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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities – February 1973 – Advance information.

A consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movement in prices, faced by consumers, within the specified city. Thus, consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities. Inter-city price comparisons are available in Table 14 of the monthly *Prices and Price Indexes*.

Between January and February, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations with increases ranging from 0.1% in Halifax to 1.2% in St. John's, Nfld. Food indexes advanced in all cities reflecting higher prices for most meat and poultry, fresh fruit, many fresh vegetables, canned goods and restaurant meals. Lower prices were recorded in most cities for such foods as

tomatoes, lettuce, bananas, macaroni and cake mix. Housing components rose in all cities and city-combinations except Edmonton – Calgary, where it was unchanged, in response to higher rents and household effects insurance rates together with increased prices for fuel oil and some home furnishings. The health and personal care components rose in eleven cities reflecting generally higher prices for pharmaceuticals and personal care supplies and increased ladies' hairdressing charges. Recreation and reading indexes rose in ten cities as a result of higher motion picture admission charges in many centres and increased newspaper subscription rates in Montreal. The components for clothing, transportation and tobacco and alcohol registered mixed movements across the country.

City indexes are not as comprehensive in price content as the Canada consumer price index and may

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underestimate slightly the degree of price movements occurring. In this connection, the shelter component of the city indexes moves on the basis of changes in rents only, whereas changes in both rents and homeownership costs are included in the Canada index. As a result of homeownership costs having increased more rapidly than rents, the housing and all-items indexes for cities have tended to underestimate somewhat the rates of price increase, particularly over long periods. Studies are underway to incorporate homeownership prices in city indexes.

(see table on page 3)

Preliminary Statement of Total Canadian Exports,
February 1973 - Published only in Statistics
Canada Daily and Weekly.

February exports reached \$1,751 million, up \$25.1 million or 1.7% from a year earlier. This followed an even larger year-to-year increase in January of \$451 million. Exports to the United States (up by \$185 million) and Japan (\$36 million) accounted for some 87% of the February rise.

Shipments of automotive products, lumber, crude petroleum, newsprint and industrial machinery increased by some \$115 million, accounting for 63% of the export gain to the United States. Wheat, oil seeds, nickel and copper ores, automotive products and tobacco contributed some \$63 million towards the year-over-year gain of \$70 million in overseas exports.

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

Preliminary Statement of Total Canadian Exports,
(Domestic Exports plus Re-exports)

	Value		Change
	1972	1973	1972-1973
	(\$ million)		%
Month of February			
United Kingdom	93.0	96.1	3.3
Other Commonwealth and Preferential	53.1	66.7	25.6
United States	1,086.0	1,271.2	17.1
Japan	61.7	97.7	58.3
European Economic Community*	73.3	77.4	5.6
Latin America	45.4	39.0	-14.1
Other Countries	83.5	102.8	23.1
Total Commonwealth and Preferential	146.1	162.7	11.4
Total Others	1,349.9	1,588.1	17.6
Grand Total	1,496.0	1,750.8	17.0
January-February			
United Kingdom	159.4	211.0	32.4
Other Commonwealth and Preferential	92.5	135.4	46.4
United States	2,082.5	2,570.3	23.4
Japan	119.6	190.5	59.3
European Economic Community*	168.7	171.2	1.5
Latin America	88.1	84.1	-4.5
Other Countries	152.4	207.1	35.9
Total commonwealth and Preferential	251.9	346.3	37.5
Total Others	2,611.3	3,223.2	23.4
Grand Total	2,863.2	3,569.4	24.7

* Excluding Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom, new members from 1 January, 1973.

