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**\*Notes on Labour Statistics (72-207, 75¢).**

This new publication provides highlights, background material and technical observations to assist all users of labour statistics in news media, governments, universities, business and labour organizations.

**NEW SERVICE BULLETIN**

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

Patterns of expenditure by family income for 1969 are summarized in the 10-page first issue of this new service bulletin — well ahead of regular publication of the full details.

Future issues of the bulletin will contain advance summaries and comments on family expenditures, consumer prices and national and international living cost comparisons. Subscribe through Publications Distribution, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - February 1972 - Advance information.

NOTE: A consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements in prices, faced by consumers, within the specified city. Thus, consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.

Between January and February, consumer price indexes increased in all regional cities and city-combinations with the exception of Quebec City whose index remained unchanged. The upward movements ranged from 0.2% in three cities to 0.9% in Saint John. Food indexes registered increases in all cities, the largest rises (1.9%), being registered in both Toronto and Saint John. Housing components rose in nine cities, as a result of increased rents and higher prices for a number of household items. As a result of seasonal sales on a number of items, clothing indexes declined in six cities. Transportation indexes rose in nine cities reflecting higher train fares across the country. Health and personal care indexes increased in eight cities, while recreation and reading indexes advanced in all cities chiefly as a result of increased magazine subscription rates. Tobacco and alcohol components registered mixed movements across the country.

City indexes are not as comprehensive in price content as the Canada consumer price index and may underestimate slightly the degree of price movements occurring. In this connection, the shelter component of the city indexes moves on the basis of changes in rents only, whereas changes in both rents and homeownership costs are included in the Canada index. As a result of homeownership costs having increased more rapidly than rents, the housing and all-items indexes for cities have tended to underestimate somewhat the rates of price increase, particularly over longer periods. Studies are underway to incorporate homeownership prices in city indexes.

(see table on next page)

PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES, March 1972      - Advance information  
Weekly Security Price Indexes

Index	Number stocks priced	Mar 16/72	Mar 9/72	Feb 17/72
		This week	Week ago	Month ago
1961=100				
Investors price index .....	114	167.6	169.6	167.0
Industrials .....	80	170.1	172.5	167.1
Utilities .....	20	157.9	159.4	159.4
Finance .....	14	171.7	172.7	180.2
Mining stock price index .....	24	116.6	116.7	105.3
Uraniums price index .....	4	170.8	168.7	152.4
Primary oils and gas .....	6	451.8	459.7	428.6

For further information, order the March issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4).



CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES OF CANADA

The indexes in both tables measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities. (1)

