

INCREASE IN BUILDING PERMITS

Employment in the building trades, as indicated by the value of building permits issued in thirty-five cities, showed an increase during August last as compared with the preceding month, the total value of building permits rising from \$8,174,869 in July to \$9,622,887 in August, an increase of \$1,448,018, or 17.7 per cent. All the provinces, except Alberta and British Columbia, reported increases in this comparison. As compared with the corresponding month in 1918, there was an increase of 91.8 per cent., the value for August, 1918, being \$5,016,096. In this comparison, Nova Scotia and British Columbia were the only provinces to record declines, while substantial increases were reported in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Of the larger cities, Montreal and Winnipeg showed increases both as compared with July, 1919, and with August, 1918. Toronto and Edmonton reported declines in comparison with the preceding month and increases as compared with the corresponding period of last year, while at Vancouver decreases are recorded in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, London, Port Arthur, Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon all showed large gains both as compared with July and with August, 1918.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	July 1919	August 1919	August 1918	Aug. 1919, compared with Aug. 1918	
				Increase+	Decrease-
CITIES	\$	\$	\$	Amount	Per Cent.
NOVA SCOTIA.....	350,283	598,725	604,210	-5,485	-.90
Halifax.....	291,422	480,075	560,767	-80,692	-14.38
Sydney.....	58,861	118,650	43,443	+75,207	+173.11
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	359,845	477,750	4,500	+473,250	+10,516.61
Moncton.....	311,345	420,750	4,500	+416,250	+9,250.00
St. John.....	48,500	57,000		+8,500	+17.50
QUEBEC.....	1,802,597	2,068,020	1,253,366	+814,654	+65.00
Montreal.....	1,484,999	1,541,245	1,058,268	+482,977	+45.63
Maisonneuve.....					
Quebec.....	107,361	162,245	85,873	+76,372	+88.93
Sherbrooke.....		97,560	42,000	+55,560	+132.28
Three Rivers.....	121,615	84,870	52,750	+32,120	+60.89
Westmount.....	88,622	182,100	14,425	+167,625	+1,158.03
ONTARIO.....	4,102,239	4,316,482	2,044,134	+2,272,348	+111.16
Brantford.....	73,375	61,890	202,290	-140,400	-69.40
Port William.....	37,105	29,875	7,400	+22,475	+303.71
Guelph.....	23,903	11,950	2,480	+9,470	+381.85
Hamilton.....	500,537	505,745	396,244	+109,501	+27.63
Kingston.....	35,619	45,272	34,542	+10,730	+31.06
Kitchener.....	218,945	39,930	76,480	-36,550	-47.79
London.....	171,200	867,420	55,760	+811,660	+1,455.63
Ottawa.....	252,420	168,490	191,810	-23,320	-12.15
Peterborough.....	8,705	9,875	11,116	-1,241	-11.16
Port Arthur.....	140,230	411,572	3,638	+407,934	+11,213.13
Stratford.....	22,180	12,150	23,524	-11,374	-48.35
St. Catharines.....	81,830	57,905	62,580	-4,675	-7.47
St. Thomas.....	20,640	8,290	9,975	-1,685	-16.89
Toronto.....	2,155,250	1,844,303	937,405	+906,898	+96.74
Windsor.....	360,300	241,815	28,890	+212,925	+737.01
MANITOBA.....	290,175	718,300	413,185	+305,115	+73.84
Brandon.....	8,275	7,400	30,835	-23,435	-76.00
Winnipeg.....	281,900	710,900	382,350	+328,550	+85.92
SASKATCHEWAN.....	248,800	1,010,570	285,570	+725,000	+253.87
Moose Jaw.....	36,275	110,685	14,570	+96,115	+659.67
Regina.....	152,050	338,635	237,100	+101,535	+42.82
Saskatoon.....	60,475	561,250	33,900	+527,350	+1,555.60
ALBERTA.....	479,160	216,255	134,400	+81,855	+60.90
Calgary.....	280,000	121,500	127,200	-5,700	-4.48
Edmonton.....	199,160	94,755	7,200	+87,555	+1,216.04
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	541,770	216,785	276,731	-59,946	-21.66
New Westminster.....	29,000	20,937	39,650	-18,693	-47.14
Vancouver.....	488,855	173,345	216,845	-43,500	-20.06
Victoria.....	23,915	22,483	20,236	+2,247	+11.10
Total.....	\$8,174,869	\$9,622,887	\$5,016,096	\$4,606,791	+91.84

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Chemical Products Corporation—Canada Bitulithic—Dominion Oilcloth and Linoleum Co.—Rock City Tobacco Co.

