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Consumer Price Movements, November 1972 (62-001, 10¢/\$1).

The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1961=100) rose 0.2% to 142.3 in November from 142.0 in October. This latest increase was slightly smaller than that normally recorded between October and November in recent years. Food prices declined 0.1%, but the index for all items excluding food increased 0.3% mainly as a result of advances of 0.6% in housing and 0.4% in clothing. The recreation and reading component advanced 0.7% but that for transportation declined by an equal amount. An increase of 0.3% was recorded for the health and personal care index, and tobacco and alcohol edged up 0.1%. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the all-items index advanced 5.1%.

The food index declined 0.1% to 145.1 in November from 145.3 in October. Last year no change was recorded between these two months. In the latest month, the price level of food consumed at home edged down 0.1% while restaurant meal prices rose 0.2%. Whereas most major groups within the food-at-home component recorded decreases. vegetable prices rose, on average, 6.8% in response to higher quotations for most fresh and all canned varieties. In contrast, the fruit index, which usually decreases at this time of year, fell 2.8% mainly as a result of lower prices for most fresh fruit. In the twelve months since November 1971, the vegetable and fruit indexes advanced almost 13% and 8%, respectively. In the latest month, the meat, fish and poultry index fell 0.8% with beef prices declining, on average, 2.9% as a result of reductions for most cuts in a number of cities. Pork, however, rose in price 0.3% and poultry prices increased 1.6% in response to higher quotations for turkey. The meat, fish and poultry index, in advancing over 15% since November 1971, has registered the largest increase for any major food component in the twelve months. Between October and November, egg prices fell 3.8% but were nevertheless over 11% above their level of a year earlier. The bakery and cereal products index edged down 0.1% in the latest month as lower prices on such items as corn flakes and cake-mix outweighed scattered price increases for bread. Among dairy products, ice-cream prices moved down in Toronto and Winnipeg, and some reductions were recorded for evaporated milk, but fluid milk and butter prices remained unchanged. Among other foodstuffs, decreases were registered for ground coffee, soft drinks, tea, shortening and jelly powders, but honey, instant coffee, infants' food and sugar were among the items recording increases. In the twelve months to November 1972, the food index advanced 9.1% with the price of food consumed at home increasing 9.5% and that for restaurant meals 7.1%.

The housing index advanced 0.6% to 146.1 in November from 145.2 in October as a result of increases of 0.9% in shelter and 0.2% in household operation. The shelter advance was mainly attributable to a 1.2% increase in the homeownership element; rents rose 0.1%. Within household operation, some fuel oil price rises were registered in Montreal and Regina. Furniture quotations increased 0.4% in the latest month, with scattered advances for a number of items. Rises of 0.5% were recorded in floor coverings and 0.2% in textiles, the former because of higher carpet prices, the latter as a result of increased curtain and wool blanket quotations. Among other items, higher quotations were recorded for clocks, hardware, glassware and a number of cleaning supplies, but prices for dishes, toilet paper and light bulbs were lower due to sales. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the housing index advanced 4.7%.

The clothing index increased 0.4% to 134.9 in November from 134.4 in October reflecting an upward movement in prices that usually occurs between these two months. Footwear prices advanced 1.0% with increases recorded for all items surveyed. The component for men's wear moved up 0.9% chiefly as a result of higher prices for suits, coats, ski parkas, sweaters and work clothing. A 0.2% rise in women's wear prices was mostly attributable to increased quotations for some dresses, fur coats and nightgowns. On the other hand, the children's wear index dipped 0.5% partly because sale prices took effect on some items including boys' trousers and shirts and girls' snowsuits. In the twelve months since November 1971, the clothing index rose 3.0%.

The transportation index decreased 0.7% to 133.1 in November from 134.1 in October, largely because of a reduction in the price index for new cars which reflected adjustments for quality changes as 1973 models were introduced. Among other items, there was a seasonal decrease in the train fares index, while motor oil quotations rose 0.4%. In the twelve months to November 1972, the transportation index increased 1.6%.

The health and personal care index rose 0.3% to 151.6 in November from 151.2 in October as a 1.2% increase in personal care service prices outweighed declines for pharmaceuticals and personal care supplies. Widespread increases in women's hairdressing charges together with some higher men's haircut prices caused the advance in the personal care services index; in the latest twelve months this index has increased 9.8%. Among pharmaceuticals, scattered decreases for vitamins and prescriptions outweighed some higher prices for other items including headache tablets and antiseptics, and a number of personal care supplies, notably toilet soap and tooth-

paste, were on sale. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the health and personal care index advanced 5.4%.

