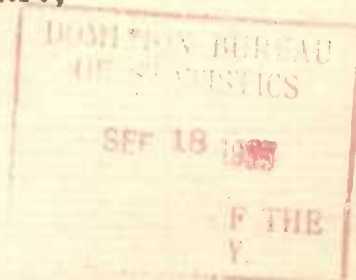


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1935,
AND AUGUST, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1935, was practically the same as in the preceding month, while in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$4,293,058, as compared with \$4,266,224 in July, 1935, and \$3,764,425 in August, 1934. There was, therefore, an increase of 0.6 p.c. in the first comparison and of 14.0 p.c. in the second.

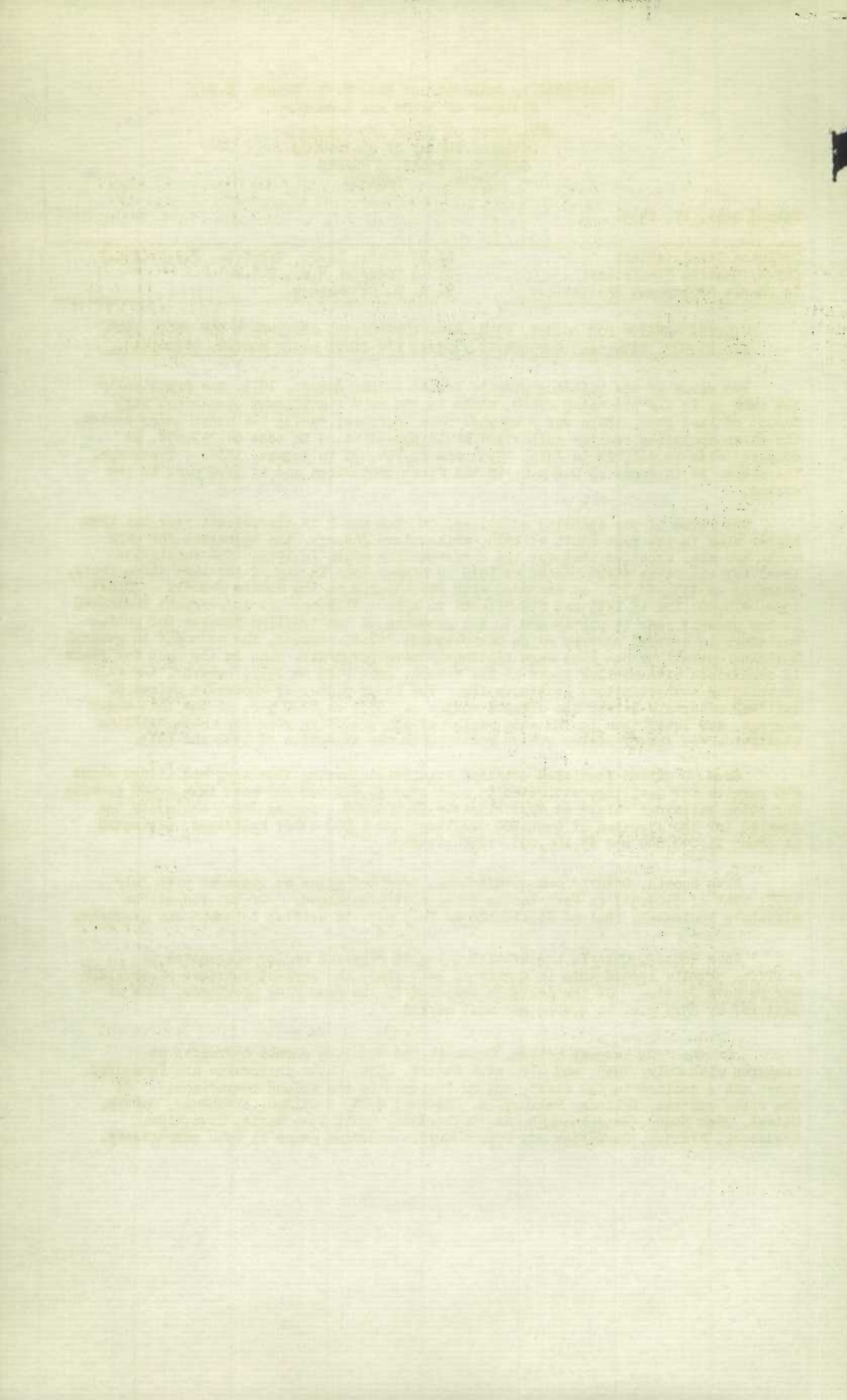
The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first eight months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$33,188,353, as compared with \$17,433,272 in the months January - August, 1934, \$14,407,111 in 1933 and \$32,576,464 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year 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 82.0 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 about 240 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,800,000 and more than 1,900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,400,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,090,000 and \$3,100,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported gains as compared with July, 1935, that of \$903,917 in Nova Scotia being most pronounced. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,118,126 or 74.3 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$873,252 was in Nova Scotia. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$633,687 or 65.7 p.c. in Quebec was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Winnipeg showed decreases as compared with July, 1935, and also with August, 1934, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Hamilton, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon and Prince Rupert recorded gains in both comparisons.



CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 =100)
1935	\$ 4,293,058	\$ 33,188,353	30.4	82.0
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was higher by 90.4 p.c. than in 1934, and was also higher than in 1933 or 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1935 than in previous years of this record except 1933 and 1932.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1935, and August, 1934. The cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

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

C i t i e s	August, 1935	July, 1935	August, 1934
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	4,800	24,110	7,060
Nova Scotia	968,942	65,025	95,690
x Halifax	963,107	49,550	89,645
New Glasgow	800	675	745
x Sydney	5,035	14,800	5,300
New Brunswick	24,835	35,322	477,780
Fredericton	1,050	7,850	6,420
x Moncton	5,870	13,422	451,410
x Saint John	17,915	14,050	19,950
Quebec	330,541	688,670	964,228
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	257,416	547,015	618,545
x Quebec	55,080	87,740	32,873
Shawinigan Falls	600	2,790	250
x Sherbrooke	5,500	19,900	18,885
x Three Rivers	700	4,800	46,675
x Westmount	11,245	26,425	247,000
Ontario	2,325,133	1,609,992	1,726,310
Belleville	86,200	10,100	6,525
x Brantford	31,621	32,574	43,711
Chatham	8,806	6,400	3,150
x Fort William	12,125	33,900	458,950
Galt	41,740	7,057	25,985
x Guelph	12,325	26,855	10,115
x Hamilton	142,470	99,540	95,070
x Kingston	11,206	34,641	24,079
x Kitchener	106,083	90,983	29,492
x London	30,410	59,220	73,800
Niagara Falls	705	9,817	28,290
Oshawa	71,980	5,850	3,150
x Ottawa	752,715	100,320	133,765
Owen Sound	4,621	760	2,000
x Peterborough	38,357	15,059	23,979
x Port Arthur	10,645	16,355	7,400
x Stratford	4,680	7,937	4,199
x St. Catharines	54,585	26,825	9,438
x St. Thomas	50	60,050	1,430
Sarnia	9,254	11,452	14,070
Sault Ste. Marie	26,505	9,140	14,735
x Toronto	702,478	736,208	588,377
York & East York Townships	133,090	172,580	104,802
Welland	4,470	7,790	3,460
x Windsor	10,835	14,600	9,930
East Windsor	515	2,825	125
Riverside	1,925	1,350	600
Sandwich	100	Nil	400
Walkerville	2,000	4,000	2,000
Woodstock	12,637	5,804	3,283
Manitoba	102,985	157,550	107,000
x Brandon	27,385	11,000	4,500
St. Boniface	1,300	27,250	10,350
x Winnipeg	74,300	119,300	92,150
Saskatchewan	27,535	25,165	51,805
x Moose Jaw	4,660	900	21,250
x Regina	6,555	14,765	25,170
x Saskatoon	16,320	9,500	5,385
Alberta	121,590	155,567	122,451
x Calgary	58,237	77,570	48,276
x Edmonton	53,310	63,175	70,470
Lethbridge	10,043	11,750	2,090
Medicine Hat	Nil	3,072	1,615
British Columbia	386,697	1,504,823	212,101
Kamloops	1,685	6,310	4,450
Nanaimo	900	4,795	5,730
x New Westminster	10,950	26,650	8,050
Prince Rupert	22,015	2,118	950
x Vancouver	308,585	1,377,410	148,350
North Vancouver	1,315	3,100	3,290
x Victoria	41,247	84,440	41,281
Total - 61 Cities	4,293,058	4,266,224	3,764,425
Total - x35 Cities	3,844,002	3,917,479	3,508,900

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