11,750	7,672	8,450
Medicine Hat	3,072	495	95
British Columbia	1,504,823	585,913	137,815
Kamloops	6,310	29,083	1,000
Nanaimo	4,795	3,180	Nil
x New Westminster	26,650	17,500	1,700
Prince Rupert	2,118	490	525
x Vancouver	1,377,410	507,720	101,992
North Vancouver	3,100	1,225	1,125
x Victoria	84,440	26,715	31,473
Total - 61 Cities	4,266,224	5,117,066	3,257,470
Total - x35 Cities	3,917,479	4,483,507	2,938,984