

BUILDING PERMITS DECLINE IN JULY

Total Shows a Falling Away of Two Per Cent. as Compared with Previous Month, but an Increase of Forty Per Cent. as Compared with a Year Ago

BUILDING permits issued in fifty-six cities showed a slight decline during July, 1920, as compared with preceding month, the total value falling from \$13,316,041 in June to \$13,025,560 in July, a decrease of \$290,481, or slightly over 2 per cent. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba registered decreases in this comparison, the decline of \$2,208,203 reported in Quebec being the largest. In Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia there were increases in the value of the permits issued, that of \$1,219,880 in Saskatchewan being the most noteworthy.

The following table, compiled by the Department of Labor, gives the details:—

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	June 1920	July 1920	July 1919
CITY	\$	\$	\$ 6,000
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.....	21,000	Nil.	6,000
Charlottetown.....	21,000	Nil.	6,000
NOVA SCOTIA.....	615,635	736,833	374,183
*Halifax.....	489,435	530,173	291,422
*New Glasgow.....	5,300	4,800	14,000
*Sydney.....	120,900	201,860	68,761
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	403,460	282,705	418,795
Fredericton.....	26,950	170,000	55,000
*Moncton.....	163,210	112,605	315,295
*St. John.....	213,300	100,100	48,500
QUEBEC.....	3,622,683	1,414,480	1,846,897
*Montreal.....	2,440,935	1,105,785	1,484,989
*Maisonnette.....	332,990	78,270	107,361
*Quebec.....	17,000	4,500	15,100
*Shawinigan Falls.....	639,703	21,600	29,200
*Sherbrooke.....	72,580	54,700	121,615
*Three Rivers.....	119,475	149,625	88,622
*Westmount.....	5,327,586	5,280,167	4,728,356
ONTARIO.....	4,000	8,500	
*Belleville.....	97,873	41,705	73,375
*Brantford.....	24,025	28,300	145,202
*Chatham.....	24,480	15,900	37,105
*Port William.....	25,750	38,400	32,975
*Galt.....	40,035	42,470	23,903
*Juelph.....	452,775	498,025	500,527
*Hamilton.....	130,770	51,205	40,804
*Kingston.....	254,620	151,915	218,945
*London.....	174,340	188,195	171,200
*Niagara Falls.....	23,100	23,914	71,587
*Oshawa.....	132,726	44,625	68,475
*Owen Sound.....	224,600	488,936	252,420
*Peterborough.....	15,000	2,500	2,500
*Port Arthur.....	31,660	2,640	8,705
*Stratford.....	7,044	84,455	140,230
*St. Catharines.....	52,782	57,795	22,180
*St. Thomas.....	127,224	127,450	81,830
*Sarnia.....	98,810	6,656	20,660
*Sault Ste. Marie.....	93,966	72,156	119,398
*Toronto.....	292,790	81,400	121,270
*Welland.....	2,656,193	2,640,004	2,155,250
*Windsor.....	30,775	22,115	35,395
*Woodstock.....	342,290	514,210	360,300
	23,283	38,702	15,620
MANITOBA.....	1,392,845	1,207,220	346,325
*Brandon.....	26,075	470	8,325
*St. Boniface.....	130,320	46,300	56,100
*Winnipeg.....	1,236,450	1,160,450	281,900
SASKATCHEWAN.....	322,825	1,542,705	248,800
*Moose Jaw.....	98,035	809,105	36,275
*Regina.....	158,900	159,550	152,050
*Saskatoon.....	65,890	573,750	60,475
ALBERTA.....	1,066,796	1,406,914	513,389
*Calgary.....	494,900	277,000	280,000
*Edmonton.....	544,075	1,042,789	199,160
*Lethbridge.....	12,550	80,750	32,540
*Medicine Hat.....	15,271	6,375	1,689
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	543,211	1,054,536	791,380
*Nanaimo.....	1,825	7,465	200
*New Westminster.....	33,400	23,094	29,000
*Point Grey.....	173,545	176,290	166,105
*Prince Rupert.....	11,655	12,100	54,750
*South Vancouver.....	32,606	31,575	25,555
*Vancouver.....	236,630	669,292	488,855
*Victoria.....	53,550	134,720	26,915
Total—56 cities.....	13,316,041	13,025,560	9,274,125
*Total—35 cities.....	12,210,929	12,116,799	8,226,164

WHOLESALE PRICES AGAIN DECLINE IN JULY

Chief Decreases for the Month in Grains, Vegetables, Fish, Fruits, Textiles and Lumber—Increases in Livestock and Meats, Butter and Eggs and Coal and Coke

THE prices movement in July was marked by decreases in many lines of materials and by seasonal changes in foods, some of which were upward and some downward. The chief change in retail prices was in potatoes which declined considerably after the end of June as the new crop came on the market.

