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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$163.33 in September were up 7.1% from \$152.45 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$237.54), followed by mining (\$214.81), forestry (\$200.09), transportation, communication and other utilities (\$184.65), manufacturing (\$169.19), finance, insurance and real estate (\$153.01), trade (\$128.73) and service (\$115.46).

Average weekly earnings were highest in the Yukon (\$218.21), followed by Northwest Territories (\$211.31), British Columbia (\$182.37), Ontario (\$168.49), Quebec (\$156.43), the Prairie Region (\$155.75), and the Atlantic Region (\$140.13).

Hourly earnings in September averaged \$5.72 in construction, \$4.87 in mining and \$3.90 in manufacturing.

For further information, order the September 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.

Department Store Sales

Department store sales in September rose to \$364.7 million, an increase of 6.2% from \$343.5 million in September 1972. All provinces reported increases.

Sales rose in thirty-one of the thirty-nine departments in the latest month with the largest percentage gains recorded in:

- Furs (26.4%); jewellery (26.1%); furniture (20.5%); and receipts from meals and lunches (20.5%).

Inventories held (at selling price) in September were valued at \$922.8 million, up 6.7% from a year earlier.

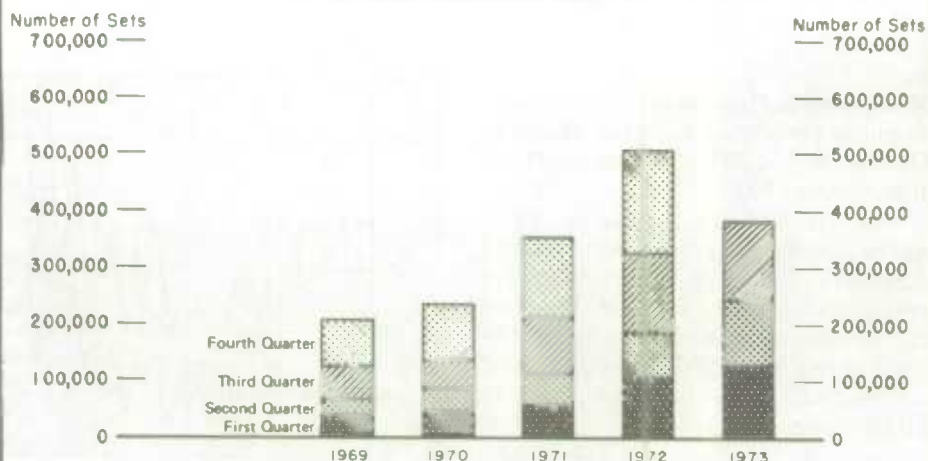
For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 20¢/\$2), or contact R. Potvin (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept. 163.33P	161.29P	7.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug. 5,288P	5,293P	10.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct. 8.88	8.80	5.8
Unemployed	Oct. 429,000	421,000	-11.2
ENERGY			
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Sept. 19.7	20.5	6.5
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Sept. 77.4	73.6	12.2
INVENTORIES			
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept. 9,932P	9,815P	13.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept. 4,406	4,267	17.1
Department Store (\$ million)	Sept. 923	1,006	6.7
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 5,733P	5,377P	15.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 6,878P	6,719P	34.5
PRICES			
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	Oct. 154.3	153.9	8.7
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	Sept. 147.4	147.8P	14.7
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Sept. 124.7	123.9	10.6
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Sept. 400.0P	402.7P	27.4
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept. 729.0P	6,103	25.6
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Sept. 19,879	154,140	1.8
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Oct. 2,354P	20,164	24.0
Imports (\$ million)	Sept. 1,780P	16,723	23.0
SALES			
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 1,284	10,421	14.0
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 365	2,794	14.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept. 5,573P	47,402	16.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 367	4,041	28.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 3,082	27,231	12.4
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 2,855	24,862	20.5

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

Manufacturers' Sales of "made-in-Canada" Colour Television Sets



Source: Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004)

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in September were estimated at \$2.86 billion, up 15.7% from the corresponding month in 1972.

The groceries and food specialties component in the consumer goods trades showed an 11% advance from a year earlier.

In the industrial goods trades, the most notable sales change was a 26.0% gain in the other construction materials category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$4.41 billion in the latest month, an increase of 17.1% from September of last year.

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

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major airlines reported combined net income of \$7.1 million for the first six months of 1973 compared to a loss of \$1.3 million for the corresponding period in 1972.

