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Prices and Price Indexes, June 1972 — Advance information.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing.

The total manufacturing industry selling price index (1961=100) edged up to 126.8 in June from 126.7 in May. It was 4.2% higher than the June 1971 index of 121.7. Of the 101 industry indexes included in the total, 37 were higher, 28 declined and 36 were unchanged.

The more notable changes were increases recorded for the foods and beverages group in response to higher prices in the slaughtering and meat packing industry. More moderate advances were registered for the wood industries group, and for the miscellaneous manufacturing industries group, reflecting higher price levels in the sash door and other millwork, and jewellery and silverware manufacturers industries respectively. The primary metals group declined during the month, attributable to price decreases in the smelting and refining industry; the paper and allied industries group also moved down reflecting lower prices in the pulp and paper mills industry.



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

Index	Number stocks priced	July 20/72	July 13/72	June 22/72
		This week	Week ago	Month ago
1961=100				
Investors price index	114	171.9	171.3	172.4
Industrials	80	176.9	176.6	178.2
Utilities	20	153.9	154.1	156.0
Finance	14	175.2	171.9	169.3
Mining stock price index	24	113.6	116.8	117.8
Uraniums price index	4	180.8	191.5	197.4
Primary oils and gas	6	498.2	511.6	508.2

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

General Wholesale Index:

The general wholesale index (1935-39=100) moved up 0.3% in June to 306.5 from the revised May index of 305.7. It was 5.9% higher than the June 1971 index of 289.3. Six of the eight major group indexes were higher, while two declined.

The animal products group index rose 1.0% in June to 372.7 from 369.0 on higher prices for fresh and cured meats and livestock. An advance of 0.5% to 245.5 from 244.4 in the chemical products group index reflected price increases for paint materials and inorganic chemicals. Moderate advances were recorded for four major group indexes; vegetable products to 239.6 from 239.0, textile products to 278.4 from 277.6, non-metallic minerals to 233.3 from 232.5 and iron products to 323.2 from 323.0.

The non-ferrous metals products group index moved down 0.6% to 264.0 from 265.5 on price decreases for refined copper (export prices) and silver. A slight decline occurred in the wood products group index to 425.2 from 425.4.

Prices and Price Indexes (Building Construction Price Indexes), June 1972 - Advance Information

(1961 = 100)

	June 1972	May 1972	June 1971	May 1971	June 1972 May	June 1971 May	June 1972 June 1971
Residential Building Materials	158.0	156.6	144.8	142.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.5	+ 9.1
Lumber and Lumber Products	171.9	169.7	152.6	149.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.2	+ 12.6
Plumbing and Heating Equipment	134.1	134.4	133.9	133.9	- 0.2	-	+ 0.1
Wallboard and Insulation	137.8	137.8	131.2	131.2	-	-	+ 5.0
Concrete Products	138.2	138.0	130.0	131.1	+ 0.1	- 0.8	+ 6.3
Other	139.1	138.5	133.9	132.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Non-residential Building Materials	141.5	141.1	133.8	133.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 5.8
Steel and Metal Work	139.5	139.5	132.5	132.0	-	+ 0.4	+ 5.3
Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	145.6	146.0	141.4	141.2	- 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Electrical Equipment	109.6	109.9	106.2	106.5	- 0.3	- 0.3	+ 3.2
Concrete Products	140.0	139.7	131.2	132.2	+ 0.2	- 0.8	+ 6.7
Lumber and Lumber Products	187.7	186.1	162.5	159.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.2	+ 15.5
Other	134.7	133.2	129.1	128.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wages	235.5	235.0	208.8	208.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 12.8
Fixed-weighted composite indexes of building materials and wage rates							
Residential	195.3	194.3	175.6	174.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 11.2
Non-residential	183.7	183.3	167.5	166.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 9.7

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4.00).

Population by Marital Status, 1971 Census - Advance information

The proportion of single persons in Canada's population decreased to 49.5% in 1971 from 51.7% in 1966. This was largely a result of a reduction in the very young age groups, reflecting declining birthrates in the 1960's.

