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LEADING CITIES SHOW  
BUILDING PERMIT GAIN

Industry of Nation, However, Is  
Without Definite Change in  
Downward Curve of Activity

The building industry of the nation has entered the fall season without a definitely established change in the persistent downward curve of activities. Official reports of plans filed and permits issued in 514 cities made to S. W. Straus for the month of August showed losses of approximately nine percent compared with the same month last year. The totals were—August, 1927, \$340,805,205; August 1926, \$376,047,440; July, 1927, \$295,085,464. Reports from the same cities show a loss since January 1 of about ten percent in plans and permits filed compared with the same period last year.

Since building permits are more sensitive to pending changes than any other statistical building data, it would be well for the student of current trends to note especially at this time the reports from the twenty-five leading cities. For the first time in many months these cities, taken as a group, showed a gain in permits issued as compared with the corresponding month last year. This is less significant, however, than the fact that gains of substantial amounts were recorded in such cities of Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Seattle, Houston, Toledo and a great many others of comparable importance in the building field.

Biggest Loss in Four Centers

While the 514 cities showed losses of approximately \$35,000,000, attention should be given to the fact that \$22,000,000 of this came from four centers alone—namely, New York, Chicago, Detroit and Washington.

Unmistakably the month's record indicated a possibility that in the bulk of American cities conditions are a little more propitious. It is too early now to decide with certainty whether these data represent more than a temporary acceleration.

Meanwhile, the steady falling off in building of the past year or more has brought about more stabilized conditions in the building crafts. An extensive investigation reveals that wage bonuses have practically disappeared, and that the labor situation is tranquil and amicable. While the year, therefore, may close with close to a ten percent decrease in volume, the stability of the present situation is most satisfactory.

Figures on 25 Cities

Totals for the twenty-five leading cities follow:

1. New York (P.F.)	\$72,381,528
2. Chicago	27,059,159
3. Los Angeles	11,790,916
4. Philadelphia	11,768,935
5. Boston (P.F.)	9,055,490
6. Detroit	8,619,265
7. St. Louis	5,933,463
8. Pittsburgh	5,662,743
9. Newark	4,101,115
10. Buffalo	4,092,570
11. Minneapolis	3,791,620
12. Cincinnati	3,628,150
13. Milwaukee	3,623,253
14. San Francisco	3,609,611
15. Washington, D. C.	3,596,940
16. Albany	3,486,060
17. Seattle	3,400,340
18. Lansing, Mich	3,246,060
19. Cleveland	3,110,225
20. Houston	2,788,440
21. Toledo, O.	2,742,342
22. Flint	2,704,989
23. Gary	2,530,205
24. Yonkers	2,454,450
25. Akron	2,278,206
Note—(P.F.) indicates plans filed.	
Total	\$207,456,016

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