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

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August, 1937, was less than in the preceding month, but greater than in August of last year; these municipalities authorized building estimated to cost \$4,216,310 during the month under review, as compared with \$5,473,852 in July, 1937, and \$3,673,455 in August, 1936. There was, therefore, a decrease of 23.0 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 14.8 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in the first eight months of the present year was \$37,671,484; this was higher than the aggregate of \$27,026,141 reported in the period, January-August, 1936, and was also decidedly higher than in the first eight months of any other year since 1931. However, the cumulative total for this period in each of these years had been very much lower than in earlier years of the record, being also less than the seventeen-year average of \$82,646,241. While wholesale prices of building materials have recently advanced, the index for the first eight months of 1937 was also below the average for the years since 1919.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 440 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,280,000 and more than 2,300 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,600,000. In addition, there were three engineering projects valued at \$105,950. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,400,000 and \$3,300,000, respectively.

As compared with July, 1937, Prince Edward Island and Alberta reported gains of \$11,370 and \$22,113, respectively. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, those of \$315,277 or 69.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia, and \$607,358 or 22.0 p.c. in Ontario were greatest.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported higher aggregates of building authorizations than in August of last year; the largest increases were in Ontario and British Columbia, these provinces showing gains of \$347,963 or 19.2 p.c. and \$214,994 or 55.7 p.c., respectively. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, those of \$65,652 or 7.8 p.c. in Quebec and \$54,440 or 37.7 p.c. in Saskatchewan were most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal showed a decrease as compared with July, 1937, and also with August, 1936. The Toronto total in August was practically the same as in July, but it considerably exceeded that for August, 1936. Winnipeg showed improvement in both comparisons, while the Vancouver total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in August of last year. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Brantford, Fort William, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Nanaimo and Victoria recorded gains in both comparisons.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1937.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during August, and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based on the January-August total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926=100)
1937	\$ 4,216,310	\$ 37,671,484	34.5	95.1
1936	3,673,455	27,026,141	24.7	84.6
1935	4,311,968	33,348,881	30.5	81.2
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 39.4 p.c. higher than in 1936, also exceeding that for the same period in each of the preceding four years. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1930-1936, was lower than in other years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of building permits issued by 58 cities during July and August, 1937, and August, 1936. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

STATE OF TEXAS
COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Section 1. The following is a list of the lands owned by the State of Texas, together with the date of acquisition, the name of the person or persons from whom acquired, and the amount of the purchase money paid therefor.

No.	Section	Range	County	Acquired	From	Price
1	1	1	1	1846	1	1
2	2	2	2	1847	2	2
3	3	3	3	1848	3	3
4	4	4	4	1849	4	4
5	5	5	5	1850	5	5
6	6	6	6	1851	6	6
7	7	7	7	1852	7	7
8	8	8	8	1853	8	8
9	9	9	9	1854	9	9
10	10	10	10	1855	10	10
11	11	11	11	1856	11	11
12	12	12	12	1857	12	12
13	13	13	13	1858	13	13
14	14	14	14	1859	14	14
15	15	15	15	1860	15	15
16	16	16	16	1861	16	16
17	17	17	17	1862	17	17
18	18	18	18	1863	18	18
19	19	19	19	1864	19	19
20	20	20	20	1865	20	20
21	21	21	21	1866	21	21
22	22	22	22	1867	22	22
23	23	23	23	1868	23	23
24	24	24	24	1869	24	24
25	25	25	25	1870	25	25
26	26	26	26	1871	26	26
27	27	27	27	1872	27	27
28	28	28	28	1873	28	28
29	29	29	29	1874	29	29
30	30	30	30	1875	30	30
31	31	31	31	1876	31	31
32	32	32	32	1877	32	32
33	33	33	33	1878	33	33
34	34	34	34	1879	34	34
35	35	35	35	1880	35	35
36	36	36	36	1881	36	36
37	37	37	37	1882	37	37
38	38	38	38	1883	38	38
39	39	39	39	1884	39	39
40	40	40	40	1885	40	40
41	41	41	41	1886	41	41
42	42	42	42	1887	42	42
43	43	43	43	1888	43	43
44	44	44	44	1889	44	44
45	45	45	45	1890	45	45
46	46	46	46	1891	46	46
47	47	47	47	1892	47	47
48	48	48	48	1893	48	48
49	49	49	49	1894	49	49
50	50	50	50	1895	50	50

