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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics changed its name this week and became Statistics Canada, continuing a long-established Federal Government service under a new title. Concurrently, DBS Weekly has become Statistics Canada Weekly.

The changes stem from Parliament's enactment of a new statute — The Statistics Act, 1971 — which was passed early last Spring and proclaimed law on May 1. Among other things, the Act changed the name of Canada's central statistical agency from "Dominion Bureau of Statistics" to "Statistics Canada" and the title of its chief officer from "Dominion Statistician" to "Chief Statistician of Canada".

Recognizing the magnitude of the task involved in developing a new identity for the national statistical agency, Parliament allowed a period of transition in which to complete the change-over. During the transition period, the press and users of statistics can expect to receive some Statistics Canada publications under the old name.

Covers and mastheads for some 1,200 statistical publications are being re-designed as quickly as possible as new issues go to press. Statistics Canada Daily, and Statistics Canada Weekly, are the first to bear the new identification.

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In addition to changing the name of the organization, the new Statistics Act provides for a number of changes which will benefit both users of statistics and respondents to statistical surveys.

For the benefit of users, secrecy provisions have been modified to remove unnecessarily restrictive elements and permit the publication of data not previously available. The main changes here are to permit publication of lists of companies or other organizations by broad employment size ranges or by specific goods and services provided.

In the case of respondents to statistical surveys, the Act allows Statistics Canada greater access to and use of information available elsewhere, including income tax information. In addition it places more emphasis on co-ordination with various provincial departments and agencies, especially in the use of joint collection arrangements.

Thus, Statistics Canada has been given a somewhat broader authority and greater flexibility. Under its new name, the bureau intends to continue to improve the scope, timeliness and efficiency of its operations, to meet the growing need for statistical information on social, economic and financial developments in Canada.

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Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, May 1971 — Advance information

The seasonally adjusted Index of Real Domestic Product rose by 0.5% in May. This followed increases (revised) of 0.1% in February, 1.1% in March and 0.2% in April. The first quarter increase was 0.9%.

In May a strong increase in the transportation, storage and communication industries was the dominant factor. Recovery from the late opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway had a significant effect on water transport and indirectly on rail transport and grain elevator storage. Output of all three industries increased in May to exceed their March levels. Increased carriage of grain, logs, and miscellaneous manufactured articles accounted for the rail transport increase.

Trade and manufacturing contributed equally to the increase in RDP. Manufacturing output increased on the strength of gains in both durables and non-durables, with the larger contribution coming from non-durables. Wholesale trade, with a sizeable increase, accounted for most of the advance in trade. Retail trade registered its fourth consecutive increase, although only a fractional one. Gains in department and clothing stores more than offset a decline in food stores and the first decrease this year in the output of motor vehicle dealers.

Mining output rose in May, with all components contributing. Public administration and defence recorded its largest increase of the year, based on an advance in provincial administration. Finance, insurance and real estate, and community business and personal services continued their steady growth. Agricultural output dropped in May, due to a reduction in cattle and hog production, and utilities decreased for the second month.

It should be noted that the data for 1971 have been revised and are not continuous with previously published data for 1968, 1969, and 1970. Revised indexes and additional detail will be published in the May issue of "Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry" (61-005, 20¢/\$2.00) and in the supplement attached to the May issue.

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TRANSPORTATION

Railway Carloadings, June 1971 — Advance information

In Canada, railways loaded 20,028,125 tons of revenue freight during June, up 8.9% from the June 1970 total. Carloads rose 5.2% to 346,759. Receipts from United States connections declined 13.5% to 2,215,986 tons, leaving total traffic carried up 6.3% at 22,154,111 tons.

Major increases occurred in loadings of wheat, lumber and logs while newsprint was down significantly.

Cumulative loadings show total tonnage up 1.6% at 99,848,447 tons while carloads eased down 0.4% to 1,798,567.

For further information order June issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 20¢/\$2.00).