Operating revenues increased 24.0% in the latest period to \$484.1 million; operating expenses advanced 21.2% to \$457.5 million.

For June, the airlines reported net income of \$4.9 million, up from \$4.1 million a year earlier. In the latest month, Air Canada showed a profit of \$1.1 million, CP Air earned \$1.8 million and the five regional carriers had a combined profit of \$1.9 million. (The regional air carriers are Eastern Provincial Airways, Nordair, Pacific Western Airlines, Quebecair and Transair).

Passenger-miles for all services in June were up 12.5% from the same month last year.

For further information, order the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$3 per year), Vol. 5, No. 44, *Civil Aviation*, June 1973.

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles in October at 162,207 units was up 16.4% from October 1972.

For the first ten months of 1973, motor vehicle production totalled 1,343,216 units, up 10.4% from the corresponding period last year. Passenger car production rose 9.9% to 1,046,184 units in the latest period; production of commercial vehicles increased 12.1% to 297,032 units.

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

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Building Permits, October

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, October

Department Store Sales by Regions, October

General Wholesale Price Indexes, October

Housing Starts and Completions, October

New Motor Vehicle Sales, October

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly totalled \$13.29 billion at the end of September, up 20.0% from a year earlier.

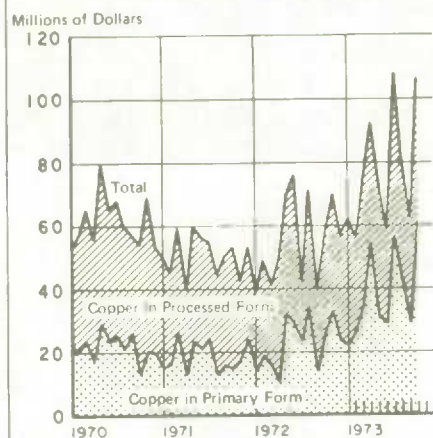
Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to \$8.62 billion in the latest month, an increase of 26.2% from September 1972.

Sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$1.12 billion balances of retail instalment sales paper in September (an increase of 13.3% from a year earlier) and had \$1.40 billion outstanding of personal cash loans (up 17.3%).

Total outstanding balances on the books of credit holders reporting quarterly as well as those reporting monthly reached \$16.23 billion at the end of September, a level 15.1% higher than that of a year earlier.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 20¢/\$2), or contact Consumer Credit Section (613-996-9278), or Telex 053-3585, *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Canadian Domestic Exports of Copper



Provincial Government Employment

Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed an estimated 322,798 persons in general government services during the last pay period of June 1973. Second-quarter gross payrolls totalled \$588.7 million.

Provincial government enterprises employed an estimated 109,874 persons at the same period. Second-quarter gross payrolls of these enterprises totalled \$297.2 million.

For further information, order *Provincial Government Employment, April-June 1973* (72-007, 50¢/\$2).

Summary of Exports

Canada's October exports reached \$2.14 billion on a seasonally-adjusted basis, their highest level this year and 7.4% above the third-quarter monthly average of \$2.00 billion.

Unadjusted exports in October increased 19.4% from a year earlier to \$2.35 billion.

Exports to the United States advanced 25% to \$1.62 billion, with shipments of automotive and related products, crude petroleum, pulp, machinery and fabricated steel materials accounting for more than half of the total.

Overseas exports rose 8% overall, with shipments to Japan climbing 69.9% to \$170.6 million. Overseas exports of copper and lumber increased markedly, but wheat exports showed an actual decline.

For the January-October period of 1973, unadjusted exports at \$20.2 billion were up 24.0% from a year earlier. Two-thirds of this rise was accounted for by the United States and one-sixth by Japan.

Exports of automotive and related products, crude petroleum, lumber, newsprint and machinery were responsible for 55% of exports to the United States. Deliveries of wheat, copper, nickel, lumber and oilseeds made up 39% of shipments overseas.

For further information, order the October 1973 issue of *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 20¢/\$2).

Shipments of Prefabricated Buildings

Shipments of prefabricated buildings of Canadian manufacture totalled \$223.0 million in 1972, an increase of 35% from \$164.8 million in 1971.

For further information, order *Shipments of Prefabricated Buildings of Own Manufacture, 1972* (35-215, 25¢), or contact P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Manufacturers' Shipments, Orders

Manufacturers' new orders in September, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$5.64 billion, up 3.1% from \$5.47 billion (revised) in August. New orders for durable goods increased 6.8%; those for non-durable goods showed a decrease of 0.4%.

