

BUILDING PERMITS AGAIN DECLINE IN AUGUST

Decrease More Pronounced Than Previously—Only Provinces to Show Increases Were Prince Edward Island and Quebec

BUILDING permits issues in fifty-six cities showed a decline during August, 1920, falling from \$13,025,560 in July to \$9,439,807, or a decrease of not quite 28 per cent. Prince Edward Island and Quebec were the only provinces to register increases in this comparison, while of the reductions reported in the remaining provinces that of \$1,226,768 in Alberta was the most pronounced.

As compared with the figures for the corresponding month in 1919, there was a decrease of \$2,476,238, or nearly 21 per cent. in the building permits issued, the value for August, 1919, having been \$11,916,045. In this comparison, British Columbia alone reported an increase, declines being registered in the remaining provinces.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	July, 1920	August, 1920	August, 1919
CITY	\$	\$	\$
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Nil.	3,500	6,000
Charlottetown	Nil.	3,500	6,000
NOVA SCOTIA	736,833	425,995	601,425
*Halifax	530,173	380,370	480,675
New Glasgow	4,800	Nil.	3,000
*Sydney	201,860	45,625	117,750
NEW BRUNSWICK	282,705	293,800	490,750
Fredericton	170,000	15,000	13,000
*Moncton	112,605	256,600	420,750
*St. John	100,100	22,200	57,000
QUEBEC	1,414,480	1,768,536	2,056,985
*Montreal	1,105,785	1,336,350	1,541,245
Maisonneuve			
*Quebec	78,270	150,631	162,245
Shawinigan Falls	4,500	1,000	34,500
*Sherbrooke	21,600	123,500	51,700
*Three Rivers	54,700	47,800	84,870
*Westmount	149,625	109,255	182,425
ONTARIO	5,280,167	4,535,239	6,009,835
Belleville	4,000	10,300	Nil.
*Brantford	41,705	78,350	61,890
Chatham	28,300	49,650	14,550
*Port William	15,900	69,300	29,875
Galt	38,400	24,080	89,900
*Guelph	42,470	161,388	11,950
*Hamilton	498,025	414,995	506,065
*Kingston	51,205	22,331	45,508
*Kitchener	151,915	47,025	39,930
*London	188,195	236,040	867,420
Niagara Falls	23,914	24,750	49,870
Oshawa	44,625	30,000	336,885
*Ottawa	488,936	284,157	168,490
Owen Sound	15,000	41,000	2,300
*Peterborough	2,640	9,875	9,875
*Port Arthur	84,455	38,659	411,572
*Stratford	57,795	31,040	12,150
*St. Catharines	127,450	156,896	57,905
*St. Thomas	6,656	101,095	8,290
Sarnia	72,150	104,454	79,450
Sault Ste. Marie	81,400	45,900	79,450
*Toronto	2,640,004	2,216,116	1,844,303
Welland	22,115	32,705	39,806
*Windsor	514,210	272,125	241,815
Woodstock	38,702	33,053	9,290
MANITOBA	1,207,220	640,025	862,320
*Brandon	470	58,700	7,400
St. Boniface	46,300	85,275	144,020
*Winnipeg	1,160,450	496,050	710,900
SASKATCHEWAN	1,542,705	841,395	1,010,570
*Moose Jaw	809,105	36,875	110,685
*Regina	159,850	647,220	338,635
*Saskatoon	573,750	157,300	561,250
ALBERTA	1,406,914	180,146	232,440
*Calgary	277,000	100,200	121,500
*Edmonton	1,042,789	68,711	94,755
Lethbridge	80,750	5,885	9,835
Medicine Hat	6,375	5,350	6,350
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,054,536	751,171	645,720
Nanaimo	7,465	29,594	2,150
*New Westminster	23,094	13,550	20,957
Point Grey	176,290	238,270	347,570
Prince Rupert	12,100	34,535	43,250
South Vancouver	31,575	100,169	35,965
*Vancouver	669,292	308,227	173,345
*Victoria	134,720	26,826	22,483
Total—56 cities	13,025,560	9,439,807	11,916,045
*Total—35 cities	12,116,799	8,525,337	9,577,608

GOVERNMENT CURRENCY

Circulation of Dominion notes increased in September, 1920, according to the statement of circulation and specie issued by the Department of Finance, the total amount of government currency in circulation being \$303,065,376, as compared with \$292,086,025 in the previous month. The increase in the issue of notes was accompanied by a similar advance in gold reserve. The following statement gives the details:—

Provincial	\$ 27,743 25
Fractional	1,272,835 67
\$1	18,301,753 00
\$2	14,667,558 50
\$4	37,971 00
\$5	5,522,215 00
\$50	3,800 00
\$100	2,714,500 00
\$500	4,790,000 00
\$1,000	79,000 00
\$500 Legal Tender Notes for Banks	1,013,000 00
\$1,000	207,035,000 00
\$5,000	47,600,000 00
\$50,000	

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PROVINCIAL NOTES.

\$1	\$ 11,293 50
\$2	6,060 00
\$5	4,219 75
\$10	2,180 00
\$20	840 00
\$50	650 00
\$500	2,500 00

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RESERVES.

Gold held Sept. 30th, 1920, by the Minister of Finance	\$ 99,228,744 20
Gold reserve to be held on Savings Banks Deposits— 10 p.c. on \$40,228,428.30 under The Savings Banks Act	4,022,842 83
Gold held for redemption of Dominion Notes	\$ 95,205,901 37
Dominion Notes outstanding against deposits of approved securities, under Finance Act, 1914	\$149,620,125 00

DOMINION GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits in the Dominion Government Savings Banks during September, 1920, were again lower, being \$137,521, as compared with \$145,393 for August, and \$182,622 for July. Withdrawals, however, were only \$183,253, as compared with \$198,885 for the previous month. The following are the figures, as submitted by the finance department:—

BANK	Deposits for Sept. 1920	Total Deposits	Withdrawals for Sept. 1920	Balance on Sept. 30, 1920.
<i>Manitoba:—</i>	\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts.
Winnipeg	2,369.00	436,549.04	9,745.35	426,803.69
<i>British Columbia:—</i>				
Victoria	20,005.00	1,113,494.87	27,057.05	1,086,437.82
<i>Prince Edward Island:—</i>				
Charlottetown	22,666.00	1,776,930.99	27,199.94	1,749,731.05
<i>New Brunswick:—</i>				
Newcastle				
St. John	59,900.88	4,240,566.87	63,816.33	4,176,750.54
<i>Nova Scotia:—</i>				
Barrington	120.00	70,358.15	482.15	69,876.00
Guysboro'	120.00	78,688.29	604.06	78,084.23
Halifax	27,419.62	2,811,311.58	38,848.20	2,772,463.38
Kentville	3,005.00	246,658.22	5,814.16	240,844.06
Lunenburg	1,316.00	403,732.89	9,213.81	394,519.08
Port Hood				
Sherbrooke	600.00	66,898.30	472.22	66,426.08
Totals	137,521.50	10,745,229.20	183,253.27	10,561,975.93

The catch of sea fish of all kinds for the month of August on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts amounted to 1,005,884 cwts., as compared with 1,145,290 cwts. for the same month last year. The total value of the August catch was \$3,647,137, against \$4,506,143 last year.