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## Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1973, Mid-year Review

Capital spending intentions of all sectors of the Canadian economy during 1973 are now estimated at \$24.76 billion, up 4% from the total estimated at the start of the year, and 13% higher than 1972 capital expenditures.

(The measurement is in current dollar terms. With allowances for price changes, the increase would be somewhat reduced).

Spending for machinery and equipment has been revised upward in the mid-year survey by 5% to \$9.12 billion, which is 20% higher than the 1972 level.

Total new construction this year is estimated at \$15.64 billion, up by 4% from the original 1973 estimate, and up 9% from a year earlier. Non-residential construction now is estimated at \$10.71 billion, up by 3% from the earlier forecast, and 12% above last year. For new housing, the expectation is for spending to reach \$4.93 billion, up 4% from the estimate at the beginning of this year and from the 1972 level.

Canadian businesses have revised upward by a substantial amount their capital spending estimates for this year. Latest indication for the business sector (excluding housing) is spending of \$15.34 billion, up 5% from the earlier forecast and 19% above last year's level.

Capital outlays for social purposes, as estimated at mid-year, are almost unchanged for institutional services but higher for government departments, as compared with the original estimates for 1973. Planned capital spending for institutional services of \$1.09 billion is down 11% from a year ago; the 1973 total for government departments at \$3.40 billion is up 12% over 1972.

All provinces and territories had increased spending estimates at mid-year, compared with the beginning of 1973.

For the full range of data and analysis, order *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1973, Mid-year Review* (61-206.35e).

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

|                                                    |      | Latest Month | Previous Month | Change From Year Ago % |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>CONSTRUCTION</b>                                |      |              |                |                        |
| Building Permits (\$ million)                      | June | 677.6p       | 844.3          | 0.6                    |
| Housing Starts-urban centres (units)               | June | 20,946       | 19,453         | -4.2                   |
| <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)                        | July | 9.23         | 9.11           | 4.6                    |
| Unemployed                                         | July | 461,000      | 503,000        | -15.1                  |
| <b>ENERGY</b>                                      |      |              |                |                        |
| Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)            | May  | 21.0         | 21.0           | 9.8                    |
| Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu.ft.)              | June | 80.7         | 95.4           | 20.3                   |
| <b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>                               |      |              |                |                        |
| Exports (\$ million)                               | June | 2,127        | 2,259          | 12.9                   |
| Imports (\$ million)                               | June | 1,989p       | 2,256          | 18.4                   |
| <b>INVENTORIES</b>                                 |      |              |                |                        |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)                  | June | 9,454p       | 9,410r         | 9.6                    |
| Wholesale (\$ million)                             | May  | 4,353        | 4,340          | 14.5                   |
| Department Store (\$ million)                      | June | 993          | 1,079          | 13.9                   |
| <b>ORDERS</b>                                      |      |              |                |                        |
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)             | June | 5,750p       | 5,798r         | 15.6                   |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)        | June | 6,203p       | 6,142r         | 23.2                   |
| <b>PRICES</b>                                      |      |              |                |                        |
| Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)                    | July | 151.0        | 149.7          | 7.7                    |
| Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)            | June | 140.8        | 139.4r         | 11.0                   |
| Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100) | June | 122.9        | 121.7          | 12.2                   |
| Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)                | June | 364.5p       | 357.9r         | 19.0                   |
| <b>SALES</b>                                       |      |              |                |                        |
| Chain Store Sales (\$ million)                     | June | 1,304        | 1,246          | 14.7                   |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million)                | June | 359          | 337            | 18.7                   |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)              | June | 5,689p       | 5,638r         | 15.5                   |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)               | June | 550          | 552            | 21.6                   |
| Retail Sales (\$ million)                          | June | 3,343        | 3,306          | 11.8                   |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million)                       | May  | 3,135        | 2,775          | 21.3                   |

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

## Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of Exports (65-002)

### Department Store Sales

Department store sales in June rose to \$358.5 million, an increase of 18.7% from \$302.1 million in June 1972. All provinces reported increases.

