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Canada's Foreign Trade, First Quarter 1973 — Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Weekly.

Canada's estimated trade balance, seasonally adjusted, showed a surplus of \$332 million for the 1973 first quarter, indicating a moderate decline from levels reached in the last half of 1972. The growth rate for imports continued to outpace that for exports and Canada's trading position with the United States continued to show considerable fluctuation.

The positive merchandise trade balance declined steadily from \$1.6 billion in the second half of 1970 to the first half of 1972, when it stood at \$609 million. In the last half of the year it increased 17% to \$712 million.

With the United States, the trade surplus stood at \$660 million in the first half of 1972 and dipped to \$391 million in the final half. In the 1973 first quarter it reached \$321 million, indicating a return to about the average level of the first half of 1972.

Canada's Exports, Imports, Trade Balance 1971-73

(seasonally adjusted)

	United States			All Countries		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	(\$ millions)					
1971 - 1st half	5,820	5,230	590	8,673	7,401	1,272
1971 - 2nd half	6,204	5,714	490	9,130	8,207	923
1972 - 1st half	6,790	6,130	660	9,645	9,036	609
1972 - 2nd half	7,131	6,740	391	10,331	9,619	712
1972 - 4th qtr	3,807	3,547	260	5,564	4,995	569
1973 - 1st qtr	4,108	3,787	321	5,845	5,513	332

Both exports and imports rose to record levels in the first quarter of 1973, with exports gaining 5% to \$5,845 million while imports increased some 10% to \$5,513 million. Canadian exports for the United States rose 8% to \$4,108 million and imports 6 1/2% to \$3,787 million. Shipments overseas declined slightly to \$1,737 million, while imports advanced 19% to \$1,726 million.

Between the first quarters of 1972 and 1973 unadjusted exports to the United States increased by \$765 million or 23.5% to \$4,003 million, while imports advanced by \$793 million or 27% to \$3,717 million. Some 60% of the export gain was due to a few commodities: automotive and associated products (\$204 million), lumber (\$109 million), crude petroleum (\$89 million) and newsprint (\$59 million).

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A big part of the 54% rise in lumber shipments was due to sharply rising prices. The increase of 37% in crude oil deliveries occurred in response to fuel shortages in the United States and to a rise in price of some 8%. Exports of industrial machinery increased \$20 million but those of nickel declined nearly \$30 million.

About 40% of the increase in imports from the United States of \$793 million was in automotive and associated commodities, which rose more than \$300 million to \$1,284 million. Imports of industrial machinery and tractors increased \$106 million to \$483 million and the value of aircraft imports doubled to \$102 million with the arrival of some new model commercial aircraft. Smaller increases were recorded for a number of other commodities including food, communication equipment, plastics and chemicals.

Unadjusted exports to overseas markets rose \$373 million (32%) to \$1,550 million while imports moved up \$217 million (16.5%) to \$1,520 million. Wheat shipments increased over 60% to \$180 million, but average wheat prices rose 26% to \$3.62/cwt. from \$2.88/cwt. in the first quarter of 1972. Exports of non-ferrous ores and metals were \$120 million higher and coal shipments rose nearly \$20 million. Year-over-year increases in exports to the United Kingdom were significant in metal ores and concentrates, non-ferrous metals and tobacco. Increased sales to Japan resulted from higher demand and prices for metal ores and concentrates, grains and coal. The rise in imports from overseas countries between the first quarters of 1972 and 1973 was distributed over a large number of commodities. Imports of crude petroleum and food were each roughly \$30 million higher and included in the latter increases were meat, fish, dairy products and fruits. Imports of automotive products rose \$22 million and fabric imports \$14 million.

For further information, order the March issue of *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 75¢/\$7.50) and *Imports by Commodities* (65-007, 75¢/\$7.50), or contact W. M. MacLeod (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z9.

Preliminary Statement of Total Canadian Exports,
April 1973 - Published only in Statistics Canada
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Seasonally adjusted exports of \$1,981 million in April were practically unchanged from the record of \$1,986 million in March. Shipments to the United States declined approximately \$50 million and those to the United Kingdom \$35 million, offset by a rise of more than \$80 million in deliveries to other countries.

Unadjusted April exports, at \$1,973 million, were \$446 million or 29% higher than in April 1972. Export gains were recorded to all trading areas with the United States, up \$243 million, and Japan, up \$96 million, accounting for three-fourths of the increase.