INDEXES OF REAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT
(1961=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1961 percentage weight	1971					% Change
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	162.2	162.4	164.2	164.5	165.4	0.5
Agriculture	4.525	127.0	125.7	132.1	139.7	129.9	-7.0
Forestry	1.231	147.7	144.4	141.0	135.9	143.5	5.6
Fishing and trapping	0.259	100.5	111.1	114.0	105.8	102.0	-3.6
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	4.564	178.3	175.5	178.0	174.9	177.8	1.6
Manufacturing	24.943	170.0	169.7	170.5	170.2	171.5	0.7
Non-durable manufacturing	13.933	154.5	150.4	152.6	152.6	154.3	1.1
Durable manufacturing	11.010	189.5	194.2	193.1	192.5	193.2	0.3
Construction	5.803	154.7	153.5	156.4	160.9	158.5	-1.5
Transportation, storage and communication	9.910	171.8	171.8	173.9	172.0	176.6	2.7
Transportation	6.873	172.8	172.4	174.9	172.4	178.2	3.3
Air transport	0.463	337.4	337.3	351.2	362.4	344.6	-4.9
Railway transport	2.859	166.6	166.0	169.7	163.5	175.0	7.0
Bus transport, interurban and rural	0.096	193.8	195.7	192.5	192.5	189.9	-1.4
Urban transit systems	0.303	96.7	103.1	103.8	104.7	100.4	-4.1
Pipeline transport	0.451	271.9	264.2	270.5	270.8	273.0	0.8
Storage	0.299	119.0	120.4	121.1	109.7	124.3	13.3
Grain elevators	0.211	108.1	110.2	110.4	96.1	115.9	20.6
Communication	2.738	175.1	176.1	177.0	177.5	178.4	0.5
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.908	202.4	202.3	203.9	200.0	196.4	-1.8
Trade	12.973	160.2	162.6	167.8	169.5	171.8	1.4
Wholesale trade	4.906	178.0	178.4	189.3	187.7	192.8	2.7
Wholesale merchants	3.491	187.2	187.1	201.2	198.5	206.5	4.0
Retail trade	8.067	149.4	152.9	154.7	158.4	159.0	0.4
Food stores	1.552	147.0	149.5	149.0	150.0	147.1	-1.9
Department stores	1.161	166.5	167.6	165.9	173.1	178.2	2.9
General stores	0.239	99.8	105.2	102.4	102.9	101.9	-1.0
Variety stores	0.301	182.5	189.6	190.0	181.6	191.4	5.4
Motor vehicle dealers	0.926	149.5	157.3	180.9	191.1	186.8	-2.3
Clothing stores	0.507	142.3	149.1	146.9	150.6	156.7	4.1
Shoe stores	0.119	119.6	131.2	121.1	131.7	136.6	3.7
Hardware stores	0.167	119.0	121.0	119.8	122.6	129.6	5.7
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	0.345	131.1	126.4	127.6	133.5	135.5	1.5
Drug stores	0.343	163.7	169.1	165.8	167.0	169.4	1.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	11.831	146.2	146.9	147.3	147.5	148.2	0.4
Community, business and personal service industries	13.821	177.5	177.9	177.9	177.7	178.5	0.4
Education and related services	3.450	237.0	238.0	239.1	241.0	240.0	-0.4
Health and welfare services	3.476	166.6	167.0	164.8	166.8	167.7	0.5
Motion picture and recreational services	0.400	179.5	177.6	182.4	177.7	180.0	1.3
Services to business management	1.616	171.8	175.6	171.6	169.5	172.0	1.5
Personal services	3.766	127.7	127.2	128.1	126.9	127.5	0.5
Hotels, restaurants and taverns	2.212	131.1	130.3	130.5	132.4	132.9	0.4
Public administration and defence	7.232	129.6	130.7	131.3	132.2	133.8	1.2

Special industry groupings

Real Domestic Product less agriculture	95.475	163.9	164.2	165.7	165.6	167.0	0.8
Goods-producing industries	44.233	165.5	164.8	166.5	167.0	166.6	-0.2
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	39.708	169.9	169.2	170.5	170.1	170.8	0.4
Service-producing industries	55.767	159.6	160.6	162.3	162.5	164.4	1.2
Commercial industries	85.478	162.5	162.6	164.6	164.8	165.7	0.6
Commercial industries less agriculture	80.953	164.5	164.7	166.4	166.2	167.7	0.9
Non-commercial industries	14.522	160.6	161.3	161.5	162.4	163.1	0.5
Index of Industrial Production	32.415	174.0	173.5	174.5	173.6	174.6	0.6

