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Farm Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The farm input price index for Canada advanced to 159.1 in the second quarter of 1973, up 3.9% from the previous quarter, and 13.0% higher than a year earlier.

Over the 12 months since the second quarter of 1972, costs have increased 9.0% for western farmers and 16.5% for farmers in eastern Canada.

In the latest quarter, livestock feed prices rose by 10.7% and prices of feeder cattle went up 4.7%. Price increases for hired labour, building replacement, small tools and supplies, and machinery and motor vehicle operation also contributed to the rise in the total index.

For further information, order *Farm Input Price Indexes, Second Quarter 1973* (62-004, 25¢/\$1), or contact R.T. Richards (613-992-6216), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Major Appliance Sales

Canadian manufacturers' sales of major electrical appliances showed continued strength in June and ran well ahead of year-earlier figures.

Appliance sales recorded during the latest month, with percentage increases from June 1972:

- Refrigerators — 59,573 units (up 19.9%); home and farm freezers — 35,601 units (56.4%).
- Stoves and ranges — 52,705 units (14%).
- Automatic washing machines — 34,668 units (29.9%); electric clothes dryers — 25,541 units (43.6%).
- Television sets — 66,409 units (9.4%).

Colour television sales continued to run well ahead of the previous year, accounting for 68.4 of Canadian manufacturers' TV sales in June compared to 61.2% in the corresponding month last year.

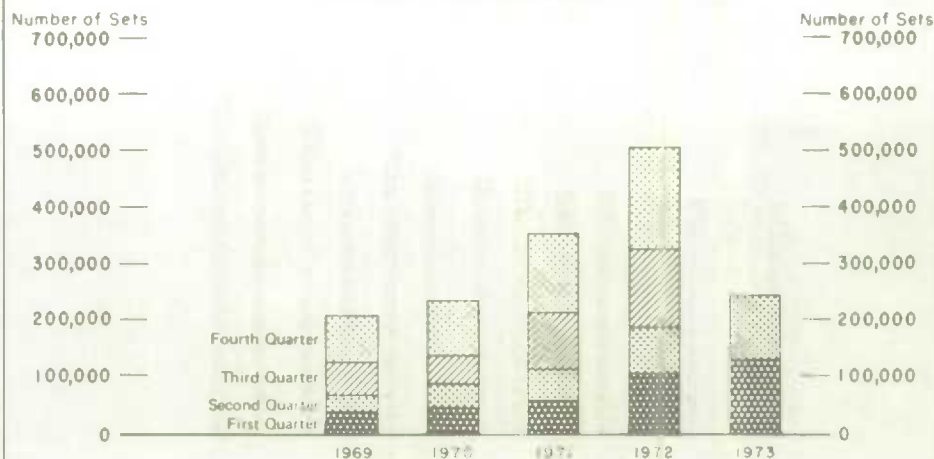
For further information, order the June 1973 issues of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets*, (43-004, 20¢/\$2); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers*, (43-002, 10¢/\$1); *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers*, (43-001, 10¢/\$1); *Stoves and Furnaces*, (41-005, 20¢/\$2).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	994.3P	635.3P	52.4
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	May	19,453	18,456	-6.4
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
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
ENERGY				
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
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	June	2,101P	2,259	11.5
Imports (\$ million)	June	1,989P	2,231P	18.4
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May	9,379P	9,386P	9.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	4,353	4,340	14.5
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,079	1,035	14.6
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	5,739P	5,358P	19.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	6,111P	5,982P	22.6
PRICES				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	June	149.7	148.4	8.1
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	June	140.8	139.4P	11.0
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	June	122.9	121.7	12.2
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	June	364.5P	357.9P	19.0
SALES				
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)	June	550	552	21.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	3,306	3,063	10.8
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	3,135	2,775	21.3

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

Manufacturers' Sales of "made-in-Canada" Colour Television Sets



Source: Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004)

Personal Income, 1972

Personal income of all Canadians rose 11.5% to a total of \$81.9 billion in 1972 for an average of \$3,750 a person.

(The personal income figure includes all earnings of private industry and government employees, all government payments such as unemployment insurance and pensions, as well as other forms of income).

The \$3,750 average for all of Canada's 21.8 million residents was \$347 higher than the average for the previous year.

Ontario remained the province with the highest income per resident, \$4,324 (\$3,972 a year earlier).

All other provinces also showed higher per-person incomes in 1972 than the year before:

- British Columbia \$4,078 (\$3,722); Alberta \$3,756 (\$3,394); Manitoba \$3,580 (\$3,205); Quebec \$3,359 (\$3,011); Nova Scotia \$2,991 (\$2,655); Saskatchewan \$2,968 (\$2,721); New Brunswick \$2,793 (\$2,487); Newfoundland \$2,462 (\$2,188); Prince Edward Island \$2,442 (\$2,152).

Manitoba had the biggest per-person rise of any province, \$375, in the latest year.

In total income, Ontario was the leader with \$33.8 billion of national income.

