Department Store Sales

Department store sales contributed notably to the advance of total retail trade in Canada in June 1983, increasing 16.4% over the same month a year earlier to $920.2 million, the largest gain posted since June 1981. Sales were higher in 37 of the 40 departments with the highest increases recorded for major appliances (+51.6%), plumbing, heating and building materials (+45.5%) and repairs and services (+45.1%).

All provinces except the Yukon and Northwest Territories (-3.0%) reported sales advances in the latest month, increases over June 1982 ranging from 6.2% in Alberta to 33.9% in Nova Scotia. Of the 10 metropolitan areas covered by the survey, the largest sales gain was posted in Halifax-Dartmouth (+41.9%), while Calgary was the only city reporting decreased sales (-0.2%).

Major department store organizations had sales of $578.4 million (up 16.0%) in June 1983 and junior department stores posted sales of $341.8 million (up 17.0%).

Total department store sales of $2,535.7 million during April-June 1983 were 5.9% higher than in the year-earlier quarter.

Cumulative unadjusted sales for all department stores for the first six months of 1983 totalled $4,550.8 million, up 6.7% over 1982.

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Stocks - Urban Centres (units)
June 16,354

Energy
Coal Production (thousand tonnes)
May 3,739
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)
May 298
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)
April 7,613
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)
May 51

Foreign Trade
Exports - Balance of Payments Basis ($ million)
June 8,231
Imports - Balance of Payments Basis ($ million)
June 6,280

Production
Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)
July 153
Steel (thousand tonnes)
July 1,012

Sales
Department Store Sales ($ million)
June 920.2
Manufacturers' Shipments ($ million)
May 17,005.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ million)
June 1,251.5
Retail Sales ($ million)
June 9,472.6

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME
Average Weekly Earnings ($) Mar. 410.85p
Labour Income ($ million) Mar. 17,499.9p
Persons with Jobs (million) July 11.18
Unemployed July 1,409,000

INVENTORIES
Department Store ($ million) June 2,981.4
Manufacturers' Owned ($ million) May 31,423.5p

ORDERS
Manufacturers' New Orders ($ million) May 17,000.8p
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders ($ million) May 17,248.5p

PRICES
Consumer Price Index (1981=100) June 117.4
New House Price Index (1976=100) June 130.2
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100) June 210.5p
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas June 152.6p

CONSTRUCTION
Building Permits ($ million) May 1,266.8p
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) June 16,354

Other statistical data:

Labour Income ($ million): May 17,499.9p, June 17,399.9p, July 17,000.8p, August 17,088.5p.


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Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States

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Source: Statistics Canada, Summary of External Trade (65-001)

August 19, 1983

Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for January-June 1983 totalled an estimated $9,279.3 million, down 2.4% from $9,430.6 million in the year-earlier period.

Receipts from the sale of field crops rose by 1.3% to $4,431.6 million in the first six months of 1983. Wheat and soybeans were up, while receipts for rye, flaxseed, corn and potatoes dropped.

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Cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products posted a slight 0.7% decline from the January-June 1982 level to $4,622.0 million. Other cash receipts were down 44% to $225.6 million in the latest period from $402.8 million.

Farm cash receipts by province for January-June 1983 were as follows, with year-earlier totals in brackets:
- Saskatchewan, $2,229.2 million ($2,151.6 million)
- Ontario, $2,229.1 million ($2,331.3 million)
- Alberta, $1,877.1 million ($2,035.3 million)
- Quebec, $1,435.5 million ($1,387.3 million)
- Manitoba, $829.6 million ($804.9 million)
- British Columbia, $383.7 million ($412.5 million)
- Nova Scotia, $1,116.6 million ($1,067.7 million)
- Prince Edward Island, $84.8 million ($90.0 million)
- New Brunswick, $83.6 million ($94.9 million)
- Newfoundland, $151.1 million ($161.6 million)

For further information, order the January-June 1983 issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001), $15.50, or contact John Lanthier (613-995-4895), Program Chief, Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Gas Utilities
Preliminary data show sales of natural gas in Canada amounted to 3.160 million cubic metres in May 1983, an increase of 12.1% from 2.820 million cubic metres a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas to the United States were reported at 1.358 million cubic metres in the latest month, a drop of 13.6% from 1.571 million cubic metres in May 1982.

For further information, order the May 1983 issue of Gas Utilities (55-002), $2.65, or contact Richard Godin (613-996-3139).

Prices of Farm Products
The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) declined to 285.3 in June 1983, 0.9% below the May index of 288.0 and down 8.4% from the year-earlier level of 309.3.

The index, which measures - as closely as can be determined - prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available on CAN-SIM (matrix 176) or in the publication Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products (62-003, $1.55/$15.50). Sub-indexes for livestock, crops and their components are available from Phil Jenson (613-995-4995), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada.

Washing Machines/Dryers
Production of washing machines (electric, automatic) during June 1983 was 40,630 units. Production of clothes dryers (electric, automatic) was 31,719 units.

For further information, order the June 1983 issue of Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43-002), $1.55/$15.50.

Crime Statistics, 1982
Criminal Code offences reported in 1982 increased by 1.6% from the preceding year to 2,203,668. This percentage increase was the lowest recorded since 1977.

Property crime, which contributed 66.6% of Criminal Code offences in 1982, increased 2.6%. Theft (over $1,000 and under $200) - the most common type of property crime - declined 865,817, a rise of 4.6% from 828,115 in 1981.

For further information, order the June 1983 issue of Households and their Property (55-004), $2.65, or contact Louis Boucher (613-996-3226).