(see tables on page 3)

Exports of lumber and crude petroleum to the United States each advanced some \$40 million, the former due mainly to sharp price increases amounting to about 40% for all lumber exports between March of 1972 and 1973. Iron ore shipments climbed \$23 million from an unusually low level of April 1972, and newsprint rose \$14 million. Moderate declines were recorded in exports of whisky, nickel and communication and office equipment.

Wheat exports to overseas countries rose \$56 million. Less substantial increases showed for several other commodities: copper ores (\$28 million), oil seeds (\$19 million) and pulp (\$17 million). These changes accounted for \$120 million or some 60% of the increase to overseas markets.

In the first four months of 1973, exports reached \$7,525 million, up \$1,583 million or 27%. The United States market was responsible for \$1,008 million or over three-fifths of the increase, including a rise of some \$600 million in automotive products, lumber, crude oil, newsprint and industrial machinery. In exports to other countries there was a gain of \$575 million, with increased shipments of wheat, copper and nickel ores, pulp and oil seeds accounting for over half of the surge in overseas exports. Japan accounted for some \$230 million or 40% of the change.

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

Exports (including re-exports)
Seasonally Adjusted Quarters and Months

	Total	U.S.	U.K.	Other Countries
	(\$ millions)			
1971				
First Quarter	4,315	2,841	337	1,137
Second Quarter	4,358	2,979	331	1,048
Third Quarter	4,551	3,069	370	1,112
Fourth Quarter	4,579	3,135	344	1,100
1972				
First Quarter	4,650	3,313	276	1,061
Second Quarter	4,995	3,477	367	1,151
Third Quarter	4,767	3,324	306	1,137
Fourth Quarter	5,564	3,807	378	1,379
1973				
First Quarter	5,845	4,108	379	1,358
1972				
October	1,841	1,216	142	483
November	1,889	1,298	123	468
December	1,834	1,293	113	428
1973				
January	1,907	1,368	108	431
February	1,952	1,371	116	465
March	1,986	1,369	155	462
April (preliminary)	1,981	1,318	119	544

Preliminary Statement of Total Canadian Exports, 1972.
(Domestic Exports plus Re-exports)

	Value		Change 1972-1973 (%)
	1972 (\$ millions)	1973	
Month of April			
United Kingdom	113.8	120.6	6.0
Other Commonwealth and Preferential	46.2	70.4	52.4
United States	1,137.5	1,381.0	21.4
Japan	49.6	145.7	193.8
European Economic Community*	71.0	97.1	36.8
Latin America	36.5	40.6	11.2
Other Countries	72.0	117.0	62.5
Total Commonwealth and Preferential	160.0	191.0	19.4
Total Others	1,366.5	1,781.5	30.4
Grand Total	1,526.6	1,972.5	29.2
January-April			
United Kingdom	365.6	462.9	26.6
Other Commonwealth and Preferential	181.5	268.2	47.8
United States	4,375.9	5,384.1	23.0
Japan	224.8	455.1	102.4
European Economic Community*	311.7	356.6	14.4
Latin America	171.5	175.4	2.3
Other Countries	310.7	422.7	36.0
Total Commonwealth and Preferential	547.2	731.1	33.6
Total Others	5,394.6	6,794.0	25.9
Grand Total	5,941.8	7,525.1	26.6

* Excluding Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom, new members from 1 January, 1973.
Figures may not add because of rounding.

Summary of Exports, March 1973 – Advance Information.

The External Trade Division reports that the value of total exports increased to \$1,931 million in March 1973 from \$1,552 million a year earlier; January to March total exports rose to \$5,553 million in 1973 from \$4,415 million in 1972.

	Domestic Exports		January to March	
	March 1972	March 1973	1972	1973
	(\$ millions)			
Selected Countries				
United States	1,124.4	1,354.9	3,150.3	3,905.1
United Kingdom	90.1	131.7	247.1	337.6
Japan	55.4	117.5	173.5	307.4
Germany, West	17.8	29.3	49.4	74.0
Belgium and Luxembourg	6.2	24.1	25.7	61.5
People's Republic of China	14.1	15.7	25.9	58.9
India	5.6	13.3	19.3	45.0
Australia	12.7	11.9	37.1	44.4
Italy	14.9	11.3	39.5	42.2
Norway	18.3	14.4	39.4	40.9
Netherlands	20.4	10.4	91.8	39.3
France	10.9	10.9	30.6	37.2
Venezuela	8.7	7.3	25.1	27.3
All Countries	1,513.5	1,888.2	4,308.3	5,432.6
Re-Exports	38.6	42.9	107.0	120.0
Total Exports	1,552.1	1,931.0	4,415.3	5,552.6

Further information will be contained in *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 20¢/\$2).

Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities, April 1973 - Advance Information.

A consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements 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 March and April, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations, with increases ranging from 0.8% in the prairie provinces to 1.9% in Saint John, N.B. Food indexes advanced in all cities reflecting higher prices for most meat, fish and poultry, fresh produce items, milk, eggs and butter, together with increased restaurant meal prices. Lower prices, however, were registered for bread, tomatoes, celery, ice cream, chocolate bars and soft drinks. Housing components moved up in ten cities and city-combinations, declined in one and were unchanged in one other. The increases were attributable to increased rents and higher prices for some home furnishings and supplies, particularly living room and bedroom suites, electric ranges, carpeting, toilet paper and detergents. Clothing indexes advanced in all cities reflecting higher prices for footwear, and many items of men's and women's wear. Lower prices, however, were registered for many items of children's apparel in all cities surveyed. Health and personal care components rose in ten cities and city-combinations in response to increased dentists' fees and higher prices for some pharmaceuticals, toilet soap and, in Thunder Bay and Edmonton-Calgary, increased charges for men's haircuts and women's hairdressing. Transportation indexes moved up in eight cities and city-combinations, declined in one and were unchanged in three others. Train fares were higher across the country and, in many cities, increased prices were registered for new cars, gasoline and motor oil. Recreation and reading indexes rose in seven cities, while the tobacco and alcohol components were unchanged in all centres.

City indexes are not as comprehensive in price content as the Canada consumer price index and may 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 home ownership costs are included in the Canada index. As a result of ownership 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 home ownership prices in city indexes.

(see table page 5)

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

Preliminary estimates indicated that during the first quarter of 1973, farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland reached \$1,331.5 million, up from \$1,083.8 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-March

	1973	1972
	(\$ millions)	
Prince Edward Island	21.7	11.0
Nova Scotia	18.4	15.6
New Brunswick	24.0	13.2
Quebec	156.9	148.7
Ontario	431.3	365.5
Manitoba	107.5	78.2
Saskatchewan	262.9	199.5
Alberta	250.4	201.5
British Columbia	58.4	50.6
Canada	1,331.5	1,083.8

Farm Cash Receipts, 1972 - Advance Information

Farmers received an estimated \$5,307 million in cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland in 1972. This was 17.2% higher than the revised value of \$4,530 received during 1971. The estimates include 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, supplementary payments to dairy producers and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deductions were made for the cost of production of commodities sold. Estimates of expenses involved in farming operations and total farm income are published annually in the Statistics Canada publication *Farm Net Income* (21-202).

In 1972, there were increases in all categories of cash receipts except oats, flaxseed, and Canadian Wheat Board participation payments for barley. The most notable increases occurred in wheat, cattle and calves, hogs and dairy products.

In addition to the above income, farmers received supplementary payments of \$76.8 million during 1972, compared to \$18.3 million in 1971. These