In contrast, the married population increased to 45.3% from 43.6% as large numbers of children born during the period of high birthrates immediately following the war reached marriageable age.

The most striking change was the 170.3% increase in the divorced population - to 175,113 from 64,776. Increases of over 100% occurred in every province, reflecting the new divorce legislation passed on July 2, 1968.

The widowed population showed a modest 8.5% increase to 944,022 from 870,297, widows increasing by 11.6% or 78,246, but widowers decreasing by 2.3% or 4,521.

Further information will be published in Population by Marital Status and Sex (92-757, 50¢).

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

At \$207 million, the trade balance for June 1972 was unchanged from June 1971. Imports, at \$1,659 million, were some \$220 million higher than last year, being matched by a similar export growth to \$1,865 million. The trade surplus, however declined nearly 60% to \$492 million for the first six months of 1972 from \$1,164 million in the same period of 1971 (and \$1,183 million in the first half of 1970), as the rate of growth of imports nearly doubled that of exports. Exports, at \$9,675 million, were \$980 million, or 11%, higher than last year, while imports, at \$9,184 million, increased by \$1,652 million, or 22%.

Nearly 80%, or \$173 million, of the import growth in June over a year earlier can be attributed to purchases from the United States. Smaller increases of \$25 million and \$20 million were recorded in purchases from Japan and "Other Countries". Imports from other major trading areas decreased from the high rates of growth experienced in the first five months.

Except for lower imports of passenger cars, metal ores and petroleum and coal products, purchases of major commodities rose in June 1972. Fairly sizable increases occurred in imports of other automotive products (\$53 million), food products (\$35 million), industrial machinery (\$21 million), and communication equipment (\$16 million).

Imports of automotive products rose \$31 million overall. Some \$17 million of this net rise was accounted for by automotive products of United States origin. A decline in imports of passenger vehicles from the United States was offset by larger purchases of parts and by continued strong demand for overseas vehicles.

Over the half year 1972, the rise of some \$425 million in automotive products contributed about one-quarter of the overall increase in imports. It is notable that receipts of vehicles and parts from overseas countries were up \$130 million, or 60%, over the first half of 1971. Growing purchases of industrial machinery (up \$140 million), of food products (\$115 million), of crude petroleum and of communication equipment (each about \$100 million) also reflected the strength of import demand in the first six months of 1972.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, imports rose \$118 million from the first quarter to \$4,571 million, and exports \$353 million to \$4,961 million. The declining trend in Canada's favourable trade balance, evident since the beginning of 1971, was sharply reversed in the second quarter of 1972. The surplus for this quarter was \$390 million compared with \$155 million in the preceding quarter and \$361 million for the last quarter of 1971.

