BUILDING PERMITS COMPARED

RETURNS FOR THIRTY-FIVE CITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	July 1916	Aug. 1916	Aug. 1915	Aug. 1916, compared with Aug. 1915. Increase+ Decrease— Amount	Per Cent.
CITIES	$	$	$	$	
Nova Scotia	109,840	107,366	89,157	+ 18,209	+ 20.41
Halifax	173,000	93,516	51,977	+ 41,539	+ 79.91
Sydney	17,840	13,850	37,180	− 23,330	− 62.99
New Brunswick	43,540	41,120	151,547	−110,427	−72.86
Moncton	25,740	17,870	125,597	−107,727	− 85.77
St. John	17,800	23,250	25,950	− 2,700	− 10.44
Quebec	903,815	801,594	495,720	+306,174	+ 61.76
Maisonneuve	3,640	38,000	45,350	− 7,350	− 16.43
Montreal	545,870	602,340	309,763	+292,577	+ 94.45
Quebec	117,695	114,869	110,622	+ 4,247	+ 3.84
Sherbrooke	157,500	11,300	13,900	− 2,600	− 18.71
Three Rivers	17,525	5,500	8,250	− 2,750	− 44.00
Westmount	61,585	29,885	7,835	+ 22,050	+281.43
Ontario	1,661,963	2,319,442	964,349	+1,355,093	+140.52
Berlin	85,500	26,402	21,775	+ 4,627	+ 21.25
Brantford	9,120	103,470	13,070	+ 90,400	+691.66
Fort William	1,800	33,325	6,625	+ 26,700	+418.11
Guelph	12,052	4,865	8,125	− 3,260	− 40.12
Hamilton	157,295	356,695	80,275	+276,420	+344.34
Kingston	9,898	25,063	24,782	+ 281	+ 1.14
London	214,020	107,985	81,280	+ 26,705	+ 32.85
Ottawa	99,750	118,750	141,885	− 23,135	− 16.35
Peterborough	4,025	12,035	15,325	− 3,290	− 21.47
Port Arthur	151,654	180,755	16,750	+164,005	+979.13
Stratford	26,810	19,975	22,652	− 2,677	− 11.81
St. Catharines	46,164	91,499	42,882	+ 48,617	+113.18
St. Thomas	4,680	7,590	21,185	− 13,595	− 64.17
Toronto	575,750	1,107,318	433,413	+673,905	+155.49
Windsor	263,445	123,715	34,325	+ 89,390	+260.42
Manitoba	103,200	224,150	156,975	+ 67,175	+ 44.06
Brandon	9,500	60,700	5,375	+ 55,325	+1,029.30
Winnipeg	93,700	163,450	151,600	+ 11,850	+ 7.81
Saskatchewan	151,535	110,450	356,685	−246,235	− 69.04
Moose Jaw	113,610	9,200	2,500	+ 6,700	+268.90
Regina	30,150	97,250	354,185	−256,935	− 72.55
Saskatoon	7,775	4,000	Nil	+ 4,000	
Alberta	41,700	83,900	54,500	+ 29,400	+ 53.94
Calgary	31,500	32,500	25,000	+ 7,500	+ 30.00
Edmonton	10,200	51,400	29,500	+ 21,900	+ 74.24
British Columbia	178,095	633,279	139,055	+494,224	+355.41
New Westminst'r	5,100	4,650	2,325	+ 2,325	+100.00
Vancouver	156,465	625,879	55,320	+570,559	+1,031.37
Victoria	16,530	2,750	81,410	− 78,660	− 96.62
Total	3,274,688	$4,321,601	$2,407,988	+1,913,613	+79.47

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report exchange rates as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	par	par	⅛ to ¼
Mont. funds	par	par	⅛ to ¼
Sterling—			
Demand	$4.75.50	$4.75.70	$4.78
Cable transfers	$4.76.25	$4.76.45	$4.78½

Rates in New York—Sterling, demand, $4.75⅝.