	All items	Food	Housing(2)	Clothing	Transportation	Health and personal care	Recreation and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
base 1961=100								
<u>St. John's</u>								
February 1972 index	126.8	123.0	123.2	135.4	125.9	138.1	115.3	146.5
January 1972 index	126.1	122.6	122.4	135.9	123.7	138.7	112.8	145.4
% change from January 1972	+0.6	+0.3	+0.7	-0.4	+1.8	-0.4	+2.2	+0.8
% change from February 1971	+4.3	+4.9	+4.9	+3.7	+5.4	+1.6	-1.0	+1.4
<u>Halifax</u>								
February 1972 index	128.8	132.6	123.0	127.0	124.4	149.6	140.2	129.7
January 1972 index	128.2	131.9	122.9	125.6	123.9	147.6	138.9	129.4
% change from January 1972	+0.5	+0.5	+0.1	+1.1	+0.4	+1.4	+0.9	+0.2
% change from February 1971	+4.0	+5.8	+3.1	+5.7	+3.2	+4.3	+5.0	+0.5
<u>Saint John</u>								
February 1972 index	128.5	133.4	120.4	132.4	129.7	139.2	139.5	127.0
January 1972 index	127.4	130.9	119.8	132.4	129.7	136.8	135.0	126.9
% change from January 1972	+0.9	+1.9	+0.5	--	--	+1.8	+3.3	+0.1
% change from February 1971	+4.5	+7.2	+3.9	+2.4	+5.1	+2.6	+6.1	-0.5
<u>Montreal</u>								
February 1972 index	129.9	134.2	120.2	127.9	130.7	142.8	148.2	132.2
January 1972 index	129.6	133.6	120.2	127.9	130.8	142.8	142.9	132.6
% change from January 1972	+0.2	+0.4	--	--	-0.1	--	+3.7	-0.3
% change from February 1971	+4.2	+7.4	+2.1	+3.2	+2.3	+7.8	+4.7	+2.7
<u>Ottawa</u>								
February 1972 index	133.9	138.1	127.2	132.0	133.6	149.6	139.7	135.0
January 1972 index	133.6	136.9	127.2	132.9	133.5	148.4	138.5	135.0
% change from January 1972	+0.2	+0.9	--	-0.7	+0.1	+0.8	+0.9	--
% change from February 1971	+4.4	+7.2	+3.9	+3.9	+2.1	+4.7	+2.2	+1.6
<u>Toronto</u>								
February 1972 index	132.8	136.1	125.1	132.4	139.3	146.0	133.9	132.9
January 1972 index	132.0	133.6	125.0	133.5	139.2	144.6	133.0	132.9
% change from January 1972	+0.6	+1.9	+0.1	-0.8	+0.1	+1.0	+0.7	--
% change from February 1971	+4.4	+8.3	+2.3	+4.1	+3.8	+4.1	+3.6	+1.5
<u>Winnipeg</u>								
February 1972 index	131.6	135.6	119.6	136.8	135.4	158.1	138.2	130.0
January 1972 index	131.4	134.8	119.6	138.1	135.3	156.9	136.8	130.0
% change from January 1972	+0.2	+0.6	--	-0.9	+0.1	+0.8	+1.0	--
% change from February 1971	+3.8	+7.6	+2.5	+1.5	+2.4	+7.3	+1.2	+0.5
<u>Saskatoon-Regina</u>								
February 1972 index	126.9	136.5	116.3	131.7	124.4	138.5	134.7	123.0
January 1972 index	126.3	135.3	116.2	131.6	124.1	137.9	130.8	123.0
% change from January 1972	+0.5	+0.9	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.4	+3.0	--
% change from February 1971	+4.0	+8.3	+1.7	+2.7	+3.3	+8.0	+3.1	-0.2
<u>Edmonton-Calgary</u>								
February 1972 index	131.3	138.7	123.8	130.7	129.2	151.1	139.3	125.3
January 1972 index	130.8	137.6	123.4	130.0	129.3	151.4	138.1	125.3
% change from January 1972	+0.4	+0.8	+0.3	+0.5	-0.1	-0.2	+0.9	--
% change from February 1971	+3.1	+5.3	+3.6	+2.0	+3.1	+3.8	+1.9	+0.1
<u>Vancouver</u>								
February 1972 index	130.5	140.9	121.5	132.5	130.1	142.3	125.6	122.4
January 1972 index	130.0	140.1	121.4	132.1	129.9	139.6	124.9	122.4
% change from January 1972	+0.4	+0.6	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	+1.9	+0.6	--
% change from February 1971	+4.0	+8.2	+2.2	+3.6	+2.1	+3.9	-1.2	+2.9
<u>Quebec City</u>								
base 1969=100								
February 1972 index	106.2	104.4	106.7	102.9	112.7	106.6	108.4	105.6
January 1972 index	106.2	104.3	106.6	104.0	111.9	107.4	106.9	106.0
% change from January 1972	--	+0.1	+0.1	-1.1	+0.7	-0.7	+1.4	-0.4
% change from February 1971	+3.7	+5.6	+2.0	+4.5	+5.4	+0.4	+2.2	+3.5
<u>Thunder Bay</u>								
February 1972 index	106.3	109.9	103.9	101.4	108.7	112.3	109.2	101.1
January 1972 index	105.8	109.3	103.8	101.5	108.5	110.0	106.7	101.2
% change from January 1972	+0.5	+0.5	+0.1	-0.1	+0.2	+2.1	+2.3	-0.1
% change from February 1971	+3.9	+10.3	+1.7	+0.2	+2.8	+5.7	+3.2	-0.4

(1) For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 13 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40c./\$4).

(2) Includes shelter and household operation

Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, January 1972 - Advance information

During January, 280,000 initial and renewal claims for benefit were received. This total was 27,000 or 9% less than in the previous month and also 9,000 or 3% fewer than a year earlier.

At the end of January, 827,000 claimants were registered for unemployment insurance benefit, an increase of 20% over the December figure but 17,000 or 2% less than the January 1971 count.

Benefit paid in January amounted to \$140,000,000, up 37% from the \$102,000,000 disbursed during the previous month and 63% from the \$86,000,000 in January 1971 (due in part to the upward adjustment of benefit rates under the new Act.)

