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Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Fourth Quarter 1972 (67-001, 75 (\$3)

Canada recorded a current account deficit of $\$ 584$ million in 1972, a swing of almost $\$ 1$ billion from the 1971 surplus of about $\$ 400$ million. Almost all of the change resulted from a decline of over $\$ 900$ million in the merchandise trade surplus to $\$ 1,386$ million. The largest quarterly current account deficits in the
year, on a seasonally adjusted basis, were recorded in the first and third quarters when the merchandise trade surpluses were at their lowest.

Buoyant economic activity in Canada, particularly in the latter part of the year, encouraged the growth of imports which, over the year as a whole, rose about $60 \%$ faster than exports. A relatively low rate of growth in exports to overseas countries probably reflected a slower pick-up in economic growth in many of these countries than in Canada, especially in the early part of the year.


- Excluding items shown below

Capital movements led to a net inflow of $\$ 800$ million in 1972, more than double the previous year's total. Inflows of capital in long-term forms rose sharply to $\$ 1,773$ million from $\$ 394$ million in 1971.

Short-term capital movements led to a net capital outflow of $\$ 973$ million up over $\$ 950$ million from the 1971 level. The net capital inflow together with the current account deficit of $\$ 584$ million and a $\$ 117$-million allocation of Special Drawing Rights led to an increase in Canada's net official monetary assets of $\$ 333$ million.

In the fourth quarter the seasonally adjusted current account balance showed relative strength as the deficit dropped to $\$ 43$ million from $\$ 209$ million in the third quarter. This change in the current account balance arose from the improvement in the merchandise trade surplus which more than doubled to $\$ 517$ million. Exports, after dropping in the third quarter, rose by a substantial $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 5.514$ million, outpacing an import increase of $8.4 \%$. Canadian commodity exports were strongly influenced by improving economic conditions in the United States. Significant increases in exports were recorded for automotive products, lumber, nickel in ores, wheat, fabricated nickel and alloys, crude petroleum, fabricated copper and alloys and iron ore.

Reflecting the tempo of economic activity in Canada, imports continued to increase, rising at an unusually high quarterly rate. The rise came mainly from the United States, and in purchases of automotive products, machinery, communication equipment and fabricated steel materials.

Non-merchandise transactions resulted in a deficit of $\$ 560$ million, the largest recorded in 1972, and one-third larger than in the previous quarter.

With interest and dividend receipts falling to \$141 million, following an irregularly high third quarter, and payments rising by about $17 \%$ to $\$ 427$ million, the deficit on this account more than doubled to $\$ 286$ million, accounting for nearly $50 \%$ of the total deficit on non-merchandise transactions. This was by far the largest quarterly deficit on this account in the year.

During 1972 as a whole, the current account balance swung by almost $\$ 1$ billion to a deficit of $\$ 584$ million from the surplus recorded in 1971. A larger rise in merchandise imports than in exports brought about a contraction of over $\$ 900$ million in the trade surplus to $\$ 1,386$ million. The major commodities accounting for the $\$ 2,107$-million expansion in exports were motor vehicles, engines and parts, softwood lumber, crude petroleum, wheat, aircraft, engines and parts, petroleum and coal products, newsprint, copper and natural gas. Significant decreases were registered in shipments of iron ore, nickel, drilling machinery and rapeseed. Over twothirds of the $\$ 3,024$-million rise in imports occurred in the end products group. The more notable increases were in imports of motor vehicles, engines and parts, telecommunication equipment, crude petroleum, wearing apparel, office machinery, household goods, woven fabrics, tractors and agricultural machinery, excavating machinery and transportation equipment.

With non-merchandise receipts and payments both showing marginal increases of $2 \%$ the $\$ 1,970$-million deficit on invisibles showed little change from the 1971 level.

Almost three-quarters of the increase of $\$ 111$ million on non-merchandise receipts was accounted for by services. Receipts on freight and shipping transactions grew by $6 \%$ or $\$ 76$ million; there was also a rise of $\$ 59$ million for interest and dividends.

Services accounted for over $80 \%$ of the $\$ 175$ million rise on non-merchandise payments. Within the service accounts the item "other service payments" recorded the largest increase of $\$ 132$ million. All the three components of this item were higher with business services accounting for the biggest rise. With the increase in merchandise imports, freight and shipping payments grew by $10 \%$ to $\$ 1,297$ million. There was a decline on interest and dividends of $\$ 75$ million, as dividend payments fell markedly from the amount recorded in 1971 (which included some large irregular transactions). A drop was also recorded on travel payments due mainly to lower tourist expenditures in the United States.

Among transfer payments ufficial contributions increased by $10 \%$ to $\$ 222$ million. This outflow constituted Canada's development assistance abroad in the form of commodities, food, services and cash grants.

Inflows of capital in kong-term firms increased to $\$ 1,773$ million from $\$ 394$ million in 1971. Sharply increased sales of new issues o! Canadian securities abroad and a swing trom a net outfow to a substantial net inflow in trade in outstanding Cana-
dian bonds were the most significant contributing factors. The effect of these intlows was reinforced by
a reducion in outlows resulting form the retarment of Canadian securties held by monresidents and at buikdenp in their miscellaneous long-term investments in Canada. Partially offsetting changes aluse from reduced direct investment in Canada, incteased Canadian direct investment abroad, and larger ontlows in the form of advances under loan aid programs by the Government of Canada.