The recreation and reading index advanced 0.7% to 141.3 in November from 140.3 in October, mainly because of widespread increases in motion picture admission prices. Higher quotations were also recorded for hockey sticks and skates, but prices for camera film (including processing) were lower. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the recreation and reading index increased 3.3%.

The tobacco and alcohol index rose 0.1% to 133.0 in November from 132.9 in October as a result of some higher liquor prices in Winnipeg and Vancouver together with price increases for cigarette tobacco in a number of cities. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the tobacco and alcohol index rose 2.5%.

Consumer price index items, when classified by commodities and services, offer another view of the incidence of the change in prices. In the latest month,

the services index advanced 0.6% because of higher charges for shelter services, theatre admission, women's hairdressing and men's haircuts. On the other hand, the total commodities index registered no change as reduced prices for durables and for food offset higher quotations for non-durables other than food. The durables component decreased 0.5% as the decline in the new automobiles index outweighed scattered increases for furniture, carpets and household utensils and equipment. Prices for non-durable commodities other than food rose 0.2% as increased quotations for clothing, tobacco, alcohol, cleaning supplies, fuel oil and sports equipment outweighed reductions for pharmaceuticals and toiletries. Between November 1971 and November 1972, the total commodities index advanced 5.0% while the services component increased 5.4%.

For further information, order the November issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. B. Holliday (613-992-1538), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Statisticial Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, October 1972 - Advance Information.

A total of 199,000 initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance benefit were received in October. This was 26,000 or 15% more than in the previous month and 35,000 or 21% more than a year earlier.

At the end of October, 709,000 claimants were registered for benefit, up 16,000 or 2% from the September count. On October 31, 1971, there were 436,000 claimants.

Benefits paid to claimants in October increased to \$138 million, 8% more than the \$128 million disbursed in September. In October 1971, the expenditure was \$52 million.

For further information, order the October, 1972 issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, (73-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact Mr. George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0VI.

Therapeutic Abortions in Canada, January-June 1972 – Published only in the Daily and Weekly.

Hospitals reported 18,801 therapeutic abortions performed on Canadian residents in the first half of 1972. Up from 14,168 reported a year earlier, this increased the rate per 100 live births by 33% to 10.1 from 7.6. The rate increased 71% to 1.2 in Newfoundland, 79% to 2.5 in Prince Edward Island, 45% to 5.5 in Nova Scotia, 56% to 1.4 in New Brunswick, 61% to 2.9 in Quebec, 36% to 14.8 in Ontario, 70% to 6.3 in Manitoba, 61% to 6.1 in Saskatchewan, 21% to 11.5 in Alberta, 16% to 22.4 in British Columbia, and 309% to 9.0 in Yukon.

Further details are available from Public Health Section, Health and Welfare Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5 (613-994-5157).

Summary of Exports, October 1972 - Advance Information.

The External Trade Division reports that the value of total exports increased to \$1,961 million in October 1972 from \$1,537 million a year earlier; January-to-October total exports rose to \$16,142 million in 1972 from \$14,579 million in 1971.

Domestic Exports

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	Oct	ober	January to October	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
		\$ m	illions	
Selected Countries				
United States	1,031.6	1,253.6	9,602.3	10,990.1
United Kingdom	108.9	134.7	1,120.2	1,056.9
Japan	64.0	101.4	664.0	767.7
Germany, West	25.4	35.7	264.2	245.1
Ne therlands	14.1	21.6	184.6	210.7
People's Republic of China	8.5	33.9	175.3	172.6
Italy	25.4	20.1	179.1	155.8
Belgium and Luxembourg	12.8	29.2	148.7	150.4
Australia	14.4	13.2	151.6	128.4
Norway	11.0	24.5	148.6	128.3
France	14.7	15.8	130.7	121.0
Venezuela	7.7	9.0	101.5	113.2
India	4.5	9.9	99.3	75.1
All Countries	1,502.0	1,910.7	14,239.2	15,742.9

Further information will be contained in Summary of Exports (65-002, 20¢/\$2.00).

Domestic Exports by Stage of Fabrication

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	Total		Crude materials		Fabricated materials		End products	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	\$ millions							
All Countries								
October	1,502.0 14,239.2	1,910.7 15,742.9	401.4 3,804.1	590.8 4,148.9	506.4 5.018.0	628.1 5.520.1	594.2 5,417.2	691.8 6,073.9
United States				,			-,,-	0,0,00
October	1,031.6 9,602.3	1,253.6 10,990.1	172.2 1,655.6	208.8 1,894.4	340.5 3,312.6	441.3 3,877.3	519.0 4,634.1	603.5 5,218.5

Sums of rounded components may not add to rounded totals.