Sales were up in all departments with the largest gains recorded in:

- plumbing, heating and building materials (45.9%); lamps, pictures, mirrors and all other home furnishings (38.1%); and major appliances (32.4%).

Inventories held (at selling price) in June were valued at \$992.6 million, up 13.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002,20¢/\$2), or contact R. Porvin (613-992-9896), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V4.

### Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the January-June period of 1973 totalled an estimated \$2.83 billion, up 23.3% from \$2.29 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 is made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold).

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

### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions, July

Employment, Earnings and Hours, June

General Wholesale Price Indexes, July

Housing Starts and Completions, July

Industry Selling Price Index, July

New Motor Vehicle Sales, July

Wholesale Trade, June

### Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production moved to 214.6 in June, up 1.1% from the month before, and 9.8% higher than in June 1972.

In the latest month, the manufacturing component of the index advanced 0.9% with growth distributed about equally between durables and non-durables. Increases in the output of automobile manufacturers and a number of electrical products industries were mainly responsible for the gain in durables manufacturing. In non-durables, pulp and paper mills and industrial chemicals registered the most significant advances.

Utilities' output was up 3.9% as both electric power and gas distribution increased strongly in June.

Mining production remained at the May level.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue 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.

### Unemployment Insurance Claims

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act decreased to \$136 million in June, down 24% from \$179 million in May, and 2% less than the \$138 million disbursed in June 1972.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance totalled 154,000 in the latest month, a decrease of 2% from the May total of 157,000 and 16% less than the 182,000 received a year earlier.

The average weekly payment to claimants dipped to \$67.38 in June from the previous month's average of \$67.70, but was 11% more than the year-earlier payment of \$60.83.

For further information, order the June 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 Implement Sales, 1972

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for 1972 were valued at \$508.2 million, up 26.1% from the year before.

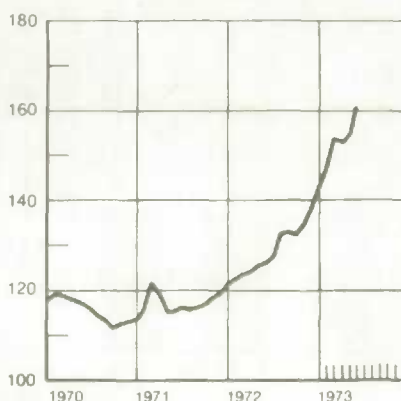
Sales of new machines increased 28.8% to \$420.2 million in 1972 from \$326.2 million in 1971.

Sales of repair parts were up 14.4%, to \$87.9 million from \$76.8 million.

Further information will be contained in *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1972* (63-203,50¢), and advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-5844), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Index Number of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

(1961=100)



Source: Index Number of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products (62-003)

### Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in June totalled \$677.6 million, an increase of 0.6% from \$673.7 million in June 1972.

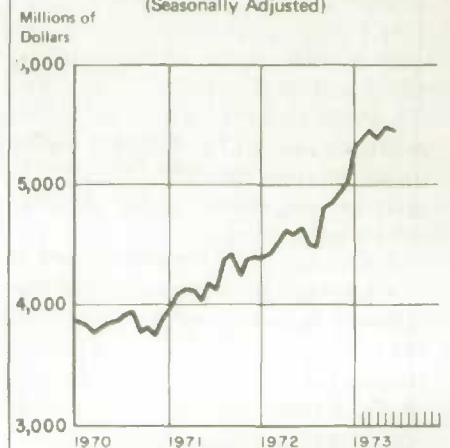
In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for commercial permits at \$155.9 million (\$118.6 million a year earlier) and industrial permits at \$73.1 million (\$51.4 million). Permits taken out for residential construction dipped to \$402.5 million (\$414.0 million in June 1972) and institutional and governmental permits dropped to \$46.0 million (\$89.7 million).

