

BUILDING PERMITS COMPARED

RETURNS FOR THIRTY-FIVE CITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	August 1917	September 1917	September 1916	Sept. 1917, compared with Sept. 1916.	
				Increase+	Decrease-
CITIES	\$	\$	\$	\$	Per Cent.
NOVA SCOTIA.....	131,175	189,943	299,025	-109,082	-36.48
Halifax.....	90,000	91,600	284,235	-192,635	-67.77
Sydney.....	41,175	98,343	14,790	+83,553	+564.93
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	22,595	38,600	34,150	+4,450	+13.03
Moncton.....	11,895	8,400	12,900	-4,500	-34.88
St. John.....	10,700	30,200	21,250	+8,950	+42.13
QUEBEC.....	891,830	419,329	621,009	-201,680	-32.48
Maisonneuve.....	17,700	23,500	1,800	+21,700	+120.56
Montreal.....	290,168	250,958	205,456	+45,502	+22.15
Quebec.....	521,418	84,616	243,633	-159,017	-65.27
Sherbrooke.....	23,600	3,200	6,500	-3,300	-50.77
Three Rivers.....	27,175	21,005	144,070	-123,065	-85.42
Westmount.....	11,769	36,050	19,550	+16,500	+84.40
ONTARIO.....	1,680,717	1,710,851	1,526,721	+184,130	+12.06
Brantford.....	10,975	8,000	56,090	-48,090	-85.74
Fort William.....	262,100	10,500	102,600	-92,100	-89.76
Guelph.....	9,525	9,010	12,400	-3,390	-27.34
Hamilton.....	185,325	658,000	167,390	+490,610	+293.09
Kingston.....	17,947	13,936	6,071	+7,865	+129.55
Kitchener.....	32,390	7,900	21,865	-13,965	-63.87
London.....	31,255	59,395	39,710	+19,685	+49.57
Ottawa.....	67,750	97,050	135,100	-38,050	-28.16
Peterborough.....	3,450	980	16,145	-15,165	-93.93
Port Arthur.....	7,290	18,128	93,035	-74,907	-80.51
Stratford.....	36,311	37,933	15,963	+21,970	+137.63
St. Catharines.....	79,003	49,653	54,110	-4,457	-8.24
St. Thomas.....	10,415	22,285	46,345	-24,060	-51.91
Toronto.....	850,801	658,271	643,272	+6,999	+1.09
Windsor.....	76,090	67,810	116,625	-48,815	-41.86
MANITOBA.....	251,618	148,660	237,548	-88,888	-37.42
Brandon.....	29,368	53,860	5,698	+48,162	+845.25
Winnipeg.....	222,250	94,800	231,850	-137,050	-59.11
SASKATCHEWAN.....	237,020	137,860	130,645	+7,215	+5.52
Moose Jaw.....	51,250	10,845	109,200	-98,355	-90.07
Regina.....	164,670	22,700	9,500	+13,200	+138.95
Saskatoon.....	21,100	104,315	11,945	+92,370	+773.29
ALBERTA.....	36,700	145,300	142,030	+3,270	+2.27
Calgary.....	27,000	108,200	101,400	+6,800	+6.71
Edmonton.....	9,700	37,100	40,630	-3,530	-8.69
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	68,544	53,490	433,760	-380,270	-87.67
New Westminster.....	4,915	2,000	15,635	-13,635	-87.21
Vancouver.....	54,424	36,990	415,350	-378,360	-91.09
Victoria.....	9,205	14,500	2,775	+11,725	+42.52
Total.....	\$3,320,199	\$2,844,033	\$3,424,888	-\$580,855	-16.96

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report the following exchange rates to *The Monetary Times*:-

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds.....	1-16 dis.	par	
Mont. funds.....	par	par	1/2 to 1/4
Sterling—			
Demand.....	\$4.74.90	\$4.75.20	\$4.77 1/2
Cable transfers.....	\$4.76.15	\$4.76.40	\$4.78 1/2
Rate in New York, sterling, demand, \$4.75 3-16.			
Bank of England rate, 5 per cent.			