Summary of Imports October 1972 - Advance Information.

The External Trade Division reports that, during October Canada's imports increased to a value of \$1,777 million from \$1,453 million a year earlier, and \$1,129 million in the same month of 1970. Imports for the ten months increased to \$15,346 million in 1972 from \$12,752 million in 1971 and \$11,710 million in 1970.

	October		January	to October	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	
		\$ m	illions		
Selected Countries					
United States	1,014.3	1,241.9	9,028.2	10,545.2	
Japan	78.1	112.2	608.2	906.9	
United Kingdom	70.9	89.1	676.4	784.4	
Germany, West	45.9	49.5	343.4	422.9	
Venezuela	27.4	37.3	318.3	347.9	
France	20.3	22.1	172.6	211.3	
Italy	11.4	15.7	128.7	170.9	
Australia	12.8	17.2	99.4	153.4	
Sweden	9.8	12.6	92.9	112.9	
Switzerland	8.8	9.1	70.5	85.2	
Hong Kong	7.0	9.9	62.9	84.8	
Netherlands	9.7	8.1	61.0	76.0	
Mexico	2.4	4.1	41.0	43.7	
All Countries	1,453.3	1,777.3	12,751.9	15,345.6	

Further information will be contained in Summary of Imports (65-005, 20¢/\$2).

Imports by Stage of Fabrication

	Total		Crude materials		Fabricated materials		End products	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
				\$ mill	lions			
All Countries October January to October United States	1,453.3 12,751.9	1,777.3 15,345.6	177.5 1,578.9	202.2 1,862.7	304.5 2,726.5	354.7 3,165.8	971.3 8,446.5	1,220.3 10,317.1
October	1,014.3 9,028.2	1,241.9 10,545.2	86.1 758.3	107.3 861.0	181.2 1,696.6	213.9 1,923.5	747.0 6,573.4	920.7 7,760.6

Sums of rounded components may not add to rounded totals.

Characteristics of Students, 1971 – Education Service Bulletin (81-001, \$1 a year) Vol. 1, No. 9.

The ability to speak both English and French jumped to 31% of grade thirteen students from 5% of those in grade six, according to results of the student self-census undertaken in 20 major cities across the country prior to the 1971 Census of Canada.

Data on students' social characteristics, which were collected for the first time on a nation-wide basis showed that at least 20 hours per week of watching television was reported by 40% of the grade six pupils, but by only 7% of those in grade thirteen. Less than 4 hours per week was reported by 32% of the thirteens.

Naturally, comics were the favourite newspaper reading of the younger students. But interest in local

and world news increased sharply at the grade nine level, and world news was of prime interest to those in grade thirteen — of whom 18% read editorials and 7% read the financial pages. Almost 30% in grades ten to thirteen showed interest in the women's pages. Only 3% of all students reported that they did not read newspapers.

But 10% of grade six students and more than 20% in grades eight to twelve reported reading no books except text books, assigned reading or comic books. About 40% of students in every grade from seven to twelve indicated that they read one or two books per month, and an almost equally consistent 18% to 20% read three or four books a month. Fewer than 10% of all students in these grades reported reading seven or more books monthly.

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Males outnumbered females in all grades, reaching 52.5% of the grade thirteen population.

About 40% of students with part-time jobs worked only on week-ends, and approximately one third worked evenings.

Salaries of Full-Time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities and Colleges, 1972-1973.

Preliminary information for 1972-1973 reveals that the average salary for 9,241 full-time university teachers reported in a selection of 16 universities is \$18,088. This represents approximately an 8.5% increase over last year's average for the same institutions.

More detailed information is available from Mr. W. Dubé, Teacher Information Section, Education Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, KIA 0Z5 (613-994-5148).

Instructional Aids in Universities, Atlantic Provinces, 1971 – Advance Information.

Slides, tapes, films and records were used as instructional aids during about 9% of the total teaching time in the first four months of 1972 by universities in the Atlantic provinces. These media were used in 52% of all courses, and reached 59% of the total student body. Transparencies, audio-tapes and 16mm films were the media used for the most hours.

For further information contact Mr. W. Roberts, Education Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, KlA 0Z5 (613-994-5405).

New Motor Vehicle Sales, October 1972 – Advance Information.

