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Industrial Corporations' Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits totalling \$1,973 million in the third quarter of 1976, a decrease of \$50 million (2.5%) from the corresponding period in 1975. Net income increased 10.3% for mining industries but declined 5.9% for manufacturing industries and 5.2% for all other industries.

Industrial corporations' sales at \$56,349 million in the third quarter of 1976 recorded an advance of \$4,657 million (9.0%) from July-September 1975. Sales were up 17.6% for mining industries, 8.7% for manufacturing industries and 8.2% for other industries.

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), Third Quarter 1976 (61-003-p, free to subscribers of the regular publication).*

Divorce Decrees, 1975

The number of divorce decrees granted in Canada in 1975 totalled 50,611, an increase of 12.4% over 1974. The rate of 222.0 per 100,000 estimated population was 10.7% higher than 1974. Three provinces — Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — along with the Yukon and Northwest Territories showed decreases in the rates compared with the previous year while other provinces showed increases. As was the case in 1974, Alberta recorded the highest rate among the provinces, followed closely by British Columbia.

Detailed tables will be published in *Vital Statistics, Volume II, Marriages and Divorces, 1975 (84-205, \$1.05).*

The Wheat Review

Canada's wheat exports during the 1975-76 crop year totalled 450.2 million bushels, up 14.1% from 394.6 million bushels in the previous August-July period.

Shipments to the U.S.S.R. increased to 118.9 million bushels from 12.9 million bushels. Exports to the People's Republic of China dropped to 44.4 million bushels in the latest crop year from 82.4 million bushels in August 1974-July 1975.

Wheat supplies remaining at the July 31, 1976 close of the Canada crop year amounted to 296.6 million bushels, up fractionally from the 295.3 million bushels on hand one year earlier. Preliminary estimate for the new wheat crop is a record 839.5 million bushels.

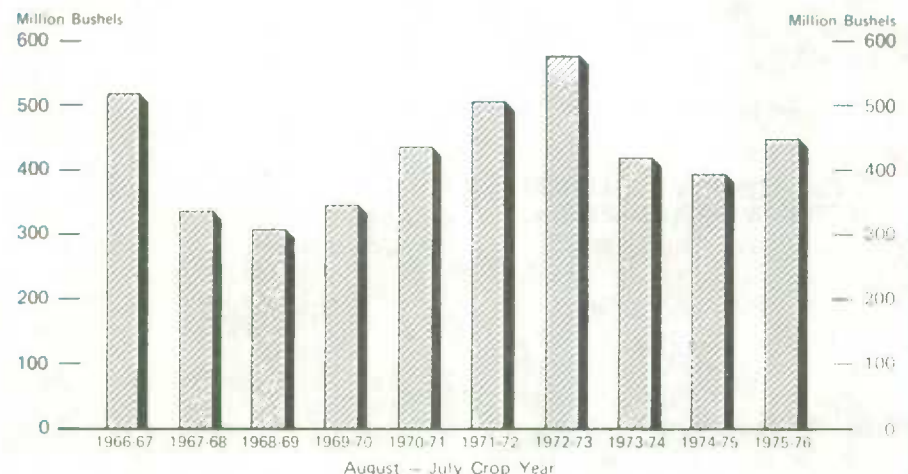
For further information, order the August 1976 issue of *The Wheat Review (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50).*

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug. 230.49p	230.13p	11.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	July 8,668p	9,043p	11.3
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct. 9.66	9.69	1.5
Unemployed	Oct. 679,000	670,000	5.6
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Aug. 1,886	1,785	30.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept. 16,342p	16,248r	6.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug. 6,873	6,968	8.0
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 8,286p	8,025r	8.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 9,388p	9,604r	-8.6
PRICES			
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct. 151.7	150.7	6.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept. 163.3	162.4	4.4
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Sept. 512.0	513.8r	2.0
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug. 964.0p	8,149.0	22.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug. 16,288	136,030	34.5
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug. 2,110	17,179	-4.9
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept. 21.3	213.2	5.9
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	July 262.2	2,032.8	1.1
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Sept. 44.7	462.3	0.1
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept. 3,055	27,897	15.0
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept. 2,885	27,827	8.2
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Sept. 143.8	1,239.7	21.2
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Oct. 1,179	11,884	1.0
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 578.0	4,315.7	13.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept. 8,502p	72,808	13.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 438.0	5,690.4	9.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,728	40,850	13.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug. 4,083	32,924	11.9

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. * - new this week.