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in both tables 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	Housing**	Clothing	Transportation	Health and personal care	Recreation and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
	(1961=100)							
St. John's								
April 1973 index	137.2	144.1	126.7	139.7	127.5	151.8	120.4	161.4
March 1973 index	135.7	140.1	126.7	138.2	127.5	152.7	120.1	161.4
% change from March 1973	1.1	2.9	-	1.1	-	-0.6	0.2	-
% change from April 1972	7.6	15.7	2.8	2.6	0.9	7.8	4.5	10.2
Halifax								
April 1973 index	137.4	154.2	126.3	133.9	128.2	150.9	145.5	134.2
March 1973 index	135.6	148.0	126.1	132.6	128.0	151.0	145.4	134.2
% change from March 1973	1.3	4.2	0.2	1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-
% change from April 1972	5.8	14.8	2.3	2.8	2.5	0.3	3.1	3.5
Saint John								
April 1973 index	138.1	157.2	124.0	141.3	131.9	147.2	147.0	129.6
March 1973 index	135.5	148.8	123.6	139.9	132.0	144.3	147.0	129.6
% change from March 1973	1.9	5.6	0.3	1.0	-0.1	2.0	-	-
% change from April 1972	6.6	16.2	2.6	5.4	1.0	5.7	4.9	2.0
Montreal								
April 1973 index	137.2	152.4	122.2	133.3	132.4	146.3	153.5	134.8
March 1973 index	135.8	148.6	122.1	131.8	131.9	145.7	153.4	134.8
% change from March 1973	1.0	2.6	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	-
% change from April 1972	5.2	13.1	1.6	3.4	0.5	2.6	3.3	2.0
Ottawa								
April 1973 index	142.5	154.4	131.4	140.7	136.2	156.0	148.1	144.7
March 1973 index	141.2	151.6	131.2	138.8	135.7	153.6	148.1	144.7
% change from March 1973	0.9	1.8	0.2	1.4	0.4	1.6	-	-
% change from April 1972	5.5	11.5	2.8	5.1	2.2	3.5	4.9	1.6
Toronto								
April 1973 index	141.3	153.2	129.8	140.4	140.1	153.1	139.4	142.7
March 1973 index	140.1	150.6	129.5	137.8	140.1	152.2	138.8	142.7
% change from March 1973	0.9	1.7	0.2	1.9	-	0.6	0.4	-
% change from April 1972	5.9	13.1	3.5	4.9	-	4.3	4.2	2.1
Winnipeg								
April 1973 index	139.3	151.3	123.3	145.2	136.9	167.0	143.1	137.9
March 1973 index	138.2	148.1	123.4	143.0	136.8	166.4	142.8	137.9
% change from March 1973	0.8	2.2	-0.1	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.2	-
% change from April 1972	5.6	12.5	2.7	4.8	0.4	4.5	3.4	6.1
Saskatoon-Regina								
April 1973 index	133.6	150.8	120.1	138.3	126.0	140.9	141.9	125.5
March 1973 index	132.6	148.4	119.8	135.7	126.0	140.7	141.8	125.5
% change from March 1973	0.8	1.6	0.3	1.9	-	0.1	0.1	-
% change from April 1972	4.9	10.0	3.1	4.9	1.0	1.7	5.0	2.0
Edmonton-Calgary								
April 1973 index	139.2	153.9	126.3	138.2	133.7	158.7	145.7	133.5
March 1973 index	138.1	152.5	125.9	136.3	133.5	155.3	142.5	133.5
% change from March 1973	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.4	0.1	2.2	2.2	-
% change from April 1972	5.5	10.1	1.8	4.8	3.0	3.9	4.7	6.5
Vancouver								
April 1973 index	138.6	158.3	125.3	139.8	135.2	149.8	129.1	125.1
March 1973 index	137.2	154.0	125.0	138.9	135.1	148.5	129.1	125.1
% change from March 1973	1.0	2.8	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.9	-	-
% change from April 1972	5.3	10.4	3.0	4.6	3.1	4.6	2.6	2.2
	(1969=100)							
Quebec City								
April 1973 index	112.0	120.1	108.4	106.0	114.0	108.8	111.2	107.5
March 1973 index	110.8	117.0	108.1	104.6	113.5	108.6	111.2	107.5
% change from March 1973	1.1	2.6	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.2	-	-
% change from April 1972	4.7	12.7	1.3	1.6	1.4	2.0	2.5	1.8
Thunder Bay								
April 1973 index	112.2	121.9	109.3	104.7	109.1	117.7	111.0	107.4
March 1973 index	111.1	118.7	108.9	104.3	109.0	114.9	111.0	107.4
% change from March 1973	1.0	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	2.4	-	-
% change from April 1972	4.9	11.1	4.4	3.1	-0.4	3.7	1.2	1.5

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of *Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4)*.

** 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.

payments included those made under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the Lower Inventory for Tomorrow (LIFT) program in 1971 and 1972, the Manitoba Farm Acreage Payment Program in 1971 and the two-price wheat program and the Quebec and Ontario rain damage program in 1972. When added together, farm cash receipts from

farming operations and supplementary payments totalled \$5,384 million, 18.4% more than the estimate of \$4,548 million for 1971.