Note: Figures may not add because of rounding.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes measure *within each city* the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. *They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.**

	All items	Food	Hous- ing**	Cloth- ing	Trans- porta- tion	Health and personal care	Recre- ation and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
	(1961=100)							
St. John's								
February 1973 index	134.9	138.2	126.6	138.7	127.6	152.5	117.3	161.4
January 1973 index	133.3	133.9	126.0	137.6	127.7	152.1	117.4	162.0
% change from January 1973	1.2	3.2	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
% change from February 1972	6.4	12.4	2.8	2.4	1.4	10.4	1.7	10.2
Halifax								
February 1973 index	134.8	146.6	125.8	132.2	126.3	151.0	145.4	134.2
January 1973 index	134.6	145.9	125.7	132.3	126.1	151.8	144.8	133.5
% change from January 1973	0.1	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	0.4	0.5
% change from February 1972	4.7	10.6	2.3	4.1	1.5	0.9	3.7	3.5
Saint John								
February 1973 index	135.2	148.4	123.4	138.8	131.7	144.2	146.7	129.8
January 1973 index	134.6	148.3	122.3	139.1	131.3	143.7	145.3	129.5
% change from January 1973	0.4	0.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1
% change from February 1972	5.2	11.2	2.5	4.8	1.5	3.6	5.2	2.0
Montreal								
February 1973 index	135.7	148.3	122.0	132.1	131.8	145.7	153.1	134.8
January 1973 index	134.8	145.7	121.9	131.7	131.8	145.6	151.4	134.4
% change from January 1973	0.7	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.3
% change from February 1972	4.5	10.5	1.5	3.3	0.8	2.0	3.3	2.0
Ottawa								
February 1973 index	140.9	150.8	131.1	137.9	135.6	153.8	148.2	144.7
January 1973 index	140.2	148.9	130.8	137.8	135.6	152.9	146.6	144.7
% change from January 1973	0.5	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.1
% change from February 1972	5.2	9.2	3.1	4.5	1.5	2.8	6.1	7.2
Toronto								
February 1973 index	139.7	149.8	129.6	136.9	139.7	152.0	138.1	142.7
January 1973 index	139.4	148.7	129.2	138.8	139.5	151.1	137.7	142.4
% change from January 1973	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2
% change from February 1972	5.2	10.1	3.6	3.4	0.3	4.1	3.1	7.4
Winnipeg								
February 1973 index	138.2	148.2	123.1	143.4	137.2	166.6	142.9	137.9
January 1973 index	137.5	147.1	122.7	143.1	136.7	163.2	142.4	137.1
% change from January 1973	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	2.1	0.4	0.6
% change from February 1972	5.0	9.3	2.9	4.8	1.3	5.4	3.4	6.1
Saskatoon-Regina								
February 1973 index	132.2	147.6	119.7	136.1	125.5	140.8	141.7	124.0
January 1973 index	131.3	146.6	119.0	135.8	123.9	140.0	140.3	124.0
% change from January 1973	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.1
% change from February 1972	4.2	8.1	2.9	3.3	0.9	1.7	5.2	0.8
Edmonton-Calgary								
February 1973 index	137.6	150.9	125.4	136.8	133.6	155.4	142.6	133.5
January 1973 index	137.1	150.4	125.4	136.6	132.3	154.9	141.9	133.2
% change from January 1973	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.2
% change from February 1972	4.8	8.8	1.3	4.7	3.4	2.8	2.4	6.5
Vancouver								
February 1973 index	136.2	151.4	124.8	138.2	134.3	148.6	128.1	125.1
January 1973 index	135.2	148.4	124.4	138.5	134.3	147.6	128.0	124.5
% change from January 1973	0.7	2.0	0.3	-0.2	—	0.7	0.1	0.5
% change from February 1972	4.4	7.5	2.7	4.3	3.2	4.4	2.0	2.2
base 1969=100								
Quebec City								
February 1973 index	110.5	115.7	108.2	104.9	113.4	108.7	111.1	107.5
January 1973 index	109.6	114.3	107.6	103.7	113.0	107.8	110.9	107.2
% change from January 1973	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3
% change from February 1972	4.0	10.8	1.4	1.9	0.6	2.0	2.5	1.8
Thunder Bay								
February 1973 index	111.2	118.9	108.7	104.3	109.9	115.7	110.9	107.4
January 1973 index	110.9	118.1	108.2	104.6	110.3	115.4	111.0	107.3
% change from January 1973	0.3	0.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1
% change from February 1972	4.6	8.2	4.6	2.9	1.1	3.0	1.6	6.2

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 404/541).

** Includes shelter and household operation. The shelter element of regional city housing indexes moves on the basis of changes in rents only, whereas in the Canada index this movement is derived from changes in both rents and homeownership costs.

