

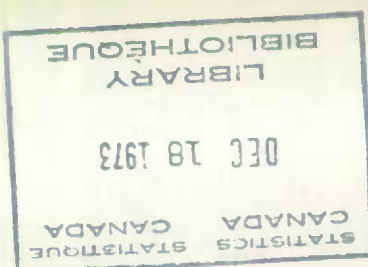


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Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in October totalled \$839.8 million, an increase of 39.6% from \$601.6 million in October 1972.

In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for residential permits at \$460.0 million (\$326.3 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$171.5 million (\$128.8 million), institutional and governmental permits at \$112.9 million (\$99.4 million) and industrial permits at \$95.4 million (\$47.1 million).

Building permits taken out in Canada in the first ten months of 1973 totalled \$7.09 billion, up 29.9% from \$5.46 billion in the corresponding period last year.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in October were up 2.2% from the month before.

For further information, order the October 1973 issue of Building Permits (64-001, 40¢/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles in November at 148,032 units showed a decrease of 0.5% from November 1972.

For the first eleven months of 1973, motor vehicle production totalled 1,490,088 units, up 9.1% from the corresponding period last year. Passenger car production rose 8.7% to 1,162,648 units in the latest period; production of commercial vehicles increased 10.7% to 327,440 units.

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

Provincial Government Employment

Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed 313,835 persons in general government services during the last pay period of September 1973.

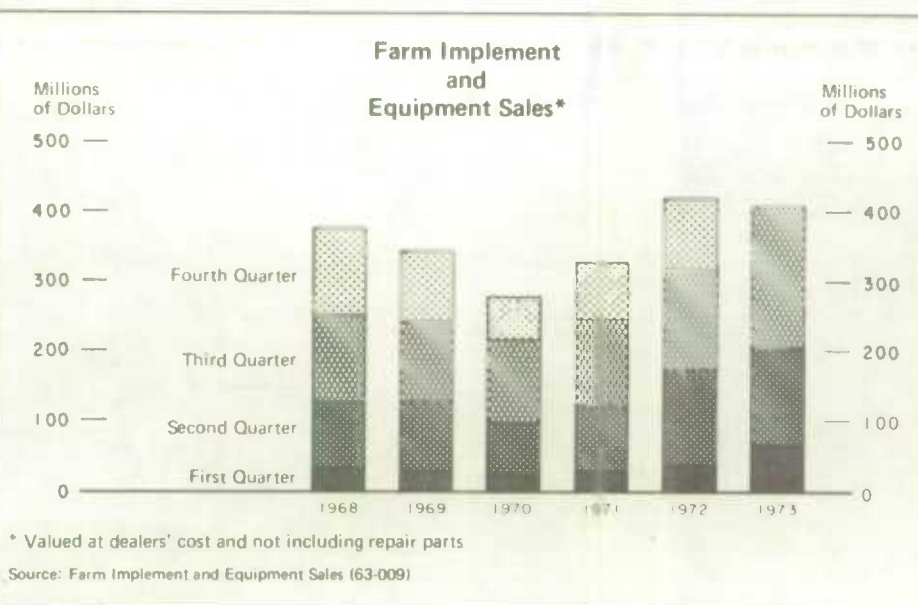
Gross payrolls for the third quarter totalled \$636.3 million.

For further information, order Provincial Government Employment, July-September 1973 (72-007, 50¢/\$2), or contact T.H. Harris (613-994-9338), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

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)	Sept.	5,513P	5,299P	11.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	8.83	8.88	5.6
Unemployed	Nov.	468,000	429,000	-10.7
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Oct.	21.6	19.7	4.8
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)	Nov.	155.5	154.3	9.3
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	Oct.	148.6	147.7P	15.2
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Oct.	125.7	124.7	10.6
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Oct.	404.3P	400.7P	26.8
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	839.8P	7,090	29.9
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Oct.	22,069	176,209	1.3
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Oct.	2,354P	20,164	24.0
Imports (\$ million)	Oct.	2,329P	19,057	24.1
SALES				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	1,284	10,421	13.9
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)	Oct.	526	4,566	26.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	3,082	27,231	12.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	2,855	24,862	20.5

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



Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the January-October period of 1973 totalled an estimated \$5.46 billion, up 29.2% from \$4.23 billion a year earlier.

This estimate (preliminary) is for farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland. Included are: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. (No deduction is made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold).

Receipts rose in all provinces in the latest period. Total payments made to farmers (by province):

- Ontario \$1.58 billion (\$1.26 billion a year earlier); Saskatchewan \$1.16 billion (\$917 million); Alberta \$982 million (\$709 million); Quebec \$785 million (\$645 million); Manitoba \$493 million (\$367 million); British Columbia \$245 million (\$190 million); New Brunswick \$79 million (\$50 million); Nova Scotia \$77 million (\$58 million); Prince Edward Island \$59 million (\$34 million).