Many estimates of cash receipts from the sale of farm products are based indirectly on census indications. This year, while every attempt has been made to take into account the findings of the 1971 census

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of agriculture, this has not been possible for all items. These revisions will be completed and published early in 1974.

Provincial Total Farm Receipts
(\$'000)

	1972	1971
Prince Edward Island	44,017	39,111
Nova Scotia	70,147	64,383
New Brunswick	64,151	51,633
Quebec	774,156	686,044
Ontario	1,581,364	1,387,619
Manitoba	484,370	378,415
Saskatchewan	1,200,782	915,457
Alberta	921,794	803,673
British Columbia	243,447	221,668

Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, First Quarter 1973 - Advance Information.

In the first quarter of 1973 there were 66,500 full-time job vacancies in Canada. This was 5% less than the previous quarter, but 76% more than a year earlier.

Between the fourth quarter of 1972 and the first quarter of 1973 vacancies decreased in the Atlantic, Ontario and Prairie regions and increased in the Quebec and Pacific regions. The largest decrease, 4,100, occurred in Ontario and the largest increase, 1,700, in the Pacific region. The year-to-year comparison indicated substantial improvement in labour demand in all economic regions. Ontario and Quebec accounted for 73% of the overall increase of 28,700.

Vacancies from all major occupational groups were up on a year-to-year basis. In the white-collar group, (up 12,200), clerical and related occupations accounted for 39% of the increase and sales occupations for 24%. In the blue-collar group, (up 16,500), product fabricating, assembling and repairing occupations accounted for 24% of the increase, service occupations for 21% and machining and related occupations for 18%.

All industrial sectors shared in the year-to-year increase. Vacancies in manufacturing increased by 10,500, services by 6,700 and trade by 5,000, together contributing 77% to the increase.

For further information, order *Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, First Quarter 1973* (71-002, 75¢/\$3), or contact E. van der Walt (613-992-8698), Job Vacancy Survey Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Current Full-time Job Vacancies in Canada and Regions

	1973 1st quarter	1972 4th quarter	1972 1st quarter
Canada	66,500	70,200	37,800
Atlantic	4,600	5,600	3,300
Quebec	18,900	18,600	10,300
Ontario	24,800	28,900	12,400
Prairie	11,400	12,100	6,800
Pacific	6,700	5,000	4,900

(see tables on pages 7 & 8)

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

Manufacturers' shipments in March 1973, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$5,264.0 million, 0.6% more than the revised February value of \$5,233.7 million. Durable goods shipments, estimated at \$2,584.7 million, rose 1.2% from \$2,553.0 million while non-durable goods shipments decreased 0.1% to \$2,679.3 million from \$2,680.7 million.

Seasonally adjusted new orders declined 0.7% in March to \$5,344.1 million from the revised February estimate of \$5,379.2 million. New orders of non-durable goods decreased 1.7% to \$2,703.2 million while those of durable goods increased 0.4% to \$2,640.9 million. Seasonally adjusted unfilled orders at the end of March rose 1.4% to \$5,736.9 million from \$5,656.8 million.

Seasonally adjusted total inventory owned in March was estimated at \$9,290.3 million, up 1.3% from \$9,167.1 million, and total inventory held increased 1.5% to \$9,762.1 million with increases of 0.5% in raw materials, 1.4% in goods in process and 2.9% in finished products.

The seasonally adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.76 in March and 1.75 (revised) for February. The finished products to shipments ratio in March was 0.61 compared to 0.60.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in March were estimated at \$5,414.1 million, 11.4% more than the revised February value of \$4,861.7 million. For the first quarter of 1973, total shipments of \$15,038.2 million were 16.9% higher than the 1972 first quarter estimate of \$12,868.8 million.

For further information, order the March 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.

(see tables on pages 8 & 9)

Steel Ingots, Week ended May 19, 1973 - Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended May 19, totalled 257,468 tons, a decrease of 6.4% from the preceding week's total of 275,140 tons. The comparable week's total in 1972 was 238,787 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 140.5 in the current week, 150.2 a week earlier and 130.3 one year ago.

Railway Transport, Part VI, 1972 - Advance Information.

Railway employment in Canada continued to decline by 0.2% in 1972, to an average of 130,814 persons. The aggregate payroll, however, rose 8.6% to \$1,219.0 million. The average hourly wage per employee was \$4.23, up 33¢ from 1971 and average annual earnings increased 8.8% to \$9,318.