Province	Initial and Renewal Claims Received			Claimants(a) Reporting to District Offices			Benefit Paid(b) (\$000)		
	January 1972	December 1971	January 1971	January 31 1972	December 31 1971	January 31 1971	January(p) 1972	December 1971	January 1971
Newfoundland .....	8,696	15,587	8,404	38,432	31,596	35,274	6,368	3,540	3,686
Prince Edward Island	2,262	3,568	1,710	7,701	6,096	7,003	1,289	633	688
Nova Scotia .....	12,578	14,769	14,875	40,279	31,808	40,354	6,343	3,767	3,913
New Brunswick ....	10,329	12,309	11,073	37,142	31,774	37,515	6,127	3,942	3,470
Quebec .....	81,494	87,642	79,947	239,157	195,246	243,392	38,860	29,054	23,911
Ontario .....	92,770	90,974	97,658	244,238	216,445	266,030	43,325	33,461	26,969
Manitoba .....	11,015	11,224	10,906	33,924	27,477	33,100	7,936	4,383	3,423
Saskatchewan .....	7,931	10,262	7,931	28,481	21,418	25,529	4,335	3,174	2,764
Alberta .....	17,351	18,960	16,781	51,225	41,228	48,556	5,488	6,358	5,077
British Columbia .	35,092	41,543	39,056	106,260	85,972	107,145	19,836	14,052	11,794
Outside Canada ...	88	70	121	157	122	180	19	14	19
Canada .....	279,606	306,908	288,462	826,996	689,182	844,078	139,928	102,379	85,713

(a) These figures are overstated by 20% to 25% in terms of active files. If a claimant does not report due to becoming re-employed, a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before his claim is transferred to the inactive file.

(b) May not add to "Canada" totals due to rounding.

(p) Preliminary figures.

For further information, order the January issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 20¢/\$2).



Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Fourth Quarter 1971 (67-001, 50¢/\$2)

The Canadian current account surplus dropped 80% to \$227 million in 1971 from \$1,060 million in 1970, which had been the first surplus since 1952. With the economy gaining strength in 1971, as evidenced by the 9.1% rise in Gross National Product in current dollar terms, the growth in imports out-paced that for exports. The merchandise trade surplus in 1971 therefore fell 25% to \$2,194 million from \$2,917 million in 1970. The deficit on non-merchandise transactions continued to rise inexorably and reached \$1,967 million in 1971, up \$110 million or 6% from the previous year. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the current account balance declined throughout 1971 falling from a surplus of \$279 million in the first quarter to a deficit of \$236 million in the last three months of the year.

Summary Statement

<u>Item</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>			
			<u>IV Q.</u>	<u>I Q.</u>	<u>II Q.</u>	<u>III Q.</u>	<u>IV Q.</u>
			(\$ millions)				
Merchandise exports ...	16,750	17,746	4,287	4,060	4,657	4,334	4,695
Merchandise imports ...	13,833	15,552	3,340	3,399	4,130	3,745	4,278
Merchandise trade balance .....	+2,917	+2,194	+947	+661	+527	+589	+417
Balance on non-merchandise transactions .....	-1,857	-1,967	-458	-589	-436	-269	-673
Current account balance	+1,060	+227	+489	+72	+91	+320	-256
Capital movements in long-term forms .....	+738	+478	+45	+263	+27	+5	+183
Capital movements in short-term forms .....	-268	+72	-405	-287	-111	-183	+653
Net capital movement (1) (excluding monetary items below) .....	+470	+550	-360	-24	-84	-178	+836
Allocation of Special Drawing Rights .....	+133	+119	-	+119	-	-	-
Net official monetary movements .....	+1,663	+896	+129	+167	+7	+142	+580

(1) Includes errors and omissions.

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Item	Capital Movements						
			1970	1971			
	1970	1971	IV Q.	I Q.	II Q.	III Q.	IV Q.
			(\$ millions)				
Foreign direct investment in Canada .....	+770	+905	+310	+320	+165	+130	+290
Canadian direct investment abroad .....	-280	-315	-86	-165	-75	-10	-65
Net sales of Canadian securities .....	+550	+191	+82	+133	-16	+16	+58
Net purchases of foreign securities .....	+61	+196	-106	+42	+62	+62	+30
Other capital movements in long-term forms .....	-363	-499	-155	-67	-109	-193	-130
Bank balances and other short-term funds abroad (excluding official reserves) .....	-376	+992	-107	+582	-41	+206	+245
Other capital movements in short-term forms .....	+108	-920	-298	-869	-70	-389	+408
Net capital movements ...	+470	+550	-360	-24	-84	-178	+836

For further information, order the Fourth Quarter 1971 issue of Quarterly Estimates of The Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, 50¢/\$2).