For further information, order the January-October 1973 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, October

Consumer Credit, October

Department Store Sales and Stocks, October

Retail Trade, October

Wholesale Trade, October

The Wheat Review

Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining (on or about November 1, 1973) in the four major exporting countries for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, amounted to 1,648.4 million bushels, down 24% from a year earlier.

Supplies on hand in these countries were as follows (in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets):

- United States, 870.7 (1,316.8); Canada, 708.4 (763.1); Argentina, 44.2 (21.8); and Australia, 25.1 (72.0).

Canadian exports of wheat (and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent) during the August-October period of the current crop year amounted to 116.3 million bushels, some 35% less than the 180.1 million bushels exported during the corresponding period last year.

Canadian exports for the 1973-74 crop year are forecast at about the 1971-72 level (503.8 million bushels).

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of *The Wheat Review* (22-005, 30¢/\$3).

Index of Industrial Production (1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production advanced to 215.4 in October, up 1.9% from 211.5 (revised) in September and 6.0% higher than the October 1972 level.

In the latest month, mining output increased 4.3% and manufacturing output was up 1.7%; utilities output declined 0.5%.

For further information, order the October 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.

Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres

The value of cheques cashed in clearing centres in September totalled \$111.7 billion, up 26.7% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the September 1973 issue of *Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres* (61-001, 20¢/\$2 a year).

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products (1961=100)

The October index number of farm prices of agricultural products for Canada at 183.2 was down 1.1% from a month earlier.

The decrease in the index resulted mainly from declining livestock prices across the country. Quebec and New Brunswick were the only provinces to show an increase in the index in the latest month; higher potato prices in these provinces was the primary cause for this increase.

Over the twelve months from October 1972, the index has shown an advance of 29.3%.

During this period, farmers in all provinces have received higher prices for agricultural products, with the following index increases recorded:

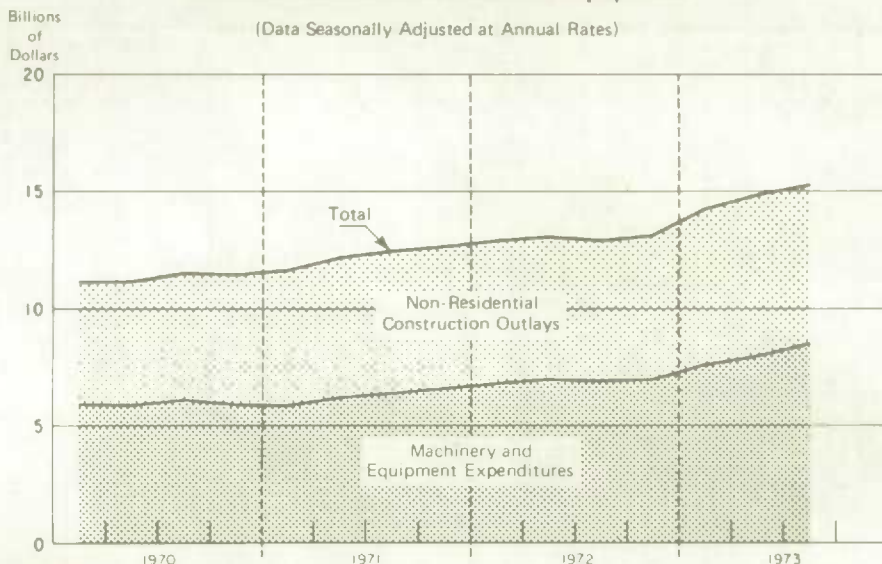
- New Brunswick, 53.9%; Prince Edward Island, 49.8%; Quebec, 37.0%; Nova Scotia, 31.1%; Ontario, 30.8%; Manitoba, 29.4%; Alberta, 29.3%; British Columbia, 28.8%; Saskatchewan, 18.7%.

(The index includes all provinces except Newfoundland. Prices used in computing the index are, as closely as can be determined, the prices which are actually received by the farmers at the farm level).

For further information, order the October 1973 issue of *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, 10¢/\$1).

Business Investment in Plant and Equipment

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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

The Labour Force

Employment decreased to an estimated 8.83 million persons in November from 8.88 million in October but was well up from 8.36 million a year earlier.

Unemployment increased to 468,000 last month from 429,000 in October, but was down from 524,000 in November 1972.

The total work force numbered 9.30 million in the latest month compared to 8.89 million a year ago.

Seasonally adjusted, Canada's unemployment rate decreased to 5.6 from 5.8 in October (6.6 in November 1972). Regionally, the rate of unemployment decreased to 9.6 in the Atlantic Region from 9.7 in October, to 6.0 in British Columbia from 6.1 and to 4.0 in Ontario from 4.7. The rate increased in Quebec to 7.6 from 7.2 a month earlier, and to 4.0 in the Prairie Region from 3.7 in October.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate (percentage of the population 14 years of age and over counted in the labour force) at 57.6 in November showed no change from October.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the level of employment increased by 41,000 in November, following an even-larger increase the month before.

