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Department Store Sales

Department store sales in August rose to \$334.6 million, an increase of 15.9% from \$288.7 million in August 1972. All provinces reported increases.

Sales rose in all but two departments, with the largest percentage gains recorded in:

• Furs (58.8%); men's and boy's footwear (36.9%); jewellery (35.3%).

Inventories held (at selling price) in August were valued at \$1.01 billion, up 11.2% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 20¢/\$2), or contact R. Potvin (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division*, Statistics Canada, K1A 0V4.

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles in September at 122,146 units was up 6.2% from 115,003 units in September 1972.

For the first nine months of 1973, motor vehicle production totalled 1,181,444 units, up 9.7% from the corresponding period last year. Passenger car production rose 9.2% to 916,482 units in the latest period; production of commercial vehicles increased 11.4% to 264,962 units.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Preliminary Report on the Production of Motor Vehicles* (42-001, 10¢/\$1).

Crude Oil Imports

Oil refineries in Eastern Canada imported 26.9 million barrels of crude oil in July, up 4.3% from a year earlier.

Preliminary data indicate that imports in August were 30.5 million barrels (26.2 million barrels in August 1972) bringing the January-August 1973 total to 209.0 million barrels, an increase of 8.4% from the corresponding period in 1972.

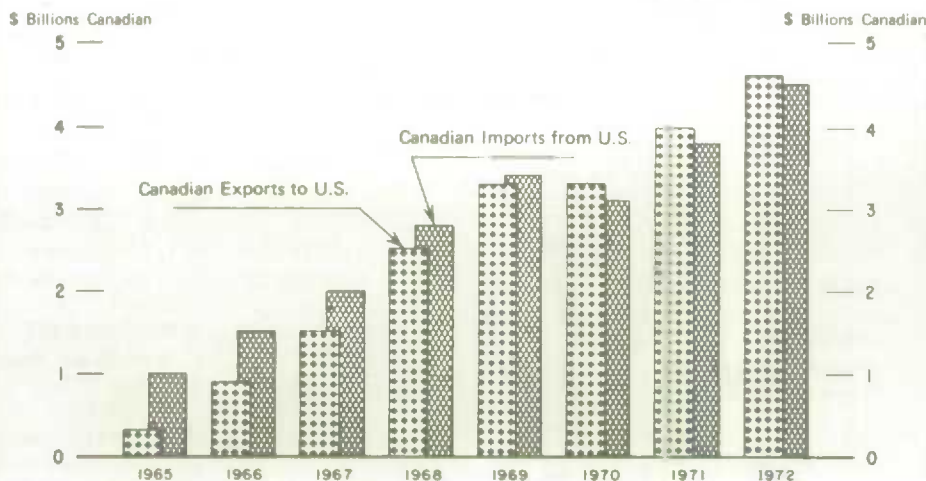
For further information, order the July and August 1973 issues of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 30¢/\$3).

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)	Sept.	8.80	9.24	5.0
Unemployed	Sept.	421,000	433,000	-8.3
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Aug.	20.5	20.7	12.0
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Aug.	73.6	74.4	15.0
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug.	9,715P	9,513P	10.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug.	4,267	4,483	13.6
Department Store (\$ million)	Aug.	1,006	1,020	11.2
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	5,342P	5,277P	21.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	6,691P	6,446P	32.8
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)	Aug.	772.3P	5,321	25.9
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Aug.	19,622	134,261	2.9
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Sept.	1,734P	17,586	23.4
Imports (\$ million)	Aug.	1,729P	14,928	23.3
SALES				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	1,234	9,137	14.7
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	335	2,429	15.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug.	5,097P	41,821	17.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	382	3,674	29.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	3,072	24,150	12.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	2,999	22,007	21.1

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary. P - revised.

Canada - United States Trade in Automotive Products



Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in August were estimated at \$3.00 billion, up 19.6% from the corresponding month in 1972.

The groceries and food specialties component in the consumer goods trades showed a 16.0% advance from a year earlier.

In the industrial goods trades, the most notable sales change was a 45.3% gain in the junk and scrap category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$4.27 billion in the latest month, an increase of 13.6% from August of last year.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 10¢/\$1).

