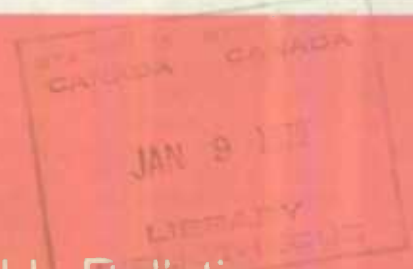




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Weekly Bulletin



Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.8% from 179.3 in October to 180.8 in November, with the 12-month rise 8.8% (8.7% in October).

The 0.3% increase in the food index was largely attributable to higher prices for restaurant meals. The food-at-home index rose 0.1% as lower prices for selected beef and pork cuts and fresh fruit dampened the impact of higher prices for turkey and selected fresh vegetables.

Higher 1979 new car retail purchase prices (which, on average, after adjustment for quality changes, rose 5.7% over the October prices for 1978 model cars) were largely responsible for the 0.9% rise in the index for all-items-excluding-food. Other notable price increases were also registered for dental care, haircuts and hairdressing services and for alcoholic beverages consumed in licensed premises.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods, including food, advanced 0.8%, that for services 0.7%. Between November 1977 and November 1978 the price level for goods increased 10.3%, that for services 6.6%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7% between October and November with a 0.6% increase in the food index and a 0.7% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index.

City highlights demonstrate that consumer prices rose in 15 cities for which separate indexes are published, increases ranging from 0.4% in Winnipeg to 1.2% in St. John's. All cities registered an increase in new car purchase prices. Factors which contributed to the variation in city price movements included differing rates of price movements for food, automobile maintenance and recreational items.

Percentage increases with annual change in brackets: St. John's 1.2% (9.6%), Charlottetown/Summerside 0.6% (8.2%), Halifax 0.7% (8.1%), Saint John 0.7% (8.3%), Québec 1.0% (7.9%), Montréal 0.9% (7.9%), Ottawa 0.7% (8.3%), Toronto 0.8% (8.5%), Thunder Bay 0.7% (7.7%), Winnipeg 0.4% (8.3%), Saskatoon 0.5% (6.3%), Regina 0.8% (7.0%), Edmonton 0.9% (8.4%), Calgary 0.7% (8.1%), and Vancouver 0.6% (7.7%).

For further information, order the November 1978 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept.	270.45p	267.23r	5.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept.	11,370.3p	11,092.3r	8.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.20	10.28	3.8
Unemployed	Nov.	850,000	798,000	1.2

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.*	2,416.3	1,954.8	14.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.*	19,842.6p	19,704.4r	9.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.*	8,262.0	8,213.7	11.3

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.*	12,371.2p	12,172.6r	26.4
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.*	12,805.1p	12,515.4r	24.7

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.*	180.8	179.3	8.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	192.8	190.8	9.0
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Oct.	632.6	619.4	11.6

CONSTRUCTION

			Year-to-date	
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.	1,111.3	9,593.5	1.5
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.*	15,373	148,494	-8.2

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Sept.*	2,761.9	24,485.1	4.0
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.	25.2	244.8	6.8
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Aug.	265.9p	2,296.9p	-3.1
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Sept.	49.6	485.3	-0.8

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	4,585p	37,902p	16.3
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	3,965p	35,638p	13.7

PRODUCTION

Steel Ingots — thousand tons	Nov.	1,377.9	14,744.6	9.0

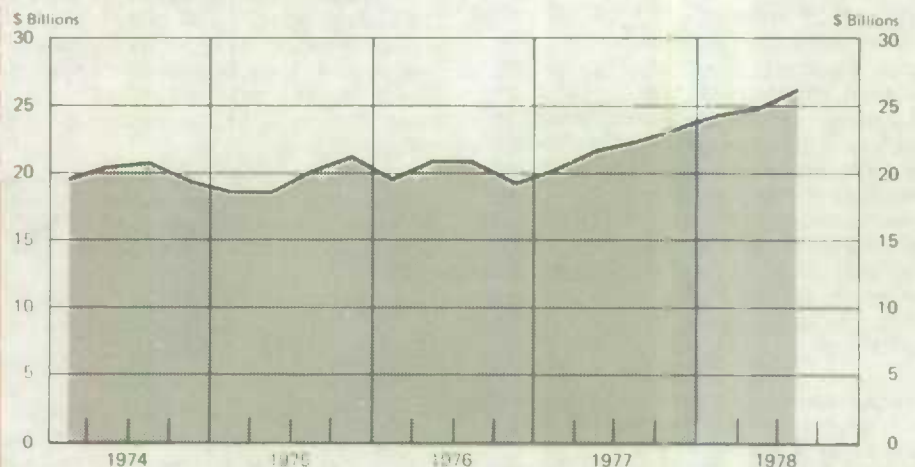
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	649.0p	5,658.3p	10.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.*	12,081.3p	106,592.2p	17.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	925.0	8,339.5	14.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.*	5,922.3p	55,248.3	12.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Oct.*	5,518.5	51,357.6	10.9