Unemployment Rates for the Labour Force, 1976-82
From 1976 to 1981, the unemployment rate for Canada's part-time labour force was higher than for its full-time counterpart. In 1982, however, the annual full-time rate exceeded the part-time rate for the first time.


The study shows that:
- Unemployment rates for men 25 and over in the full-time labour force almost doubled between 1976 and 1982 (80% of this increase occurred in the 1981-82 period).
- The unemployment rate for the full-time labour force showed fairly stable seasonal patterns of change until September 1981, when the rate began to rise dramatically.
- In 1982, the normal seasonal pattern was replaced by an almost continuous rise in the full-time labour force unemployment rate.
- Unemployment rates for the part-time labour force fluctuate more widely during the year than do rates for the full-time labour force, and are strongly influenced by institutional factors.

For further information, contact Doreen Duchesne (613-995-9381), Labour Force Activity Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Juvenile Court Statistics
Juvenile Court Statistics, 1981 - a report summarizing and providing a description of previously released data on charges of delinquency adjudicated in juvenile courts in 1981. It is now available. Interprovincial comparisons of delinquency counts and rates are featured; data on the type of charges, of adjudications and of dispositions are also presented.

Copies of the report can be obtained, for a fee of $6, from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 613-995-0855, Program Chief, Law Enforcement Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Refrigerators/Freezers
Domestic production of refrigerators and freezers during the month of June 1983 was 49,456 units and 38,176 respectively.

For further information, order the June 1983 issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, $1.55/$15.50), or contact Louis Boucher (613-996-3226).
Housing Construction Costs

The Residential Building Construction Input Price Index for Canada (1971 = 100) rose to a level of 288.6 in June 1983, an increase of 11% from May and up 11.5% above the June 1982 level. The rise — the tenth consecutive monthly increase for the index — was attributable to increased prices for building materials, notably lumber and plywood. Higher manufacturers' selling prices were also recorded for siding lumber and bathtub products.

On a regional basis, estimates show housebuilders' costs registered the largest increase in the latest month in the Prairie provinces (2.5%), followed by the Atlantic provinces (1.3%), Ontario (1.0%), British Columbia (0.8%) and Quebec (0.3%).

On a year-over-year basis, prices of building materials used for residential construction rose 10.7%; union wage rates went up 12.8%, reflecting second-year adjustments to wage contracts that became effective in May and June 1982.

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics (62-007, $3.15, $31.50).

Non-residential Building Costs

The Non-residential Building Construction Input Price Index for Canada (1971 = 100) rose 0.3% in June 1983 to a level of 303.6 from 302.7 in May. This increase was entirely attributable to the materials component: manufacturers' selling prices for building materials rose 0.6% in June, while the labour component registered no change. There were widespread price increases, led by a rise of 2.8% for lumber and lumber products, electrical equipment and roofing materials showed little change, though.

On a year-over-year basis — June 1983 compared with June 1982 — the total index show an increase of 7.6%, with the labour component up 12.2% and building materials up 3.2%.

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics (62-007, $3.15, $31.50), or contact Prices Division (613-996-3744), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during June 1983 totalled 18.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 3.8% from a year earlier. The carriers received an additional 1.2 million tonnes from the United States, an increase of 0.9% from June 1982.

Commodities registering notable changes in volumes loaded in the latest month were: copper-nickel ores and concentrates (+257.3%), lumber (+23.0%), coal (+12.2%), and iron ore and concentrates (-38.5%).

Total loadings in Canada for January-June 1983 showed a decrease of 8.9% from the 1982 period, with receipts from U.S. connections decreased by 3.5%.

For further information, order the June 1983 issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, $1.55/$15.50). For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Y. Deslauriers (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Retail Trade

With employment strengthening, the inflation rate considerably lower than a year earlier, and Canadian consumers growing more optimistic, total (unadjusted) retail sales in June 1983 jumped 11.7% from a year earlier to $9,472.6 million, posting the largest advance since July 1981 (+14.7%). Preliminary estimates show that sales were higher in all 28 kinds of businesses surveyed; the largest gains were for household appliance stores (+34.2%), household appliance stores (+30.4%) and furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (+23.3%), with the temporary sales tax exemption on furniture and appliances in Ontario providing the major stimulus to these rises.

All provinces except the Yukon and Northwest Territories (-6.1%) reported sales increases in the latest month, gains ranging from 3.4% in Alberta to 18.0% in Nova Scotia. At the metropolitan area level, the four major cities showed increased sales from the same month last year: Toronto (+12.8%), Winnipeg (+12.6%), Montreal (+6.2%); and Vancouver (+2.8%). Revised total retail trade for May 1983 was $8,861.6 million, an increase of 3.9% from a year earlier.

Cumulative sales for January-June 1983 reached $48,494.1 million, up 6.0% over the same period last year.

Seasonally Adjusted Data

Preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates of total retail sales for June 1983 amounted to $8,927.1 million, an increase of 4.1% over revised May 1983 sales of $8,579.4 million. Among the 28 kinds of businesses surveyed, only household appliance stores (-3.6%) and personal accessories stores (-0.4%) showed decreased sales from the preceding month; the most notable gains were posted for specialty shoe stores (+18.2%), hardware stores (+14.2%) and variety stores (+13.1%).

Compared to May 1983, retail sales showed increases in all provinces, advances ranging from 1.4% in Prince Edward Island to 8.7% in New Brunswick.

For further information, order the June 1983 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, $3.70/$37), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 9S9.

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