## Capital Movements

(Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations)

|  | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 |  | 1972 |  |  |
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|  | ( $\$$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign direct investment in Canada | 835 | 885 | 680 | 284 | 235 | 195 | 1311 | 1211 |
| Camadian direct investment dbread | -295 | -305 | - 385 | -66 | -95 | -961 | -13010 | -711 |
| Portiolio transactions | 565 | 311 | 1.758 | 6.3 | 215 | 6.11 | 314 | 588 |
| Other capital movements in long-temblurns | 36.3 | -497 | - 180 | -130 | -19 | 81 | $-47$ | -1001 |
| Resident holdings ol forcign currency bank balance and other short-term lunds abraid | -376 | 869 | 54. | 170 | 561 | 583 | -5411 | 11 |
| Non-reside nt holdings of Canallan short-term paper | 221 | 77 | $-196$ | 182 | 251 | -242 | -119 | 99 |
| Other capital movements in shoft-term forms | -93 | -960- | $-1.321$ | 24.5 | -626 | - 560 | 497 | -6.3? |
| Net capital movement | 194 | 380 | 800 | 748 | 525 | 413 | 65 | 203 |

The relatively large short-term sutflows of $\$ 973$ million during 1972 reflected changes in almost every account. There was a slowdown in the rate of reduction of resident holdings of forcign currency bank balances and other shortterm funds abroad. Non-resident holdings of Canadian money market instruments were reduced, and there was a large outfow in the categoty "other short-term capital transactions" which, in addition to intercompany and other accounts receivable and payable, includes the balancing item.

Capital movements between Canada and other countries during the fourth quarter resulted in a net outflow of $\$ 203$ million, a change of $\$ 268$ million from net inflows of $\$ 65$ million during the third quarter. Capital movements in long-term forms led to net inflows of $\$ 538$ million which were more than offset by short-term capital outflows of $\$ 741$ million. The principal factors affecting the sizeable long-term capital inflows were large sales of provincial and corporate new issues in the United States and of new provincial and municipal issues in Continental Europe. Also significant was the continuation of net sales of outstanding Canadian bonds and stocks to

Continental Europe and of bonds to "other countries". The $\$ 539$-million increase in short-lerm outflows was primatily due to a $\$ 1.138$-million swing from a net inflow in the third yuarter to a $\$ 716$ million net uaflow in the "obler shart-tem capital transactions" category. Offerting this numflow bo some extent was at $\$ 580$-milion reduction in 1 bu accumalation of resident holdings of fomeign cmancy bank balances and other short termfonds abroad.

Canada's net official monetary assets reached US $\$ 6,050$ million on December 31, 1972, an increase of US $\$ 480$ million in the year. Of this change, US $\$ 134$ million occurred as a result of the revaluation of the stock of Canada's gold-based assets in May. These assets include gold. Special Drawing Rights and Canada's reserve position in the International Monetary Fund. Reserves therefore rose by US $\$ 346$ million apart from the revaluation of existing holdings.

The total of all transactions during the year, apart from revaluation effects, led lo an overall increase of $\$ 333$ million (Canadian) in Canada's nel olficial monetary assets.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, January 1972 - Advance Information.
The first estimate of the scasonally-adjusted industrial composite index of employment $(1961=100)$ for Canada showed a January rise of $0.5 \%$ over December 1972. Cains in foresiry, manufacturing and Irade more than offset declines in the remaining industry divisions. The Allantic Regions, Ontario and British Columbia showed rises over the montlt, Quebec declined and the Prairie Regions showed no change. Average weekly carnings declined marginally in January; all regions contributed to this decline. Gains in manufacturing, finance, insurance and real cstate. and service were more than offset by declines in the remaining industry divisions. Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage- earners rose in January in mining, manufacturing and construction while average hourly earnings rose in inanufacturing and construction and declined in mining.

> Inclustrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agricutnure, fishing and trapping, ellucation and related senvecs. health and welfare seniees. religious organizations, private howscholds and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns receled from employers haring 20 or more employees in any month of the year.

Prelininary data for December 1972 showed a $0.4 \%$ decline in the seasonally-adjusted industrial composite cmployment index for Canada. Most of this decline resulted from decreases in construction (2.7\%) mining ( $1.3^{7} \%$ ) frade $(0.7 \%)$ and manufic. furing ( $0.6 \%$ ). All powinces recorded decreases over the nonth except Newfonndland and Quebee. which rose.

Average weekly earnings climbed $3.1 \%$ to $\$ 157.69$ in December 1972 at the Canada composite level. All industry divisions contributed to this overall advance: the largest relative gains were in construction ( $5.9 \%$ ) and forestry ( $4.0 \%$ ). All provinces except Prince Edward Island showed increased over the month ranging from $2.3 \%$ in Ontario and British Columbia to $5.5 \%$ in Saskatchewan.

Average weekly hous of humberated wate armers fose in construction in December and declined in minne. If change was recorded in Manufachming. Ave rage hourly cannings in December wee ley 10 in mining (10 54.64 ). by G 6 in consituction (to $\$ 5.44$ ), and hy is in manutacturing (to 53.060 ).

Detailed informaton for November and December will be published in the January 1973 issue of Emplowment. liarnings and Hours (72-002. 40 //\$4) and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613.092561.3), Labour Division. Slatistics (allada, Ottawa KIAOV2.
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Estimates of Labour Income, Jamuary 1933 - Ad. vance Information.
Total labour income, not adjusted for seasonal variations, was estimated at $\$ 4,923.1$ million in December, a gain of $11.4 \%$ over the same montll of 1971 ( $\$ 4,417.8$ million).

Seasonally-adjusted, the January estimate of $\$ 5,032.1$ million was down $\$ 8.1$ million or $0.2 \%$ from December, which included large retro-active payments mainly in the province of Qucbec. If the effect of these payments and that of money lost by employees on strikes were removed from both months, total labout income in January would have shown an increase of approximately $1.0 \%$ over December.

Further details will be published in Estimates of Labour Income, January 1973 ( $72-005,20 \$ / \$ 2$ ). Additional information is available on request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067) Labout Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.
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Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, February 1973 Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Weekly.
February imports increased $\$ 290$ million or $22 \%$ over a year carlier, reaching $\$ 1,626$ million. As exports grew at a lower rate of $17 \%$ to $\$ 1,751$ million, the merchamdise trade surplus declined to $\$ 125$ million from $\$ 160$ million.

Inports increased from all principal sources, but the rise of $\$ 227$ million from the United States accounted for $78 \%$ of the overall growth. Shipments from the European Economic Community (as constituted before January 1973) expanded by $\$ 18$ million, and those from other areas recorded smaller gains.