New Residential Construction, June 1971 - Advance information

Dwelling Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population & Over

June 1971	Starts					Completions				
	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total	Single	Double	Row	Apt.	Total
Newfoundland	68	4	—	—	72	31	—	12	—	43
Prince Edward Island	11	6	—	7	24	2	—	—	23	25
Nova Scotia	127	28	—	238	393	73	12	—	58	143
New Brunswick	147	28	30	177	382	45	8	—	35	88
Quebec	1,161	100	72	3,112	4,445	1,174	156	548	1,424	3,302
Ontario	2,555	625	687	4,079	7,946	972	292	313	1,469	3,046
Manitoba	311	34	214	485	1,044	69	74	99	128	370
Saskatchewan	158	16	—	—	174	44	—	1	—	45
Alberta	820	88	70	1,000	1,978	402	76	526	271	1,275
British Columbia	644	59	29	1,058	1,790	552	38	105	1,792	2,487
Canada	6,002	988	1,102	10,156	18,248	3,364	656	1,604	5,200	10,824
METROPOLITAN AREAS										
Calgary	365	58	44	285	752	225	56	203	260	744
Edmonton	326	20	26	655	1,027	147	2	323	11	483
Halifax	60	26	—	214	300	42	6	—	52	100
Hamilton	245	20	40	258	563	68	18	23	87	196
Hull	91	2	6	112	211	67	4	111	167	349
Kitchener	155	56	143	66	420	83	12	—	294	389
London	150	16	29	960	1,155	69	14	8	—	91
Montreal	406	42	14	1,704	2,166	514	94	385	771	1,764
Ottawa	196	29	36	356	617	46	26	9	195	276
Quebec	258	24	52	788	1,122	219	12	—	111	342
Regina	86	8	—	—	94	24	—	1	—	25
Saint John	37	10	30	89	166	22	2	—	14	38
St. Johns	58	4	—	—	62	30	—	12	—	42
Saskatoon	34	—	—	—	34	7	—	—	—	7
Sudbury	210	29	—	158	397	62	11	—	5	78
Toronto	567	319	219	1,462	2,567	128	131	81	381	721
Vancouver	462	30	14	921	1,427	407	34	93	1,732	2,266
Victoria	92	18	—	57	167	74	2	—	40	116
Windsor	95	12	75	106	288	60	2	51	99	212
Winnipeg	283	34	214	485	1,016	60	72	99	128	359
Sub-Total	4,176	757	942	8,676	14,551	2,354	498	1,399	4,347	8,598
Major Urban Areas	1,012	152	56	1,061	2,281	491	102	193	556	1,342
Other Areas 10,000+	814	79	104	419	1,416	519	56	12	297	884
All Areas 10,000+	6,002	988	1,102	10,156	18,248	3,364	656	1,604	5,200	10,824

For further information, order New Residential Construction, June 1971 (64-002, 30¢/\$3)

Vital Statistics, June 1971 (84-001, 10¢/\$1.00)

The 32,477 births recorded in provincial offices during June brought the total for the first six months of 1971 to 186,930, an increase of 1.9% from the 183,473 registrations for the same months of last year. The birth rate for June was 18.3 per 1,000 population.

There were 17,343 marriages filed in June giving a rate of 9.7 per 1,000 population. The cumulative total for the first six months of 1971 was 1.4% lower than the corresponding period of last year.

During June there were 13,242 deaths giving a rate of 7.4 per 1,000 population. The total for the first six months was 0.8% higher than in the same months of 1970.

MERCHANDISING

Department Store Sales by Regions, June 1971 (83-004, \$1.00)

During June, department store sales rose in Canada by 11.6% over the corresponding month last year, with regional changes as follows: Atlantic Provinces, 20.1%; Quebec, 12.0%; Ontario, 12.4%; Manitoba, 1.0%; Saskatchewan, 3.4%; Alberta, 12.4%; and British Columbia, 11.9%.

Consumer Credit, May 1971 - Advance information

Selected credit holders reported \$8,953 million outstanding on their books at the end of May.

Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to \$5,006 million, 18.0% more than a year earlier, and life insurance policy loans were up 7.1% to \$755 million, but personal cash loans under the Small Loans Act fell 15.2% to \$476 million.

In addition, sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$896 million balances of sales paper and \$960 million outstandings of unregulated personal cash loans. Since these amounts do not include unearned income, they cannot be compared directly with last year's figures of \$1,213 million and \$1,170 million, respectively.

The outstanding balances of other monthly reporters - Department stores and Motor Vehicle dealers - rose 2.1% to \$639 million.

At the end of the first quarter, total consumer credit reached \$10,864 million. This included balances of \$1,487 million held by credit unions, \$471 million held by "other" retail stores and \$169 million through oil company credit cards for which data is only available quarterly.

Commencing with the May issue a new table showing seasonally-adjusted data for this statistical series has been included.

For further information order the May issue of "Consumer Credit" (61-004, 20¢/\$2.00).