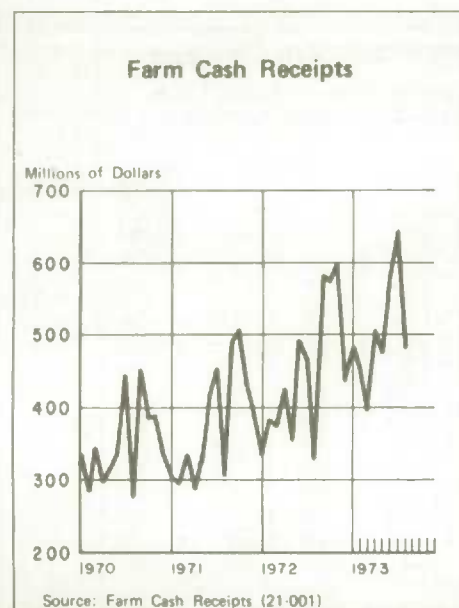
Federal Government Activities in the Natural Sciences, 1972-1974

Federal funds to be spent on scientific activities in the engineering and natural sciences in 1973-1974 will reach a record \$1.03 billion, up 9% from the year before.

Approximately 64% of these expenditures will be for work performed in establishments of the federal government and 36% for other sectors (mainly Canadian industry and universities).

The Department of the Environment continues to be the largest spender on scientific activities (\$213.8 million), followed by the National Research Council (\$155.5 million).

For further information order *Federal Government Activities in the Natural Sciences, 1972-1974* (13-202, \$1).



THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions, September

General Wholesale Price Indexes, September

Housing Starts and Completions, September

New Motor Vehicle Sales, September

Summary of Imports, September

Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities (and city combinations) studied in September, with increases ranging from 0.1% in Montreal to 1.4% in Thunder Bay.

Food indexes advanced in all but two centres, reflecting higher prices for meat, poultry, dairy products, bakery and cereal products, eggs and food eaten away from home. Fresh produce items were lower in price across the country.

Housing components rose in all cities on increased tenancy and home ownership costs and higher prices for furniture, appliances and household supplies. Clothing increased in all cities with higher prices recorded for footwear, men's and women's outer wear and increased charges for laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repair. Transportation also rose in all cities reflecting higher prices for gasoline and automobile repairs.

During the twelve months since September 1972, the greatest increase in the Consumer Price Index was registered in St. John's, Newfoundland (9.6%).

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact I.D.H. Penpraze (613-992-5805), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Gasoline Sales

Retail gasoline outlets located in metropolitan areas sold 2.09 billion gallons of gasoline in 1972, an increase of 5.5% from a year earlier.

Refiners' sales outlets accounted for 82.6% of sales in the latest year, independents for the balance.

For further information, order *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3 per year), Vol. 8, No. 71, *Retail Gasoline Sales Statistics by Metropolitan Area 1971¹ and 1972*.

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act dropped to \$135 million in August, down 7% from \$145 million in July and 6% less than the \$144 million disbursed in August 1972.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance totalled 161,000 in the latest month, a decrease of 10% from the July total of 179,000 and also 3% less than the 165,000 received a year earlier.

The average weekly payment to claimants declined 1% to \$67.37 in August from the previous month's average of \$68.33 but was 11% more than the year-earlier payment of \$60.88.

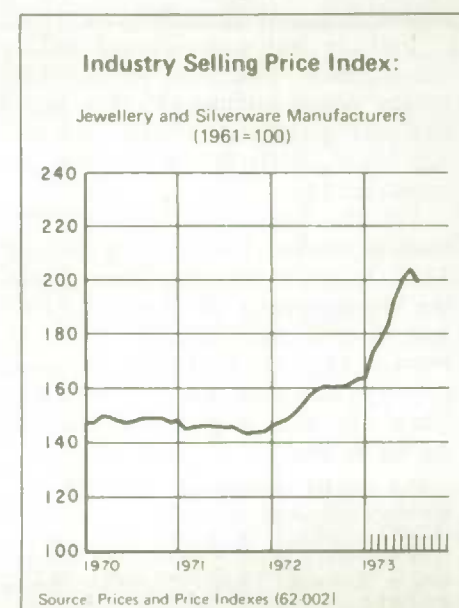
For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for August show that 11.2 million international travellers entered Canada during the month, an increase of 1.9% from a year earlier.