Automotive products accounted for $\$ 88$ million or $39 \%$ of the increase from the United States. Industrial machinery contributed a further $\$ 27$ million, while food and commmonicalion equipment added ahom $\$ 10$ million eath.

Included amone commodities comtributing to the $\$ 6.3$-million rise in imporis from overseas countries were: crude petroleum (up $\$ 9$ million), industrial machinery and atmonotive products (each up about $\$ 7$ million). and broad woven fabrics, tractors and food (about $\$ 4$ million eachi).

For further information order the February issue of Summary of Exporis $(65-002,20 \phi / \$ 2)$ and Summary of Inports ( $65-005,20 \$ / 52$ ).

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| Irdustry Division: |
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| Mining |
| Manufacturing |
| Durables |
| Non-durables |
| Construction |
| Transportation, Communisation and Other Utilities |
| Trade |
| Finance. Insurance and Real Estate |
| Service |
| Industrial Composite |
| Industricl Componte: |
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| Newfoundland |
| Prince Pdward Island |
| Nowa Scotia |
| New Brunswick |
| Quebec |
| Ontario |
| Prairie Region |
| Manitoba |
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| Alberta |
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Industry Division and Area

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| Britich Columbia |
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| Northwest Territories |

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Pmployment Index Numbers

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| $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } \\ 1973 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1972 \mathrm{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & 1972 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct } \\ & 1972 \mathrm{t} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } \\ 1972 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1971 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \operatorname{Jan} \\ 1973 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1972 \mathrm{P} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & 1972 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } \\ 19728 \end{gathered}$ |
| (1961 $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 78.8 | 79.1 | 86.2 | 90.3 | 62.9 | 70.5 | 90.4 | 86.8 | 81.8 | 78.5 |
| 107.7 | 108.4 | 110.5 | 111.3 | 109.6 | 109.1 | 109.3 | 110.5 | 1120 | 112.5 |
| 122.9 | 122.4 | 125.9 | 126.2 | 119.4 | 119.5 | 125.3 | 124.3 | 125.1 | 125.0 |
| 136.3 | 135.9 | 138.6 | 137.9 | 131.1 | 131.5 | 137.7 | 136.3 | 137.8 | 137.2 |
| 112.1 | 111.5 | 115.7 | 117.0 | 109.9 | 109.8 | 115.3 | 114.7 | 115.4 | 115.4 |
| 89.4 | 89.3 | 110.4 | 120.8 | 95.3 | 97.5 | 102.6 | 102.7 | 105.5 | 108.3 |
| 112.8 | 115.2 | 117.1 | 118.3 | 112.4 | 113.8 | 116.4 | 116.7 | 117.0 | 117.3 |
| 146.4 | 155.2 | 155.3 | 151.0 | 141.0 | 148.4 | 148.7 | 147.6 | 148.6 | 148.3 |
| 149.0 | 149.6 | 150.2 | 150.6 | 144.9 | 145.2 | 149.6 | 150.2 | 150.5 | 151.0 |
| 186.1 | 188.2 | 194.5 | 195.6 | 181.3 | 199.8 | 194.5 | 196.2 | 196.0 | 192.7 |
| 127.2 | 129.0 | 132.9 | 133.4 | 124.3 | 126.0 | 131.2 | 130.6 | 131.1 | 131.1 |
| 116.0 | 117.8 | 124.1 | 125.5 | 112.6 | 115.6 | 123.2 | 121.6 | 122.3 | 120.3 |
| 122.0 | 122.7 | 130.8 | 133.6 | 114.4 | 117.1 | 133.7 | 131.2 | 128.5 | 124.7 |
| 127.1 | 133.1 | 144.8 | 149.3 | 125.7 | 134.2 | 146.9 | 137.9 | 138.4 | 136.6 |
| 111.9 | 113.2 | 117.7 | 117.5 | 109.0 | 112.1 | 115.8 | 115.1 | 116.0 | 114.7 |
| 116.1 | 118.7 | 125.6 | 127.5 | 114.4 | [17.2 | 123.7 | 122.8 | 124.4 | 123.2 |
| 117.3 | 118.9 | 122.6 | 124.2 | 114.9 | 116.5 | 121.2 | 121.4 | 121.0 | 121.2 |
| 132.9 | 134.2 | 137.9 | 137.2 | 129.6 | 131.1 | 135.5 | 134.6 | 135.7 | 136.1 |
| 124.9 | 127.3 | 130.7 | 131.8 | 122.7 | 124.5 | 129.6 | 129.6 | 129.9 | 129.5 |
| 113.6 | 114.7 | 118.4 | 119.6 | 113.6 | 115.4 | 117.7 | 116.9 | 117.2 | 116.7 |
| 110.7 | 114.5 | 117.8 | 119.4 | 109.5 | 111.4 | 117.5 | 116.4 | 117.3 | 116.6 |
| 140.2 | 143.1 | 146.3 | 147.1 | 135.9 | 137.3 | 145.1 | 145.8 | 147.0 | 144.8 |
| 144.6 | 148.6 | 152.6 | 153.8 | 141.5 | 142.9 | 151.6 | 150.9 | 151.6 | 151.4 |
| 148.8 | 153.4 | 164.5 | 167.4 | 155.4 | 151.8 | 166.0 | 164.6 | 171.6 | 165.6 |
| [25.3 | 128.6 | 134.8 | 148.7 | 136.2 | 137.1 | 138.2 | 141.0 | 139.7 | 147.6 |
| 127.2 | 129.0 | 132.9 | 133.4 | 124.3 | 126.0 | 131.2 | 130.6 | 131.1 | 131.1 |

