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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1936,  
AND JUNE, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June was \$4,580,740; this was an increase of \$414,902 or 10.0 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,165,838,<sup>1/</sup> but a decrease of \$524,115 or 10.2 p.c. in comparison with June, 1935, when the authorizations amounted to \$5,104,855.

The value of the building authorized in the first six months of the present year was \$17,500,420; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$24,640,511 reported in the period January-June, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first six months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931, than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for June, 1936, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$2,000,000 and for some 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$2,400,000. In May, authority was given for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,600,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during June as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$397,123 or 70.3 p.c. taking place in Quebec. In New Brunswick, the June total was lower by 65.7 p.c. than that for May.

As compared with June, 1935, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan registered increases of \$107,775 or 139.3 p.c. and \$70,930 or 181.0 p.c., respectively. Of the declines those of \$403,630 or 27.0 p.c. in Quebec and \$120,306 or 38.7 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1936, but decreases as compared with June, 1935; Winnipeg and Vancouver showed losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Chatham, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1936, and June, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 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.

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1/ Includes Riverside, 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)
1936	\$ 4,580,740	\$ 17,500,420	22.2	84.8
1935	5,104,855	24,640,511	33.8	81.2
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	65,899,717	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 half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1933-1936. The aggregates in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were higher in the period January-June, 1936, than in the same six months in 1935; they were, however, generally lower than in most years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were smaller than in the preceding year.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS FOR BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 58 CITIES IN FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1933-1936.

Province	1936	1935	1934	1933
Prince Edward Island	\$ 73,650	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900
Nova Scotia	597,255	324,295	374,600	349,865
New Brunswick	162,526	141,017	210,740	175,288
Quebec	3,190,313	5,873,941	2,462,677	3,504,039
Ontario	7,824,659	12,678,819	5,094,136	3,749,568
Manitoba	664,815	2,355,065	348,986	434,586
Saskatchewan	238,832	233,030	209,840	393,904
Alberta	1,103,878	1,162,981	585,785	431,543
British Columbia	3,644,492	1,775,038	1,077,513	1,235,206
Canada	17,500,420	24,640,511	10,411,377	10,315,899

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

City	1936	1935	1934	1933
Montreal	\$ 2,293,555	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191
Toronto	3,092,190	5,315,395	2,523,471	1,614,038
Winnipeg	618,100	2,262,450	298,100	386,550
Vancouver	3,050,825	1,331,880	700,094	932,697
Total	9,054,670	13,331,140	5,129,570	6,097,476

In Vancouver, the total for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1932; in Toronto and Winnipeg, the aggregates were higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1935, while Montreal showed an increase over 1934, but a decrease as compared with 1935 and 1933. Over 51 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 58 cities in the months January-June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with more than 54 p.c. in 1935.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and June, 1936, and June 1935. 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 58 Cities.

Cities	June, 1936	May, 1936	June, 1935.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	26,250	22,000	41,575
Nova Scotia	185,130	135,233	77,355
x Halifax	141,855	120,783	67,630
New Glasgow	15,300	350	2,325
x Sydney	27,975	14,100	7,400
New Brunswick	26,135	76,195	35,451
Fredericton	1,000	51,800	400
x Moncton	1,650	-	17,472
x Saint John	23,485	24,395	17,579
Quebec	1,093,553	696,430	1,497,183
x Montreal - x Maisenneuve	610,488	565,045	1,407,754
x Quebec	421,905	51,955	34,789
Shawinigan Falls	6,110	24,955	3,140
x Sherbrooke	26,625	14,650	20,150
x Three Rivers	5,900	4,200	13,600
x Westmount	22,525	35,625	17,750
Ontario 1/	2,303,825	2,144,417	2,321,103
Belleville	11,350	11,750	7,850
x Brantford	19,910	17,399	32,878
Chatham	16,915	5,575	6,900
x Fort William	51,925	20,800	43,400
Galt	17,133	9,156	262,105
x Guelph	10,139	8,288	146,450
x Hamilton	166,325	94,565	85,730
x Kingston	36,124	27,095	24,142
x Kitchener	58,896	42,002	23,754
x London	95,075	82,970	62,015
Niagara Falls	22,880	30,048	560
Oshawa	12,965	15,900	15,025
x Ottawa	304,125	354,810	196,815
Owen Sound	23,725	3,505	13,051
x Peterborough	46,084	11,160	62,645
x Fort Arthur	50,035	25,473	20,245
x Stratford	16,348	2,879	5,231
x St. Catharines	29,570	40,463	25,490
x St. Thomas	44,450	2,200	7,375
Sarnia	10,435	7,763	15,379
Sault Ste. Marie	32,555	39,945	9,030
x Toronto	904,302	710,734	1,027,362
York & East York Townships	254,295	439,890	183,337
Welland	11,493	15,404	4,620
x Windsor	42,575	108,350	23,057
Riverside 1/	2,750	4,850	500
Woodstock	11,446	11,443	10,857
Manitoba	157,284	340,790	189,585
x Brandon	9,275	4,150	2,750
St. Boniface	16,059	10,940	4,985
x Winnipeg	131,950	325,700	181,850
Saskatchewan	110,115	57,955	39,185
x Moose Jaw	3,610	5,735	700
x Regina	44,820	33,440	31,120
x Saskatoon	61,685	18,780	7,365
Alberta	190,944	140,357	311,250
x Calgary	91,929	55,582	236,943
x Edmonton	74,390	63,700	66,140
Lethbridge	24,400	16,565	7,672
Medicine Hat	225	4,110	495
British Columbia	487,504	552,461	592,168
Kamloops	5,530	22,270	29,083
Nanaimo	24,548	9,050	3,180
x New Westminster	48,050	26,630	17,500
Prince Rupert	1,755	4,125	490
x Vancouver	378,895	452,410	507,720
North Vancouver	3,834	1,125	1,225
x Victoria	24,892	36,851	32,970
Total 58 Cities 1/	4,580,740	4,165,838	5,104,855
xTotal 35 Cities	4,027,787	3,402,919	4,476,071

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