Farm Cash Receipts, January, 1973 (21-001, 20¢/\$2).

Preliminary estimates indicated that during January 1973, farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland increased to \$479.9 million from \$330.1 million a year earlier. These estimates included 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 supplementary payments to dairy producers. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January

	1973	1972
	(\$ millions)	
Prince Edward Island	7.2	3.7
Nova Scotia	6.6	5.3
New Brunswick	8.1	4.3
Quebec	57.0	46.9
Ontario	162.9	122.4
Manitoba	34.4	20.3
Saskatchewan	95.8	50.3
Alberta	88.0	59.4
British Columbia	19.9	17.5
Canada	479.9	330.1

Building Construction Input Indexes, December 1972 — Construction Price Index Service Bulletin (62-006, \$3 a year), Vol. 2, No. 2.

The residential building construction input index (1971=100) reached 115.5 in December of 1972. The index for materials (64.1% of the total) was 115.2 and that for labour (35.9% of the total) was 115.9. The index for the input of general contractors reached 121.3 compared with 111.3 for trade sub-contractors.

Residential Building Construction Input Indexes December 1972

1971=100

	Relative Weight in Total Index	Total	Materials	Labour
Atlantic Region	6.4	118.2	114.5	124.5
Quebec	20.6	114.9	118.5	108.0
Ontario	44.9	115.9	114.1	119.0
Prairie Region	15.5	114.3	113.6	115.6
British Columbia	12.6	114.8	115.7	113.4
Canada	100.0	115.5	115.2	115.9
General Contractors	41.7	121.3	122.0	117.0
Sub-Trade Contractors	58.3	111.3	106.6	115.7

Non-Residential Construction Input Indexes September 1972

1961=100

	Total	Materials	Labour
Canada	185.6	144.0	236.7

Retail Trade January 1973 — Advance Information.

Seasonally adjusted retail trade reached \$3,002.7 million in January 1973, an increase of 3.3% from the previous month. The greatest gain was registered by general merchandise stores (16.9%) followed by hardware stores (12.1%). Sales decreases ranged from 14.0% for fuel dealers to 1.9% for shoe stores. Increases were reported in all provinces except Prince Edward Island (down 1.6%).

Not adjusted for seasonality total retail trade increased 13.6% from January 1972 to \$2,649.3 million. All trade groups reported increased sales ranging from a high of 32.1% for motor vehicle dealers to a low of 5.2% for variety stores. Sales increases were registered in all provinces, with the largest increase reported in Saskatchewan (18.6%).

For further information, order the January issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 30¢/\$3).

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, January 1973 — Advance Information.

Chain store organizations reported sales of \$934.3 million during January 1973, up 12.6% from January 1972. Sales increased in all trades, ranging from a high of 38.3% for service stations and garages to a low of 2.7% for hardware stores.

The value of stocks (at cost) held on December 31, 1972, was \$1,933.9 million, 13.7% more than a year earlier. Inventory held by grocery and combination stores decreased by 5.5%, furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores 5.1% and fuel dealers 3.3%. All other trades reported increased stock values with the greatest gain reported by women's clothing stores (28.9%).

Further details will be contained in *Chain Store Sales and Stocks*, January 1973 (63-001, 10¢/\$1).

New Motor Vehicles Sales, January 1973 - Advance Information.

January sales of new motor vehicles reached 75,460 units, 30.1% more than a year earlier. In dollar volume, January sales increased 37.9% to \$321.1 million. Passenger car sales increased by 26.7% and commercial vehicles by 43.5% in units and by 33.3% and 49.5% in dollars. Sales of Canadian and U.S. made passenger cars rose 32.4% in terms of units and 37.4% in dollar volume, while sales of overseas manufactured cars increased by only 6.4% in units and 14.7% in dollars.

Overseas manufactured passenger cars held 18.7% of the unit market in January 1973. This compared with a market share of 22.2% in January 1972, 23.9% for the whole of 1972, and 17.0% in December.

The average unit price of Canadian and U.S. made passenger cars sold during the month was \$3,976 - 3.7% higher than a year earlier. Overseas manufactured passenger car prices rose, on average, to \$3,133 up 7.8%. (It should be noted that these figures do not necessarily represent price increases, but may be due, in part, to the types of car purchased).