Average Weekly Farnines
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| $1973 \mathrm{f}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1972 \mathrm{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & 19720 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } \\ 1972 \mathrm{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Jan} \\ 1972 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & 1971 \end{aligned}$ | $\operatorname{Jan}_{1973 f}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1972 \mathrm{P} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } \\ 1972 \mathrm{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } \\ 19725 \end{gathered}$ |


| 188.44 | 187.75 | 194.32 | 185.90 | 165.90 | 159.06 | 190.23 | 193.94 | 186.54 | 184.21 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 206.27 | 203.51 | 201.05 | 197.87 | 183.01 | 182.70 | 202.84 | 205.68 | 199.41 | 196.83 |
| 164.04 | 159.49 | 161.39 | 160.70 | 151.34 | 147.69 | 163.93 | 163.13 | 160.65 | 160.00 |
| 176.03 | 170.25 | 174.23 | 173.92 | 162.60 | 157.72 | 177.09 | 175.21 | 172.85 | 172.37 |
| 152.23 | 148.85 | 148.93 | 148.04 | 140.42 | 137.94 | 151.31 | 150.19 | 149.08 | 148.14 |
| 225.73 | 199.66 | 224.42 | 220.44 | 198.03 | 176.84 | 227.82 | 233.55 | 220.60 | 213.75 |
| 175.27 | 175.71 | 172.13 | 171.19 | 162.47 | 162.46 | 175.24 | 177.79 | 172.01 | 170.29 |
| 123.78 | 122.14 | 118.77 | 119.23 | 112.78 | 113.07 | 124.29 | 124.42 | 120.96 | 120.37 |
| 149.12 | 146.95 | 143.69 | 142.49 | 135.36 | 133.73 | 149.46 | 147.85 | 144.76 | 143.07 |
| 115.38 | 113.14 | 110.39 | 109.46 | 103.14 | 103.18 | 114.177 | 114.65 | 110.70 | 110.38 |
| 156.99 | 152.85 | 153.75 | 153.38 | 143.68 | 140.90 | 157.37 | 157.69 | 152.97 | 152.72 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 135.05 | 131.74 | 129.93 | 129.01 | 122.66 | 118.03 | 132.94 | 135.94 | 130.18 | 129.77 |
| 142.85 | 140.57 | 138.94 | 141.39 | 130.20 | 123.34 | 141.60 | 145.68 | 139.68 | 14140 |
| 107.65 | 104.51 | 107.02 | 101.54 | 98.76 | 95.56 | 103.71 | 106.08 | 109.93 | 104.73 |
| 133.00 | 128.25 | 128.52 | 126.08 | 119.82 | 115.81 | 133.13 | 134.80 | 129.01 | 126.35 |
| 134.80 | 131.35 | 127.81 | 126.73 | 123.40 | 119.50 | 130.35 | 132.80 | 127.94 | 127.37 |
| 150.10 | 146.62 | 147.37 | 146.88 | 136.84 | 136.01 | 150.01 | 150.83 | 146.87 | 145.20 |
| 162.46 | 157.32 | 159.34 | 159.13 | 149.81 | 145.66 | 163.03 | 163.08 | 159.39 | 158.29 |
| 150.28 | 147.68 | 145.67 | 145.62 | 135.60 | 134.28 | 150.42 | 152.58 | 148.26 | 145.58 |
| 142.96 | 140.73 | 138.73 | 138.45 | 129.54 | 128.20 | 143.81 | 145.20 | 140.07 | 138.31 |
| 140.98 | 140.48 | 135.63 | 135.87 | 127.03 | 127.50 | 142.42 | 142.95 | 135.44 | 134.02 |
| 158.26 | 154.72 | 153.69 | 153.76 | 142.70 | 140.80 | 158.31 | 160.58 | 154.40 | 152.57 |
| 173.28 | 169.24 | 171.78 | 171.38 | 158.10 | 155.64 | 174.26 | 174.87 | 170.89 | 170.51 |
| 223.10 | 217.04 | 205.06 | 198.36 | 191.20 | 199.78 | 231.43 | 223.22 | 205.06 | 196.63 |
| 186.05 | 177.60 | 178.30 | 180.74 | 187.71 | 186.75 | 185.94 | 180.97 | 178.04 | 176.45 |
| 156.99 | 152.85 | 153.75 | 153.38 | 143.68 | 140.90 | 157.37 | 157.69 | 152.97 | 152.72 |

Average Hourly Farnings
Unadjusted for scasonial variations

Average Weekly Hours Average lfourly Farnings Seasonally-adjusted

Industry Division and Area

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Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, January 1973 - Advance Information. A total of 270,000 initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance benefit were received in January. This represented a decrease of 5,000 or $2 \%$ from the previous month. Compared with January 1972, the volume was down 10,000 or $3 \%$.

At the end of January, 1,056,000 claimants were registered for unemployment insurance benefit, up 152,000 or $17 \%$ from the December count. On January 31, 1972, there were 827,000 claimants.

Benefit paid to claimants in January increased to $\$ 244$ million, $53 \%$ more than the $\$ 159$ million disbursed in December. In January 1972, the expenditure was $\$ 140$ million. Claimants received benefits for $3,634,000$ weeks, up $47 \%$ from $2,466,000$ in December. They recieved $2,376,000$ a year earlier. The average weekly payment rose to $\$ 67.68$ in January, up $\$ 2.69$ or $4 \%$ from the previous month. In January 1972, the payment averaged $\$ 59.09$.