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

C i t i e s	August	July	August
	1937	1937	1936
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 12,850	\$ 1,480	\$ 8,280
Nova Scotia	139,810	455,087	178,411
x Halifax	66,010	396,170	128,000
New Glasgow	10,650	27,430	440
x Sydney	63,150	31,437	49,971
New Brunswick	34,020	63,916	22,236
Fredericton	675	4,460	6,400
x Moncton	15,525	-	2,375
x Saint John	17,820	59,456	13,461
Quebec	773,827	990,744	839,479
x Montreal -- x Maisonneuve	454,707	619,659	695,822
x Quebec	140,195	59,535	66,307
Shawinigan Falls	23,125	74,950	6,325
x Sherbrooke	76,300	57,700	17,300
x Three Rivers	15,550	87,745	9,100
x Westmount	63,950	91,155	44,625
Ontario	2,157,776	2,765,134	1,809,813
Belleville	7,925	17,700	8,200
x Brantford	27,275	26,874	16,195
Chatham	8,050	10,950	12,150
x Fort William	112,725	36,185	15,350
Galt	43,511	44,009	34,775
x Guelph	5,945	10,840	12,045
x Hamilton	91,793	275,299	119,810
x Kingston	22,525	18,170	29,020
x Kitchener	52,722	97,725	44,036
x London	59,315	87,415	88,315
Niagara Falls	22,605	22,775	17,455
Oshawa	11,510	10,525	27,745
x Ottawa	75,215	135,438	218,381
Owen Sound	8,340	7,450	3,625
x Peterborough	15,465	26,610	23,523
x Port Arthur	67,950	50,048	32,260
x Stratford	9,547	4,815	1,330
x St. Catharines	135,830	76,865	185,954
x St. Thomas	2,145	5,620	475
Sarnia	3,475	13,993	32,845
Sault Ste. Marie	37,833	14,875	27,050
x Toronto	1,011,411	1,027,580	555,014
York & East York Townships	128,200	182,870	203,745
Welland	21,003	13,295	20,316
x Windsor	154,650	504,779	62,565
Riverside	5,760	31,670	1,750
Woodstock	19,046	20,759	15,884
Manitoba	240,340	316,840	154,985
x Brandon	4,585	19,910	4,595
St. Boniface	9,455	84,080	20,140
x Winnipeg	226,300	212,850	130,250
Saskatchewan	89,892	102,629	144,332
x Moose Jaw	5,635	12,229	1,835
x Regina	15,681	74,350	121,122
x Saskatoon	68,576	16,050	21,375
Alberta	166,854	144,741	129,972
x Calgary	57,304	72,251	29,720
x Edmonton	69,250	55,750	54,880
Lethbridge	40,300	15,040	44,412
Medicine Hat	Nil	1,700	960
British Columbia	600,941	633,281	385,947
Kamloops	697	8,885	10,060
Nanaimo	88,016	7,096	7,610
x New Westminster	43,040	63,100	43,600
Prince Rupert	300	2,075	225
x Vancouver	400,035	514,655	261,690
North Vancouver	600	6,430	2,890
x Victoria	68,253	31,040	59,872
Total - 58 Cities	4,216,310	1/5,473,852	3,673,455
Total - x 35 Cities	3,712,379	4,849,355	3,160,173

1/ Includes Charlottetown and Shawinigan Falls received too late for inclusion in July tabulation.

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