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, February 1972 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Weekly.

The trade balance for the first two months of 1972 at \$139 million was down \$329 million from the record level a year ago. Imports rose 29.8% to reach \$2,687 million, while exports were up 11.4% at \$2,826 million.

For the month of February, imports at \$1,337 million advanced 28% or \$292 million over last year's level as continuing strong demand induced increased purchases from all major trading areas. An increase of \$147 million in purchases from the United States accounted for half of the total gain. Imports from Japan, the United Kingdom and the European Economic Community rose even more sharply in relative terms, and represented one-quarter of the overall increase. A minor part of these latter increases was attributable to the rise during 1971 and 1972 in the foreign exchange rate of the currencies of overseas trading partners relative to the Canadian dollar.

The strength of import demand is reflected in a broadly distributed increase in purchases by commodity categories. Office machines and computers, crude petroleum, tractors, and communications equipment continued to be in strong demand, as well as consumer items such as wearing apparel. Purchases of industrial machinery strengthened considerably, increasing by \$37 million in February, after remaining fairly steady during 1971.

The pace of increase in imports of automotive products slowed somewhat as purchases of passenger vehicles from the United States declined, while those of overseas vehicles held steady. Imports of other automotive products continued to increase.

Imports of iron and steel products declined after posting large increases in 1971, and imports of petroleum and coal products dropped sharply.

Seasonally adjusted February imports at \$1,451 million were \$58 million higher than the level of the preceding three months, November to January. Imports from the United States remained at about the same level, while the United Kingdom increased deliveries to Canada moderately. Practically all of the gain in Canadian import demand was directed to other markets.

For further information, order the February issues of Summary of Exports (65-002, 20¢/\$2), and Summary of Imports (65-005, 20¢/\$2).

(see table on next page)



TRADE OF CANADA

Exports (including re-exports)

Seasonally Adjusted Quarters and Months

		<u>Total</u>	<u>U.S.</u> (\$ millions)	<u>U.K.</u>	<u>Other Countries</u>
1970	First Quarter .....	4,183	2,756	350	1,077
	Second Quarter .....	4,243	2,833	358	1,042
	Third Quarter .....	4,192	2,642	392	1,158
	Fourth Quarter .....	4,196	2,685	389	1,122
1971	First Quarter .....	4,308	2,859	322	1,127
	Second Quarter .....	4,382	3,046	337	999
	Third Quarter .....	4,482	3,030	366	1,086
	Fourth Quarter .....	4,532	3,071	336	1,125
1971	July .....	1,446	983	124	339
	August .....	1,516	1,018	135	363
	September .....	1,522	1,028	108	386
	October .....	1,545	1,057	119	369
	November .....	1,503	1,018	109	376
	December .....	1,484	996	109	379
1972	January .....	1,462	1,071	62	329
	February (preliminary) ...	1,563	1,127	101	335

TRADE OF CANADA

Imports

Seasonally Adjusted Quarters and Months

		<u>Total</u>	<u>U.S.</u> (\$ millions)	<u>U.K.</u>	<u>Other Countries</u>
1970	First Quarter .....	3,537	2,537	184	816
	Second Quarter .....	3,599	2,593	182	824
	Third Quarter .....	3,558	2,551	185	822
	Fourth Quarter .....	3,245	2,225	186	834
1971	First Quarter .....	3,648	2,561	191	896
	Second Quarter .....	3,804	2,694	194	916
	Third Quarter .....	3,992	2,838	215	939
	Fourth Quarter .....	4,171	2,879	235	1,057
1971	July .....	1,321	934	73	314
	August .....	1,387	990	73	324
	September .....	1,284	914	69	301
	October .....	1,467	1,012	79	376
	November .....	1,359	924	85	350
	December .....	1,345	943	71	331
1972	January .....	1,474	962	92	420
	February (preliminary) ...	1,451	942	87	422