| Province | Initial and Renewal Claims Received |  |  | Claimants(a) Reporting to District Offices |  |  | Benefit Paid(b)$(\$ 000)$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1973 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{1973}{ }$ | Dec. 29 , 1972 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } 31, \\ 1972 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Jan} . \\ 1973 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Jan}_{1} . \\ \hline 972 \end{gathered}$ |
| Newfoundland | 8,967 | 12,067 | 8,696 | 49,433 | 41,714 | 38,432 | 11,578 | 6,498 | 6,364 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,026 | 3,236 | 2,262 | 10,162 | 8,300 | 7,701 | 2,164 | 1,053 | 1,289 |
| Nova Scolia | 13,385 | 12,786 | 12,578 | 50,878 | 40.456 | 40,279 | 10.811 | 6,147 | 6,340 |
| New Brunswick | 10,515 | 12,911 | 10,329 | 50,507 | 42,223 | 37,142 | 11,297 | 6,430 | 6,124 |
| Quebec | 73,466 | 78,417 | 81,477 | 311,357 | 264,597 | 239.127 | 73.514 | 48,453 | 38.879 |
| Ontario | 92,961 | 79.633 | 92,770 | 307,293 | 264.471 | 244,238 | 69,481 | 49.039 | 43.312 |
| Manitoba | 9.889 | 10,233 | 11,009 | 40,688 | 36.033 | 33,914 | 9,555 | 6.188 | 5,642 |
| Saskatchewan | 7.984 | 9,168 | 7,931 | 34,654 | 29,502 | 28,481 | 8.243 | 4.884 | 4,446 |
| Alberta | 16,585 | 16,577 | 17.190 | 62.003 | 55.569 | 50,739 | 13.591 | 9.741 | 8,051 |
| British Columbia | 33,371 | 39,138 | 34,853 | 135,933 | 118,198 | 105,268 | 35.045 | 21.412 | 19,674 |
| Yukon Territory | 263 | 344 | 239 | 1,385 | 1.281 | . 992 | 412 | - 292 | 162 |
| Northwest Territories | 353 | 303 | 184 | 1.010 | 788 | 526 | 197 | 122 | 69 |
| Outside Canada | 98 | 69 | 88 | 264 | 256 | 157 | 57 | 46 | 23 |
| Adjustments(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,508 | 872 | 444 |
| Total | 269,863 | 274,882 | 279,606 | 1,055,567 | 903,388 | 826,996 | 244,437 | 159,434 | 139,930 |


| Province | Week Paid |  |  | Average Weekly Payment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ian } \\ & 1973 \end{aligned}$ | Dec. 1972 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1973 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \operatorname{Jan} . \\ 1972 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |
| Newfoundland ... | 190,935 | 109,037 | 117,076 | 60.64 | 59.59 | 54.36 |
| Prince Edward Island | 38.071 | 20,083 | 26,542 | 56.85 | 52.44 | 48.55 |
| Nova Scotia | 175.211 | 106,298 | 119.099 | 61.70 | 57.83 | 53.23 |
| New Brunswick | 185,230 | 113,037 | 118.133 | 60.99 | 56.88 | 51.84 |
| Quebec | 1,102.052 | 760,423 | 654.108 | 66.71 | 63.72 | 59.44 |
| Ontario | 996.438 | 730.647 | 732.198 | 69.73 | 67.12 | 59.15 |
| Manitoba | 137.928 | 95,417 | 97.835 | 69.28 | 64.85 | 57.67 |
| Saskalchewan | 120,774 | 76,683 | 77.709 | 68.25 | 63.69 | 57.21 |
| Alberta | 200,323 | 143,225 | 128,875 | 67.85 | 68.01 | 62.47 |
| British Columbia | 478,420 | 305,526 | 300,121 | 73.25 | 70.08 | 65.55 |
| Yukon Territory | 5,256 | 3,830 | 2,470 | 78.48 | 76.34 | 65.76 |
| Northwest Territories | 2,497 | 1,668 | 1,018 | 78.77 | 73.05 | 67.75 |
| Oulside Canada | 720 | 604 | 371 | 79.13 | 76.07 | 62.32 |
| Total | 3,633,855 | 2,466,478 | 2,375,555 | 67.68 | 64.99 | 59.09 |

(a) These figures are overstated by $20 \%$ in terms of active files. If a claimant does not report due to becoming re-employed, a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before his claim is transferred to the inactive file.
(b) May not add to "Canada" totals due to rounding.
(c) Cancelled warrants and collection of overpayments.

For further information, order the January 1973 issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 20\$) or contact Mr. George Fincham (613.992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Prices and Price Indexes, Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing, February 1973 - Advance Information.
The total manufacturing industry selling price index $(1961=100)$ advanced $1.1 \%$ to 134.2 in February from 132.8 in January. It was $7.1 \%$ higher than the February 1972 index of 125.3 . Of the 101 industry indexes included in the total, 58 were higher, 14 declined and 29 were unchanged.

The more notable changes were increases in the foods and beverages group, particularly for the
slaughtering and meat packing, feed manufacturers and vegetable oil mills industries. The wood products group continued its upward trend in February in response to higher prices recorded in the sawmills and planing mills, and veneer and plywood mills industries. Advances in the primary metals group reflected price increases in the smelting and refining, and the copper and alloy, rolling, casting and extruding industries. The rubber products group declined in February on lower prices in the tire and tube manufacturers industry.

( $\$$ millions)
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation

| Agriculture | 22.5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Forestry | 51.6 |
| Mining | 112.2 |
| Manufacturing | 1.206 .4 |
| Construction | 299.5 |
| Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities | +96. 2 |
| Trade | 6493 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Fstate | -5, 4.6 |
| Service | 1.13 .4 .4 |
| Public Administration and Defence* | 388.0 |
| Total Wages \& Salaries** | 4.616 .3 |
| Supplementary Labour Income | 316.8 |
| Total Labour Income** | 4.923.1 |

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\begin{aligned}
& 37.2 \\
& 59.0
\end{aligned}
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59.0 \\
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\end{array}
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34.7
59.8
113.0
1.231 .10
357.3
513.4
666.2
256.01
1.125 .6
395.4
4.752 .1
280.0
5.032 .1

| 21.2 | 25.4 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 36.2 | 51.2 |
| 101.8 | 112.1 |
| 1.075 .9 | $1,193.4$ |
| 280.4 | 305.2 |
| 461.5 | 512.4 |
| 570.6 | 6.699 .1 |
| 27.4 | 151.8 |
| 1.1121 .7 | 1.65 .11 |
| 357.1 | 415.8 |
| 4.152 .8 | 4.715 .8 |
| 265.01 | 229.6 |
| 4.417 .8 | 4.945 .5 |

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1.215 .0
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Anpastal for Scamonal Varliation

| 32.7 | 34.6 | 34.5 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 41.9 | 58.0 | 53.7 |
| 102.6 | 113.3 | 112.1 |
| 1.097 .3 | 1.217 .4 | 1.208 .4 |
| 334.6 | 352.6 | 352.4 |
| 477.4 | 515.7 | 503.2 |
| 581.3 | $6,53.8$ | 644.9 |
| 226.10 | 253.4 | 249.11 |
| 1.013 .10 | 1.181 .4 | 1.1199 .11 |
| 363.8 | 416.3 | 387.8 |
| 4.275 .1 | 4.773 .4 | 4.6611 .2 |
| 245.3 | 266.4 | 263.7 |
| 4.520 .5 | 5.040 .2 | 4.923 .9 |

f First estimates
p) Proliminary figures
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* Fixcludes miditary pay and allowances
** Includes tishing and trapping.
Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, Fiebruary 1973

* Excluding Denmark. Irelard and the United Kingdom, new members from I Jornary, 1973.

