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## Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry rose to \$160.32 in May, up 8.8% from \$147.38 in May 1972.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$220.52), followed by mining (\$210.24), forestry (\$193.40), transportation, communications and other utilities (\$182.48), manufacturing (\$166.38), finance, insurance and real estate (\$154.16), trade (\$128.29) and service (\$115.45).

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

## Summary of Exports

Canadian exports in June rose to \$2.1 billion (preliminary estimate), up \$217 million (11.5%) from the corresponding month in 1972.

A rise of 14% in shipments to the United States accounted for most of the overall gain. The largest increases were recorded in lumber (\$38 million), crude petroleum (\$34 million) and automotive and related products (\$23 million).

In the first half of this year, exports reached \$11.9 billion, an increase of \$2.2 billion (22%) from the first six months of 1972.

The United States market was responsible for \$1.5 billion of the increase, with crude petroleum, automotive and related products, lumber, pulp, newsprint and industrial machinery accounting for approximately two-thirds of the gain. About 70% of the net gain of \$673 million to all overseas countries was attributable to increased shipments of wheat, oilseeds, copper ores, pulp, lumber, nickel ores and metals, coal and asbestos.

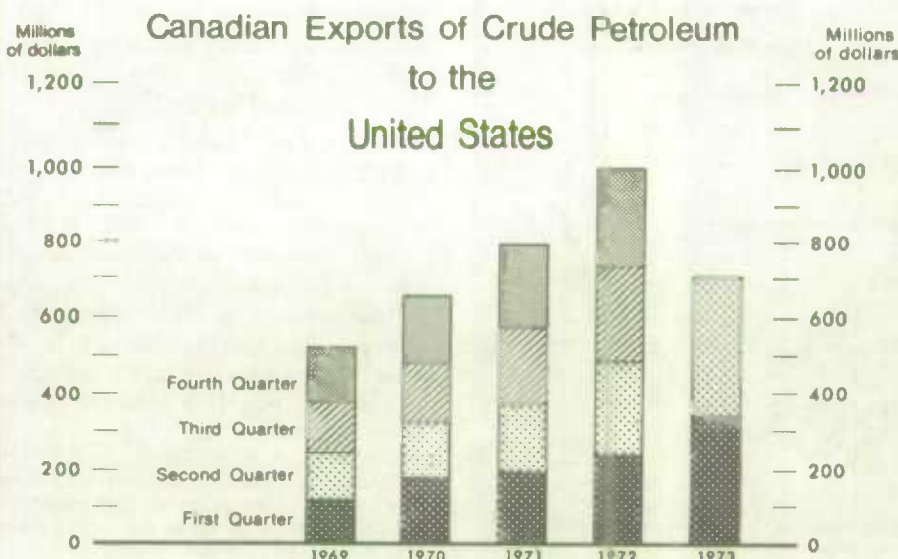
Exports to Japan increased 76% to \$324 million, and this country became Canada's second best customer after the United States.

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

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	994.3p	635.3P	52.4
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	May	19,453	18,456	-6.4
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
Average Weekly Earnings	May	\$160.32P	\$158.27P	8.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	5,310P	5,168P	12.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	9.11	8.84	6.2
Unemployed	June	503,000	493,000	-11.4
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	May	21.0	21.0	9.8
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu.ft.)	May	95.4	106.5	15.5
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports (\$ million)	June	2,101P	2,259	11.5
Imports (\$ million)	May	2,231P	1,813	23.2
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Manufacturers Owned (\$ million)	May	9,379P	9,386P	9.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	April	4,340	4,275	15.1
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,079	1,035	14.6
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	5,739P	5,358P	19.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	6,111P	5,982P	22.6
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	June	149.7	148.4	8.1
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	May	139.2	138.0	9.9
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	May	121.7	121.4	12.0
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	May	356.3P	354.9P	16.6
<b>SALES</b>				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	May	1,246	1,145	14.1
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	337	313	12.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May	5,611P	5,248P	16.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	552	552	7.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	3,306	3,063	10.8
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	April	2,775	2,804	22.8

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p-preliminary r-revised



## Airlines' Profits Up

Canada's seven major airlines reported combined profit of \$3.3 million in March, more than double the \$1.6 million netted in March 1972.