Financial Institutions, Fourth Quarter, 1971 - Advance information

	4th. Q./70	4th. Q/71	Change from same period a year earlier	Amount chan- ge from 3rd Quarter
		(\$)	(%)	(\$)
<u>Trust companies</u>				
Mortgages .....	3,828,359	4,479,929	651,570	17.0
Total Assets .....	6,564,335	7,469,827	905,492	13.8
Demand Deposits (Liab.) ..	1,471,831	1,684,269	212,438	14.4
Term Deposits (Liab.) ....	4,442,447	5,126,383	683,936	15.4
<u>Mortgage companies ....</u>				
Mortgages .....	2,868,100	3,151,218	283,118	9.9
Total assets .....	3,778,226	4,158,953	380,727	10.1
Demand deposits (Liab.) ..	482,510	546,537	64,027	13.3
Term deposits (Liab.) ....	2,307,720	2,604,713	296,993	12.9
<u>Sales Finance and Consumer Loan Co's.</u>				
<u>Retail Financing</u>				
- industrial and commercial	882,508	901,484	18,976	2.1
- consumer business .....	1,193,257	1,088,480	-104,777	-8.8
Wholesale financing .....	441,870	646,572	204,702	46.3
Small Loans Act .....	535,418	444,027	-91,391	-17.1
Other personal loans .....	1,179,412	1,282,958	103,546	8.8
Total assets .....	5,502,280	5,595,292	92,012	1.7
Bank loans (Cdn.) .....	236,475	213,758	-22,717	-9.6
Short term loans (Cdn.) ..	1,289,115	1,224,030	-65,085	-5.0
Long term debt (Cdn.) ....	1,177,842	1,284,213	106,371	9.0
Long term debt (Fgn.) ....	448,642	314,806	-133,836	-29.8
<u>Mutual Fund (Cost)</u>				
Canadian preferred shares	174,948	163,880	-11,068	-6.3
Canadian common shares ...	1,087,884	1,172,397	84,513	7.8
Foreign pref. and com. shares	974,097	992,798	18,701	1.9
Total assets.....	2,074,195	2,900,515	196,320	7.3
Total portfolio - cost ...	2,545,622	2,751,341	205,719	8.1
- market .	2,687,537	3,109,466	421,929	15.7
<u>Closed End Funds (cost)</u>				
Canadian common shares ...	535,264	630,259	94,995	17.7
Total portfolio - cost ...	727,873	791,665	63,792	8.8
- market .	827,994	953,799	125,805	15.2
<u>Fire and Casualty Ins. Co's.</u>				
Net premiums .....	446,783	519,364		
Underwriting gain .....	-8,505	-16,687		
Total assets .....	3,088,232	3,370,198	281,966	9.1

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication, Financial Institutions, Fourth Quarter 1971 (61-006, 75¢/\$3).



Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1972 - Advance information

Adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' January shipments were estimated at \$4,415.6 million, 3.6% higher than the revised December estimate of \$4,260.9 million. New orders increased 3.7% to \$4,370.4 million, unfilled orders declined 1.0% to \$4,684.3 million, and owned inventories edged up 0.3% to \$8,180.1 million. Total manufacturers' inventories held rose to \$8,666.2 million, an increase of 0.4% over December's revised estimate of \$8,632.9 million.

Shipments of durable goods, seasonally adjusted, increased to \$2,160.5 million in January 1972, a rise of 7.8% over the December estimate of \$2,004.3 million. In dollar value the largest increase (\$66.9 million) occurred in the transportation equipment industries. All other industry groups showed increases ranging from 1.4% in primary metal industries to 11.8% in the furniture and fixture industries. Shipments of non-durable goods decreased slightly, with the largest decrease, 16.8% in the clothing industries.

New orders for durable goods, seasonally adjusted, increased \$162.1 million to \$2,119.2 million in January, 8.3% higher than the December revised estimate of \$1,957.1 million. The transportation equipment industries showed an increase of \$108.8 million. New orders for non-durables declined slightly to \$2,251.2 million from \$2,259.0 million. Unfilled orders for durable goods decreased by 1.0% to \$4,093.0 million, and for non-durables by 0.7% to \$591.3 million.