Note: Export and Import values for 1973 are preliminary estimates and may not add because of rounding.

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Rubber product industrica
I. cather industries

Textile industrics
Knilling mills industrics
Clostine industries
Woud industries
Furniture and fixture indusfries
Papur and allied industries
Primary metal industries
Motal fabricating industries
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Transportation exuipurant indastrice

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Pichruary-Jamliny
Number of Industrics
Majon Group Indeses

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { In. } \\ & \text { creases } \end{aligned}$ | Dereases | Un- <br> - lhanged | $\begin{aligned} & \text { leb. } \\ & 1973 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1973 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Peb. } \\ & 1972 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | 14 | 29 | 134.2 | 132.8 | 125.3 |
| 13 | 4 | 6 | 148.2 | 145.2 | 133.5 |
|  |  | 1 | * |  | 1.1.5 |
| $\sim$ | 1 | 1 | 109.2 | 110.8 | 109.9 |
| 2 | 1 |  | 163.0 | 161.7 | 134.1 |
| 4 | - | 5 | 110.3 | 109.9 | 105.8 |
| 1 |  | I | 102.3 | 102.3 | 98.5 |
| 1 | - | - | - | * | * |
| 5 | I |  | 205.3 | 199.8 | 160.5 |
| 3 |  | - | 136.6 | 135.6 | 127.8 |
| 4 |  | 2 | 123.5 | 122.9 | 120.0 |
| 5 | 2 |  | 142.4 | 140.4 | 133.2 |
| 4 |  |  | * | * | * |
| 1 |  |  | * | * |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | * | * |  |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | * | * | * |
| 6 |  | 3 | 138.2 | 137.8 | 132.7 |
| 1 |  | 1 | 121.4 | 121.0 | 116.3 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 105.8 | 105.8 | 103.2 |
| 1 |  | 4 | + | + |  |

## General Wholesale Index.

The general wholesale price index $(19.35 .39=100)$ rose $1.9 \%$ in February it 342.9 from 330.4 in Janary. Il was $13.6 \%$ higher than the lebruary 1972 index of $301 . \mathrm{K}$. All eight major group indexes were hielter.

The non-fernote meats products gron! index rose $3.7 \%$ it Febrtary to 288.7 from 278.4 on ligher prices for silver. tin. copper and its products and lead. An advance of $3.2 \%$ 10) 410.5 from 40.3 .7 in the animal products group index ieflected price increases for livestock. fresh and cured meats. and hides and skins. Higher prices for fir, hardwouds, hemlock, and newsprint were chielly responsible for a rise of 2.4 .
to 489.3 from 477.9 in the wood products group index. An advance of $1.5 \%$ to 296.4 from 292.0 in the textile products group index reflected price increases for imported raw wool, miscellaneous cotton prodicts and worsted and wool cloth. The iron products group index moved up $1.2 \%$ 10 342.9 from 338.8 on higher prices for serap and pig iron. An increase of $1.0 \% 10291.3$ from 288.4 occurred in the vegetable products group index on higher prices for livestock and poultry feeds. freshand dried fruits and grains. Slight advances were recorded in the non-metallic minerals group index to 241.5 from 241.1 and in the clicmical products group to 250.4 from 250.1 .

The General wholesale Index, which adianced 13.6\% from Februar. 1972. contains relatively few final product price indexes for commodities such as consumer durable goods. whose prices have changed little during the past rcar. The Indusiry Selling Price Index for Manufackuring, which adremed 7.1 during the same prion. denes inctude such products.


Fiof further information, order the Fehnan! issuc of Prices and Frice Inderes (62-002, 40 $\$ / \$ 4$ ).

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1973 - Advance Information.

All preliminary estimates and revised figures in this release are based on new benchmarks estublished in the 1970 Census of Mamufacfures 1960 SIC, and are not directly comparable to previously published data.

Manufacturers' shipments reached an estimated $\$ 4,764.0$ million in January, up from $\$ 4.640 .7$ million in December. New orders were up to $\$ 5,017.5$ million from $\$ 4,658.6$ million, unfilled orders to
$\$ 5.426 .2$ million from $\$ 5,172.7$ million, inventory owned to $\$ 9,175.3$ million from $\$ 8,979.8$ million and inventory held to $\$ 9,612.9$ million from $\$ 9,412.6$ million.

Seasonally adjusted estimates indicated continuing increases in all categories except goods in process (down slightly to $\$ 2,523.8$ million from $\$ 2,537.1$ million).

For further information, order J anuary 1973 issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mr. H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Vartation

| Jan | Dec. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1973 p | 1972 r |


| Nov. | Jan.-Dec. | Jan-Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1972^{\mathrm{T}}$ | $1972^{5}$ | 19715 |

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan. Dec. } \\
197()^{r}
\end{gathered}
$$

(\$ millions)


* Includes Prinee l'duard Island, the Yukon and the Northwest I erritories.