Seasonally adjusted January unit sales for new motor vehicles rose 10.7% over the previous month and 30.8% over January 1972, to 104,617, with total passenger cars up 29.8% and commercial vehicles up 50.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *New Motor Vehicle Sales*, (63-007, 20¢/\$2).

Weekly Railway Carloadings, March 7, 1973 - Advance Information.

Railways in Canada loaded 4,180,172 tons of revenue carload freight during the 7-day period ending March 7. This was 14.8% more than in the comparable period of 1972. Year-to-date loadings increased 15.2%.

For further information, order the March issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 20¢/\$2).

Prices and Price Indexes March 1973 - Advance Information.

Weekly Security Price Indexes

Index	Number stocks priced	March 15/73 This week	March 8/73 Week ago 1961=100	Feb. 15/73 Month ago
Investors price index	114	191.6	191.3	193.0
Industrials	80	203.9	203.7	204.6
Utilities	20	157.0	156.3	155.8
Finance	14	182.3	182.0	190.0
Mining stock price index	24	126.7	128.9	122.2
Uraniums price index	4	232.9	223.3	197.3
Primary oils and gas	6	501.0	497.9	551.6

For further information, order the March issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J. Boulet (613-992-8270), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Accommodation, Food and Recreation Services - Employment, Earnings and Hours, 1972 - Advance Information.

About 401,500 Canadians were employed in accommodation, food and recreational services in 1972, of whom 209,900 were female. Part-time and casual workers accounted for 122,000 of the total, and about three-quarters of these (80,000) were female. Average hourly earnings ranged from \$3.79 for full-time male managers and administrators in the amusement and recreational services to \$1.81 for part-time and casual female workers (other than in managerial and office work) in the accommodation and food services.

Detailed information on this new survey, including data for provinces and urban areas will be published in *Accommodation, Food and Recreational Services - Employment, Earnings and Hours of Work, 1972* (72-602, \$2). Further advance information is available from Mr. Y. Morin (613-992-1635) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Correctional Institution Statistics, 1971 - Advance Information.

The federal penitentiary population on December 31, 1971 was 7,486. This was 5.3% more than one year earlier and up 7.4% from 1967.

Over the five-year period the population of provincial adult institutions increased only 2.5% to about 12,370.

Further details will be published in *Correctional Institution Statistics, 1971* (85-207, 75¢). Additional information is available on request from Sharon Card (613-994-5673), Judicial Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

Gas Utilities, January 1973 — Advance Information. Canadian consumers purchased 133.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas in January, up 3.5% from 129.4 billion a year earlier. Exports rose to 92.4 billion cubic feet from 88.7 billion.

For further information, order the January issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Service Bulletin* Volume 8, Number 18 (57-002, \$3), or contact André Côté (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Refined Petroleum Products, January 1973 — Advance Information.

Canadian refineries produced 52.1 million barrels of refined petroleum products in January, 8.8% more than a year earlier.

For further information, order the January 1973 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Service Bulletin*, (57-002, \$3).

Steel Ingots, Week ended March 17, 1973 — Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended March 17, totalled 269,068 tons, a decrease of 4.0% from the preceding week's total of 280,362 tons. The comparable week's total in 1972 was 234,546 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 146.8 in the current week, 153.0 a week earlier and 128.0 one year ago.

Particle Board, January 1973 — Advance Information.

Canadian firms produced 24.1 million sq. ft. (5/8" basis) of particle board in January 1973, up 5.3% from 22.9 million one year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of *Particle Board* (36-003, 10¢/\$1), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin, (613-992-2371) Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Publications Released

The Dairy Review, January 1973 (23-001, 20¢/\$2)

Cardiovascular-renal Mortality, 1950-68 (84-529, 75¢)

Preliminary Bulletin — 1971 Census of Manufactures (\$3.50 for the series): Instrument and Related Products Manufacturers (47-206-p); Wooden Box Factories (35-209-p).