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade - June 1972

Month of June	Total Exports		Imports		Trade Balance		Percentage Change 1971 to 1972		
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	Total Exports	Imports	
	(\$ millions)						%	%	
United Kingdom	128.7	131.0	77.8	82.5	+	50.9	+ 48.5	+ 1.8	+ 6.0
Other C'wealth & Pref.	65.7	59.4	63.9	62.4	+	1.8	- 3.0	- 9.6	- 2.3
United States	1,119.9	1,286.5	1,005.2	1,177.7	+	114.7	+ 108.8	+ 14.9	+ 17.2
Japan	63.5	90.8	69.2	94.1	-	5.7	- 3.3	+ 43.0	+ 36.0
European Economic Community	110.6	107.4	86.6	86.9	+	24.0	+ 20.5	- 2.9	+ 0.3
Latin America	41.4	58.6	57.9	57.9	-	16.4	+ 0.7	+ 41.5	0.0
Other Countries	115.1	131.6	77.1	97.1	+	37.9	+ 34.5	+ 14.3	+ 25.9
 Total C'wealth & Pref.	194.4	190.4	141.7	144.9	+	52.7	+ 45.5	- 2.1	+ 2.3
 Total Others	1,450.5	1,674.8	1,296.0	1,513.7	+	154.5	+ 161.1	+ 15.5	+ 16.8
 Grand Total	1,644.9	1,865.2	1,437.7	1,658.6	+	207.2	+ 206.6	+ 13.4	+ 15.4
 <u>January - June</u>									
United Kingdom	682.6	656.4	388.7	491.1	+	293.8	+ 165.3	- 3.8	+ 26.3
Other C'wealth & Pref.	340.0	282.9	266.4	336.7	+	73.6	- 53.8	- 16.8	+ 26.4
United States	5,949.3	6,936.8	5,437.4	6,403.1	+	511.9	+ 533.7	+ 16.6	+ 17.8
Japan	379.2	423.9	330.8	532.2	+	48.3	- 108.3	+ 11.8	+ 60.9
European Economic Community	557.3	524.8	421.0	535.0	+	136.3	- 10.2	- 5.8	+ 27.1
Latin America	266.0	297.9	291.2	319.8	-	25.2	- 21.9	+ 12.0	+ 9.8
Other Countries	521.5	552.8	396.5	565.9	+	124.9	- 13.1	+ 6.0	+ 42.7
 Total C'wealth & Pref.	1,022.5	939.3	655.2	827.8	+	367.4	+ 111.5	- 8.1	+ 26.3
 Total Others	7,673.2	8,736.1	6,877.0	8,356.0	+	796.3	+ 380.1	+ 13.9	+ 21.5
 Grand Total	8,695.8	9,675.4	7,532.1	9,183.8	+	1,163.7	+ 491.6	+ 11.3	+ 21.9

Note: Export and Import values for 1972 are preliminary estimates and may not add because of rounding.

Wholesale Trade, May 1972 - Advance information.

Sales by wholesale merchants for May 1972 were estimated at \$2,584 million, up 19.3% from a year earlier. Floor coverings' 31.3% increase was the most significant sales change in the consumer goods trades, while farm machinery led the industrial goods trades with an increase of 37.4%. Wholesale inventories increased 14.3% to \$3,803 million.

Further details will be contained in Wholesale Trade (63-008, 10¢/\$1).

Consumer Credit, May 1972 - Advance information

Selected credit holders reporting monthly showed \$10,410 million outstanding on their books at the end of May - 15.6% more than a year earlier.

During the year, personal cash loans by chartered banks rose 23.6% to \$6,257 million, and life insurance companies' policy loans were up 1.9% to \$785 million but personal cash loans made under the Small Loans Act fell 15.7% to \$402 million. In addition, sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$936 million balances of retail instalment sales' paper, an increase of 3.4%, and the \$1,146 million outstandings of personal cash loans represented an expansion of 15.6%.

The outstanding balances of the monthly reporters - Quebec savings banks, department stores and furniture, T.V., radio, and household appliances stores - rose 10.9% to \$884 million.

Credit holders reporting quarterly - other retail stores, other credit-card issuers, credit unions and caisses populaires, and public utilities - reported outstanding balances of \$2,867 million for the March quarter 1972, 11.9% higher than a year earlier.

Total outstanding balances reached \$12,811 million at the end of the first quarter, 1972, up 13.7%.

For further information, order the May issue of Consumer Credit (61-004, 20¢/\$2).

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, May 1972 - Advance information.

Chain store organizations reported sales of \$1,090.4 million during May 1972, up 11.1% from May 1971. All trades registered increased sales, ranging from a high of 28.3% for "all other" food stores to \$5.4 million from \$4.2 million, to a low of 4.1% for shoe stores.

In May 1972, stocks (at cost) stood at a value of \$1,969.4 million, up 14.1% from May 1971. All trades with the exception of grocery and combination stores (down 4.9%), registered increases, from a high of 33.0% for family clothing stores to a low of 0.2% for fuel dealers.

Further details will be contained in Chain Store Sales and Stocks, May 1972 (63-001, 10¢/\$1.00)

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products (Cigarettes) - Advance information.

Production of cigarettes for June 1972 amounted to 5.05 billion, as compared to 5.24 billion for the same period of 1971.

For further details, order Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1).