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p Proliminary figures.
j Revised figures.
Estimated Value of Shipments. Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries (Based on 1971 Census of Manutactures Benchmarks)

Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1973 \mathrm{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1972 \mathrm{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1972 \mathrm{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 19728 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ( 5 millions) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| - Total | 5.017 .5 | 4,658.6 | 5.126 .8 | 5,057.1 |
| - Non-durable | 2,465.5 | 2,444.8 | 2.633 .2 | 2.599 .6 |
| - Durable | 2.552 .0 | 2,213,7 | $2,493.6$ | 2.457 .6 |
| Unfilled Orders: 5154.9 5,136.8 |  |  |  |  |
| - Total | 5,426.2 | 5.172 .7 | $5,154.9$ 818.4 | $5,136.8$ 7926 |
| - Non-durable | 868.7 | 834.8 | 818.4 | 792.6 4.344 |
| - Durable . . | 4,557.5 | 4.337 .9 | 4.336 .5 | 4,344.1 |
| Inventory Ouned - Total | 9.175 .3 | $8,979.8$ | 8,877.4 | 8.798 .0 |
| Inventory Held. Total. | 9.612 .9 | 9.412 .6 | 9.396 .3 | 9.319 .6 |
| - Raw matsials . . | 3,945.6 | 3.876 .2 | 3.764 .4 | 3.736 .1 |
| - Goods in process | 2,505.3 | 2.480 .8 | $2,535.1$ | 2.514 .6 |
| - Iinished products | 3,162.1 | 3.055 .6 | 3,096.8 | 3.068 .9 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments - Total | 5,151.6 | 5,020.5 | 4,848.3 | 4,785.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| - Total Non-durable | $5,270.9$ $2,648.3$ | $5,019.4$ 2.603 .9 | 4.924 .7 2.5013 .7 | $4,844.6$ $2,477.7$ |
| - Non-durable | $2,648.3$ $2,622.6$ | $2,603.9$ 2.415 .5 | 2.421 .0 | 2,366,9 |
| Unfilled Orders: 5.4165 |  |  |  |  |
| - Tolal | 5,416.5 | 5.293 .2 | 5.298 .3 | 5,221.9 |
| - Non-durable | 864.5 | 852.6 | 841.0 | 831.2 |
| - Durable | 4,552.0 | 4,444.6 | 4.457 .3 | 4,390.7 |
| Inventory Owned - Total | 9.113 .2 | 8,984.1 | 8.922 .2 | 8.860 .7 |
| Inventors Illeld. Total. | 9,575.2 | 9.442 .5 | 9.4311 .1 | 9,369.3 |
| . Raw materials . . | 3.898 .5 | 3,775.3 | 3.343 .4 | 3,718.0 |
| - Goods in process | $\frac{2}{3} 523.8$ | 2,537.1 | 2.537 .7 | 2.522 .3 |
| - I inished Products | 3.152 .9 | 3.130 .1 | 3,149.0 | 3,129.0 |

Consumer Credit, January 1973 - Advance Information.

Selected credit holders reporting monthly showed $\$ 11,639$ million outstanding on their books at the end of January, $18.3 \%$ more than a year earlier.

Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to $\$ 7,150$ million, up $24.1 \%$ from a year earlier; and life insurance companies' policy loans were up $2.4 \%$ to $\$ 802$ million, but personal cash loans made under the Small Loans Act fell $12.6 \%$ to $\$ 376$ million. In addition, sales finance and consumer loan companies held $\$ 1,034$-million balances of retail instalment sales' paper, an increase of $18.7 \%$; and the $\$ 1,244$-million outstandings of personal cash loans represented an expansion of $19.6 \%$.

The outstanding balances of other monthly reporters - Quebec savings banks, department stores and furniture, T.V., radio, and household appliances stores - rose $7.9 \%$ to $\$ 1,024$ million, over the year.

Credit holders reporting quarterly - other retail stores, other credit card issuers, credit unions and caisses populaires and public utilities - reported outstanding balances of $\$ 3,215$ million for the fourth quarter, $14.1 \%$ more than a year earlier.

Total outstanding balances had reached $\$ 14,860$ million at the end of 1972 ; a level $17.2 \%$ higher than that attained a year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of Consumer Credit $(61-004,20 \$ / \$ 2)$.

Wholesale Trade, January 1973 - Advance Information
Wholesale merchants' January sales, were estimated at $\$ 2,209$ million up $22.9 \%$ from a year earlier.

In the consumer goods trades the most significant sales change was a $30.4 \%$ increase in the household electrical appliances component. In the industrial goods trades one of the most notable items was an increase of $27.5 \%$ in the other construction materials and supplies including the lumber category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at $\$ 4,032$ million up $17.9 \%$ from January of last year.

For further details order Wholesale Trade (63-008. 10\&/\$1).

Department Store by Regions, February 1973 ( $63-004, \$ 1$ a year).
During February [973, department store sales rose in Canada by $16.0 \%$ over the corresponding month last year. Sales were up $16.4 \%$ in the Atlantic Provinces; $21.0 \%$ in Quebec; $13.5 \%$ in Ontario; $15.5 \%$ in Manitoba; $17.8 \%$ in Saskatchewan; $13.9 \%$ in Alberta; and $18.0 \%$ in British Columbia.

Traveller Accommodation, First Half 1972-Advance Information.
Total receipts of full year hotels ( 50 rooms or more) were $8.2 \%$ higher in the first half of 1972 than a year earlier. Receipts in Saskatchewan increased by $13.8 \%$, New Brunswick 11.3\%, British Columbia 10.4\%, Quebec $9.3 \%$, Manitoba $8.4 \%$, Alberta $7.5 \%$, Nova Scotia $7.2 \%$, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island $6.4 \%$ and Ontario $5.3 \%$.

Further information will be published in Traveller Accommodation. 1972 (63-204, 50¢).

Security Transactions with Non-residents, November 1972 (67-002, 20 / /\$2).
Transactions in outstanding securities between Canada and other countries during November resulted in a net capital inflow of $\$ 53$ million, virtually unchanged from the net inflow of the previous month. Total turnover of $\$ 623$ million in all securities was up almost $27 \%$, mainly due to trading with United States investors. In transactions with all geographical areas, sales exceeded purchases and resulted in net inflows of $\$ 16$ million from the United States, $\$ 1$ million from the United Kingdom, $\$ 29$ million from continental Europe and $\$ 7$ million from the rest of the world.