Inventories of raw materials increased 1.7% in January, seasonally adjusted, while goods in process decreased by 0.4% and finished products by 0.5%. The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.85, down from the December ratio of 1.91. The ratio of finished products to shipments fell to 0.69 from 0.72.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in January were estimated at \$3,934.6 million, 5.8% below the revised December 1971 estimate of \$4,176.7 million. All listed provinces had declines for January as usual, which ranged from 1.8% in Ontario to 14.5% in New Brunswick. The revised estimate of manufacturers' shipments for the year 1971, at \$49,183.1 million, was 6.9% higher than the 1970 estimate of \$45,991.7 million.

For further information, order the January issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001, 40¢/\$4).

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	<u>Not Seasonally Adjusted</u>			Year 1971(R)	Year 1970	7 change
	January 1972p (\$ million)	December 1971r (\$ million)	% change			
Nfld. ....	20.7	21.4	-3.3	256.1	265.0	-3.4
N.S. ....	65.0	73.4	-11.5	760.8	759.9	+0.1
N.B. ....	62.1	72.6	-14.5	823.4	713.0	+15.5
Que. ....	1,056.1	1,210.1	-12.7	13,652.0	13,044.7	+4.7
Ont. ....	2,094.9	2,132.1	-1.8	25,733.7	23,700.5	+8.6
Man. ....	100.8	109.7	-8.1	1,315.3	1,244.9	+5.7
Sask. ....	46.3	48.1	-3.8	611.2	578.0	+5.7
Alta. ....	147.4	151.7	-2.8	1,948.1	1,863.4	+4.5
B.C. ....	336.3	352.2	-4.5	4,012.6	3,757.3	+6.8
Canada* ....	3,934.6	4,176.7	-5.8	49,183.1	45,991.7	+6.9

\* Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

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Steel Ingots, Week ended March 18, 1972 - Advance information

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended March 18, totalled 234,546 tons, an decrease of 3.9% from the preceding week's total of 244,164 tons. The comparable week's total in 1971 was 212,884 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 128.0 in the current week, 133.3 a week earlier and 116.2 one year ago.

Refined Petroleum Products, January 1972 - Advance information

Canadian refineries produced 47,601,122 barrels of refined petroleum products in January 1972, 14.5% more than a year earlier.

For further information order the January issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, 30¢/\$3), or Energy Service Bulletin, Vol.7, No.19 (57-002, \$3 for the series).

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, December 1971 - Advance information

Canada produced 1,660,426 barrels per day of crude petroleum in December, up 2.1% from 1,626,392 B/D a year earlier.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 8,766,007 Mcf./D an increase of 5.9% from 8,280,655 Mcf./D in the previous year.

For further information, order the December issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, 20¢/\$2), or Energy Service Bulletin, Vol.7, No.20 (57-002, \$3 a year).

Farm Cash Receipts, January 1972  
(21-001, 25¢/\$1)

Preliminary estimates indicated that during January 1972, farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$327.4 million, 10.9% more than the \$296.1 million realized during the same period of 1971. (These estimates included cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, and deficiency payments to dairy producers. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold).

Total Cash Receipts from Farming  
Operations.

	<u>January</u>	
	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
P.E.I. ....	3,219	3,221
N.S. ....	4,610	4,921
N.B. ....	4,258	4,290
Quebec ....	41,392	48,232
Ontario ....	102,696	121,912
Manitoba ....	21,514	20,270
Saskatchewan ...	50,940	49,988
Alberta ....	51,951	57,872
British Columbia	15,481	16,742
CANADA ....	296,061	327,448



New Motor Vehicle Sales, January 1972 - Advance information

In January 1972, new motor vehicle sales reached 57,989 units for \$232.9 million. This was 39.3% more units and 52.1% more dollars than a year earlier. The substantial increase continued a trend which began in November 1971 and, to some extent, reflected recovery from the strike in the industry.

Passenger car sales increased by 32.9%, to 46,028 units in January 1972 from 34,626 units in January 1971, and their dollar sales increased by 42.4% to \$167.0 million from \$117.3 million.

The sales of Canadian and U.S. passenger cars increased by 34.8% to 35,798 units, and those of overseas manufactured passenger cars by 26.7% to 10,230 units. The dollar sales of North American passenger cars increased by 43.2% and of overseas cars, 38.8%. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars had 82.2% of the total market in units, up from 81.7% in 1971, and conversely, overseas manufactured cars dropped to 17.8% from 18.3%.

Commercial vehicles sales increased 71.1%, to 11,961 units, from 6,991 while their dollar sales increased by 84.2%. Canadian and U.S. manufactured commercial vehicles increased unit sales by 69.8% to 11,088 and those from overseas by 89.4% to 873 units to hold 7.3% of the market, compared with 6.6% a year earlier.

