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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$161.36 in July were up 7.8% from \$149.72 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$226.99), followed by mining (\$208.38), forestry (\$195.66), transportation, communication and other utilities (\$180.63), manufacturing (\$165.69), finance, insurance and real estate (\$152.68), trade (\$131.27) and service (\$117.76).

Average weekly earnings were highest in the Yukon (\$212.65), followed by Northwest Territories (\$202.64), British Columbia (\$182.12), Ontario (\$166.40), the Prairie Region (\$156.22), Quebec (\$153.33) and the Atlantic Region (\$137.32).

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, average weekly earnings rose 0.4% in July at the Canada composite level. Increases in transportation, communication and other utilities, trade and service more than offset declines in the other industry divisions. Gains were recorded in the Atlantic Region, Quebec and the Prairie Region.

For further information, order the July 1973 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded estimated after-tax profits of \$1.90 billion for the second quarter of 1973, an increase of 37% over year-earlier results.

Sales were estimated at \$37.9 billion, up 19.5% from the second quarter last year.

Assets increased by \$9.03 billion (8.9%) from the second quarter of 1972.

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$1/\$4), or contact J.D. Wilson (613-994-9622), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z7.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

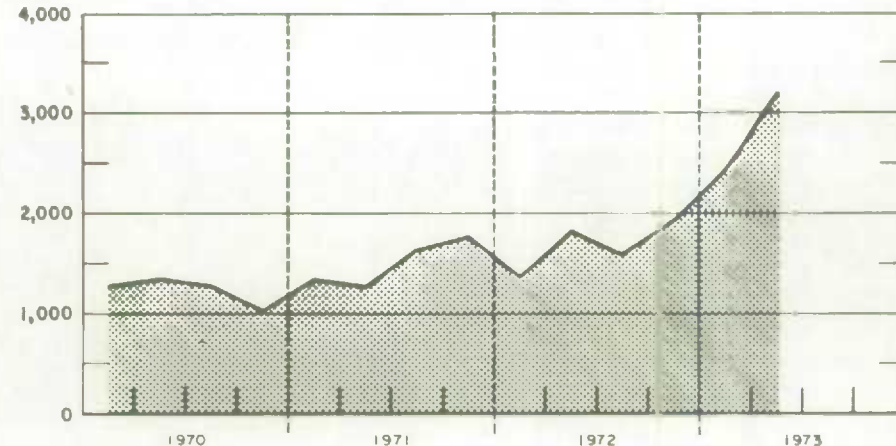
		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	161.36P	161.38P	7.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	5,313P	5,466P	12.4
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	9.24	9.23	5.3
Unemployed	Aug.	433,000	461,000	-13.9
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	July	20.7	20.4	15.2
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)	Aug.	153.0	151.0	8.3
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	23.9
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	July	22,417	114,639	2.7
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Aug.	1,731P	15,807	24.2
Imports (\$ million)	July	1,872	13,199	23.8
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)	July	384	3,292	29.3
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.

Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production

Millions
of Dollars

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 85,530 units in August, up 17.4% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 30.5% to \$381.8 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 26.1% to 50,158 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 6.1% to 16,785 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to 25.1% in the latest month, down from 31.0% a year earlier.

Sales of commercial vehicles in August rose 22.1% to 18,587 units; included were 16,802 commercial vehicles manufactured in Canada and the United States (up 25.9%) and 1,785 manufactured overseas (down 2.6%).

For the first eight months of 1973, sales of new motor vehicles reached 851,195 units with an accumulated value of \$3.67 billion. This represents an increase of 20.3% in units and 29.5% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 20¢/\$2), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for manufacturing rose to 147.1 in August, up 3.0% from July, and 15.1% higher than in August 1972.

In the latest month, the most notable increases occurred in the foods and beverages group, particularly in the slaughtering and meat-packing industries (up 22.6%) and flour mills (up 26.4%).