Farm Cash Receipts, January-May 1972 (21-001, 20¢/\$2) Total Cash Receipts from

Farmers' January-May total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland were estimated at \$1,804.3 million, 19% more than the \$1,515.5 million realized a year earlier. These estimates included cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, net cash advances of farm-stored grains in Western Canada, and supplementary payments to dairy producers. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

Farming Operations January-May	1971	1972
	(\$000)	
P.E.I. . .	17,480	17,896
N.S. ...	24,045	26,539
N.B. ...	22,099	23,992
Que. ...	237,347	273,951
Ont. ...	520,687	594,507
Man. ...	114,473	135,856
Sask. ..	241,171	331,856
Alta. ..	269,457	320,522
B.C. ...	68,725	79,200
Canada	1,515,484	1,804,319

Steel Ingots, Week ended July 22, 1972 - Advance information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended July 22, totalled 237,049 tons, a decrease of 1.3% from the preceding week's total of 240,151. The comparable week's total in 1971 was 220,656 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 129.4 in the current week, 131.1 a week earlier and 120.4 one year ago.

Refined Petroleum Products, May 1972 - Advance information.

Canadian refineries produced 39,125,697 barrels of refined petroleum products in May 1972, 4% more than a year earlier.

For further information order the May 1972 issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, 30¢/\$3), or Energy Service Bulletin, Vol.7, No.53 (57-002, \$3).

Coal and Coke Statistics, May 1972 - Advance information.

May 1972 raw coal production jumped 55.0% to 2,134,878 tons from 1,377,318 tons a year earlier. Imports decreased to 2,275,862 tons from 2,386,121 tons. Industrial consumers used 1,068,051 tons of coal (up by 6,702 tons) and 471,767 tons of coke, (down 61,915 tons).

For further information, order the May 1972 issue of Coal and Coke Statistics, (45-002, 30¢/\$3), or Energy Statistics Service Bulletin (57-002, \$3).

Weekly Railway Carloadings, July 7, 1972 - Advance Information

Railways in Canada loaded 3,785,608 tons of revenue carload freight during the 7 - day period ending July 7. This was 2.9% less than in the comparable period of 1971. Year-to-date loading increased 2.6%. The decrease in Eastern tonnage for the week may be entirely attributed to the iron mine strike in Quebec and Labrador.

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

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, March 1972 — Released only in Statistics Canada Daily & Weekly.

Province	Accidents				Victims		Value of property damage
	Fatal	Injury	Property damage (1)	Total	Killed	Injured	
	(Number)						\$'000
Newfoundland1972	6	102	522	630	6	146	469
.....1971	5	107	403	515	5	147	374
Prince Edward Island1972	2	25	172	199	2	43	99
.....1971	1	26	105	132	1	38	93
Nova Scotia1972	6	185	976	1,167	9	266	711
.....1971	11	141	732	884	15	200	569
New Brunswick1972	8	188	889	1,085	9	269	834
.....1971	8	150	643	801	8	208	674
Quebec1972	73	1,697	8,535	10,305	89	2,438	"
.....1971	58	1,807	13,188	15,053	67	2,455	9,258(2)
Ontario1972	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
.....1971	75	3,673	8,328	12,076	87	5,528	8,920
Manitoba1972	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
.....1971	12	395	1,061	1,468	12	580	814
Saskatchewan1972	7	331	1,049	1,387	11	488	940
.....1971	13	306	951	1,270	14	488	810
Alberta1972	23	498	3,652	4,173	27	757	2,723
.....1971	18	434	3,451	3,903	23	668	2,335
British Columbia1972	32	1,183	3,791	5,006	36	1,780	3,961
.....1971	31	1,072	3,352	4,455	37	1,567	3,367
Yukon and Northwest Territories .1972	—	12	63	75	—	19	54
.....1971	—	25	47	72	—	47	77
Totals1972	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
.....1971	232	8,136	32,261	40,629	269	11,926	27,291(2)

(1) Excludes property damage accidents under \$200 (except 1971 figures for Quebec, which exclude property damage accidents under \$100).

(2) Estimated figures.