In the latest month, Air Canada had a profit of \$1.7 million, CP Air earned \$442,000 and the five regional carriers had a combined profit of \$1.2 million. (The regional air carriers are Eastern Provincial Airways, Nordair, Pacific Western Airlines, Quebecair and Transair).

Passenger-miles for all services increased by 24.9% to 1.23 billion in March from 983 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$3 per year), Vol. 5, No. 31, *Civil Aviation - March 1973*, or contact Jan Bekooy (613-992-2957), Aviation Statistics Centre.

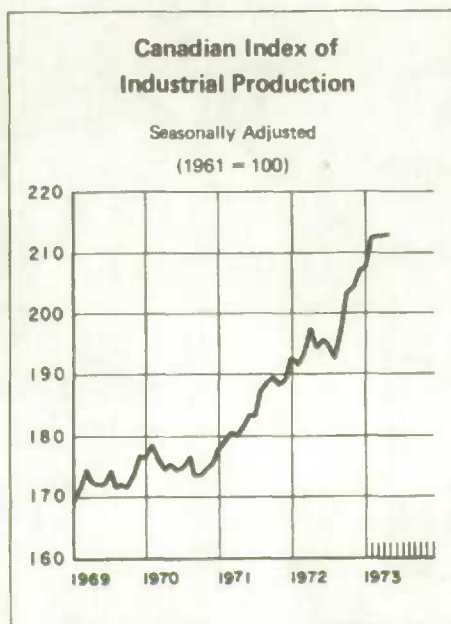
## Index of Industrial Production. (1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production moved to 212.7 in May, up 0.1% from the month before, and 9.4% higher than in May 1972.

In the latest month, the manufacturing component of the index advanced 0.1%. Production of non-durable goods was up 0.7%, but durable manufacturing showed an 0.3% decline.

Mining production dropped 0.2% and utilities' output was off 0.1%.

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact R.W. Collins (613-992-9751), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



## THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales  
by Regions, May  
Housing Starts and Completions,  
June  
Industry Selling Price Index,  
June  
New Motor Vehicle Sales, June  
Wholesale Price Index, June  
Wholesale Trade, May

## Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities.

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities (and city combinations) studied in June, with increases ranging from 0.5% in Winnipeg to 1.1% in Montreal.

Food indexes moved ahead in all centres with Montreal and Edmonton-Calgary (up 2.2%) showing the largest monthly increase.

Clothing, housing and transportation indexes also advanced in all cities. Components for health and personal care, recreation, education and reading, and for tobacco and alcohol registered mixed movements.

Food indexes, over the 12 months from June 1972, climbed from 12.4% in Edmonton-Calgary (low) to 18.0% in St. John's (high).

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact I.D.H. Penpraze (613-992-5805), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Unemployment Insurance Claims,

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance totalled 157,000 in May, up 5% from the April total of 150,000, but 10% fewer than the 175,000 received in May 1972.

Benefit paid to claimants declined to \$179 million in the latest month, down 11% from \$202 million the month before, and a drop of 4% from the \$186 million disbursed in the corresponding month a year ago.

The average weekly payment to claimants decreased to \$67.70 in May from the previous month's average of \$68.56, but was 10% higher than year-earlier payment of \$61.53.

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

## Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the January-May period of 1973 totalled an estimated \$2.25 billion, up 24.7% from \$1.80 billion a year earlier.

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

For further information, order the January-May 1973 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 20¢/\$2), available shortly.

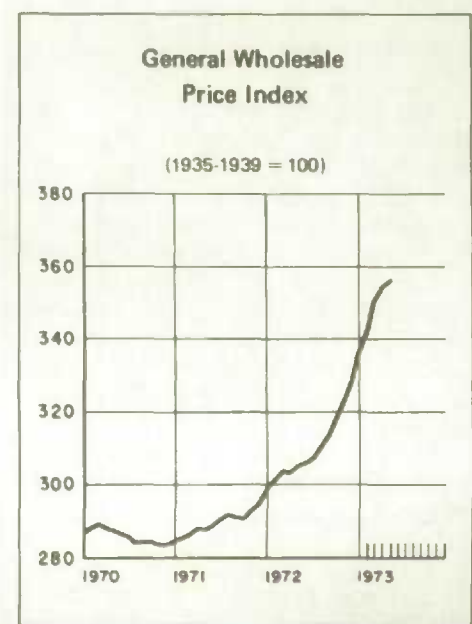
## Real Domestic Product

Real domestic product in May was level with April and has been almost unchanged for three months following substantial increases in January and February.