In the first eleven months of 1972 , transactions in all outstanding securities with non-residents led to a sales balance of $\$ 497$ million and represented net sales of $\$ 192$ million in Canadian and $\$ 305$ million in foreign securities. Canadians repurchased, on balance, $\$ 122$ million of Canadian securities, mainly equities, from United States investors, but sold $\$ 320$ million to residents of overseas countries other than the United Kingdom.

## Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, December 1972 - Advance Information

December crude petroleum production increased $15.4 \%$ to 1.92 million B/D from 1.67 million a year earlier.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10.2 billion f . D , up $16.6 \%$ from 8.8 billion.

For further information, order the December issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, 20ф/\$2) or Energy Service Bulletin Vol. 8, No. 20 (57-002, $\$ 3$ a year), or contact André Côté, Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada K1A 0V6 (613-992-4012).
Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales 1971 - Advanced Information
Canadian sales of new construction machinery and equipment reached $\$ 793$ million in 1971. This was $23.4 \%$ more than in 1970 . Distributors accounted for $\$ 672$ million ( $84 \%$ of the sales) and manufacturers for $\$ 120$ million ( $16 \%$ ).

Detailed information will be released in Construc. tion Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1971 (63-220, 75d).

Prices and Price Indexes March 1973 - Advance Information.


For further information, order the March issue of Prices and Price indexes (62-002, 40\$/\$4), or conlact Mr. A.J. Byrne (613-992-6216), Prices Division Statistics Canada, Ottawa KIA OV6.

Weekly Railway Carloadings, March 14, 1973-Advance Information.
Railways in Canada loaded 4.39 million tons of revenue carload freight during the 7 . day period ending March 14. This was $18.9 \%$ more than in the comparable period of 1972. Year-to-date loadings increased 15.6 For further information order the March issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 20\$/\$2).

Coal and Coke Statistics, January - Advance Infor. mation.

January 1973 coal production increased $20.5 \%$ to 2.10 million tons from 1.74 million (revised) a year earlier. Imports decreased to 48,213 tons from 180,722. Industrial consumers used 2.17 million tons of coal (down by 58,406 tons) and 476,401 tons of coke, (down 2,023 tons).

For further information, order the January issue of Coal and Coke Statistics, $(45-002,30 \$ / \$ 3)$ or Energy Statistics Service Bulletin (57.002, \$3), or
contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa KlA OV6.

Steel Ingots, Week ended March 24, 1973 Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended March 24 , totalled 282,919 tons, an increase of $5.1 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 269,068 tons. The comparable week's total in 1972 was 248,411 tons. The index of production hased on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling I 00 was 154.4 in the current week, 146.8 a week earlier and 135.6 one year ago.

## Publications Released

Vital Statistics, 1971 (84-201, 75\$)
Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, December 1972 ( $61.005,30 \$ / \$ 3$ )
Financial Flow Accounts, Third Quarter 1972 (13-002, \$1/\$4)
Particle Board, January 1973 (36-003, 10\$/\$1)
Fluid Milk Sales, January 1973 (23-002, I 0\$/\$1)
The Labour Force, February 1973 ( $71.001,30 \$ / \$ 3$ )
Railway Freight Traffic, First Quarter 1972 (52-002, 75\$/\$3)
Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1973 (63-009, \$I a year)
Footwear Statistics, January 1973 (33-002, 20\$/\$2)
Quarterly Shipments of Selected Furniture Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1972 (35-005, 25\$/\$1)
Merchandising Inventories, December 1972 (63-014, 20\$/\$2)
Coarse Grains Review, February 1973 (22-001, 75\$/\$3)
Siver, Lead and Zinc Production, January 1973 (26-008, 10\$/\$1)
Gold Production, January 1973 (26-004, 10\$/\$1)
Concrete Products, January 1973 (44-002, 10\$/\$1)
Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, January 1973 (26-007, I 0\$/\$1)

National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Fourth Quarter 1972 (13-001, 75\$/\$3)
Exports by Countries, January-December 1972 (65-003, \$1/\$4)
Population and Housing Characteristics by Census Tracts, 1971 Census: St. John's (95-701, 25ф); Sherbrooke (95-706, 25ф); Trois-Rivieres (95-707, 25ф); Brantford (95-708, 25ф); Kingston ( $95-710$, 25d); Peterborough ( $95-716,25 \phi$ ); Sarnia ( $95-717,25 \phi$ ); Sault Ste.Marie ( $95-718,25 \phi$ ); Sudbury $(95-719,25 \phi)$; Thunder Bay $(95-720,25 \phi)$; Saskatoon ( $95-725,25 \phi)$; Edmonton (95.727, 504)
Oils and Fats, January 1973 (32-006, 20\$\$2)
Radio and Television Receiving Sets, January 1973 (43.004, 20\$/\$2)
Production. Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, December 1972 (35-002. 20 $\$ / \$ 2$ )
Asbestos Mines, 1971 (26-205, 50d)
Electric Power Statistics, January 1973 (57-001, 20 $/$ /\$2)
Preliminary Bulletins - 1971 Census of Manufactures ( $\$ 3.50$ for the series): Platemaking, Typesetting and Trade Bindery Industry ( $36.203-\mathrm{p}$ ); Folding Carton and Set-Up Box Manufacturers (36-214-p)
Service Bulletin - Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 4, Pack of Canned Pears, 1972.
Water Transport (54-003, \$1 a year), Vol. 3, No. 1, Port Activity Statistics, 1972.
Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, January 1973 (33-003, 20\$/\$2)
Copper and Nickel Production, Janusty 1973 (26-003, 10\$/\$1)
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment, Quatter Ended December 31, 1972 (43-006. 25 //\$1)
Fish and Fish Products (24.003. Si a year), Vol. 2, No. 11, Fish Freezings and Stocks, Newfoundland, February 1973;
Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2 a year), Vol. 2, No. 1, Heating Boilers and Radiators, January 1973;
Energy (57-002, \$3 a year), Vol. 8, No. 17, Propane and Butanes, November 1972.
Education (81-001, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 4, Minority Language Education, 1970-71, 1972-73.