Other provinces in order were: Quebec with \$20.4 billion; British Columbia \$9.2 billion; Alberta \$6.2 billion; Manitoba \$3.6 billion; Saskatchewan \$2.7 billion; Nova Scotia \$2.4 billion; New Brunswick \$1.8 billion; Newfoundland \$1.3 billion; and Prince Edward Island \$276 million.

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THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, June
Consumer Price Movements, July
Housing Starts and Completions, June
Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, June
Retail Trade, June
New Residential Construction, June
The Labour Force, July

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 125,223 units in June, up 11.5% from a year earlier.

Total sales value increased 21.6% to \$549.7 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the U.S. rose 20.8% to 83,228 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 23.3% to 16,469 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to 16.5% in the latest month, down from 23.8% a year earlier.

Sales of commercial vehicles in June rose 16.1% to 25,526 units; included were 23,585 commercial vehicles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. (up 17.6%) and 1,941 manufactured overseas (up 0.3%).

For the first six months of 1973, sales of new motor vehicles reached 676,169 units with an accumulated value of \$2.91 billion. This represents an increase of 22.2% in units and 31.0% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 20¢/\$2)

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, June 1973

Canada's imports in June at \$1.99 billion were 18.4% higher than a year earlier; exports increased 11.5% to \$2.1 billion.

Imports from most areas rose in the latest month-particularly in the case of the United States, where they expanded 20.9% to \$1.43 billion and accounted for almost 80% of the overall increase. Imports of food, industrial machinery and automotive and related products were up sharply.

For the first six months of 1973, exports and imports increased at the same relative rate of 22.4%, reaching levels of \$11.9 billion for exports and \$11.3 billion for imports.

The merchandise trade balance rose to \$629 million in the 1973 first-half, from \$515 million in the corresponding period of 1972.

Purchases of automotive products, industrial machinery, aircraft and food accounted for more than 50% of the overall gain in imports in the first half of this year.

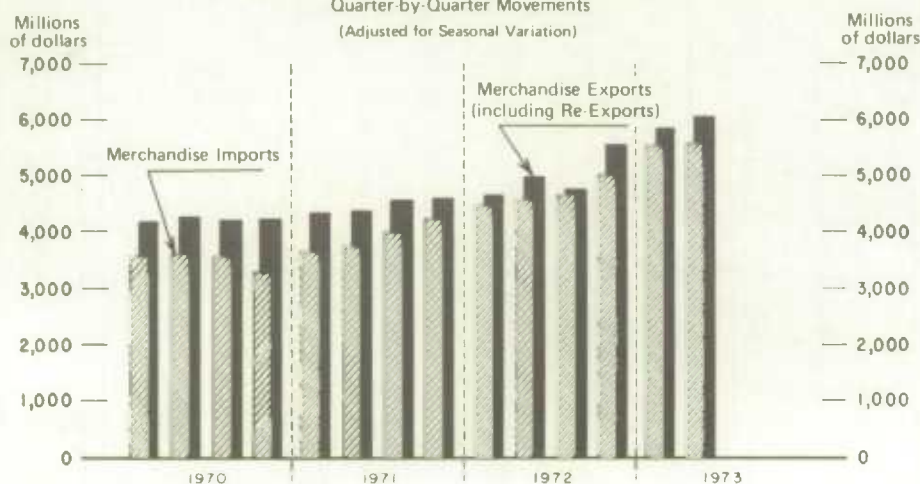
Imports from the United States were up 26.6% to \$8.13 billion (\$6.42 billion a year earlier). Increases were recorded in imports from Latin America (25.5%), the European Economic Community (21.7%), the United Kingdom (3.6%), other Commonwealth and preferred (14.6%) and other countries (19.3%); imports from Japan declined 2.6%.

In the first half of 1973, the uninterrupted decline of the share in total imports of purchases from the United States was reversed. From a high of 74.9% in the first half of 1968, it dropped to 69.5% in the corresponding period of 1972, but turned up to almost 72% in the current period.

For further information, order the June 1973 issues of *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 20¢/\$2), and *Summary of Imports* (65-005, 20¢/\$2).

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports

Quarter-by-Quarter Movements
(Adjusted for Seasonal Variation)



Source: Summary of Foreign Trade (65-001)

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FEATURE REPORT

Industrial Organization and Concentration in the Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Industries, 1968.

The study of industrial organization involves a consideration of the way in which economic activity is organized into firms or establishments (plants) of particular sizes, types or characteristics.

Industrial concentration is one aspect of industrial organization. Concentration statistics deal essentially with the extent to which particular types of activity are concentrated in the hands of a few leading firms or dispersed in the hands of many firms. The primary purpose of such statistics is the evaluation and study of competitive conditions in various markets.