Increases were also recorded in petroleum and coal products, reflecting higher prices in the petroleum refining industry. Price increases registered in the pulp and paper mills industry were mainly responsible for advances in the paper and allied products group.

Over the year, August to August, the largest price advances were shown by the following component group indexes:

- Foods and beverages industries, up 30.2%; Wood industries, 20.6%; Primary metal industries, 19.5%; Petroleum and coal products industries, 18.2%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, August

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Department Stores Sales and Stocks, August

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Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

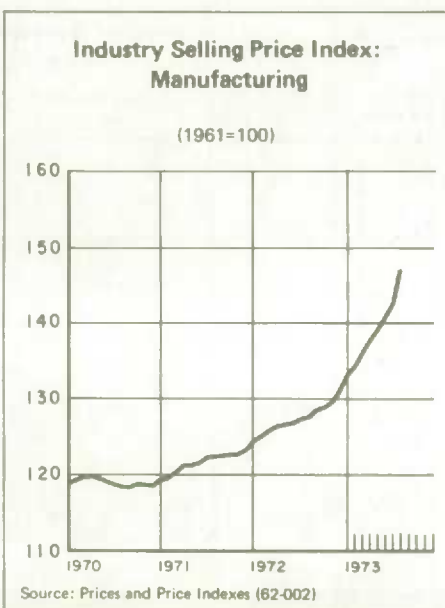
(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 197.6 in August, up 0.4% from the month before, and 6.8% higher than in August 1972.

The materials component of the total index has risen 10.6% over the 12 months since August 1972; the labour component is up 3.9%.

Under the materials grouping, lumber and lumber products have risen 27.1% during the period, steel and metal work 10.2%, electrical equipment 7.8%, concrete products 7.2%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 6.4% and other materials 7.1%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact P. Du Brûlé (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index jumped to 400.5 in August, up 6.9% from July, and 28.9% higher than the August 1972 level.

In the latest month, all eight major group indexes were higher.

The vegetable products group index rose 16.4% in August on higher prices for grains (48%), milled cereal foods (29%) and livestock and poultry feeds (7%). An advance of 13.5% in the animal products group index reflected price increases for fresh meats (23%), cured meats (29%), livestock (17%), hides and skins (13%), fishery products (13%), and eggs (13%).

Higher prices for zinc, solder and copper were chiefly responsible for a rise of 2.2% in the non-ferrous metals products group index.

Textile products moved 1.6% higher, the non-metallic minerals group index advanced 1.5% and an increase of 1.4% occurred in the wood products group index.

Over the year, August to August, the following advances were recorded by the major group indexes:

- Vegetable products, 65.2%; Animal products, 37.2%; Non-ferrous metals, 28.4%; Textile products, 19.4%; Wood products, 15.5%; Iron products, 10.8%; Non-metallic minerals, 8.8%; Chemical products, 7.8%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4).

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 123.9 in August, up 1.1% from the month before, and 11.1% higher than in August 1972.

Over the 12 months, August to August, prices of building materials used in residential construction rose 12.2%; labour costs advanced 8.9%.

During the period, residential building construction costs increased 13.9% in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec 12.3%, the Prairie Provinces 10.7%, Ontario 10.5% and British Columbia 10.2%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact P. Du Brûlé (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Department Store Sales

Department store sales in August showed an increase of 15.9% from the corresponding month in 1972.

Sales were up in all regions, with the following percentage gains recorded:

- British Columbia, 25.5%; the Atlantic Provinces, 19.5%; Alberta, 18.4%; Quebec, 15.6%; Saskatchewan, 14.9%; Ontario, 11.9%; Manitoba, 9.0%.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1 a year).

Canadian Balance of International Payments

Canada recorded a current account deficit of \$137 million in the second quarter of 1973 as a trade surplus of \$432 million was more than offset by a deficit of \$569 million on non-merchandise transactions.

Net inflow of \$30 million in short and long-term capital in the quarter combined with a \$107 million decrease in Canada's international monetary reserves served to finance the deficit.