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Current Full-time Job Vacancies by Selected Occupations

	1973	1972	
	1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
All Occupations	66,500	70,200	37,800
White-collar	27,500	27,700	15,300
Managerial, administrative and related occupations	2,700	2,400	1,300
Occupations in natural sciences, engineering and mathematics	3,500	2,600	1,700
Occupations in social sciences, teaching and related	1,000	1,200	800
Occupations in medicine and health	2,900	3,200	1,800
Clerical and related occupations	10,300	9,500	5,600
Sales occupations	6,700	8,500	3,800
Other	500	300	200
Blue-collar	39,000	42,400	22,500
Service occupations	7,800	7,400	4,400
Forestry and logging occupations	2,200	3,100	600
Mining and quarrying including oil and gas field occupations	900	800	400
Processing occupations	3,000	2,700	2,000
Machining and related occupations	4,700	5,200	1,800
Product fabricating, assembling and repairing occupations	11,600	13,000	7,700
Construction trades occupations	3,100	4,500	2,000
Transport equipment operating occupations	2,300	2,000	1,900
Materials handling and related occupations	1,900	2,200	1,000
Other	1,500	1,600	800

Current Full-time Job Vacancies by Selected Industries

	1973	1972	
	1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
All Industries	66,500	70,200	37,800
Goods-producing	27,500	29,500	14,400
Forestry, mines, quarries and oil wells	2,700	2,700	1,200
Manufacturing	22,100	21,400	11,600
Construction	2,700	5,400	1,600
Service-producing	38,900	40,600	23,200
Transportation, communication and other utilities	3,300	2,700	2,800
Trade	11,800	13,400	6,800
Finance, insurance and real estate	4,400	7,200	2,900
Community, business and personal services	14,900	13,800	8,200
Public administration and defence	4,500	3,500	2,600

Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance reached 158,000 in March, up 2% from the February total of 155,000 but 13% less than the 182,000 received in March 1972.

At the end of March, 1,003,000 claimants were registered for unemployment insurance benefit, 5% less than the February count of 1,055,000. Registrations, however, were 10% higher than the 914,000 claimants reported for March 31, 1972.

Benefit paid to claimants in March declined to \$214 million, 4% less than the \$233 million disbursed in February but 7% more than the \$200 million for March 1972. Claimants received 3.15 million weeks of benefit in March, down 4% from the February total of 3.27 million and 3% less than the 3.26 million in March 1972. The average weekly payment rose fractionally to \$68.67 from the previous month's average of \$68.49 and was 11% more than the year-earlier payment of \$61.69.

Province	Initial and Renewal Claims Received			Claimant(s) Reporting to District Offices			Benefit Paid(b) (\$000)		
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Mar.31 1973	Feb.28 1973	Mar.31 1972	Mar. 1973	Feb. ¹ 1973	Mar. 1972
	Claims			Claimants			(\$000)		
Newfoundland	4,026	3,140	4,219	45,509	48,210	38,377	9,598	9,774	8,149
Prince Edward Island	688	789	627	9,486	10,063	8,018	1,876	1,876	1,506
Nova Scotia	5,971	5,522	6,063	49,976	51,758	42,963	9,854	9,827	8,549
New Brunswick	4,776	4,712	5,769	49,240	50,912	40,599	9,782	9,683	7,785
Quebec	47,372	43,048	56,238	294,970	310,805	265,456	67,480	68,257	60,734
Ontario	55,826	57,897	64,257	299,594	307,277	277,495	63,888	66,640	63,350
Manitoba	5,845	6,059	6,709	37,274	39,817	37,569	7,446	7,772	7,505
Saskatchewan	3,849	3,968	4,260	32,166	34,698	30,039	6,955	7,110	6,656
Alberta	10,511	10,574	11,786	58,876	63,475	58,831	11,754	12,268	12,142
British Columbia	18,368	18,733	21,904	122,859	134,979	122,298	26,891	29,962	24,141
Yukon Territory	160	198	157	1,374	1,437	1,090	400	355	273
Northwest Territories	148	213	123	1,110	1,150	646	180	185	131
Outside Canada	56	75	57	314	294	176	78	79	48
Adjustments(c)							1,801	1,126	877
Total	157,596	154,928	182,169	1,002,748	1,054,875	913,557	214,380	222,661	200,093