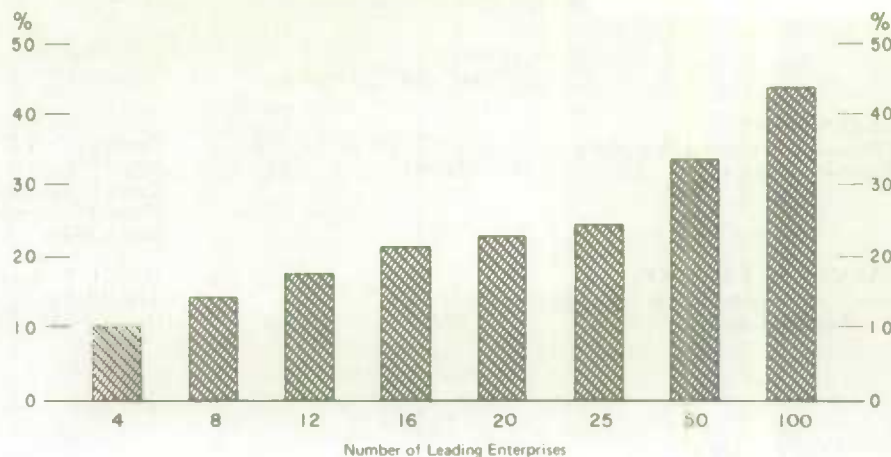
This report is the first of what is expected will develop into a series of publications on industrial organization and concentration. Based on the 1968 Censuses of Manufactures, Mining and Logging and the 1965 Census of Manufactures, the present selection of data is concerned both with measures of concentration and with certain other compilations giving a picture of the importance of multi-establishment and multi-industry enterprises in the industries covered by this report.

Some of the highlights as charted here:

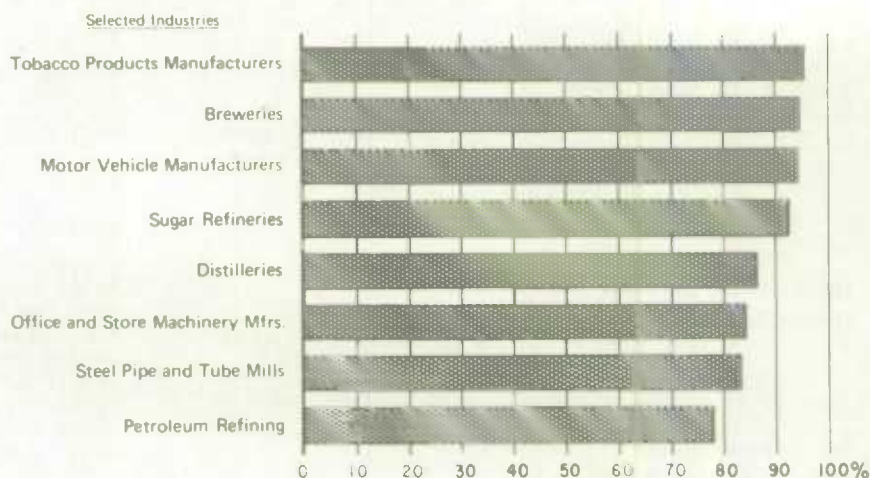
- In 1968, Canada's 100 largest manufacturing enterprises accounted for 43.9% of the value of all manufacturing shipments. The top 50 enterprise groups-out of a total of 32,643 manufacturing enterprises-were responsible for 33.3% of all manufacturing sales. The 4 leading enterprises accounted for \$4.23 billion (10.0%) of all manufacturing shipments during that year (chart).
- This study of the selected industries illustrates the relative importance of the leading 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 50 enterprises, ranked by shipments, in these industries. It shows that in 1968 the share of sales accounted for by the 4 leading enterprises ranged from 6.7% in machine shops and 7.3% in women's and children's clothing contractors to 95.5% for tobacco products manufacturers and 94.6% for motor vehicle manufacturers (chart).

For the full range of data and analysis, order *Industrial Organization and Concentration in the Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Industries, 1968* (31-514, \$2), now available.

Percentage of Total Value of Manufacturing Shipments (1968) Accounted for by Leading Enterprises



Percentage of Total Value of Shipments in Selected Industries Accounted for by Leading 4 Enterprises



Broadcasting, 1972

The radio and television broadcasting industry, including the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, registered an increase in revenues for 1972 in comparison to 1971.

Radio broadcasting revenues reported by the privately-owned operations increased by 15.7% to \$145.4 million (\$125.7 million the year before).

Television broadcasting revenues reported by privately-owned operations showed a gain of 14.1% to \$132.1 million (\$115.8 million in 1971).

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation revenues were up 6.7%, to \$38.7 million from \$36.3 million.

Further information will be contained in *Radio and Television Broadcasting, 1972* (56-204, 50¢)

Cheques Cashed in

Clearing Centres

The value of cheques cashed in clearing centres in April totalled \$104.4 billion, up 27.9% from a year earlier.

Of the 50 centres, forty-seven showed a higher value of cheques cashed in the latest month. Payments in Toronto rose by 39.9%, Winnipeg 23.9%, Montreal 22.7% and Vancouver 22.4%.

For the first four months of 1973, the value of cheques cashed in clearing centres was 22.9% above year-earlier levels. Cheques cashed in Ontario were 31.2% higher, British Columbia 22.4%, Quebec 19.8%, the Prairie Provinces 18.6% and the Atlantic Provinces 12.0%.

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



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