Seasonally adjusted, the second quarter deficit stood at only \$3 million, compared with a deficit of \$253 million in the previous quarter, and a deficit of \$680 million for all of 1972.

Approximately 60% of the change in the latest quarter was due to an increase in the trade surplus to \$554 million, reflecting both a rise in exports and a decline in imports. The major shift in the service accounts was a decline in travel expenditures abroad.

Significant increases in exports were recorded for crude petroleum, lumber, iron ore, wheat, wood pulp and agricultural machinery.

For further information, order *Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Second Quarter 1973* (67-001, 75¢/\$3).

Snowmobile Accidents Winter of 1972-73

During the winter of 1972-73, fatal snowmobile accidents increased to 119 from 102 during the previous winter; the number of victims increased to 127 from 116.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Service Bulletin Road Transport* (53-006, \$2) Vol. 3, No. 4, or contact M. McRae (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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Railway Operating Statistics

Canadian railways reported net income of \$50.4 million for the first seven months of 1973, up 37.8% from the corresponding period last year.

Railway revenues showed an increase of 13.6% to \$1.18 billion in the latest period; expenses rose 12.7% to \$1.13 billion.

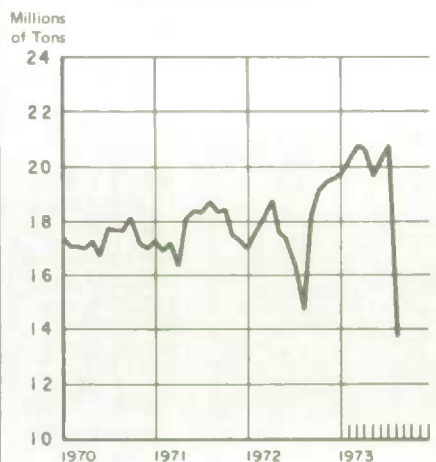
Revenue ton-miles were up 10.7%; revenue passenger-miles dropped 11.9%.

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled \$157.5 million in July, up 11.9% from a year earlier. Expenses rose by 12.3%, however, resulting in a deficit of \$37,047 for the month.

For further information, order the July 1973 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 20¢/\$2), or contact J. R. Slattery (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Rail Revenue Freight Loaded

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Railway Carloadings (52-001)

Direct Selling in Canada, 1972

Direct selling to household consumers by manufacturers and specialist direct-sellers in 1972 increased 11.2% to \$928.0 million from \$834.4 million (revised) in 1971. (These sales represented 2.7% of the total \$33.9 billion retail sales reported during 1972).

Door-to-door canvassing accounted for 65.1% of direct sales in the latest year, mail order sales 15.2%, counter sales at manufacturing premises 17.8% and other channels (market stalls, exhibitions, etc.) 1.9%.

Further details will be published in *Direct Selling in Canada* (63-218, 50¢). Additional advance information is available on request from the Special Projects Section, Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9278), Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V4.

Exploration, Development and Capital and Repair Expenditures by Mining and Exploration Companies, 1972

Preliminary final results available for the 1972 annual survey of exploration, development, capital and repair expenditures by mining and exploration companies show the most notable strength was in capital expenditures for machinery and equipment, where the high level of 1971 was extended into 1972. Other categories of expenditures in the survey were generally lower.

Capital expenditures for buildings and other structures were down 45% to \$227 million from \$410 million. On-property exploration and development decreased 18% to \$176 million from \$216 million. Outside or general exploration also dropped with the new 1972 total of \$71 million 22% lower than the \$91 million in 1971.

The 1973 outlook for mining (excluding outside exploration) published in August 1973 in *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook, Mid-Year Review* (61-206), shows the 1973 expectations for capital expenditures to be at a level again lower than in 1972 for expenditures for on-property work, structures and for machinery and equipment. The 1973 total at \$709 million would be 11% below the \$798 million estimated for 1972.

Further information will be published in *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1974* (61-205, 50¢), or may be obtained from J. Cain (613-994-9546), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

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