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, November 1972 (31-001, 40¢/\$4)

Fisheries Statistics, Newfoundland, 1971 (24-202, 50¢)

Fisheries Statistics, Prince Edward Island, 1971 (24-203, 50¢)

Employment Earnings and Hours, September 1972 (72-002, 40¢/\$4)

Farm Wages in Canada, January 1973 (21-002, 25¢/75¢)

Preliminary Report on the Production of Motor Vehicles, February 1973 (42-001, 10¢/\$1)

Iron Ore, January 1973 (26-005, 10¢/\$1)

Asphalt Roofing, January 1973 (45-001, 10¢/\$1)

Cement, January 1973 (44-001, 10¢/\$1)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1973 (41-002, 10¢/\$1)

Specified Chemicals, January 1973 (46-002, 10¢/\$1)

The Sugar Situation, January 1973 (32-013, 10¢/\$1)

Rigid Insulating Board, January 1973 (36-002, 10¢/\$1)

Gypsum Products, January 1973 (44-003, 10¢/\$1)

Report on the Poultry Survey, December 1, 1972 (23-006, 25¢/50¢)

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, March 1, 1973 (32-009, 20¢/\$2)

Dairy Factory Production, February 1973 (32-002, 10¢/\$1)

Census of Canada, Population, Unincorporated Settlements, 1971 (92-771, \$2)

Restaurant Statistics, January 1973 (63-011, 10¢/\$1)

Breweries, January 1973 (32-019, 10¢/\$1)

Preliminary Bulletin — 1971 Census of Manufactures (\$3.50 for the series): Sporting Goods Manufacturers (47-204-p)

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, March 1, 1973 (32-010, 20¢/\$2)

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- Imports by Countries, January-December 1972** (65-006, \$1/\$4)
- Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe and Fittings, January 1973** (41-004, 10¢/\$1)
- Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, January 1973** (33-001, 10¢/\$1)
- Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, January 1973** (25-001, 10¢/\$1)
- Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, January 1973** (32-020, 10¢/\$1)
- Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, January 1973** (32-021, 10¢/\$1)
- Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, January 1973**
(32-011, 20¢/\$2)
- Products Made From Canadian Clays, January 1973** (44-005, 10¢/\$1)
- Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January 1973** (41-006, 10¢/\$1)
- Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, January 1973** (43-003, 10¢/\$1)
- Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, January 1973** (46-003, 10¢/\$1)
- Canadian Statistical Review Tape, March 1973** (\$150)
- Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, December 1972** (61-001, 20¢/\$2)
- Commercial Failures Under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, Fourth Quarter 1972**
(61-002, 25¢/\$1)
- Production and Value Estimate of Honey, 1972** (23-209, 25¢)
- Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, January 1973** (46-001, 10¢/\$1)
- Refined Petroleum Products, December 1972** (45-004, 30¢/\$3)
- Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics, December 1972** (32-014, 50¢/\$2)
- Service Bulletins – Energy** (57-002, \$3 a year), Vol. 8, No. 15, Energy Supply and Demand in Canada, 1958-1969; Preliminary Electric Energy Statistics, January 1973;
- Miscellaneous Industries** (47-003, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 3, Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes in Canada, January 1973.
- Fabricated Metal Products** (41-009, \$2 a year), Vol. 2, No. 1, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools, January 1973; Oil Filters and Cartridges, January 1973; Sanitaryware, January 1973;
- Fish and Fish Products** (24-003, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 10, Fish Freezings and Stocks, Canada, January 1973
- Energy** (57-002, \$3 a year), Vol. 8, No. 16, Salient Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Statistics, November 1972.
- Communications** (56-001, \$1 a year), Vol. 3, No. 2, Monthly Telephone Statistics, January 1973;
- Aviation** (51-004, \$3 a year), Vol. 5, No. 13, International Air Charter Statistics, December 1972;
- Aviation** (51-004, \$3 a year), Vol. 5, No. 14, Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Third Quarter 1972.
- Electrical Products** (43-007, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 1, Domestic Water Tank Heaters, January 1973;
- Fruit and Vegetable Preservation** (32-023, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 2, 1972 Pack of Fruits and Vegetables, January 1973; Vol. 2, No. 3, Stocks of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, January 1973.
- Service Bulletin – Fabricated Metal Products** (41-009, \$2 a year), Domestic and Farm Water Systems, January 1973.

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