Included in the latest month's total were 6.8 million non-resident travellers, 4.0 million residents re-entering Canada and 0.3 million in the "other travellers" category (immigrants, military personnel and crews).

For further information, order the August 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.



Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems earned net operating revenue of \$64.6 million in August, an increase of 12.0% from August 1972.

In the latest month, operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies at \$180.6 million were 13.6% higher than a year earlier; operating expenses rose 14.5% to \$116.0 million.

For the first eight months of 1973, net operating revenues of the telephone systems totalled \$468.7 million, up 14.9% from the corresponding period in 1972. Operating revenues during the latest period showed a gain of 13.5% to \$1.35 billion; operating expenses were 12.8% higher at \$879.5 million.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Monthly Telephone Statistics* (56-001, \$1 per year).

Motive Fuel Sales

Net gasoline sales in Canada totalled 5.9 billion gallons in 1972, an increase of 7.5% from 5.5 billion gallons the year before.

Net diesel oil sales increased 28.5% to 706.6 million gallons in 1972, from 549.8 million gallons in 1971.

For further information, order *Road Transport Service Bulletin* (53-006, \$2 per year), Vol. 3, No. 11, *The Motor Vehicle, Part II, Motive Fuel Sales*.

Railway Carloadings

Canadian railway revenue freight loaded in September totalled 21.1 million tons, up 11.8% from September 1972. Cars loaded increased 4.2% to 346,736.

Iron ore movements showed a sharp rise of more than 88% in the latest month, potash loadings were 31% higher and sand, gravel and crushed stone tonnage rose 25% from the corresponding month last year.

For the first nine months of 1973, loadings totalled 174.1 million tons, up 14.0% from a year earlier. Cumulatively, the largest tonnage percentage increases were recorded for iron ore (up 67.6%), sulphur (37.9%), containerized traffic (37.8%) and sand and gravel (31.6%). Wheat and other grain showed the only overall declines.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9274), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5*.

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Restaurant Sales

Restaurant receipts totalled \$152.6 million in August, up 13.8% (revised) from August 1972.

Sales were up in all provinces in the latest month, with the following percentage gains recorded:

• Saskatchewan, 19.4%; Ontario, 15.9%; Manitoba, 14.0%; Nova Scotia, 13.8%; Quebec, 12.5%; Newfoundland, 12.1%; Alberta, 11.8%; British Columbia, 11.4%; Prince Edward Island, 11.0%; New Brunswick, 10.7%.

For the first eight months of 1973, restaurant receipts totalled \$1.02 billion, an increase of 11.4% (revised) from the corresponding period last year. Chain restaurants accounted for 10.2% of sales in the latest period, independent restaurants for the balance.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 10¢/\$1).

Real Domestic Product (RDP)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product decreased 2.2% in August following a small increase of 0.3% in July.

Strikes played a prominent role in the latest month's decline. The rail strike apparently had an effect on a large number of industries including some in mining, manufacturing, trade and some of the other transportation industries.

In manufacturing (down 3.4%), output of both non-durables and durables fell.

In non-durables, decreases were more common than increases. The major drop was the strike-caused decline in pulp and paper mills, but a number of other industries were probably affected by the rail strike (e.g. many of the chemical industries and food industries).

In durables manufacturing, decreases were less widespread, with automobile manufacturing contributing the main decline.

Transportation output fell 15% in August. Most of this was due to the drop in rail output and the resulting reduction in water transport.

Mining output decreased 0.8% and utilities output fell 1.0%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact R.W. Collins (613-992-9751), *Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6*.

Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing in Current Dollars
and Adjusted for Changes in the Consumer Price Index

	Weekly Wages in Current Dollars \$	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in Current Dollars (1961=100)	Weekly Wages in 1961 Dollars \$	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in 1961 Dollars (1961=100)
1962 Average	76.75	103.1	75.87	101.9
1967 Average	96.84	130.1	83.97	112.8
1972 Average	141.47P	190.2P	101.19P	135.9P
1973				
January	148.68	199.7	102.33	137.5
February	149.63	200.1	102.70	137.9
March	150.87	202.7	102.42	137.6
April	150.20	201.8	101.21	135.9
May	151.93	204.1	101.49	136.3
June	153.72P	206.5P	101.80P	136.7

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