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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1939,  
AND JULY, 1938, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1939.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 58 cities during July stood at \$6,535,813, a seasonal decline of \$1,296,429, or 16.6 p.c. as compared with the revised total of \$7,832,242 for June, 1939. However, there was an increase of \$420,970, or 6.9 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1938, aggregate of \$6,114,843.

The building authorized in the first seven months of the present year was estimated to cost \$33,647,625; this was 4.9 p.c. higher than the aggregate of \$32,067,412 reported in the period January - July, 1938, and was also higher 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 eight years has been very much lower than in earlier years of the record, being also considerably less than the nineteen-year average of \$67,390,114. The wholesale prices of building materials have recently been lower than in the same months of either 1937 or 1938; while they have been rather higher than in January-July of the six years immediately preceding, they continue below the average for this period in the years since 1919.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for July, 1939, showing that they had issued more than 700 permits for dwellings valued at over \$2,250,000, and about 2,400 permits for other buildings estimated at some \$3,395,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of about 800 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,200,000 and \$4,700,000, respectively.

As compared with June, 1939, there was an increase of \$25,250, or 279 p.c., in Prince Edward Island, and of \$146,050, or 97.8 p.c., in Saskatchewan. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which those of \$348,091, or 81.7 p.c., in New Brunswick and \$534,285, or 66.8 p.c., in Manitoba were most pronounced.

Increases over July, 1938, were reported in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The largest gain was that of \$917,876, or 87.1 p.c., in Quebec, while the greatest reduction was that of \$789,853, or 45.5 p.c., in British Columbia.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Toronto showed improvement in July, 1939, as compared with either June, 1939, or July, 1938, but in Winnipeg and Vancouver, there were declines in both comparisons.

Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Guelph, London, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Regina and Medicine Hat showed gains over the preceding month and also as compared with the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1939.

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).

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1776

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared the following

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When in the course of these events a great multitude of brave men with blood and lives on the altar of freedom have sacrificed to secure to us a more perfect Union, a more extensive Territory, a more comprehensive and

valuable System of Liberty and Justice, we are sensible that we are under the greatest obligations to those noble spirits, and that we are bound to cherish and support their glorious memory, even as we are bound to cherish and support the memory of our fathers, who have been the authors of the

rights and liberties which we enjoy, and to transmit to our posterity the same rights and liberties, unimpaired by the hands of our generation, and to see that the same are preserved to our children and to our children's children, and to our children's children's children, and so on forever.

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The Continental Congress do hereby declare that the United States of America are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connections between them and that Crown are and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as a free and independent State, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, to do all other acts and things which independent States may of right do.

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)
1939	\$6,535,813	\$33,647,625	34.5	87.5
1938	6,114,843	32,067,412	32.9	90.2
1937	5,529,295	33,586,237	34.5	95.9
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 4.9 p.c. higher than the corresponding figure for 1938, and was also slightly greater than in 1937, when the building authorized was higher in value than in any preceding year since 1931. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was rather lower than in the same months of 1937 or 1938; it was also below the average for the last nineteen years, although it exceeded the January-July figure in any of the years, 1931-1936.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June and July, 1939, and July, 1938; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



Year	Value	Year	Value
1900	100	1900	100
1901	105	1901	105
1902	110	1902	110
1903	115	1903	115
1904	120	1904	120
1905	125	1905	125
1906	130	1906	130
1907	135	1907	135
1908	140	1908	140
1909	145	1909	145
1910	150	1910	150
1911	155	1911	155
1912	160	1912	160
1913	165	1913	165
1914	170	1914	170
1915	175	1915	175
1916	180	1916	180
1917	185	1917	185
1918	190	1918	190
1919	195	1919	195
1920	200	1920	200
1921	205	1921	205
1922	210	1922	210
1923	215	1923	215
1924	220	1924	220
1925	225	1925	225
1926	230	1926	230
1927	235	1927	235
1928	240	1928	240
1929	245	1929	245
1930	250	1930	250

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

C i t i e s	July	June	July
	1939	1939	1938
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	34,300	9,050	10,250
Nova Scotia	180,042	184,522	125,507
x Halifax	121,482	97,907	58,792
New Glasgow	6,865	3,275	7,590
x Sydney	51,695	83,340	59,125
New Brunswick	78,054	1/ 426,155	58,517
Fredericton	10,090	1,900	3,200
x Moncton	7,750	1/ 250,750	26,780
x Saint John	60,224	173,505	28,537
Quebec	1,971,851	2,134,283	1,053,975
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,524,668	1,139,215	712,167
x Quebec	217,831	204,013	103,452
Shawinigan Falls	27,275	45,200	30,425
x Sherbrooke	81,100	144,500	149,500
x Three Rivers	35,645	537,390	28,595
x Westmount	85,332	63,965	29,836
Ontario	2,485,414	2,676,643	2,397,123
Belleville	22,200	18,100	6,100
x Brantford	18,780	22,835	16,425
Chatnam	22,600	28,375	173,552
x Fort William	36,506	61,353	40,775
Galt	18,547	30,289	40,479
x Guelph	46,845	26,532	14,095
x Hamilton	233,260	281,559	123,946
x Kingston	58,389	67,779	53,430
x Kitchener	75,544	48,018	84,571
x London	117,860	85,890	42,705
Niagara Falls	17,038	23,890	5,672
Oshawa	49,395	24,905	9,480
x Ottawa	145,795	232,790	407,595
Owen Sound	10,800	4,235	11,635
x Peterborough	35,163	42,921	77,383
x Port Arthur	52,498	68,557	60,432
x Stratford	13,935	6,342	4,671
x St. Catharines	37,405	28,536	30,300
x St. Thomas	38,895	31,640	13,266
Sarnia	24,490	35,407	23,710
Sault Ste. Marie	56,770	77,550	31,650
x Toronto	914,361	762,989	772,273
York & East York Townships	196,245	339,070	181,015
Welland	21,940	22,792	11,438
x Windsor	171,950	60,524	147,118
Riverside	19,100	30,550	1,175
Woodstock	29,103	213,215	12,232
Manitoba	265,520	799,805	452,295
x Brandon	4,880	2,100	3,950
St. Boniface	51,340	67,605	94,395
x Winnipeg	209,300	730,100	353,950
Saskatchewan	295,420	149,370	58,098
x Moose Jaw	7,335	5,125	3,145
x Regina	241,235	83,655	20,793
x Saskatoon	46,850	60,590	34,160
Alberta	279,550	383,926	223,573
x Calgary	77,984	174,401	35,713
x Edmonton	160,935	143,175	168,555
Lethbridge	40,131	66,225	19,305
Medicine Hat	500	125	Nil
British Columbia	945,652	1,068,488	1,735,505
Kamloops	12,025	16,403	2,520
Nanaimo	19,843	5,954	20,572
x New Westminster	53,925	73,910	74,577
Prince Rupert	1,300	1,175	3,200
x Vancouver	793,785	864,265	1,566,800
North Vancouver	3,655	5,615	5,500
x Victoria	61,119	101,166	62,336
Total - 58 Cities	6,535,313	1/ 7,832,242	6,114,843
Total - x 35 Cities	5,840,261	1/ 6,761,337	5,409,748

1/ Revised to include Moncton figure.

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