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	INDEX NUMBERS		
		*Sept. 1917	*Aug. 1917	Sept. 1916
I. GRAINS AND FODDERS:				
Grains, Ontario.....	6	344.5	372.6	230.3
Western.....	4	298.1	306.5	206.6
Fodder.....	5	190.3	151.8	159.7
All.....	15	280.7	294.7	200.5
II. ANIMALS AND MEATS:				
Cattle and beef.....	6	289.7	286.1	210.4
Hogs and hog products.....	6	323.7	316.1	222.9
Sheep and mutton.....	3	242.3	239.9	193.1
Poultry.....	2	291.5	291.5	127.4
All.....	17	293.5	289.2	213.8
III. DAIRY PRODUCTS.....	9	229.7	225.2	184.8
IV. FISH.....				
Prepared fish.....	6	209.7	197.7	165.9
Fresh fish.....	3	223.4	209.0	192.3
All.....	9	214.3	201.5	174.6
V. OTHER FOODS:				
(A) Fruits and vegetables				
Fresh fruits, native.....	48	146.88	137.58	97.3
Fresh fruits, foreign.....	3	109.3	134.4	113.1
Dried fruits.....	4	207.5	207.5	128.9
Fresh vegetables.....	68	343.38	466.98	263.2
Canned vegetables.....	3	221.9	221.9	132.4
All.....	208	223.68	258.18	152.7
(B) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions				
Breadstuffs.....	10	200.5	272.9	177.0
Tea, coffee, etc.....	4	151.7	151.7	31.6
Sugar, etc.....	6	230.0	231.3	166.3
Condiments.....	5	189.0	183.6	147.3
All.....	25	221.4	225.7	161.2
VI. TEXTILES:				
Woolens.....	5	355.1	348.4	223.6
Cottons.....	4	225.9	235.3	169.9
Silks.....	3	128.2	128.2	112.8
Jutes.....	2	467.9	467.9	316.8
Flax products.....	4	289.7	289.7	224.8
Oilcloths.....	2	168.7	159.8	139.8
All.....	20	274.8	274.1	197.4
VII. HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:				
Hides and tallow.....	4	326.1	328.8	290.0
Leather.....	4	191.3	191.3	208.6
Boots and Shoes.....	3	229.0	228.9	198.6
All.....	11	268.8	269.7	235.4
VIII. METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:				
Iron and steel.....	11	286.7	286.7	153.1
Other metals.....	12	262.4	269.7	228.8
Implements.....	10	199.8	200.7	139.1
All.....	33	251.5	254.5	176.4
IX. FUEL AND LIGHTING:				
Fuel.....	6	280.4	269.8	154.9
Lighting.....	4	114.0	109.9	88.2
All.....	10	213.8	205.8	123.2
X. BUILDING MATERIALS:				
Lumber.....	14	221.3	221.3	182.9
Miscellaneous materials.....	20	214.5	218.1	160.8
Paints, oils and glass.....	14	260.0	259.6	199.7
All.....	48	229.7	230.3	178.6
XI. HOUSE FURNISHINGS:				
Furniture.....	6	207.3	188.0	170.3
Crockery and glassware.....	4	237.5	237.5	198.1
Table cutlery.....	2	150.7	150.7	132.2
Kitchen furnishings.....	4	198.5	198.5	132.4
All.....	16	205.6	198.4	162.0
XII. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.....	16	268.6	262.8	251.9
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:				
Raw Furs.....	4	338.4	388.4	292.3
Liquors and tobacco.....	6	175.5	175.5	141.3
Sundries.....	7	196.3	196.5	142.5
All.....	17	234.2	234.2	177.3
All commodities.....	†266	243.2	245.0	183.4

*Preliminary figures. †Five commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915. ‡Revised. §Number of commodities varies from month to month.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF THE TRADE OF CANADA FOR SEPTEMBER

	Month of September			Twelve Months ending September		
	1915	1916	1917	1915	1916	1917
IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION.						
Dutiable Goods.....	22,277,722	37,952,740	43,651,770	245,395,816	381,654,592	544,212,417
Free Goods.....	15,750,434	30,813,522	32,241,594	171,787,367	303,594,113	460,078,466
Total imports (mdse.).....	38,028,156	68,766,262	75,893,364	417,183,183	685,248,705	1,004,290,883
*Coin and bullion.....	597,378	578,686	2,182,508	107,185,428	50,608,343	16,049,695
Total imports.....	38,625,534	69,344,948	78,075,872	524,368,611	735,857,048	1,020,340,578
Duty Collected.....	7,904,995	11,942,791	12,581,720	80,747,433	129,610,574	165,801,996
EXPORTS.						
Canadian Produce—The mine.....	5,600,416	6,981,919	6,963,522	55,428,149	77,436,746	80,598,252
The fisheries.....	2,750,313	2,366,727	3,156,011	21,362,398	23,274,772	24,993,156
The forest.....	6,527,625	5,475,740	5,223,549	47,241,070	53,952,950	52,989,554
Animal produce.....	10,188,424	12,183,712	20,102,625	86,179,377	111,331,332	157,415,287
Agricultural produce.....	11,139,935	25,164,034	20,657,937	136,573,766	396,455,537	427,927,835
Manufactures.....	9,244,974	37,801,177	56,243,863	125,099,041	361,381,419	632,536,835
Miscellaneous.....	678,048	311,872	273,955	3,035,284	8,107,248	5,057,557
Total Canadian produce.....	46,129,735	90,285,181	112,621,462	474,937,085	1,031,940,004	1,381,517,976
Foreign produce.....	7,586,147	1,986,218	2,855,585	43,045,155	20,985,647	38,190,147
Total exports (mdse.).....	53,715,882	92,271,399	115,477,047	517,982,240	1,052,925,651	1,419,708,123
*Coin and bullion.....	144,282	151,604	250,598	94,628,533	225,552,035	8,043,994
Total exports.....	53,860,164	92,423,003	115,727,645	612,610,773	1,278,477,686	1,427,752,117
AGGREGATE TRADE.						
Merchandise.....	91,744,038	161,037,661	191,370,411	935,165,423	1,738,174,356	2,423,999,006
Coin and bullion.....	741,660	730,290	2,433,106	201,813,961	276,160,378	24,093,689
Total trade.....	92,485,698	161,767,951	193,803,517	1,136,979,384	2,014,334,734	2,448,092,695

*NOTE.—It will be noted that the figures relating to the imports and exports of coin and bullion for the twelve months ending Sept., were: imports 1915, \$107,185,428; 1916, \$50,608,343; 1917, \$16,049,695; and exports 1915, \$94,628,533; 1916, \$225,552,035; 1917, \$8,043,994. Although it has been customary to include these figures in trade returns, the total trade figures are seriously disturbed by them in this instance and they should not be taken as an indication of the trade of Canada.