In wholesale prices the index number was again lower, falling to 346.8 as compared with 349.3 for June, 356.6 for May, 249.9 for July, 1919, and 134.6 for July, 1914. The chief decreases for the month were in grains, fish, fruits and vegetables, textiles and lumber, with increases in livestock and meats, butter and eggs, sugar, coal and coke, some building materials and some chemicals.

The following table, compiled by the "Labour Gazette," gives index numbers of wholesale prices by groups of commodities for July, 1920, as compared with previous periods:—

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	*July 1920	*June 1920	*July 1919	July 1913
I. GRAINS AND FODDERS:					
Grains, Ontario.....	6	436.3	441.3	339.8	136.7
Western.....	4	411.7	451.3	300.0	125.2
Fodder.....	5	346.0	350.8	270.3	137.5
All.....	15	401.1	413.9	330.0	133.9
II. ANIMALS AND MEATS:					
Cattle and beef.....	6	392.4	397.2	363.3	183.9
Hogs and hog products.....	6	380.8	372.6	439.3	187.5
Sheep and mutton.....	3	183.4	289.4	286.0	151.1
Poultry.....	2	476.6	476.6	502.9	186.5
All.....	17	378.9	378.8	389.7	181.4
III. DAIRY PRODUCTS.....	9	299.6	282.0	286.4	138.4
IV. FISH.....	6	225.8	230.1	219.9	149.8
Prepared fish.....	4	288.3	284.3	228.3	174.6
Fresh fish.....	10	244.4	248.2	223.3	159.7
V. OTHER FOODS:					
(a) Fruits and vegetables					
Fresh fruits, native.....	3	235.8	238.1	247.0	135.2
Fresh fruits, foreign.....	3	238.8	244.6	192.8	102.2
Dried fruits.....	4	259.7	270.9	214.4	108.4
Fresh vegetables.....	3	618.1	760.7	5.5	150.0
Canned vegetables.....	3	216.3	216.3	216.7	110.5
All.....	16	352.9	404.3	239.7	120.4
(b) Miscellaneous groceries					
Breadstuffs.....	10	336.8	337.9	255.5	125.0
Tea, coffee, etc.....	4	222.7	2.2	214.1	115.4
Sugar, etc.....	6	465.6	424.5	288.9	114.7
Condiments.....	5	131.1	241.5	227.0	99.6
All.....	25	325.9	316.2	251.2	115.5
VI. TEXTILES:					
Woolens.....	5	337.2	376.3	37.5	135.8
Cottons.....	4	408.0	392.7	349.2	146.1
Silks.....	3	200.9	203.8	179.9	89.0
Jutes.....	2	524.4	774.9	549.8	204.1
Flax products.....	4	595.9	595.9	459.6	114.1
Oilcloths.....	2	306.7	306.7	261.9	104.7
All.....	20	393.3	410.5	364.3	130.2
VII. HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:					
Hides and tallow.....	4	257.2	269.8	540.9	185.9
Leather.....	4	312.0	315.0	301.7	151.4
Boots and Shoes.....	3	337.7	339.7	289.3	155.7
All.....	11	299.6	305.3	335.3	165.1
VIII. METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:					
Iron and steel.....	11	275.1	274.4	199.9	103.0
Other metals.....	12	224.6	221.9	95.6	130.1
Implements.....	10	255.4	251.7	238.4	105.6
All.....	33	250.8	248.4	210.0	111.1
IX. FUEL AND LIGHTING:					
Fuel.....	6	405.6	375.8	221.9	130.1
Lighting.....	4	241.7	261.5	241.7	92.2
All.....	10	348.0	330.1	229.8	114.9
X. BUILDING MATERIALS:					
Lumber.....	14	512.0	533.9	304.6	183.0
Miscellaneous materials.....	20	267.7	241.6	218.5	112.5
Paints, oils and glass.....	14	467.4	472.9	404.9	143.7
All.....	48	397.2	398.5	298.0	142.2
XI. HOUSE FURNISHINGS:					
Furniture.....	6	451.3	451.3	381.4	146.6
Crockery and glassware.....	4	504.9	504.9	391.2	130.9
Table cutlery.....	2	164.1	164.1	159.5	72.4
Kitchen furnishings.....	4	292.2	292.2	253.8	117.8
All.....	16	389.2	389.2	325.0	126.2
XII. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.....	16	247.1	233.0	221.2	113.4
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:					
Raw Furs.....	4	915.9	900.3	945.6	302.0
Liquors and tobacco.....	6	315.1	320.8	274.1	134.4
Sundries.....	7	915.8	216.5	214.2	112.8
All.....	17	415.6	414.2	407.4	165.0
All commodities.....	263†	346.8	349.3	294.0	135.1

*Preliminary figures. †Eight commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915. ‡One commodity only, strawberries.