Exports of Canadian Wheat (and wheat flour*)



*In terms of wheat equivalent

Source: The Wheat Review (22-005)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in September were estimated at \$7,960.5 million, down 7.9% from \$8,647.7 million in August. New orders for durable goods dropped 16.6% to \$3,498.9 million while those for non-durable goods edged up 0.2% to \$4,461.6 million.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries in September, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$9,441.3 million, down 1.4% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers, seasonally adjusted, was 0.8% higher at \$16,414.0 million.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments rose to 2.03:1 in September from 1.90:1 in August while the finished products — to shipments ratio increased to 0.70:1 from 0.65:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in September, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8,096.1 million, a decrease of 5.8% from August.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in September at an estimated \$8,501.9 million showed an increase of 9.7% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first nine months of 1976 totalled \$72,807.8 million, up 13.1% from \$64,376.9 million in January-September 1975.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Refined Petroleum Products

Net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 45.5 million barrels in September, up 3.3% from a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 44.7 million barrels of refined petroleum products in the latest month, a decrease of 4.0% from September 1975.

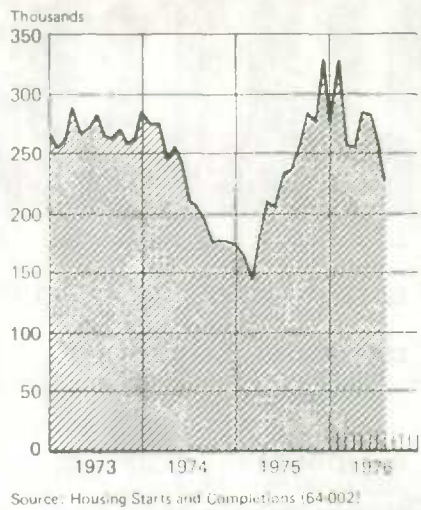
For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, September
Estimates of Labour Income, August
Housing Starts and Completions, September
Industry Selling Price Index, October
Motor Vehicle Production, October
New Motor Vehicle Sales, October
Summary of Foreign Trade, October

Housing Starts in Canada

Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported (combined) net income of \$20.8 million in August, up from \$13.6 million in August 1975.

Total operating revenues rose 9.6% to \$183.2 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 12.4% to \$150.5 million.

Passenger traffic — in terms of passenger-miles for both unit toll and charter services — totalled 2,130.4 million in August, up 4.8% from 2,032.1 million in the corresponding month in 1975. Goods ton-miles for all services increased 4.7% to 40.3 million.

For the first eight months of 1976, the major scheduled airlines showed a net loss of \$18.0 million that contrasted with the profit of \$1.2 million posted in the January-August period of 1975.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 8, No. 58 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production decreased 0.1% to 120.5 in September from the upward-revised level of 120.6 in August.

Manufacturing output declined 0.2% in the latest month, durables manufacturing decreased 0.3% and non-durables manufacturing was off 0.2%. Mining production rose 1.1% and output of electric power, gas and water utilities increased 0.2%.

During the third quarter of 1976, the index of industrial production showed a decline of 0.1%. Decreases were recorded in manufacturing (-0.1%), mining (-0.4%) and utilities (-0.2%).

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (including the index of industrial production), (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1971=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.7% to 151.7 in October from 150.7 in September.

Higher shelter charges, annual residential property taxes in particular, accounted for a very large proportion of this latest advance and increased prices for clothing contributed to a lesser extent. The food index registered no over-all movement during the month while the index for all items excluding food rose 0.8%.

Between October 1975 and October 1976, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 6.2%. During this period, the following movements were recorded in the component indexes:

- Housing, 11.1%; transportation, 9.5%; tobacco and alcohol, 7.4%; health and personal care, 7.2%; clothing, 6.2%; recreation, education and reading, 5.0%; and food, -0.9%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items index rose 0.9% between September and October. The current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was 8.3%, up from the 4.4% rate recorded the previous month.

For further information, order the October 1976 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1975

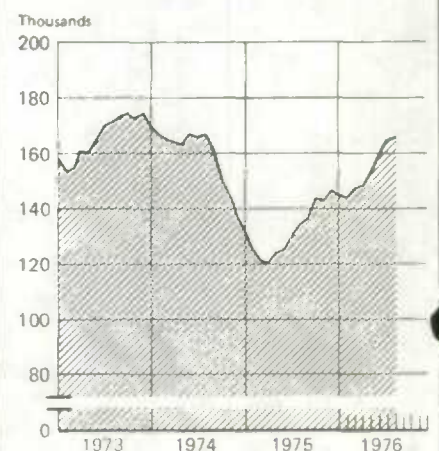
Sales of new construction machinery and equipment to end-users amounted to \$1,600.5 million in 1975, up 21.6% from 1974.

Used machinery and equipment sales were valued at \$211.3 million in 1975, while rental revenue for all types of machinery totalled \$118.3 million.