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

Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Real Domestic Product

The seasonally-adjusted Index of Real Domestic Product for October was unchanged from September's level of 135.0. The Index of Industrial Production recorded a slight change to 134.3 from 134.4. Goods-producing industries declined 0.1%; service-producing industries were relatively unchanged.

In goods-producing industries, agriculture, construction, manufacturing and utilities fell, forestry, mining and fishing and trapping rose. Agriculture's decline stemmed from lower production levels for grain and livestock. Construction: housing starts down and further weakness in non-residential building activity. Manufacturing output declined slightly (but remained high compared with July and August). Non-durable manufacturing: down 0.3%. Durable manufacturing: unchanged. Most substantial decline: transportation equipment — output of motor vehicle manufacturers dropped about 9%. A slight decline in electric power output accounted for the decrease in utilities. Forestry output rose sharply for the second consecutive month, reflecting strength in logging activity and pulpwood production. Mining output increased for the third consecutive month with continued growth in metal mines.

Relatively little growth among service-producing industries saw increases confined to finance, insurance and real estate services and community, business and personal services. Transportation, storage and communication, trade and public administration and defence services recorded declines. In finance, insurance and real estate most of the growth was attributable to security brokers and dealers, and insurance agencies and real estate services. In community, business and personal services moderate gains came in education, services to business management and accommodation and food services. Transportation, storage and communication services declined for the first time since May. In water transport, shipping was disrupted by a week-long strike involving major lake-carriers. This strike indirectly affected the operations of grain elevators which declined substantially. Communication services were affected by a postal strike which involved some 23,000 employees for approximately ten days. The water transport strike affected railway transport, especially in movement of grain. Air transport increased following a strike in late August and part of September. Pipeline transport advancing sharply reflected increased movement of domestic crude petroleum to eastern refineries. Decline in trade was due to a sharp drop in retail trade (the end of provincial retail sales tax reductions curtailed retail trade activity). Wholesale trade increased slightly during the month.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Inventories/Shipments/Orders

Manufacturers' shipments, October: \$12,081.5 million, up 3.0% from revised September's \$11,734.7 million. Shipments for 10 months: \$106,592.2 million, up 17.2% from \$90,915.3 million a year earlier.

Manufacturers' shipments, seasonally adjusted: \$11,666.2 million, up 1.2% from revised September's \$11,525.6 million. Durable goods shipments rose 0.5% to \$5,425.8 million from \$5,399.9 million and non-durable goods shipments 1.9% to \$6,240.4 million from \$6,125.7 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, reached a level of \$12,053.8 million, 0.5% below revised September's \$12,114.7 million. Durable goods new orders fell 0.8% to \$5,859.4 million from \$5,908.3 million and non-durable goods new orders to \$6,194.4 million from \$6,206.4 million. Seasonally-adjusted unfilled orders rose 3.1% to \$12,992.0 million from \$12,604.4 million.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted: \$20,144.9 million, up 1.2% from \$19,904.9 million. Total inventory held, seasonally adjusted, rose 1.1% to \$21,155.3 million from \$20,933.5 million with increases of 1.2%, 1.1% and 0.2% in raw materials, goods in process and finished products.

The seasonally-adjusted October ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.73:1, as in September, and the finished products to shipments ratio also matched September's 0.59:1.

For further information, order the October 1978 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.

Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from January-October farming operations totalled \$9,872.5 million compared with \$8,546.8 million in 1977. Receipts from farming operations by province with 1977 comparisons in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$78.9 million (\$74.8 million), Nova Scotia \$120.0 million (\$106.2 million), New Brunswick \$95.2 million (\$91.8 million), Québec \$1,360.8 million (\$1,189.5 million), Ontario \$2,733.9 million (\$2,333.4 million), Manitoba \$927.7 million (\$743.5 million), Saskatchewan \$2,171.3 million (\$1,893.9 million), Alberta \$1,934.1 million (\$1,698.4 million), British Columbia \$450.6 million (\$415.5 million).

For further information, order the January-October issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Peter Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Wholesale Trade

October wholesale trading rose 21.0% to \$5,518,454,000 from \$4,560,867,000 in 1977. Wholesale inventories: \$8,261,992,000, up 11.3% from \$7,422,833,000.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Consumer Credit

October consumer credit, holders reporting monthly, rose 5.7% to \$28,091 million from a year earlier. Outstanding balances with percentage changes:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$21,706 million, up 17.8%.
- Québec savings banks' personal loans: \$102 million, up 17.2%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,329 million, up 4.2%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$174 million, down 13.0%; large \$1,486 million, up 1.9%; instalment sales paper, \$1,157 million, up 5.2%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,525 million, up 11.5%.
- Trust and mortgage companies' personal loans: \$612 million, up 70.5%.

Credit holders reporting quarterly: \$6,940 million at end of third quarter 1978, up 15.5% from a year earlier. Credit unions and caisses populaires, the largest quarterly reporters, had balances outstanding of \$5,232 million, up 18.1% (also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores, other credit-card issuers and public utilities).

Including quarterly reporters, consumer credit outstanding at the end of third quarter 1978 totalled \$34,496 million, up 14.7% from July-September 1977.

For further information, order the October 1978 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.

Coal/Coke Statistics

September coal production increased 4.7% to 2,761,876 tons (2 505 532 metric tonnes) from 2,636,612 (2 391 894) a year earlier. Year-to-date production: 24,485,115 tons (22 212 523 metric tonnes), up 4.0%. Imports decreased to 1,328,379 tons (1 205 176 metric tonnes) from 2,176,733 (1 974 699). Industrial consumers used 1,845,237 tons (1 673 971 metric tonnes) of coal, up 111,189 (100 869) from 1977, and 502,547 tons (455 903 metric tonnes) of coke, up 187,019 (169 661).

For further information, order the September 1978 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Radio Broadcasting

Gross August radio air-time sales: \$6.5 million, up 20.4% from \$5.4 million in 1977. After deduction of agency and other commissions sales totalled \$5.5 million, up 19.6% from \$4.6 million. Net local sales rose 21.8% to \$17.3 million from \$14.2 million.

Over eight months gross sales rose 15.3% to \$201.9 million from \$175.1 million in 1977. Net sales: 14.9% to \$187.9 million from \$163.5 million.

For further information, order the August 1978 issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants throughout Canada increased their October receipts a total of 8.7% to \$235.2 million from a year earlier. Breakdown per province: Ontario \$84.5 million (7.4%), Québec \$73.6 million (8.1%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$29.4 million (13.3%), Alberta \$18.6 million (15.0%), Manitoba \$13.1 million (3.2%), Saskatchewan \$6.7 million (5.8%), New Brunswick \$2.9 million (10.8%), Nova Scotia \$4.8 million (8.0%), Newfoundland \$1.2 million (14.2%) and Prince Edward Island \$419,000 (1.0%).

Ten months over 10 months 1977: Canada increased receipts 9.5% to \$2,273.1 million, Ontario \$858.0 million (10.3%), Québec \$685.9 million (7.8%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$251.8 million (12.2%), Alberta \$199.9 million (12.9%), Manitoba \$111.7 million (6.0%), Saskatchewan \$61.2 million (6.3%), New Brunswick \$40.0 million (7.5%), Nova Scotia \$41.9 million (7.5%), Newfoundland \$17.2 million (7.7%) and Prince Edward Island \$5.4 million (7.9%).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Restaurant Receipts* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

Telephone Statistics

Thirteen major telephone systems' October revenues rose 21% from a year earlier to \$401.2 million. Operating expenses rose 16.3% to \$254.5 million and net operating revenue 30.2% to \$146.7 million. Telephone toll messages increased 14.4% to 96.5 million.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.50 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9274), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

TV Set Output Halved

Manufacturers' October domestic sales of "Made in Canada" colour television sets: 12,021. A year earlier: 27,297.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Salt

Shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 625,965 short tons in October from 548,690 a year earlier. Ten months output: 5,558,697 short tons (5,248,728).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Salt* (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Rubber Production

October rubber production fell to 45,393,000 lbs (21 950 000 kg) from 52,302,000 (23 723 000) in 1977.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact R. Ralph (613-992-2231), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Department Store Sales

Department store sales rose 12.3% to \$649.7 million in October from \$578.6 million in 1977. Sales rose in 37 of 40 departments, largest increases coming in fur stores (33.1%), plumbing, heating and building materials (24.2%) and men's and boys' footwear (23.9%). All provinces reported increased sales ranging from 16.5% for Nova Scotia to 2.7% for Prince Edward Island. Sales and percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montréal \$76.6 million (13.8%), Toronto \$99.4 million (13.3%), Winnipeg \$30.9 million (6.1%) and Vancouver \$61.6 million (12.3%).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4*.

Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$351.4 million of retail finance paper in October, up 39.1% from \$252.7 million in 1977: \$85.5 million for passenger cars, \$41.2 million for other consumer goods, \$114.5 million for commercial vehicles and \$110.2 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing, third quarter 1978, rose 73.0% to \$2,912.4 million from \$1,683.4 million financed a year earlier.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3583), *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Electric Power

September net generation increased to 25.2TW.h from 23.6 TW.h in 1977. Hydro generation rose 8.1%, thermal production 3.9%. Year-to-date generation: 244.8 TW.h, up 6.8% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the September 1978 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 0T6*.

Farm Implement/Equipment Sales

Ten months' sales, farm implements and equipment (including repair parts): \$1,337.6 million, up 14.1% from \$1,172.2 million a year earlier. Repair parts alone: \$172.9 million (\$146.6 million).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Farm Implements and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact *Merchandising and Services Division* (613-996-9307), *Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Community/Vocational Schools

Operating expenditures of non-university post secondary institutions rose 18.6% to \$1 billion from 1975-76 to 1976-77.

Tables displaying community colleges and vocational schools revenue and expenditures by province and function for 1975-76 and 1976-77 are available. For further information, contact Carole D. Séguin (613-995-1105), *Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Mineral Production

Minerals mined, October (October 1977 in brackets), plus 10 months' output totals:

- Gold, 143,061 troy ounces (133,303) — 1,385,451 (1,409,476)
- Silver, 4,065,779 troy ounces (3,939,573) 33,051,490 (37,228,983)
- Refined lead, 20,432 short tons (16,775) 175,916 (169,749)
- Refined zinc, 55,065 short tons (41,010) 435,881 (468,081)
- Primary copper, 60,796 short tons (72,746) 618,677 (730,449)
- Primary nickel, 5,042 short tons (19,388) 126,236 (215,719)
- Iron ore, 6,668,960 short tons (6,422,002) 35,338,277 (47,963,641).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Marriages/Divorces, 1977

Marriages in 1977 totalled 186,787. The rate per 1,000 population declined to 8.0 from 8.4 in 1976. Divorce decrees, 1977, rose 2% from 1976, to 55,370, the rate per 100,000 populating edging up marginally to 237.7 compared with 235.8.

Detailed tabulations will appear in the *Vital Statistics, Volume II, Marriages and Divorces* (84-205, \$1.05). For further information, contact D. Nagnur (613-995-9593), *Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Trusteed Pension Plans, 1977

Book value of assets, trusteed pension funds, reached \$49.7 billion at end of 1977, an increase of \$4.5 billion over 1976 and held for nearly 2.8 million members — equivalent to \$10,786 of invested reserves for each.

For further information, order *Trusteed Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1977* (74-201, \$1.05), or contact E.S. Hanes (613-992-2776), *Chief, Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada*.

Retail Chain Stores, 1977

Chain store sales, 1977, rose 10.4% to \$18,960 million from \$17,181 million in 1976. The number of such organizations decreased by two to 825 and outlets decreased by 54 to 21,305.

For further information, contact *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4, in advance of the 1977 issue of Retail Chain Stores* (63-210, \$1.05).

Commercial Failures

Failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts totalled 1,147 during third quarter 1978 (844 a year earlier). Liabilities: \$135,651,206 compared with \$187,926,310.

For further information, order the third quarter issue of *Commercial Failures* (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact *Financial Institution Section, Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.



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