October 1972 unit sales of 111,048 new motor vehicles were up 14.6% from October 1971. This brought sales for the first ten months of 1972 to 894,451 units, 13.8% more than a year earlier. October passenger car sales increased by 12.4% to 91,541 units, commercial vehicles by 26.6% to 19,507. In dollar value, October 1972 sales increased 21.2% to \$454.1 million from the \$374.6 million reported a year earlier.

Dollar sales of overseas motor vehicles increased to \$63.8 million in October 1972 up 25.5% from October 1971, while those of Canadian and U.S. passenger vehicles increased by 20.5% to \$390.4 million. The largest increase reported was in the sale of commercial vehicles from overseas which rose 54.1% in units (from 1,013 to 1,561) and 56.8% in dollar value (from \$3.1 million to \$4.9 million). This resulted in an increase in the commercial vehicle market share held by overseas models to 8.0% from 6.6% in units, and to 4.5% from 3.8% in dollar value.

Seasonally adjusted October 1972 unit sales of new motor vehicles increased 16.9% over those of September 1972. The increase was attributable both to Canadian and United States manufactured passenger cars (up 22.0%) and to commercial vehicles (20.9%). Sales of overseas-manufactured passenger cars declined by 1.4%, seasonally adjusted, from the previous month.

Full details will be provided in *New Motor Vehicle Sales*, October 1972 (62-007, 20¢/\$2).

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, October 1972 – Advance Information.

Chain stores reported sales of \$1,120.9 million during October 1972, an increase of 8.0% from October 1971. All trades except fuel dealers registered increased sales ranging from a high of 42.6% for service stations and garages to a low of 3.3% for grocery and combination stores. Sales of fuel dealers decreased 9.6% to \$5.7 million from \$6.4 million.

The value of stocks (at cost) held on September 30, 1972, was \$1,932.4 million, an increase of 12.5% over the previous year. Inventory held by fuel dealers decreased 11.1%, grocery and combination stores and furniture 9.1%, and T.V., radio, and appliance stores 0.6%. All other trades reported increased stock values with the greatest gain reported, excluding the all other store category, by shoes stores (19.8%) and women's clothing stores (18.5%).

Further details will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication *Chain Store Sales and Stocks*, October 1972 (63-001, 10¢/\$1).

Urban Transit, October 1972 - Advance Information.

In October, 57 urban transit systems collected 92,463,621 initial passenger fares, excluding transfers. This was 5.5% more than the 87,664,326 collected a year earlier. Their vehicles travelled 22,223,668 vehicle miles (up from 21,693,587), their operating revenue increased 6.3% to \$21,977,274.

For further information, order the October issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 10¢/\$1).

Passenger Bus Statistics, October 1972 – Advance Information.

In October, 43 intercity and rural bus companies carried 3,352,445 passengers. This was 8.2% less than the 3,651,320 carried a year earlier. Their busses travelled 10,690,466 vehicle miles (up 1.6%) and consumed 1,370,221 gallons of diesel oil (up from 1,344,776) and 94,361 gallons of gasoline (down from 94,395). Total operating revenue increased 5.3% to \$7,851,762.

For further information, order the October issue of Passenger Bus Statistics (53-002, 50¢/\$2).

Weekly Railway Carloadings, November 30, 1972 - Advance Information.

Railways in Canada loaded 6,432,240 tons of revenue carload freight during the 9-day period ending November 30. This was 17.8% more than in the comparable period of 1971. Year-to-date loadings decreased 0.5%.

For further information, order the November issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 20¢/\$2).

Prices and Price Indexes, November 1972 - Advance Information

Weekly Security Price Indexes

Index	Number stocks priced	Dec. 7/72 This week	Nov. 30/72 Week ago	Nov. 9/72 Month ago			
	1961=100						
Investors price index	114	188.7	185.5.	179.3			
Industrials	80	196.2	193.1	186.6			
Utilities	20	154.8	153.0	150.0			
Finance	14	201.1	195.7	186.9			
Mining stock price index	24	104.1	103.7	105.6			
Uraniums price index	4	158.0	159.3	171.1			
Primary oils and gas	6	565.1	565.4	535.4			

For further information, order the November issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J. Boulet (613-992-8270), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, KIA 0V6.

Cigarettes, November 1972 – Advance Information. Production of cigarettes for November 1972 increased to 4.99 billion from 4.81 billion a year

For further information, order the November issue of the service bulletin *Tobacco and Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1 a year), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa KIA 0V6.

Gas Utilities, October 1972 - Advance Information.

