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1. Municipal Government Finance Gross revenue and expenditure of municipal governments in Canada continued to increase in 1968 and 1969. The report on which this information is based, "Municipal Government Finance, Preliminary 1968 and Estimates 1969", is expected to be published in April.

One important change in concepts will be incorporated in this report. Waterworks, which in previous years were reflected only to the extent of their financing by municipalities, are now considered to be part of general government and their total revenue and expenditure is included. In addition, the availability of better data on the transactions of local school authorities has permitted the incorporation of their total revenue and expenditure in the report.

One other change in the report will be the inclusion of data for Census Metropolitan and Major Urban Areas in the Province of Quebec. This will result in complete coverage for the first time of all urban regions in Canada.

General Expenditure, 1968 and 1969, by Provinces and Territories

Function	Total	
	1968 Preliminary thousands of	1969 Estimates dollars
General government .....	301,521	333,815
Protection of persons and property .....	468,285	515,573
Public works .....	825,949	940,406
Sanitation, waste removal and waterworks .....	564,693	701,632
Health.....	98,525	112,623
Social welfare .....	180,063	213,120
Recreation and community services .....	219,948	249,617
Education (excluding debenture debt charges) .....	3,357,407	3,758,236
Debt charges (excluding retirement and s/f contr)		
Debenture interest .....	432,355	466,684
Other .....	25,935	27,859
Total debt charges .....	458,290	494,543
Own enterprises .....	41,394	37,764
Other expenditures		
Provision for reserves .....	40,723	46,439
Special projects .....	5,391	5,294
Other .....	197,272	241,737
Total other expenditures .....	243,386	293,470
Gross general expenditure (cost of services provided) .	6,759,461	7,650,799

General Revenue, 1968 and 1969, by Provinces and Territories

Source	Total		No.
	1968 Preliminary thousands of	1969 Estimates dollars	
<b>Taxes</b>			
General and School			
Real Property .....	2,469,695	2,754,467	1
Personal Property .....	12,713	13,286	2
Business .....	233,417	252,354	3
Poll .....	2,710	2,733	4
Other .....	33,505	36,999	5
Total general and school taxes .....	2,752,040	3,059,839	6
Special Assessments (owners' share) and charges .	219,385	236,946	7
Total taxes .....	2,971,425	3,296,785	8
Licences and permits .....	45,389	46,485	9
Interest and tax penalties .....	47,962	46,334	10
Own enterprise contributions .....	46,589	46,649	11
Other revenue .....	384,389	408,594	12
Gross revenue from own sources .....	3,495,754	3,844,847	13
Conditional transfers from:			
Federal government .....	27,607	29,771	14
Provincial governments .....	2,270,692	2,569,592	15
Total conditional transfers .....	2,298,299	2,599,363	16
Unconditional transfers from governments:			
Federal .....	42,564	42,384	17
Provincial .....	269,942	282,852	18
From government enterprises			
Federal .....	10,183	11,162	19
Provincial .....	18,980	19,655	20
Total unconditional transfers .....	341,669	356,053	21
Gross general revenue .....	6,135,722	6,800,263	22
Less:			
Total conditional transfers (item 16).....	2,298,299	2,599,363	23
Net general revenue .....	3,837,423	4,200,900	24

## T R A V E L

2.       Non-Resident Vehicles Entering Canada   An increase of 17,231 vehicles or 2.4% was recorded in the number of non-resident vehicles entering Canada during November 1969. Entries in the long-term category were up some 4.7% over November of last year. Totals for the period January-November show an increase of 1.5% in the aggregate while long-term traffic increased almost 5%.

## H E A L T H

3.       Incidence of Tuberculosis   During September, 249 cases of tuberculosis were reported of which 224 were new active and 25 were reactivated. During the year to date, a total of 3,444 cases was reported (3,712 in 1968) of which 3,018 were new active (3,218) and 426 were reactivated (494).

