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Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.6% to 153.9 in September from 153.0 in August.

Food prices rose 0.9% in the latest month with about half of the rise due to a 3.1% increase in the price of food eaten away from home. The price level of food for home consumption moved up by 0.5% despite marked seasonal price declines for fresh produce.

The level of prices for all items other than food advanced, for the fourth consecutive month, by 0.5%. Among non-food components, the clothing index climbed 0.8%, the transportation index moved up 0.6% and the housing index rose 0.5%. The elements for health and personal care and for recreation, education and reading each increased by 0.2% and the index for tobacco and alcohol edged up by 0.1%.

Over the year, September to September, the All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 8.5%.

During the twelve months, the following index increases have been recorded:

- Food, up 16.0%; housing, 7.1%; clothing, 5.4%; health and personal care, 5.2%; recreation, education and reading, 5.0%; transportation, 3.9%; and tobacco and alcohol, 2.8%.

Since September 1972, beef prices have risen 29.4%, the retail price of pork by 37.1%, and poultry quotations have advanced by 47.6%. Egg prices have moved 50% over year-earlier levels.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact I.H.D. Penpraze (613-992-8275), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Federal Government Employment

Canada's Federal Government employed an estimated 445,156 persons during the last pay period of June 1973, up 5.3% from 422,695 employed a year earlier.

Second-quarter gross payrolls increased 13.7% to \$1.04 billion in 1973 from \$911.3 million in 1972.

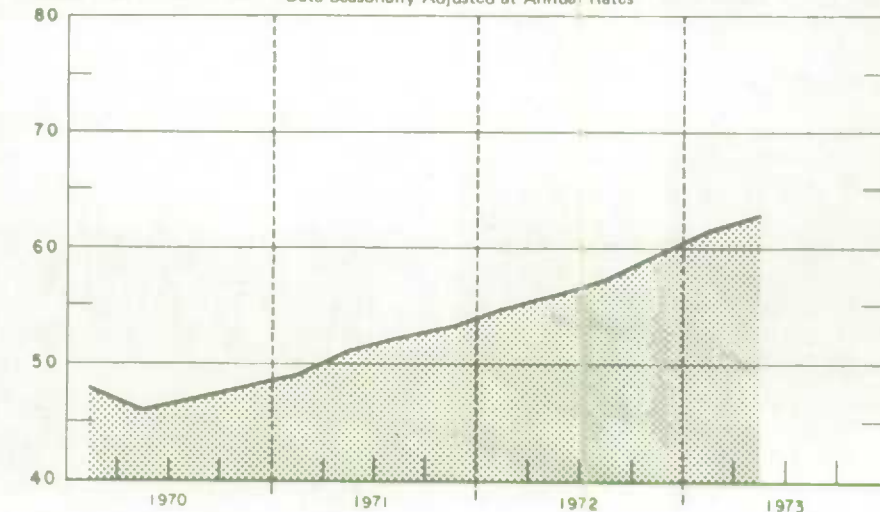
For further information, order the April-June 1973 issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, 50¢/\$2).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	161.36P	161.38P	7.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	5,313P	5,466P	12.4
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	9.24	9.23	5.3
Unemployed	Aug.	433,000	461,000	-13.9
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Aug.	20.5	20.7	12.0
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	July	74.4	80.7	17.9
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July	9,485P	9,530P	10.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	July	4,483	4,400	17.6
Department Store (\$ million)	July	1,020	993	16.2
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July	5,259P	5,738P	27.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July	6,403P	6,213P	25.8
PRICES				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	Sept.	153.9	153.0	8.5
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	Aug.	147.1	142.8P	15.1
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Aug.	123.9	122.6	11.1
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Aug.	400.5P	374.7P	28.9
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	July	721.7P	4,441	Year to date 23.9
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Aug.	19,622	134,261	2.7
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Aug.	1,731P	15,807	24.2
Imports (\$ million)	Aug.	1,729P	14,928	23.3
SALES				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	July	1,172	7,903	14.1
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	311	2,095	15.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July	5,068P	36,749	17.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	382	3,674	29.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July	3,108	21,077	12.5
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July	2,844	19,008	21.4

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised.

Wages, Salaries, and Supplementary Labour Income
Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts 113-001

Farm Equipment Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for the first seven months of 1973 totalled \$253.1 million, up 24.7% from the corresponding period in 1972.

Gains were reported in all regions except British Columbia with the following percentage increases recorded:

- The Atlantic Provinces, 46.6%; Manitoba, 39.4%; Alberta, 24.0%; Ontario, 18.5%; Saskatchewan, 16.8%; Quebec, 13.4%; British Columbia, -0.5%.

Sales of repair parts increased 26.7% to \$62.4 million in the January-July period of this year.

For further information, order the January 1-July 31, 1973 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, \$1 a year).

New Residential Construction

Housing construction continued at a high level in August with 19,622 starts recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared to 19,123 starts in August 1972.

In the latest month, apartment units accounted for 44.9% of starts, single-family dwellings 41.4%, row housing 8.2% and doubles 5.6%.