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 30¢/\$3).

Canada's Foreign Trade in Motor Vehicles and Parts

For the first nine months of 1973, Canada's trade in automotive products with the United States showed a deficit of \$181 million, a marked contrast with the \$129 million surplus recorded in the corresponding period last year.

The turnaround in the balance resulted from a sharper increase of 30% in imports (to \$4.08 billion), which outdistanced the 19% rise in exports (to \$3.90 billion).

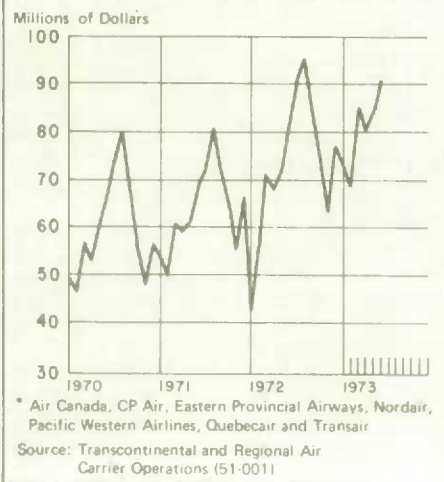
Canada's trade in automotive products with countries other than the United States resulted in a deficit of \$373 million in the latest period, little changed from a year earlier.

Passenger cars imported from overseas (down 16% by value and 35% by volume) accounted for about one-fifth of the value of Canadian car imports, as against almost one-third in the first nine months of 1972.

The average import price of overseas-manufactured automobiles rose to \$2,282 in September, up 30% from \$1,749 a year earlier.

For further information, order the Tuesday, December 11 issue of Statistics Canada Daily (11-001, 10¢ per issue, \$25 per year).

Operating Revenues of Canadian Air Carriers*



Housing Starts and Completions

Housing construction edged lower in October with 22,069 starts recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared to 22,651 starts in October 1972.

In the latest month, apartment units accounted for 52.9% of starts, single-family dwellings 36.8%, row housing 5.5% and doubles 4.8%.

For the first ten months of 1973, housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over totalled 176,209, up 1.3% from the corresponding period in 1972.

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI) (1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.8% to 155.5 in November from 154.3 in October as all main components moved up.

Major contributors to the latest month's rise were higher prices for food (up 1.2%), clothing (1.1%) and housing (0.8%).

In addition, the component for health and personal care rose 0.9%; increases of 0.3% were registered for both the transportation and the recreation, education and reading elements; and the tobacco and alcohol index moved up 0.2%.

Between November 1972 and November 1973, the All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 9.3%.

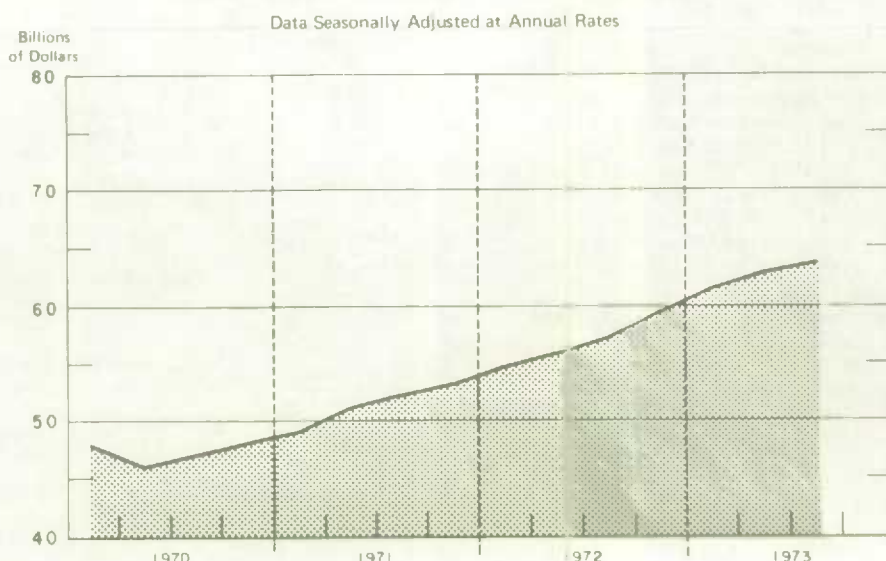
During that period, the following index increases have been recorded:

- Food, up 18.4%; housing, 6.8%; clothing, 6.6%; health and personal care, 6.1%; transportation, 5.3%; recreation, education and reading, 5.0%; and tobacco and alcohol, 2.9%.

In the latest twelve months, the beef price index has climbed 30%, and prices for fresh fruit have also jumped 30%. Canned salmon prices are 52.4% above their November 1972 level.

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of Consumer Price Movements (62-001, 10¢/\$1) or Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4).

Wages, Salaries, and Supplementary Labour Income



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



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