Canadian consumers purchased 89.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in October, up 19.5% from 74.8 billion a year earlier. Exports rose to 85.5 billion cubic feet from 76.9 billion.

For further information, order the October issue of Gas Utilities (55-002, 20¢/\$2), or Energy Service Bulletin, vol. 7, no. 95 (57-002, \$3), or contact Mr. A.J. Côté, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa, KIA 0V6 (613-992-4021).

Other Publications Released

New Working Paper Available

Cohort Ferility in Eight Canadian Provinces: Analysis and Projection, by Diane Vanasse-Duhamel (Population Estimates and Projections Series No. 9, no charge).

NEW PUBLICATION

Museums, Art Galleries and Related Institutions, 1970 (81-553, \$1).

This publication presents statistical data and analysis on the numbers and kinds of museums, art galleries and related institutions; their activities; their attendance; their governing authorities; and their finances. Patterns of growth since before Confederation are portrayed by regions.

United States Vehicles Entering Canada, October 1972 (66-002, 10¢/\$1)

Sales Financing, September 1972 (63-013, 20¢/\$2)

Grain Milling Statistics, October 1972 (32-003, \$1 per year)

Restaurant Statistics, October 1972 (63-011, 10¢/\$1)

Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, 1970 (32-218, 50¢)

Transcontinental and Regional Air Carrier Operations, September 1972 (51-001, 30¢/\$3)

Coal and Coke Statistics, September 1972 (45-002, 30¢/\$3)

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Population: Specified Mother Tongues for Census Divisions and Subdivisions, 1971 Census (92-773, \$1.50)

Employment, Earnings and Hours, May 1972 (72-002, 40¢/\$4)

Consumer Credit, September 1972 (61-004, 20¢/\$2)

Motor Vehicle Shipments, October 1972 (42-002, 10¢/\$1)

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, October 1972 (43-001, 10¢/\$1)

Gypsum Products, October 1972 (44-001, 10¢/\$1)

Oil Burners and Oil-Fired Hot Water Heaters, October 1972 (41-008, 10¢/\$1)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, August 1972 (31-001, 406/\$4)

Mineral Wool, October 1972 (44-004, 10¢/\$1)

Bread and Other Bakery Products, Quarter ended September 1972 (32-015, 25¢/\$1)

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, October 1972 (43-002, 10¢/\$1)

Asbestos, October 1972 (26-001 10¢/\$1)

Iron Ore, October 1972 (26-005, 10¢/\$1)

Summary of Foreign Trade, September 1972 (65-001, 10¢/\$1)

Sales Financing, 1971 (63-211, 50¢)

Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, July 1972 (73-001, 20¢/\$2)

Salt, October 1972 (26-009, 10¢/\$1)

Gypsum Products, October 1972 (44-003, 10¢/\$1)

Specified Chemicals, October 1972 (46-002, 10¢/\$1)

Catalogue 1972 (11-204, No charge)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, September 1972 (35-002, 20¢/\$2)

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products, December 1, 1972 (32-009, 20¢/\$2)

Dairy Factory Production, November 1972 (32-002, 10¢/\$1)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, August 1972 (26-006, 20¢/\$2)

Refined Petroleum Products, 1971 (45-204, \$2.50)

Service Bulletins – Aviation (51-004 \$3 a year), Vol. 4, No. 63, Aircraft Movement Statistics, August 1972; Vol. 4, No. 64, International Air Charter Statistics, September 1972;

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2 a year), Vol. 1, No. 10, Sanitaryware, October 1972; Vol. 1, No. 10, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools, October 1972.

Retail Prices and Living Costs (62-005, \$2 per year), Vol. 1, No. 4,

International Retail Price Comparisons

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$3 per year), Vol. 7, No. 92, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry; 1971; Coal and Coke Statistics, September 1972.

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1 a year), Vol. 1, No. 19, Pack of Processed Strawberrries, 1972.

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1 per year), Vol. 1, No. 13, Tobacco Stocks of Unmanufactured Tobacco in Canada at September 30, 1972;

Fish and Fish Products (24-003, \$1 per year), Vol. 1, No. 62, Fish Freezings and Stocks, British Columbia, October 1972; Vol. 1, No. 63, Fish Freezings and Stocks, Canada, October 1972; Vol. 1, No. 64, Advance Release of Fish Landings, Quebec, October 1972;

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2 per year), Vol. 1, No. 10 Sanitaryware, October 1972; Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools, October 1972; Builders and Shelf Hardware, October 1972;

Miscellaneous Industries (47-003, \$1 per year), Vol. 1, No. 20, Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tile, October 1972.