For the first eight months of 1973, housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over totalled 134,261, up 2.7% from 130,739 in the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$3 a year, \$3.60 outside Canada).

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 12.0% in August to 20.5 billion kwh. from 18.3 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Increases in net generation were registered in all provinces except Quebec (down 7.6%). The largest increases were in Newfoundland (120.6%) and British Columbia (32.3%).

Hydro generation in the latest month was 2.8% higher than in August 1972; thermal production increased 45.7%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3 per year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, August

Consumer Credit, August

Department Stores Sales and Stocks, August

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, August

Retail Trade, August

The Labour Force, September

Major Appliance Sales

Sales of freezers and television sets declined dramatically in August, but Canadian manufacturers' sales of other major electrical appliances continued to run above year-earlier levels.

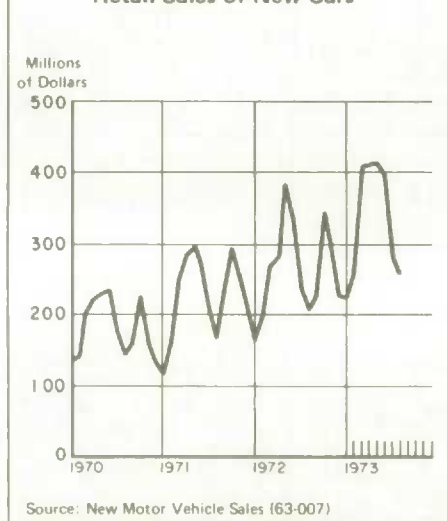
Appliance sales recorded during the latest month, with percentage increases from August 1972:

- Refrigerators, 50,785 units (17.4%); home and farm freezers, 24,851 units (-14.5%).
- Stoves and ranges, 41,772 units (3.1%).
- Automatic washing machines, 30,957 units (8.8%); electric clothes dryers, 26,131 units (5.2%).
- Television sets, 56,781 units (-17.1%).

Canadian manufacturers' sales of colour television sets in August at 43,283 units showed a drop of 4.5% from a year earlier; black-and-white television sales were down 41.8% at 13,498 units.

For further information, order the August 1973 issues of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 20¢/\$2); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 10¢/\$1); *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 10¢/\$1); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 20¢/\$2).

Retail Sales of New Cars



Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for July show that 11.4 million international travellers entered Canada during the month, a decrease of 2.5% from a year earlier.

Included in the latest month's total were 6.9 million non-resident travellers, 4.2 million residents re-entering Canada and 0.3 million in the "other travellers" category (immigrants, military personnel and crews).

For further information, order the July 1973 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact M. W. Valiquette (613-992-5507), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Petroleum Refining

Canadian refineries produced 18.8 million barrels of motor gasoline in July, up 7.8% from July 1972.

Net sales in Canada of motor gasoline totalled 19.2 million barrels in the same month, an increase of 10.6% from year-earlier levels.

For the first seven months of 1973, net sales in Canada of motor gasoline at 113.2 million barrels are 9.9% above those for the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3 per year), Vol. 8, No. 69, *Refinery Production in Canada of Selected Petroleum Products*, July 1973.

Security Transactions With Non-Residents

International trading in all long-term portfolio securities resulted in a net inflow to Canada of \$132 million in the second quarter of 1973 (\$155 million in the previous quarter).

Factors contributing to the smaller net inflow in the latest quarter were a doubling of retirements to \$245 million (including \$91 million for a Government of Canada Deutschmark issue), and increased net re-purchases by Canadians of outstanding Canadian equities.

Movements leading to larger inflows were a rise in sales of new Canadian issues abroad to \$403 million, and a return to a net sales balance from trading in outstanding foreign securities.

In all transactions in the latest quarter, net inflows from the United States of \$179 million more than offset net outflows of \$34 million to Europe (including the United Kingdom) and \$13 million to all other countries.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-Residents* (67-002, 20¢/\$2).

Airlines' Profits

Canada's seven major airlines reported combined after-tax profits of \$2.2 million for the first five months of 1973 compared to a loss of \$5.4 million in the corresponding period of 1972.

Operating revenues increased 26.7% in the latest period to \$393.1 million; operating expenses advanced 22.0% to \$376.2 million.

For May, the airlines reported net profits of \$539,000, down from \$1.2 million a year earlier. In the latest month, Air Canada showed a loss of \$462,000, CP Air earned \$278,000 and five regional carriers had a combined profit of \$723,000. (The regional air carriers are Eastern Provincial Airways, Nordair, Pacific Western Airlines, Quebecair and Transair.)

Passenger-miles for all services increased by 18.6% to 1.23 billion in May 1973 from 1.03 billion in May of last year.

For further information, order the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$3 per year), Vol. 5, No. 40, Civil Aviation, May 1973.

Local Government Employment

Canadian municipalities employed an estimated 247,908 persons in general services during the last pay period of June 1973, up 8.2% from 229,153 employed a year earlier.

