Published by Authority of the Hon. W. D. Euler, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS GENERAL STATISTICS BRANCH OTTAWA - CANADA Issued August 18, 1936. R. H. Coats, LL.D., F.R.S.C., F.S.S.(Hon.) Dominion Statistician: In Charge Employment Statistics: M. E. K. Roughsedge. BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1936, AND JULY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936. The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 58 cities during July stood at \$4,602,897, a slight increase of \$22,157 or 0.5 p.c. as compared with the June, 1936, total of \$4,580,740; there was also an increase of \$206,495 or 4.7 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1935, aggregate of \$4,396,402. The value of the building authorized in the first seven months of the present year was \$22,103,317; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$29,036,913 reported in the period January - July, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first seven 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 since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920. Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,700,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at over \$2,300,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$9,925 were undertaken by Port Arthur. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000 and \$2,400,000, respectively. Increases over June, 1936, were reported in New Brusswick, Quebec and Manitoba, that of \$230,903 or 21.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$74,706 or 67.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced. In comparison with July, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta showed increases. The gain of \$608,786 or 85.1 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy. In Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the authorized building had a lower valuation than in the same month of last year; the greatest decline was in British Columbia, amounting to \$1,034,933 or 68.5 p.c. Of the larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - Montreal and Winnipeg showed increases over June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935. In Toronto, the total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year, while in Vancouver, the July, 1936, authorizations were lower in value than in either June, 1936, or July, 1935. Of the other centres, Fredericton, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Kingston, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Woodstock, Edmonton and New Westminster showed gains as compared with June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 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)
1936	\$4,602,897	\$ 22,103,317	22.7	84.5
1935	4,396,402	29,036,913	29.8	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 lower than in 1935, although it was higher than the total for the same period in either 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though rather higher than in any of the years 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 55 cities during June and July, 1936, and July, 1935; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	July, 1936	June, 1936	July, 1935
. E. I Charlottetown	18,035	26,250	24,110
ova Scotia	114,690	185,130	66, 125
x Halifax	96,445	141,855	49,550
New Glasgow	5,375	15,300	675
x Sydney	12,870	27,975	15,900
ew Brunswick	47,685	26,135	35.322
Fredericton	10,000	1,000	7,850
x Moncton	37,685	1,650	13,422
x Saint John	3 701 156	23,485	14,050
lebec	1,324,456	1,093.553	715,670
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,198,971	610,488	574,015 87,740
X Quebec Shawinigan Falls	32,825 5,375	6,110	2,790
X Sherbrooke	40,200	26,625	19,900
x Three Rivers	6,085	5,900	4,800
x Westmount	41.000	22,525	26,425
ntario	2,245,194	2,303,825	1,610,597
Belleville	6,490	11,350	10,100
x Brantford	24,445	19,910	32,574
Chatham	9,500	16,915	6,400
x Fort William	29,800	51,925	33,900
Galt	6,810	17,133	7.057
x Guelph	17,220	10,139	26,855
x Hamilton	90,550	166,325	99.540
x Kingston	42,715	36,124	34,641
x Kitchener	43,780	58,896	90,983
x London	77.730	95,075	59,220
Niagara Falls	6,405	22,880	9,817
Oshawa	9,650	12,965	5,850
x Ottawa	199,450	304,125	100,320
Owen Sound	21,782	23,725	760
x Peterborough	52,134	46,084	15,059
x Port Arthur	27,413	50,035	16,355
x Stratford	2,715	16,348	7.937
x St. Catharines	261,905	29,570	26,830
x St. Thomas	4,705	44,450	60,050
Sarnia	13,905	10,435	11,452
Sault Ste. Marie	17,690	32,555	9,140
x Toronto	776,851 295,190	904,302 254,295	172,580
York & East York Townships	15,454	11,493	7,790
Welland	101,802	42,575	21,425
x Windsor	1,425	2,750	1,950
Riverside	87,678	11.446	5,804
Woodstock	172,800	157,284	157,550
anitoba	1,600	9,275	11,000
X Brandon St. Boniface	2,950	16,059	27,250
x Winnipeg	168,250	131,950	119,300
askatchewan	35,409	110,115	120,794
x Moose Jaw	13,065	3,610	96,529
x Regina	14,969	44,820	14,765
x Saskatoon	7.375	61,685	9,500
lberta	168,484	190,944	155,157
x Calgary	59,904	91,929	77,160
x Edmonton	93,875	74,390	63,175
Lethbridge	12,230	24,400	11,750
Medicine Hat	2,475	225	3,072
ritish Columbia	476, 144	487,504	1,511,077
Kamloops	3,070	5,530	6,310
Nanaimo	14,610	24,548	4.795
x New Westminster	91,450	48,050	26,650
Prince Rupert	235	1,755	2,118
x Vancouver	338,520	378,895	1,377,410
North Vancouver	3,695	3,834	3,100
x Victoria	24,564	24,892	90,694
Total 58 Cities	4,602,897	4,580,740	4,396,402
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