Agriculture, residential construction, wholesale trade and gas distribution provided the main strength in May.

Weakness in the month occurred in rail transport, electric power utilities, motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle manufacturers and in two strike-affected industries, shipbuilding and communications equipment.

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product* (61-005, 20¢/\$2).





## Labour Income

Total labour income was estimated at \$5.31 billion in May, up 12.9% from \$4.71 billion (revised) a year earlier.

Seasonally adjusted, the May estimate of \$5.26 billion was up 0.5% from the month before. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries advanced by 0.2%; those in the service-producing industries increased by 0.7%.

*For further information, order the May 1973 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.*

## Building Permits Up

Building permits taken out in Canada in May totalled \$994.3 million, an increase of 52.4% from \$652.2 million in May 1972.

In the latest month, gains were recorded in all categories, with residential permits reaching \$500.1 million (\$398.0 million a year earlier), industrial \$221.2 million (\$39.5 million), commercial, \$180.7 million (\$134.8 million) and institutional and government \$92.3 million (\$79.9 million).

Building permits taken out in the first five months of 1973 totalled \$3.11 billion, up 32% from \$2.36 billion in the comparable period the year before.

*For further information, order the May 1973 issue of Building Permits (64-001, 30¢/\$3).*

## International Security Transactions.

International trading in all long-term portfolio securities resulted in a net inflow to Canada of \$165 million in the first quarter of 1973, down from a net inflow of \$588 million in the previous quarter.

In the latest quarter, sales to non-residents of new domestic issues amounted to \$321 million, while the fourth-quarter 1972 total reflected the sale abroad of \$608 million of new issues of Canadian securities.

Total transactions with non-residents comprised a net outflow of \$22 million to the United Kingdom, and net inflows of \$133 million from continental Europe, \$13 million from the United States and \$41 million from all other countries.

*For further information, order the March 1973 issue of Security Transactions with Non-Residents (67-002, 20¢/\$2).*

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## Foreign Trade

Between 1962 and 1972, Canada's exports to Commonwealth countries, other than the United Kingdom, almost doubled to \$566 million from \$286 million while imports from these countries increased 136% to \$662 million.

The balance in the two-way trade with these countries, slightly in favour of Canada in 1962, changed to a deficit of close to \$100 million in 1972.

Australia, which purchased \$157 million of Canadian exports and supplied \$193 million of the imports, was the leading trading partner in 1972. More than four-fifths of the exports comprised fabricated materials and end products. Approximately two-thirds of Canadian imports from Australia were in meat, raw sugar and other foodstuffs.

In 1972, Canadian exports to other Commonwealth countries included:

India, \$99 million; Pakistan, \$40 million; Jamaica, \$40 million; New Zealand and other Oceania, \$39 million; Trinidad-Tobago, \$23 million; Hong Kong, \$22 million; Nigeria, \$21 million.

For the first four months of 1973, Canada's exports to Commonwealth countries (other than the United Kingdom) were up \$88 million (54%) over the same period in 1972. Most of the gain was attributable to increased purchases by India of (\$37 million), Bangladesh (\$15 million), Nigeria (\$11 million), Australia (\$9 million), Malaysia (\$5 million) and Pakistan (\$3 million).

Canadian imports from these countries were up \$24 million (13%) to \$206 million in the January-April period of this year. Increases were recorded in purchases of meat from Australia (\$14 million) and crude petroleum from Nigeria (\$10 million).

## Railway Operating Statistics

Canadian railways reported net income of \$43.2 million for the first five months of 1973, an increase of 54.5% from the \$28.0 million earned in the corresponding period last year.

The six major common carrier railways had revenues of \$182.5 million in May, up 12.3% from May 1972; expenses increased 15.9% to \$175.7 million.

*For further information, order the May 1973 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 10¢/\$1).*



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