Second-quarter gross payrolls increased 17.2% to \$449.0 million in 1973 from \$383.0 million in 1972.

For further information, order the April-June 1973 issue of *Local Government Employment* (72-009, 50¢/\$2).

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Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, August 1973

Canadian imports in August at \$1.73 billion were 19.7% higher than a year earlier.

Automotive and related products, industrial machinery, food and communication equipment contributed almost three-fifths of the \$194 million import gain from the United States. Crude petroleum, food, metal ores and concentrates, industrial machinery and fabricated steel materials accounted for two-thirds of the \$91 million overseas import increase.

Cumulatively, Canadian imports rose 23.3% to \$14.9 billion in the first eight months of 1973. Imports from the United States accounted for some 80% of the gain this year with the most notable increases recorded for automotive and related products, industrial machinery, aircraft and food.

Imports from overseas countries were significantly higher for crude petroleum, food, communication equipment, industrial machinery and clothing. Purchases of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped \$40 million in the latest period.

Imports from the United States accounted for 70.7% of the January-August 1973 total and Japan supplied 4.6%. The share of the United Kingdom continued to decline, and for the first time dipped below 5%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, imports in August at \$1.91 billion were down \$26 million (1.3%) from the month before. With strikes in rail transportation and pulp and paper mills contributing to a decline of \$210 million in exports, the balance on merchandise trade changed to a deficit of \$13 million from a surplus of \$171 million in July.

For further information, order the August 1973 issues of *Summary of Imports* (65-005, 20¢/\$2), and *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 20¢/\$2).

Coarse Grains Review

Canada's 1973 wheat crop, currently forecast at 604.4 million bushels, is 13% larger than last year's 533.3 million, but 2% below the ten-year (1962-71) average of 614.2 million bushels.

Production of oats in 1973, forecast at 333.3 million bushels, represents an increase of 11% from last year's total of 300.2 million, but a 12% decrease from the ten-year average of 378.6 million bushels.

Production of rye, forecast at 14.4 million bushels, is 7% above last year's outturn of 13.5 million, but below the ten-year average of 15.4 million bushels.

This year's flaxseed crop, currently forecast at 18.9 million bushels, will be some 7% higher than last year's revised outturn of 17.6 million bushels. Production of rapeseed is placed at 55.3 million bushels in 1973 compared with the 57.3 million bushels produced in 1972.

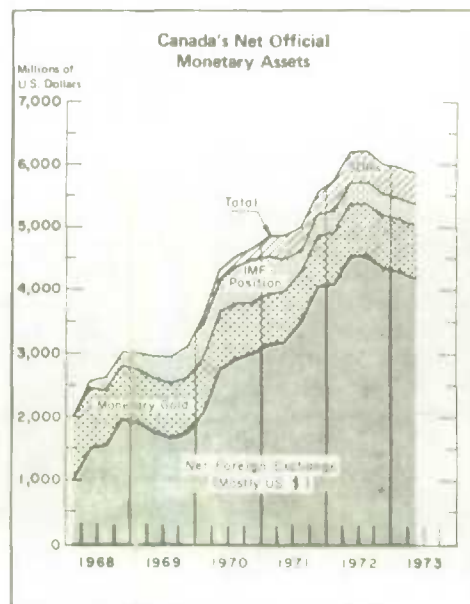
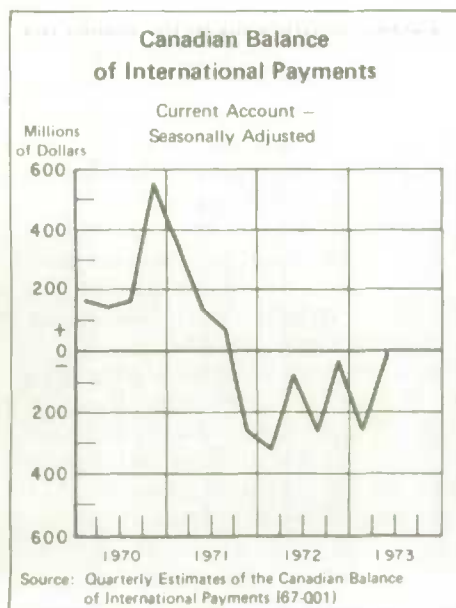
For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Coarse Grains Review* (22-001, 75¢/\$3).

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents

Preliminary figures show that there were 6,221 persons killed in motor vehicle traffic accidents in 1972, an increase of 11.6% from the 5,573 killed in 1971.

The number of people injured in these accidents increased 12% to 215,705 in 1972 from 192,599 a year earlier.

For further information, order *Road Transport Service Bulletin - Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents*, Vol. 3, No. 9 (53-006, \$2 per year).



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Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, September 1973	32-009	20¢/\$2	Energy Statistics – Preliminary Report on Coal Production and Landed Imports of Coal, by Province, August 1973, Vol. 8, No. 66; Oil Pipe Line Supply and Disposition, May 1973, Vol. 8, No. 70	57-002	\$3 per year
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