Unfilled orders were estimated at \$6.91 billion in the latest month, up 3.3% from the month before.

Total inventory owned was 1.7% higher at an estimated \$10.01 billion.

The ratio of total inventory owned-to-shipments was 1.85 in September, down from 1.89 (revised) the month before. The finished products-to-shipments ratio was 0.63 compared to 0.64 (revised) in August.

Manufacturers' shipments in September were estimated at \$5.42 billion, an increase of 4.0% from the revised August value of \$5.21 billion. Durable goods shipments were 6.8% higher than the previous month's level; shipments of non-durables rose 1.5%.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in September were estimated at \$5.57 billion, up 13.6% from a year earlier. Shipments for the first nine months of 1973 at \$47.40 billion were 16.9% higher than in the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Six major railways reported revenues of \$150.8 million from Canadian operations in September, down 2.4% from a year earlier. Expenses rose 1.5% to \$150.1 million, resulting in net income of \$.7 million for the month (versus net income of \$.6 million in September 1972).

Freight ton-miles declined 0.8% in the latest month and passenger-miles were almost 42% below the September 1972 level.

During the first nine months of 1973, railway revenues rose 5.6% while expenses increased 7.9%. Net income of \$17.1 million was down 61.4% from the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the September 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.

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Unemployment Insurance Claims

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act declined to \$122 million in September, down 9% from \$135 million in August and 5% less than the \$128 million disbursed in September 1972.

The average weekly payment to claimants rose 1% to \$68.03 in September from the previous month's average of \$67.37 and was 10% more than the year-earlier payment of \$61.93.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance totalled 161,000 in the latest month, virtually unchanged from the month before but 7% less than the 173,000 received in September 1972.

For further information, order the September 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.

Real Domestic Product

Real domestic product decreased 0.5% in the third quarter of 1973 following increases of 0.9% in the second quarter and 3.3% in the first quarter.

The decline in the latest quarter resulted from strikes by railway and pulp and paper workers, and to a lesser extent, a decline in motor vehicle manufacturers' output. The reduced auto output was attributable partly to the rail strike and also to a strike in the motor vehicle manufacturing industry.

Transportation output fell by 6.8% in the third quarter. Rail, water and air transport all registered decreases; inter-urban and rural bus transport increased sharply as a result of strikes in other transportation industries.

Total trade output fell 1.6%. Wholesale trade dropped 4.8%; retail trade advanced 0.7%. In wholesale trade, a majority of component industries fell, including wholesalers of automotive parts and accessories, grocery and food specialties, household electrical appliances, construction materials and supplies and farm machinery.

Manufacturing output dropped in the third quarter for both non-durables (-2.1%) and durables (-0.7%). The strike-caused decline in pulp and paper was the main contributor to the decreased output.

For further information, order the September 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.

Telephone Industry Statistics

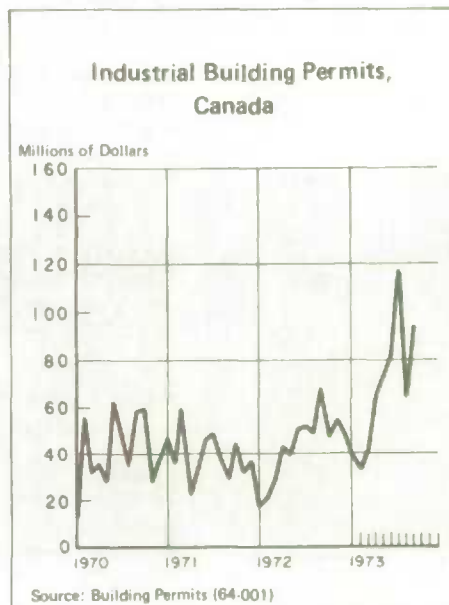
Canadian telephone systems earned net operating revenue of \$66.5 million in September, an increase of 19.3% from September 1972.

In the latest month, operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone systems at \$176.8 million were 13.9% higher than a year earlier; operating expenses rose 10.9% to \$110.3 million.

For the first nine months of 1973, net operating revenues of the telephone systems totalled \$535.2 million, up 15.4% from the corresponding period in 1972. Operating revenues during the latest period showed a gain of 13.6% to \$1.53 billion; operating expenses were 12.6% higher at \$989.8 million.

Construction expenditures increased 13.8% this year to \$696.3 million from \$611.8 million recorded in the January-September period of 1972.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1 a year), Vol. 3, No. 12, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, September 1973.





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