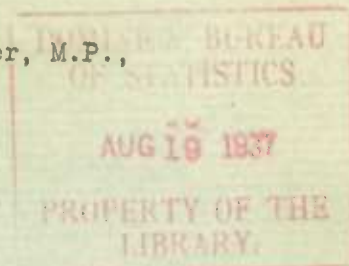


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1937, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1937,
AND JULY, 1936, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1937.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 58 cities during July stood at \$5,397,422, a seasonal decline of \$616,246 or 10.2 p.c. as compared with the June, 1937, total of \$6,013,668; however, there was an increase of \$367,620 or 7.3 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1936, aggregate of \$5,029,802.

The value of the building authorized in the first seven months of the present year was \$33,378,744; this was 42.9 p.c. higher than the aggregate of \$23,352,686 reported in the period January - July, 1936, being also decidedly greater than in the first seven months of any other year since 1931. The cumulative total for the January - July period in each of the last six years has been very much lower than in earlier years of the record, being also considerably less than the seventeen-year average of \$71,456,383. While the wholesale prices of building materials have recently advanced, the index for the first seven months of 1937 was also below the average for the years since 1919.

for July, 1937,
Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued about 400 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,400,000, and some 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated at over \$3,300,000. In the preceding month, authority was given for the erection of some 500 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,100,000 and \$3,350,000, respectively.

As compared with June, 1937, there was an increase of \$286,097 or 169.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia, and of \$27,984 or 37.5 p.c. in Saskatchewan. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which those of \$385,688 or 29.6 p.c. in Quebec, and \$318,433 or 33.5 p.c. in British Columbia were most pronounced.

Increases over July, 1936, were reported in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The largest actual gain was that of \$519,092 or 23.1 p.c. in Ontario, but that of \$340,397 or 196.8 p.c. in Nova Scotia was proportionately greater. In Quebec and Alberta there were declines of 47.1 p.c. and 13.9 p.c., respectively.

Of the larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - Montreal showed a decrease as compared with June, 1937, and also as compared with July, 1936. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver the totals were lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year.

Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Saint John, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Windsor, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Kamloops and North Vancouver showed gains over June, 1937, and also as compared with July, 1936.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1937.

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)
1937	\$5,397,422	\$33,378,744	34.3	95.1
1936	5,029,802	23,352,686	24.0	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, as already mentioned, was 42.9 p.c. higher than in 1936, also exceeding that for the same period in any other year since 1931. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though rather higher than in any of the years, 1930-1936, was lower than in preceding years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June and July, 1937, and July, 1936; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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

C i t i e s	July	June	July
	1937	1937	1936
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	1/	16,600	18,035
Nova Scotia	455,087	168,990	114,690
x Halifax	396,170	145,785	96,445
New Glasgow	27,430	8,755	5,375
x Sydney	31,487	14,450	12,870
New Brunswick	63,916	65,321	59,590
Fredericton	4,460	16,875	9,300
x Moncton	1/	15,130	37,685
x Saint John	59,456	33,316	12,605
Quebec	915,794	1,301,482	1,729,766
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	619,659	931,575	1,182,471
x Quebec	59,535	49,085	32,825
Shawinigan Falls	1/	181,700	5,400
x Sherbrooke	57,700	83,750	40,200
x Three Rivers	87,745	12,022	427,810
x Westmount	91,155	38,350	41,060
Ontario	2,765,134	2,808,576	2,246,042
Belleville	17,700	11,350	6,490
x Brantford	26,874	34,055	24,445
Chatham	10,950	90,210	14,000
x Fort William	36,185	22,470	29,800
Galt	44,009	36,940	6,810
x Guelph	10,840	11,207	17,220
x Hamilton	275,299	279,500	90,550
x Kingston	18,170	14,306	42,715
x Kitchener	97,725	43,568	43,780
x London	87,415	41,910	77,730
Niagara Falls	22,775	113,804	6,405
Oshawa	10,525	5,905	9,650
x Ottawa	125,438	294,495	195,799
Owen Sound	7,450	855	21,782
x Peterborough	26,610	43,559	52,133
x Port Arthur	50,048	38,440	27,413
x Stratford	4,815	5,266	2,715
x St. Catharines	76,865	52,870	261,905
x St. Thomas	5,620	2,004	4,705
Sarnia	13,993	14,630	13,305
Sault Ste. Marie	14,875	39,375	17,690
x Toronto	1,027,580	1,049,582	776,851
York & East York Townships	182,870	415,280	295,190
Welland	13,295	41,173	15,454
x Windsor	504,779	54,585	101,802
Riverside	31,670	22,550	1,425
Woodstock	20,759	22,687	87,678
Manitoba	316,840	357,858	172,800
x Brandon	19,910	3,275	1,600
St. Boniface	84,080	24,533	2,950
x Winnipeg	212,850	330,050	168,250
Saskatchewan	102,629	74,645	35,409
x Moose Jaw	12,229	10,155	13,065
x Regina	74,350	50,275	14,969
x Saskatoon	16,050	14,215	7,375
Alberta	144,741	268,482	168,034
x Calgary	72,251	129,392	59,454
x Edmonton	55,750	111,300	93,875
Lethbridge	15,040	27,375	12,230
Medicine Hat	1,700	415	2,475
British Columbia	633,281	951,714	485,436
Kamloops	8,885	6,045	3,070
Nanaimo	7,096	31,385	14,610
x New Westminster	63,100	38,230	91,450
Prince Rupert	2,075	10,654	235
x Vancouver	514,655	827,955	338,520
North Vancouver	6,430	6,070	3,695
x Victoria	31,040	31,375	33,856
Total - 58 Cities	5,397,422	6,013,668	5,029,802
Total - x 35 Cities	4,849,355	4,863,502	4,455,948

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