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Province	Weeks Paid			Average Weekly Payment		
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1973	Mar. 1972
		Weeks			(\$)	
Newfoundland	151,279	154,932	145,596	63.44	63.09	55.97
Prince Edward Island	33,582	33,415	31,012	55.86	56.13	48.56
Nova Scotia	158,442	157,844	155,382	62.19	62.26	55.02
New Brunswick	161,673	159,592	145,174	60.50	60.67	53.63
Quebec	977,123	1,004,211	972,479	69.06	67.97	62.45
Ontario	905,185	945,753	1,009,219	70.58	70.46	62.77
Manitoba	110,511	115,335	127,837	67.38	67.38	58.71
Saskatchewan	105,673	107,555	113,031	65.81	66.11	58.89
Alberta	165,934	171,931	187,112	70.84	71.35	64.89
British Columbia	370,887	409,014	364,436	72.51	73.25	66.24
Yukon Territory	4,758	4,467	3,757	84.12	79.38	72.61
Northwest Territories	2,353	2,425	1,934	76.36	76.29	67.98
Outside Canada	933	1,049	581	83.43	75.50	82.84
Total	3,148,333	3,267,523	3,257,550	68.67	68.49	61.69

(a) These figures are overstated by 20% to 25% 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.

(r) Revised

For further information, order the March 1973 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 20c/\$2), or contact Mr. George Finchman (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Total service hours edged up 0.2% to 288.0 million, while hours actually worked declined 0.5% to 255.9 million.

Canadian National Railway employed an average of 75,849 persons in all rail operations, up by 710, but Canadian Pacific Railway showed a decline of 3.0% (1,366 employees) to 44,084. Class 2 railways

as a group employed 391 more persons in 1972, an increase of 3.9% for an average of 10,452.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part VI, 1972* (52-212, 50¢), or contact Mr. L. E. Robbins (613-992-0681), Transportation Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1971 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks)

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation			
	March 1973P	Feb. 1973 ^r	Jan. 1973	March 1972
	(\$ millions)			
Shipments - Total	5,414.1	4,861.7	4,762.6	4,625.9
New Orders:				
- Total	5,559.0	5,055.7	5,057.0	4,773.3
- Non-durable	2,758.0	2,548.0	2,468.4	2,423.0
- Durable	2,801.0	2,507.7	2,588.6	2,350.4
Unfilled Orders:				
- Total	5,859.3	5,714.4	5,520.3	4,967.4
- Non-durable	961.5	923.5	867.6	752.0
- Durable	4,897.8	4,790.9	4,652.7	4,215.4
Inventory Owned - Total	9,390.7	9,285.8	9,174.6	8,699.3
Inventory Held - Total	9,854.9	9,718.3	9,607.8	9,161.8
- Raw materials	3,989.3	4,016.1	3,958.4	3,571.9
- Goods in process	2,581.4	2,524.8	2,502.0	2,446.3
- Finished products	3,284.2	3,177.4	3,147.5	3,143.6
	Adjusted for seasonal Variation			
Shipments - Total	5,264.0	5,233.7	5,149.3	4,413.1
New Orders:				
- Total	5,344.1	5,379.2	5,308.7	4,525.8
- Non-durable	2,703.2	2,749.1	2,651.8	2,345.2
- Durable	2,640.9	2,630.1	2,656.9	2,180.6
Unfilled Orders:				
- Total	5,736.9	5,656.8	5,511.3	4,909.4
- Non-durable	955.8	931.9	863.5	746.7
- Durable	4,781.1	4,724.9	4,647.8	4,162.7
Inventory Owned - Total	9,290.7	9,167.1	9,111.3	8,603.4
Inventory Held - Total	9,762.1	9,615.2	9,568.6	9,072.2
- Raw materials	3,991.8	3,971.2	3,910.8	3,573.7
- Goods in process	2,558.2	2,523.7	2,520.4	2,426.5
- Finished products	3,212.1	3,120.3	3,137.4	3,072.0
Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments	1.76	1.75	1.77	1.95
Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments	0.61	0.60	0.61	0.70

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

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Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

	Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	March 1973P	Feb. 1973 ^r	% change	Jan.-Mar. 1973P	Jan.-Mar. 1972	% change
	(\$ millions)					
Newfoundland	25.8	26.1	-1.2	74.5	62.9	18.4
Nova Scotia	88.7	81.4	9.0	252.3	215.9	16.9
New Brunswick	83.1	74.8	11.1	238.4	202.0	18.0
Quebec	1,402.7	1,268.4	10.6	3,888.2	3,433.7	13.2
Ontario	2,884.0	2,580.2	11.8	8,033.2	6,865.3	17.0
Manitoba	144.4	131.8	9.6	396.6	331.6	19.6
Saskatchewan	57.7	51.0	13.1	160.2	133.0	20.5
Alberta	229.2	198.1	15.7	617.4	509.5	21.2
British Columbia	492.1	443.8	10.9	1,359.1	1,098.5	23.7
Canada*	5,414.1	4,861.7	11.4	15,038.2	12,868.8	16.9

* Included Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Wholesale Trade, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Wholesale merchants' March sales were estimated at \$2,804 million, up 21.6% compared with March last year. In the consumer goods trades the most significant sales change was a 49.0% increase in the

motor vehicles component. In the industrial goods trades a notable item was an increase of 57.8% in the farm machinery category. Wholesale inventories were valued at \$4,275 million, an increase of 17.0% over March of last year.

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

Other Publications

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, March 1973 (62-003, 10¢/\$1)

Building Permits, January 1973 (64-001, 40¢/\$4)

Housing Starts and Completions, March 1973 (64-002, 30¢/\$3)

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

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, March 1973 (25-001, 10¢/\$1)

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, March 1973 (41-006, 10¢/\$1)

Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe and Fittings, March 1973 (41-004, 10¢/\$1)

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, March 1973 (32-011, 20¢/\$2)

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, March 1973 (43-004, 20¢/\$2)

Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1971 (36-214, 50¢)

Census of Agriculture, 1971 Part I, Prince Edward Island (96-703, \$2)

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Traveller Accommodation Statistics, 1970 (63-204, 75¢)

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Grain Milling Statistics, March 1973 (32-003, \$1)

Stoves and Furnaces, March 1973 (41-005, 20¢/\$2)

Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, March 1973 (32-021, 10¢/\$1)

Particle Board, March 1973 (36-003, 10¢/\$1)

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

Coffin and Casket Industry, 1971 (35-210, 50¢)

Merchandising Inventories, February 1973 (63-014, 20¢/\$2)

Peat Industry, 1971 (26-212, 50¢)

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- Iron Ore**, March 1973 (26-005, 10¢/\$1)
- Breweries**, March 1973 (32-019, 10¢/\$1)
- Copper and Nickel Production**, March 1973 (26-003, 10¢/\$1)
- Silver, Lead and Zinc Production**, March 1973 (26-008, 10¢/\$1)
- Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables**, May 1973 (32-010, 20¢/\$2)
- Employment, Earnings and Hours**, November 1972 (72-002, 40¢/\$4)
- Households**, 1971, Census Information on Households and Family Status of Individuals (93-712, 50¢)
- Income Distributions by Size in Canada**, 1971 (13-207, \$1.50)
- Exports by Commodities**, March 1973 (65-004, 75¢/\$7.50)
- Summary of Imports**, February 1973 (65-005, 20¢/\$2)
- Canadian Statistical Review Tape**, May 1973 (\$150)
- Concrete Products**, March 1973 (44-002, 10¢/\$1)
- Gold Production**, March 1973 (26-004, 10¢/\$1)
- Production of Canada's Leading Minerals**, March 1973 (26-007, 10¢/\$1)
- Miscellaneous Clothing Industries**, 1971 (34-218, 50¢)
- Industrial Organization and Concentration in the Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Industries**, 1968 (31-514, \$2)
- Selected Meat and Meat Preparations**, March 1973 (32-020, 10¢/\$1)
- Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances**, March 1973 (43-003, 10¢/\$1)
- Miscellaneous Food Preparations**, Quarter Ended March 31, 1973 (32-018, 25¢/\$1)
- Soaps and Synthetic Detergents**, March 1973 (46-003, 10¢/\$1)
- Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber**, March 1973 (33-003, 20¢/\$2)
- Preliminary Bulletins — 1971 Census of Manufactures** (\$3.50 for the series): Biscuit Manufacturers (32-202-p); Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Processors (32-218-p); Thread Mills (34-210-p)
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