## 4. Weekly Security Price Indexes

Index	Number stocks priced	Dec. 23/69	Dec. 18/69	Nov. 27/69
		This week	Week ago	Month ago
(1956=100)				
Investors price index .....	114	198.8	199.9	201.6
Industrials .....	80	207.7	209.1	209.3
Industrial mines .....	4	230.3	234.5	229.5
Foods .....	10	261.9	256.2	263.8
Beverages .....	7	332.4	338.5	334.3
Textiles and clothing .....	5	131.4	131.4	138.4
Pulp and paper .....	7	158.1	157.9	160.7
Printing and pub. ....	4	833.4	838.0	825.7
Primary metals .....	8	97.3	97.7	98.4
Metal fabricating .....	9	131.7	132.1	139.8
Non-metallic minerals .....	4	125.6	121.6	116.2
Petroleum .....	7	159.2	160.7	161.7
Chemicals .....	4	98.7	98.5	101.5
Construction .....	4	72.8	72.0	77.3
Retail trade .....	7	262.6	256.0	269.2
Utilities .....	20	164.0	164.4	168.8
Pipelines .....	5	190.2	193.0	194.4
Transportation .....	4	217.3	213.1	227.4
Telephone .....	3	103.4	102.7	104.3
Electric power .....	3	123.9	126.7	125.2
Gas distribution .....	5	357.2	357.8	379.3
Finance .....	14	201.1	201.8	207.5
Banks .....	6	214.0	213.9	219.0
Investment and loan ...	8	175.5	177.7	184.7
Mining stock price index:	24	108.6	109.6	115.9
Golds .....	6	101.5	103.6	117.6
Base metals .....	18	112.5	112.9	114.9
Uraniums price index .....	4	143.9	144.8	165.6
Primary oils and gas .....	6	203.4	207.7	220.3

5. Cheques The total value of cheques cashed in fifty-one clearing centres in Canada during October was \$65,334 million, an increase of 14.2% over October 1968. Cheques cashed in Ontario increased by 24.7%, in the Atlantic Provinces by 18.4%, in British Columbia by 16.7% and in the Prairie Provinces by 10.2%. Quebec showed a lower value of cheques cashed.

Forty-four of the fifty-one centres showed a higher value of cheques cashed. Cheques cashed in Montreal were lower in value while Toronto increased by 28.2%. Cheques cashed in Winnipeg increased by 15.6% and in Vancouver by 19.5%.

The value of cheques cashed during the first ten months of 1969 was 15.7% higher than for the same months of 1968. Cheques cashed in British Columbia increased by 22.5%, in Ontario by 20.7%, in the Atlantic Provinces by 17.8%, in the Prairie Provinces by 9.1% and in Quebec by 8.9%.

The turnover ratio of current deposits (compiled on an annual basis) was 111.49 compared with 94.38 for October 1968. The turnover ratio of savings accounts was 1.70 in comparison with the October 1968 ratio of 1.63.

## MINING

6. Preliminary Estimate of Mineral Production of Canada, by Kinds, 1968 and 1969

		1968		1969	
		Quantity	Value dollars	Quantity	Value dollars
<u>Metallics</u>					
Antimony .....	lb.	1,159,960	614,779	845,000	507,000
Bismuth .....	"	648,232	2,457,594	720,698	3,260,199
Cadmium .....	"	5,014,965	14,292,650	4,368,405	15,010,186
Calcium .....	"	468,512	450,946	888,361	925,831
Cobalt .....	"	4,029,549	8,687,652	3,203,947	6,921,780
Columbium (Cb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) ..	"	2,181,304	2,036,315	3,010,356	2,925,698
Copper .....	"	1,266,625,187	607,944,415	1,116,455,909	574,193,275
Gold .....	troy oz.	2,743,021	103,439,321	2,502,169	94,331,773
Indium .....	"	..	..	..	..
Iron ore .....	ton	47,443,303	532,694,110	40,000,640	431,930,310
Iron, remelt .....	"	..	22,022,849	..	23,475,000
Lead .....	lb.	680,350,911	91,439,162	630,063,880	95,391,671
Magnesium .....	"	19,856,937	6,181,992	20,969,620	7,093,714
Mercury .....	"	..	..	..	..
Molybdenum .....	"	22,464,273	37,317,958	30,291,644	52,623,117
Nickel .....	"	528,716,212	528,235,798	426,650,432	482,412,858
Platinum group .....	troy oz.	485,891	46,199,718	266,100	26,449,000
Selenium .....	lb.	635,510	3,082,223	710,618	4,375,563
Silver .....	troy oz.	45,012,797	104,114,599	43,092,976	83,169,443
Tellurium .....	lb.	70,991	458,602	103,777	671,588
Thorium (ThO <sub>2</sub> ) .....	"	139,191	261,836	29,014	55,127
Tin .....	"	358,191	497,885	268,000	493,120
Titanium ore .....	ton	-	-	-	-
Tungsten (WO <sub>3</sub> ) .....	lb.	..	..	..	..
Uranium (U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ) .....	"	7,402,196	52,284,580	7,709,547	49,665,506
Yttrium (Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) .....	"	113,330	936,067	86,127	675,549
Zinc .....	"	2,318,784,367	326,948,596	2,392,581,968	364,390,237
Total metallics .....		...	2,492,599,647	...	2,320,947,545

.. Figures not available.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

- Nil or zero.