With the January 1972 issue, New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, 20¢/\$2) will appear in a new format with re-designed statistical tables. A table for seasonally adjusted data has also been included.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, December 1971 - Advance information

Motor vehicle traffic accidents on Canada's streets and highways (excluding Ontario and Manitoba) claimed 275 lives in December, 8.7% more than a year earlier.

For further information, order the December issue of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents (53-001, 75¢/\$3).

Weekly Railway Carloadings, March 7, 1972 - Advance information

Railways in Canada loaded 3,624,487 tons of revenue carload freight during the 7-day period ending March 7. This was 2.7% more than in the comparable period of 1971. Year-to-date loadings increased 3.7%.

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

Railway Operating Statistics, October 1971 (52-003, 10¢/\$1)  
Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, December 1971 (61-001, 20¢/\$2)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1972 (41-002, 10¢/\$1)

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

Preliminary Report on the Production of Motor Vehicles, February 1972 (42-001, 10¢/\$1)

Preliminary Bulletin - 1970 Census of Manufactures (\$3.50 for the series): Platemaking, Typesetting and Trade Bindery Industry (36-203-P)

Service Bulletin - Aviation (51-004, \$5 for the series): Vol.4, No.10, Aviation in Canada, 1971

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, March 1972 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)

Coal and Coke Statistics, December 1971 (45-002, 30¢/\$3)  
Monthly Review of Canadian Fisheries Statistics, December 1971 (24-002, 30¢/\$3)  
Footwear Statistics, December 1971 (33-002, 20¢/\$2)  
Mineral Wool, January 1972 (44-004, 10¢/\$1)  
Oil Burners and Oil-Fired Hot Water Heaters, January 1972 (41-008, 10¢/\$1)  
Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, December 1971 (73-001, 20¢/\$2)  
Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, March 1972 (32-010, 20¢/\$2)  
Corporation Financial Statistics, 1969 (61-207, \$2)  
Travel between Canada, the United States and other Countries, November 1971 (66-001, 30¢/\$3)  
Copper and Nickel Production, January 1972 (26-003, 10¢/\$1)  
Motor Vehicle Shipments, January 1972 (42-002, 10¢/\$1)  
Imports by Commodities, January 1972 (65-007, 75¢/\$7.50)  
The Wheat Review, February 1972 (22-005, 30¢/\$3)  
Urban Transit, 1970 (53-216, 50¢)  
Passenger Bus Statistics, January 1972 (53-002, 10¢/\$1)  
Motion Picture Production, 1970 (63-206, 25¢)  
Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, January 1972 (43-001, 10¢/\$1)  
Specified Chemicals, January 1972 (46-002, 10¢/\$1)  
General Review of the Mineral Industries (Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells), 1968 (26-201, 75¢)  
Gas Utilities, December 1971 (55-002, 20¢/\$2)  
Shipments of Prepared Stock and Poultry Feeds, December 1971 (32-004, 20¢/\$2)  
Stone Quarries, 1969 (26-217, 50¢)  
Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, December 1971 (33-003, 20¢/\$2)  
Gold Production, January 1972 (26-004, 10¢/\$1)  
Service Bulletin — Energy Statistics (57-002, \$3 for the series): Vol.7, No.17, Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, Fourth Quarter 1971; Sales of Natural Gas, January 1972  
Preliminary Bulletins — Census of Manufactures, 1970 (\$3.50 for the series): Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry (34-221-P); Toys and Games Manufacturers (47-204-P);  
Salaries and Qualifications of Teachers, 1969-70 (81-202, \$1)  
Sales and Purchases of Securities between Canada and other Countries, October 1971 (67-002, 20¢/\$2)  
Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, January 1972 (62-003, 10¢/\$1)  
Canadian Statistical Review Tape, March 1972 (\$150.00)  
Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, January 1972 (43-002, 10¢/\$1)  
Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, January 1972 (26-007, 10¢/\$1)  
Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, January 1972 (46-001, 10¢/\$1)  
Service Bulletins — Aviation Statistics (51-004, \$5 for the series); Vol.4, No.11, Canada-USA Air Passenger Origin and Destination, March 1972; No.12, Air Passenger Origin and Destination, March 1972; No.13, Canadian Commercial Air Carriers, January 1972;  
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