Further information will be contained in *Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1975* (63-220, \$1.05), and advance details may be obtained from *Merchandising and Services Division* (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Dwelling Units Under Construction

(in centres 10,000 population and over)



Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$21,084 million at the end of September, an increase of 17.6% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from September 30, 1975:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$15,613 million (23.9%).
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
 - large loans, \$1,512 million (-0.1%).
 - small loans, \$226 million (-11.0%).
 - retail instalment sales paper, \$1,148 million (0.4%).
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1,210 million (7.0%).
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, \$1,302 million (5.9%).
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$71 million (24.6%).

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$212.2 million in September, an increase of 12.6% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over September 1975 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$77.8 million (12.9%); Quebec, \$69.5 million (16.2%); British Columbia, \$23.8 million (6.3%); Alberta, \$14.1 million (9.7%); Manitoba, \$12.2 million (11.6%); Saskatchewan, \$5.6 million (11.8%); Nova Scotia, \$3.9 million (7.9%); New Brunswick, \$3.4 million (6.7%); Newfoundland, \$1.4 million (6.5%); and Prince Edward Island, \$463,000 (3.1%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first nine months of 1976 totalled an estimated \$1,676.1 million, up 11.7% from the corresponding period in 1975. Chain restaurants accounted for 18.3% of sales in the latest period while independents took the balance.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

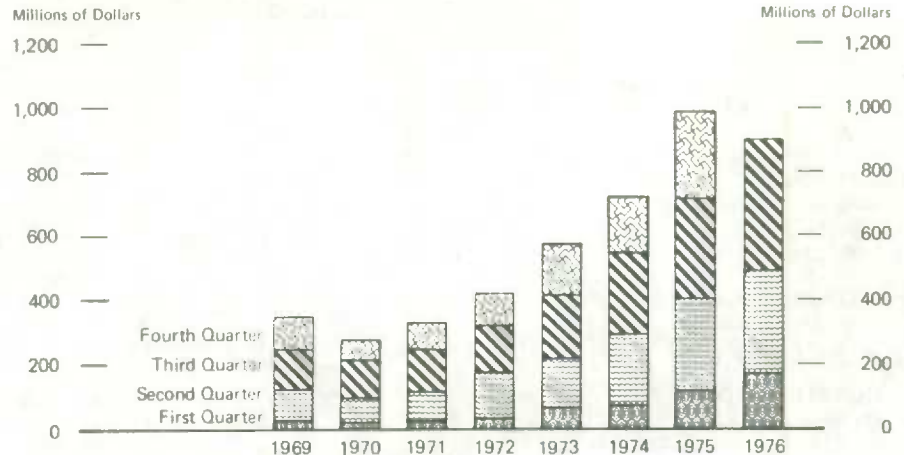
Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada increased 4.4% in September to 21.3 terawatt hours from 20.4 TW.h a year earlier.

Hydro generation increased 2.2% in the latest month; thermal production rose 9.8%.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales*



* Valued at dealers' cost and not including repair parts
Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 167.8 in September, an increase of 0.2% from August and up 8.9% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 5.4% over the 12 months from September 1975; labour costs rose 12.5%.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction climbed 9.5% during this period; smaller increases were recorded for: steel and metal work (7.8%); plumbing, heating and air conditioning (5.4%); lumber and lumber products (3.7%); and other materials (5.4%). Electrical equipment prices declined 1.0%.

This index, while it follows the same concept and format as the 1961-based index previously published, is derived from a 1971 pattern of material and labour inputs, and a new selection of price quotes. For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.31 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in September, a decrease of 12.8% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic petroleum and products decreased 13.9% to 1.98 million B/D in the latest month while imports declined 5.7% to 328,000 B/D.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mineral Production

Canadian production of primary metals in September and 1976 to date, with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 153,410 troy ounces (149,946) — 1,258,924 troy ounces (1,222,406).
- Silver, 4,086,062 troy ounces (3,180,333) — 31,492,529 troy ounces (29,559,238).
- Copper, 77,127 short tons (60,139) — 596,945 short tons (591,132).
- Nickel, 20,939 short tons (18,493) — 196,572 short tons (205,075).
- Refined lead, 16,451 short tons (16,319) — 141,114 short tons (136,535).
- Refined zinc, 42,866 short tons (36,251) — 370,951 short tons (346,397).

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

University Report Available

A report entitled *Canadian Universities — A Statistical Summary*, presenting data on university enrolment, full-time teaching staff, and university income and expenditure for the years 1971-72 to 1974-75, is now available on request.

For further information, please contact Louise Desramaux (613-995-1105), Post-secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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