" Figures not available due to changing data processing methods in two provinces.

— Nil.

Other Publications Released

Farm Wage Rates, May 1972 (21-002, 25¢/75¢).
Asphalt Roofing, May 1972 (45-001, 10¢/\$1).
Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, May 1972
(43-005, 10¢/\$1).
The Labour Force, June 1972 (71-001, 30¢/\$3).
Summary of Foreign Trade, May 1972 (65-001, 10¢/\$1).
Construction in Canada, 1970-72 (64-201, 75¢).
Canadian Statistical Review Tape, July 1972 (\$150.).
Provincial Government Employment, First quarter 1972
(72-007, 50¢/\$2).
New Motor Vehicle Sales, May 1972 (63-007, 20¢/\$2).
Silver, Zinc Production, May 1972 (26-008, 10¢/\$1).
Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe and Fittings, May 1972
(41-004, 10¢/\$1).
Consumption, Production and Inventory of Rubber, May 1972
(33-003, 20¢/\$2).
Primary Iron and Steel, April 1972 (41-001, 30¢/\$3).
Service Bulletin - Communications (56-001, \$1 per year):
Vol.2, No.7, Monthly Telephone Statistics, May 1972.
Employment Earnings and Hours, January 1972 (72-002, 40¢/\$4).
Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas, September
1971 (72-205, 50¢).
Refined Petroleum Products, April 1972 (45-004, 30¢/\$3).
Breweries, May 1972 (32-019, 10¢/\$1).
Service Bulletins - Energy Statistics (57-002, \$3 a year):
Vol.7, No.51, Sales of Natural Gas, May 1972;
Electrical Products (43-007, \$1 a year): Vol.1, No.8,
Electric Lamps, May 1972.
National Income and Expenditure Accounts, First Quarter 1972
(13-001, 75¢/\$3).
Railway Carloadings, May 1972 (52-001, 20¢/\$2).
Passenger Bus Statistics, May 1972 (53-002, 10¢/\$1).
Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, May 1972 (46-003, 10¢/\$1).
Gold Production, May 1972 (26-004, 10¢/\$1).
Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, June 1972 (41-002, 10¢/\$1).
Concrete Products, May 1972 (44-002, 10¢/\$1).
Products Made from Canadian Clays, May 1972 (44-005, 10¢/\$1).
Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, May 1972 (46-001,
10¢/\$1).
Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, May 1972 (43-001, 10¢/\$1).
Service Bulletins - Energy Statistics (57-002, \$3 a year):
Vol.7, No.50, Salient Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas,
April 1972;
Miscellaneous Industries (47-003, \$1 a year): Vol.1, No.5,
Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-
Recorded Tapes in Canada, May 1972.
Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, First quarter (71-002, 75¢/\$3).
Imports by Commodities, May 1972 (65-007, 75¢/\$7.50).
Canadian Citizenship Statistics, 1971 (91-205, 50¢).
International Air Charter Statistics, Fourth quarter 1972
(51-003, 75¢/\$3).
Financial Institutions, First quarter (61-006, 75¢/\$3).
Mental Health Statistics, VIII, Facilities, Services and
Finances, 1970 (83-205, 75¢).

Urban Transit, May 1972 (53-003, 10¢/\$1).

Railway Operating Statistics, December 1971 (52-003, 10¢/\$1).

Shipping Statistics, May 1972 (54-002, 20¢/\$2).

Bakeries, 1970 (32-203, 50¢).

Miscellaneous Paper Converters, 1970 (36-206, 50¢).

Miscellaneous Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers, 1970
(42-214, 50¢).

Service Bulletins — Aviation Statistics (51-004, \$5 per year):

Aircraft Movement Statistics, Vol.4, No.38;

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers,
May 1972, Vol.4, No.39.

Construction Price Statistics (62-006, \$3 per year): Vol.1,
No.1, Introductory Issue; Vol.1, No.2, Union Wage Rates
and Indexes, 1971.

Fluid Milk Sales, May 1972 (23-002, 10¢/\$1).

Telegraphic Crop Report, Canada, July 1972 (22-002, \$4 a year).