7. New Residential Construction Construction starts in October in centres of 10,000 population and over amounted to 15,239 units, completions numbered 15,684 units and dwellings under construction came to 119,120 units.

## CIGARS

8. Cigars Production of cigars during November came to 50,564,000; the opening inventory was 63,026,000 and the closing inventory, 60,007,000. Sales were as follows: domestic, 53,095,000; ex-warehoused for ships' stores (including sales to embassies), 64,000; and ex-warehoused for export, 424,000.

## FORESTRY

9. Forestry Statistics The amount of merchantable timber in Canada in 1963 was as follows: softwoods, 609,063 million cubic feet; hardwoods, 748,981 million cubic feet. Utilisation in 1967 came to 3,798,446,000 cubic feet of merchantable timber, fires took 390,069,000 cubic feet and depletion amounted to 4,188,515,000 cubic feet.

## MERCHANDISING

10. Department Store Sales by Regions During the week ended December 13, department store sales decreased in Canada by 1.2% from the corresponding week last year, with regional changes as follows: Atlantic Provinces, -5.3%; Quebec, -2.4%; Ontario, -1.8%; Manitoba, -5.5%; Saskatchewan, -10.0%; Alberta, +0.7%; and British Columbia, +4.3%.

11. Wholesale Trade Wholesale sales rose by 5.0% in October over October 1968 to a value of \$1,684,426,000 from \$1,603,887,000. The largest increase was in iron and steel (21.2%). During the year to date, the value of sales rose by 6.3% to \$15,101,816,000 from \$14,211,228,000 in 1968, with the largest rise again in iron and steel (18.4%).

## MANUFACTURING

	<u>Major Appliances</u>		
	October 1969		
	Total	Exports	Stocks at
	Canada sales	number of units	end of month
Refrigerators (domestic) .....	31,838	558	83,038
Home and farm freezers .....	17,338	636	12,446
Washing machines:			
- Automatic .....	24,635	1	43,611
- Conventional .....	16,291	1,776	39,178
Clothes dryers:			
- Electric .....	27,076	-	39,207
- Gas .....	3,372	-	6,243

13. Steel Warehousing For this survey reports are received from firms considered to account for approximately 90% of the steel warehousing business.

Item	Sales				Inventories	
	October		January-October		October	
	1968 <sup>r</sup>	1969	1968 <sup>r</sup>	1969	1968 <sup>r</sup>	1969
	tons					
<b>Total Canada</b>						
Concrete reinforcing bars .....	9,943	8,199	81,967	65,959	16,126	18,005
Other hot rolled bars .....	14,344	13,704	126,528	127,962	50,059	48,885
Wire rods .....	247	378	2,481	2,725	876	1,112
Cold finished bars .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plates .....	21,609	25,928	185,039	238,799	77,194	68,155
Sheet and strip, hot rolled ...	14,722	15,135	126,566	144,801	39,684	30,132
Sheet and strip, cold rolled ..	15,563	11,218	128,729	122,421	32,294	16,464
Galvanized sheet and strip, terneplate .....	12,940	11,661	105,786	103,704	32,222	16,748
Heavy structural beams .....	14,147	16,643	107,465	130,430	40,213	42,365
Bar size structural shapes ....	8,099	7,934	68,549	72,580	23,024	30,736
Other structural shapes .....	9,477	9,987	83,493	94,948	28,146	30,886
Miscellaneous metals, ferrous and other .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Direct mill shipments .....	2,286	1,506	29,129	14,774	-	-

(1) Incomplete response  
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14. Steel Ingots Steel ingot production for the week ended January 3, 1970 totalled 224,654 tons, an increase of 21.7% from the preceding week's total of 184,541 tons. The comparable week's total in 1969 was 205,742 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1957-1959 of 96,108 equalling 100 was 234 in the current week, 192 a week earlier and 214 one year ago.