The following companies have been incorporated recently, with head office, authorized capital and provisional directors as indicated;—

Cranbrook, B.C.—Achilles Mines, Ltd., \$300,000.
 Blaine Lake, Sask.—F. Fawley Co., Ltd., \$20,000.
 Assiniboia, Sask.—Stockmen's Association, Ltd., \$5,000.
 Courtenay, B.C.—Thos. Gwilt Shingle Co., Ltd., \$20,000.
 Smithers, B.C.—The Smithers Lumber Co., Ltd., \$10,000.
 Kelowna, B.C.—Kelowna Veterans' Building Co., Ltd., \$10,000.
 Brantford, Ont.—Echo Bowling Club; C. Edmondson, M. Myers, A. B. Rose.
 Ottawa, Ont.—Marks-Hanley, Ltd., \$15,000; E. Marks, E. A. Hanley, J. F. Marks.
 Quebec, Que.—Rock City Tobacco Co., Ltd., \$2,500,000; N. Drouin, A. Drouin, O. Drouin.
 Oakville, Man.—Oakville Curling Club, Ltd., \$3,000; A. A. Alford, R. Lees, J. W. Ingram.
 Vernon, B.C.—Adams & Co., Ltd., \$50,000; Okanagan Vegetable Growers, Ltd., \$10,000.
 Windsor, Ont.—Telbax of Canada, Ltd., \$300,000; H. J. Neal, J. C. Scofield, K. B. Neal.
 Regina, Sask.—Regina Flour Mills, Ltd., \$100,000; Regina Rose Theatre, Ltd., \$20,000.
 Moose Jaw, Sask.—Western Investments, Ltd., \$20,000; the King Motor Co., Ltd., \$20,000.
 Lindsay, Ont.—Grandy and Runnels, Ltd., \$40,000; J. H. Grandy, F. W. Runnels, M. Grandy.
 Hamilton, Ont.—Edwin E. Bell, Ltd., \$50,000; H. A. Burbridge, J. R. Marshall, A. B. Turner.
 Sarnia, Ont.—Sarnia Masonic Hall, Ltd., \$100,000; F. Hoblitzell, R. Garrett, J. E. B. Phelps.
 Saskatoon, Sask.—North Western Hotel Co., Ltd., \$10,000; Federal Security Co., Ltd., \$10,000.
 Lockport, Man.—Lockport Flour Mills Co., Ltd., \$20,000; D. L. Cameron, P. G. Duval, W. J. Moran.
 Ottawa, Ont.—The Rideau Iron and Metal Co., Ltd., \$25,000; I. Rosef, M. Cornblat, R. Cornblat.
 Lachine, Que.—Le Pailleur Frères, Limitée, \$100,000; C. LePailleur, R. LePailleur, A. LePailleur.
 Levis, Que.—Edifice Colomb, Lévis, Limitée, \$49,000; A. S. Gravel, Pont-Etchemin, J. Gosselin, Jr.
 Eganville, Ont.—The Donegal Telephone Co., Ltd., \$4,500; M. McGrath, J. J. McGrath, P. Coyne.
 Cornwall, Ont.—Cornwall Columbus Club, Ltd., \$50,000; D. G. McDonnell, D. Davis, J. E. Chevrier.
 Hamilton, Ont.—Laoc Coal and Lumber Co., Ltd., \$40,000; F. Sheppard, W. H. Hunt, J. Connors.
 Saint George, Que.—Gagnon & Fils & Cie, Ltée, \$99,500; Sir J. Gagnon, D. C. Poulin, W. Gagnon.
 Black Lake, Que.—Abattoir du Lac Noir, Limitée, \$10,000; G. Lafontaine, P. A. Collet, C. D. Paradis.
 St. Thomas, Ont.—St. Thomas Cabinets, Ltd., \$100,000; B. F. Hosinger, J. Woodhouse, A. A. Ingram.
 Mont-Joli, Que.—Legaré Automobile of Mont-Joli, Ltd., \$100,000; J. Dufour, A. Dufour, J. H. Fortier.
 Minnedosa, Man.—McQuarrie & Son, Ltd., \$5,000; M. C. McQuarrie, T. C. McQuarrie, R. L. McQuarrie.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

PUBLIC DEBT		1919		1919		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FD.		Total to Sep. 30th 1919	EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT, ETC.		Total 70th Sep., 1919
LIABILITIES—		\$	cts.	ASSETS—		\$	cts.		\$	cts.	
Payable in Canada.....	1588,962,336	19		Investments—Sinking Fds.....	18,664,875	76			75,375,417	76	183,740,224
Payable in London.....	362,703,312	40		Other Investments.....	346,811,830	23			20,166,411	70	18,455,183
Payable in New York.....	131,873,000	00		Province Accounts.....	2,296,327	90			9,400,000	00	44,061
Temporary Loans.....	587,949,632	19		Miscel. and Bkg. Accounts.....	963,286,831	82			20,679,318	35	
Bank Circul'n Redemp. Fd.....	3,960,083	15		Total Assets.....	1,331,059,685	71			33,464,381	49	
Dominion Notes.....	296,411,653	54									
Savings Banks.....	48,333,727	31		Total Net Debt Sep. 30th.....	1,749,931,792	54			159,085,559	30	
Trust Funds.....	12,008,628	90		Total Net Debt, Aug. 31st.....	1,684,717,865	35			122,722,617	57	
Province Accounts.....	11,920,481	20									
Miscel. and Bkg. Accounts.....	30,179,613	37									
Debt.....	3,080,391,478	25		Increase of Debt.....	64,613,927	19					202,239,469