Bank of England rate, 6 per cent.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	Index Numbers Aug. 1916	July 1916	Aug. 1915
I. Grains and Fodders:				
Grains, Ontario	6	206.2	193.2	182.2
" Western	4	195.9	173.3	159.6
Fodder	5	159.4	164.6	191.9
All	15	187.8	178.3	179.4
II. Animals and Meats:				
Cattle and beef	6	216.9	234.4	237.1
Hogs and hog products	6	221.1	213.6	172.1
Sheep and mutton	3	213.6	208.4	176.4
Poultry	2	267.9	282.2	218.6
All	17	223.8	228.1	201.3
III. Dairy Products	9	169.8	160.5	141.3
IV. Fish:				
Prepared fish	6	154.8	154.8	145.7
Fresh fish	3	156.3	156.8	140.0
All	9	153.3	155.5	143.8
V. Other Foods:				
(a) Fruits and vegetables				
Fresh fruits, native	5	99.4	113.4	65.0
Fresh fruits, foreign	3	124.5	114.2	105.3
Dried fruits	4	163.9	163.9	127.4
Fresh vegetables	4	303.2	359.8	154.0
Canned vegetables	3	127.0	111.4	87.2
All	19	164.3	172.0	111.4
(b) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions				
Breadstuffs	10	169.0	155.9	152.7
Tea, coffee, etc.	4	126.5	126.5	121.9
Sugar, etc.	6	163.4	169.5	143.3
Condiments	5	141.7	141.7	125.7
All	25	155.4	151.6	140.1
VI. Textiles:				
Woollens	5	224.6	231.9	196.4
Cottons	4	165.7	159.5	127.6
Silks	3	108.8	104.8	85.9
Jutes	2	306.2	253.3	246.4
Flax products	4	224.8	219.5	165.6
Oilcloths	2	132.5	132.5	116.4
All	20	194.5	192.1	156.8
VII. Hides, Leather, Boots and Shoes:				
Hides and tallow	4	290.0	306.4	196.2
Leather	4	202.8	202.8	174.3
Boots and shoes	3	198.3	198.3	162.4
All	11	233.3	239.2	179.0
VIII. Metals and Implements:				
Iron and steel	11	142.8	142.8	108.8
Other metals	12	214.2	233.5	195.6
Implements	10	139.5	139.5	113.2
All	33	167.5	174.5	156.9
IX. Fuel and Lighting:				
Fuel	6	149.5	146.9	116.3
Lighting	4	92.4	92.4	90.0
All	10	126.6	125.1	105.8
X. Building Materials:				
Lumber	14	168.1	168.1	174.1
Miscellaneous materials	20	153.3	154.3	129.0
Paints, oils and glass	14	196.9	188.3	161.6
All	48	174.4	172.1	147.9
XI. House Furnishings:				
Furniture	6	146.6	146.6	145.9
Crockery and glassware	4	189.2	184.2	170.3
Table cutlery	2	90.1	90.1	80.3
Kitchen furnishings	4	132.3	132.3	105.5
All	16	146.7	145.1	128.7
XII. Drugs and Chemicals	16	234.1	237.3	175.2
XIII. Miscellaneous:				
Raw Furs	4	292.3	292.3	150.2
Liquors and tobacco	6	140.0	140.5	134.7
Sundries	7	143.4	142.1	116.0
All	17	178.6	176.5	130.6
All commodities	265*	178.5	178.8	151.5

* Six commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE—UNLISTED SECURITIES

Week Ended September 27th

Mines	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Porcupine Crown Mines, Ltd.	1	....	....	....
Miscellaneous				
British Can. Canners, Ltd.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	500	....	....	....
Can. Felt com.	100	....	....	....
" " pref.	100	....	....	....
Can. Light & Power	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Can. Coal & Coke com.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Canadian Pacific Notes	20	....	....	....
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	100	....	....	....

Miscellaneous *(Continued)*	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd. pref.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Frontenac Breweries Co	100	....	....	....
" " pref.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Laurentide	100	61¼	60½	190
Mexican Northern Power	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Mexican Mahogany & Rubber Corp.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Mont. Tramway & Power Co.	100	39½	....	634
National Brick com.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	100	....	....	....
Sherbrooke Railway & Power Co.	100	....	....	....
" " bonds	500	....	....	....
Western Can. Power	100	....	....	....