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Steel Ingots, Week ended July 31, 1971 - Advance information

Steel ingots production for the week ended July 31, totalled 210,517 tons, a decrease of 4.6% from the preceding week's total of 220,656 tons. The comparable week's total in 1970 was 211,748 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 114.9 in the current week, 120.4 a week earlier and 115.6 one year ago.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies,
May 1971 - Advance information

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in May to 265,409,000 feet board measure from 258,254,000 feet a year earlier. Stocks on hand at end of May totalled 871,700,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, May 1971 (35-002, 20¢/\$2.00).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia,
May 1971 - Advance information

Sawmills in British Columbia in May produced 702.6 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in 1971 compared to 527.2 million feet in 1970. Year-to-date, production increased to 3,491.8 million feet board measure from 3,172.0 million a year earlier.

For further information, order Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia (35-003, 20¢/\$2.00).

Asphalt and Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tile, June 1971 - Advance information

Canadian manufacturers produced 7,278 tons or 16,362,261 square feet of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in June 1971 compared to 7,093 tons or 15,386,571 square feet in 1970. Year-to-date production totalled 41,827 tons (89,969,222 square feet), compared to 38,091 tons (81,792,360 square feet) in 1970.

For further information, order the catalogue of Asphalt and Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, 10¢/\$1.00)

Asbestos, June 1971 - Advance information

Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 164,770 tons in June 1971 from 135,335 tons in June of 1970. This brought year-to-date shipments to 760,499 tons from 699,382.

For further information, order Asbestos (26-001, 10¢/\$1.00).

AGRICULTURE

Production of Eggs, June 1971 (23-003, 10¢/\$1.00)

Canadian egg production rose by 3.8% to 41,957,000 dozen in June 1971 from 40,422,000 in June 1970. The average number of layers was up 3.8% to 28,378,000 from 27,347,000 while the number of eggs per 100 layers remained unchanged. The farm price of eggs sold for market was down 13.7% to 29.0 cents per dozen compared with 33.6 cents per dozen during the corresponding period in 1970.

Honey, Quarter Ended June 30, 1971 - Advance information

Canadian producers held 9,142,172 pounds of honey on June 30, 1971, 41.3% less than 15,562,957 held a year earlier.

For further information, order Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruit and Vegetables (32-001, 20¢/\$2.00)

SUMMARIZED IN THE WEEKLY EARLIER

Motor Carriers - Freight, January-March 1971 (53-005, 25¢/\$1.00)

Shipping Report, Part V (Origin and Destination of Selected Commodities), 1969 (54-207, 75¢)

Oil Pipe Line Transport, May 1971 (55-001, 20¢/\$2.00)

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, May 1971 (43-004, 20¢/\$2.00)

Footwear Statistics, May 1971 (33-002, 20¢/\$2.00)

Service Bulletins:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$5.00 a year) Vol.5 No.34:

Preliminary Liquified Petroleum Gas, March 1971 and 1970

Oil Pipe Line Transport, May 1971

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, April 1971

Food and Beverage Processing (\$5.00 a year):

Fish Freezings and Stocks, Newfoundland, June 1971

Advance Release of Fish Landings, British Columbia, June 1971

Primary Iron and Steel, May 1971 (41-001, 30¢/\$3.00)

Talc and Soapstone Mines, 1968 (26-218, 50¢)

Service Bulletins:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$5.00 a year) Vol.6, No.35:

Preliminary Butanes Statistics, 1969-1968-1967

Preliminary Data, Refined Petroleum Products, May 1971

First Estimate of the Commercial Production of Strawberries,

Raspberries and Cherries, 1971 (22-003, \$1.00)

Private Kindergarten and Nursery Schools in Canada, 1970-1971 (81-221, 25¢)

Service Bulletins:

Food and Beverage Processing (\$5.00 for the series):

Advance Release of Fish Landings, Maritimes and

Newfoundland, June 1971

Water Transport (54-003, \$5.00 for the series):

Port Activity Statistics, July 1971

Hardboard, June 1971 (36-001, 10¢/\$1.00)

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, May 1971 (43-003, 10¢/\$1.00)

Service Bulletin:

Railway Transport (52-004, \$5.00 per year):

Railway Carloadings and Operating Statistics, July 1971

Preliminary Estimate of Crop and Summer Fallow Acreages, June 1971 (22-002, \$4.00 for the series)

Fertilizer Trade, 1969-1970 (46-207, 50¢)

Financial Institutions, First Quarter 1971 (61-006, 75¢/\$3.00)

Service Bulletin (\$5.00 for the series):

Food and Beverage Processing;

Fish Freezing and Stocks, British Columbia and Quebec, June 1971

Service Bulletin (51-004, \$5.00):

Aviation Statistics Centre;

Civil Aviation Helicopter Statistics, 1970

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