15. Manufacturing Industries Developments in the manufacturing industries of British Columbia in 1966 included a large increase in employment in the paper and allied industries, made possible by expansions in capacity and by demand conditions; a decrease in employment in the wood industries, centred in sawmills and planing mills; employment increases in fruit and vegetable canners and preservers and the fish products industries, as well as a number of secondary manufacturing industries.

The value of shipments of goods of own manufacture by British Columbia manufacturers rose by 9.2% over the previous year to a record \$3,064 million. This compares with an average annual rate of increase of 9.6% for the 1961-1966 period.

16. Asbestos During October, producers' shipments of asbestos (including tonnage for their own use) amounted to 154,791 tons compared to 152,206 in October 1968. Year-to-date shipments came to 1,247,483 tons (1,193,159 in 1968).

17. Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers Sales of these products in October amounted to a value of \$17,009,641 compared to \$17,089,639 in October 1968. During the year to date, their value came to \$184,065,878 (\$178,356,102 in 1968).
18. Chemicals Production of hydrochloric acid, as 100% came to 10,995,385 pounds in October compared to 9,751,691 pounds during October 1968. During the year to date production rose to 110,033,244 pounds from 85,969,977 in the 1968 period.
19. Phonograph Records Phonograph records produced during the month of November 1969 numbered 4,357,867; net sales for the same period amounted to 4,023,802, valued free on board at the plant at \$5,838,107. Similar data for the year to date are: production, 43,626,614; shipments, 37,051,749, valued at \$44,957,157.

## AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

20. Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather Raw hides and skins held by packers, dealers and tanners at November 30, 1969 numbered: cattle hides, 282,525; calf and kip skins, 145,172. November receipts of cattle hides numbered 144,692 and wettings amounted to 163,782. Production of upper leather totalled 6,254,218 square feet.
21. Apparent Per Capita Domestic Disappearance of Food in Canada, 1968 This publication sets forth the apparent per capita consumption of major foods consumed in Canada in the year 1968 with comparable figures for 1967.
22. Stock and Poultry Feeds Shipments of macro-premixes in October amounted to 4,997 tons and those of supplements to 52,100 tons. During the year to date, shipments of macro-premixes came to 49,936 tons and those of supplements to 495,360 tons.

## RELEASED THIS WEEK

Catalogue numbers and prices are shown following the titles, except in cases where items are published as advance information. The information will be included in regular DBS publication, which will be released at a later date.

1. Municipal Government Finance, Preliminary 1968 and Estimates 1969
2. Non-Resident Vehicles Entering Canada, November 1969 (66-002), 10¢/\$1.00
3. Incidence of Tuberculosis, September 1969 (82-001), 10¢/\$1.00
4. Security Price Indexes, December 23, 1969
5. Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, October 1969 (61-001), 20¢/\$2.00
6. Canada's Mineral Production, Preliminary Estimate, 1969 (26-202), 25¢
7. New Residential Construction, October 1969 (64-002), 30¢/\$3.00
8. Production and Disposition of Cigars, November 1969
9. Canadian Forestry Statistics, 1967 (25-202), 50¢
10. Department Store Sales by Regions, Week ending December 13, 1969 (63-003), \$2.00 a year
11. Wholesale Trade, October 1969 (63-008), \$1.00 a year
12. Major Appliances, October 1969
13. Monthly Survey of Steel Warehousing, October 1969 (63-010), 10¢/\$1.00
14. Production of Steel Ingots, Week ended January 3, 1970

15. Manufacturing Industries of Canada, Section F: British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories, 1966 (31-208), 75c
  16. Asbestos, October 1969 (26-001), 10c/\$1.00
  17. Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, October 1969 (46-001), 10c/\$1.00
  18. Specified Chemicals, October 1969 (46-002), 10c/\$1.00
  19. Phonograph Records, November 1969
  20. Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, November 1969
  21. Apparent Per Capita Domestic Disappearance of Food in Canada, 1968 (32-226), 25c
  22. Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, October 1969 (32-004), 20c/\$2.00
- Service Bulletins: Pack of Processed Peas, 1969; Advance Release of Fish Landings, Quebec and Maritimes, November 1969; Fish Freezings and Stocks, Quebec, November 1969; Production and Inventory of Process Cheese, November 1969; Fish Freezings and Stocks, Maritimes, November 1969; Energy Statistics, Vol. 4, No. 80 (57-002), \$5.00 a year

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