Building permits taken out in the first six months of 1973 totalled \$3.68 billion, up 21.4% from \$3.03 billion in the first half of 1972.

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

### Manufacturers' New Orders

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001)



## Real Domestic Product (RDP)

The Canadian economy, as measured by Real Domestic Product, continued to grow in the second quarter of 1973, but at a slower pace following strong increases in the previous two quarters. RDP rose by 1.0% in the latest quarter, compared with 3.3% in the first quarter of 1973 and 3.2% in the final quarter of 1972.

Major features of the economy in the second quarter included: rising food prices and declining manufacturing and sales of food products; some decrease in production of consumer durable goods; slight declines in several construction-oriented industries; increased energy consumption; and advances in mining and paper production.

Production of most of the food manufacturing industries fell in the latest quarter, as did the output of food stores. Many of the production declines were accompanied by rising prices at the manufacturing and consumer levels.

Motor vehicle production and sales fell slightly but still remained at high levels, with production in the second quarter 12% above year-earlier levels. Output of major appliance manufacturers levelled off in the second quarter following a strong first quarter.

Pulp and paper output increased gradually through 1972 and gained even more momentum this year. Canadian newsprint mills increased their utilization of capacity dramatically from 1972.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 30¢/\$3).

## Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems earned net operating revenue of \$60.1 million in June, an increase of 11.9% from the corresponding month in 1972.

In the latest month, operating revenue of the 13 major telephone companies at \$171.1 million was 10.7% higher than a year earlier; operating expenses rose 10.1% to \$110.9 million.

For the first six months of 1973, net operating revenue totalled \$342.1 million, up 16.7% from the 1972 first-half. Operating revenue showed a gain of 13.5% to \$993.5 million; operating expenses were 11.8% higher at \$651.4 million.

A total of 10.8 million telephones were reported in service at the end of June, 1973 (up 6.8% from a year earlier). Residential telephones accounted for 70.4% of total phones in service, business telephones for 29.6%.

For further information, order *Monthly Telephone Statistics* (56-001, \$1 per year).

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### Roads and Bridges

Statistics on general contractors engaged primarily in road and bridge building have been compiled in a publication to be available shortly.

For financial and operational data on the industry, which includes 740 establishments across Canada with 1971 total revenue of \$1.24 billion, order: *The Highway, Roads, Street and Bridge Contracting Industry, 1971* (64-206, 50¢), or contact G. Beauchamp, or Mrs. L. Hunton (613-994-9795), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

### Balance of Payments

A single publication describing Canada's international balance of payments situation for 1971 and containing tables spanning the years 1966-1971 is now available.

Included in the publication are: special features dealing with current and capital account movements between Canada and the United States associated with Canadian auto manufacturing; the reconciliation for 1970 of Canada-United States current account balance of payments statistics.

Order: *The Canadian Balance of International Payments, 1971* (67-201, \$1.50).

### Population By Language Most Often Spoken At Home and By Official Language

This report presents final population counts of the 1971 Census, showing a distribution by language most often spoken at home and by official language (see accompanying chart).

Figures are shown for Canada, provinces, census divisions, incorporated cities, towns and villages of 10,000 and over, as well as for census metropolitan areas.

Order: *Population By Language Most Often Spoken At Home And By Official Language* (92-759, 50¢).

## Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities (and city combinations) studied in July, with increases ranging from 0.5% in Edmonton-Calgary to 1.1% in Montreal, Quebec City and Thunder Bay.

Food indexes moved ahead in all centres with St. John's (up 2.8%) showing the largest increase for the month.

Housing and recreation and reading indexes also advanced in all cities, and the transportation component was higher in all but one. The health and personal care index declined in eight of the twelve centres and the other components registered mixed movements.

Food indexes, over the 12 months from July 1972, climbed from 12.9% in Edmonton-Calgary (low) to 18.2% in St. John's (high).

During the period, the greatest increases in the cost of living were recorded in Ottawa and Quebec City (up 7.8%).

For further information, order the July 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.

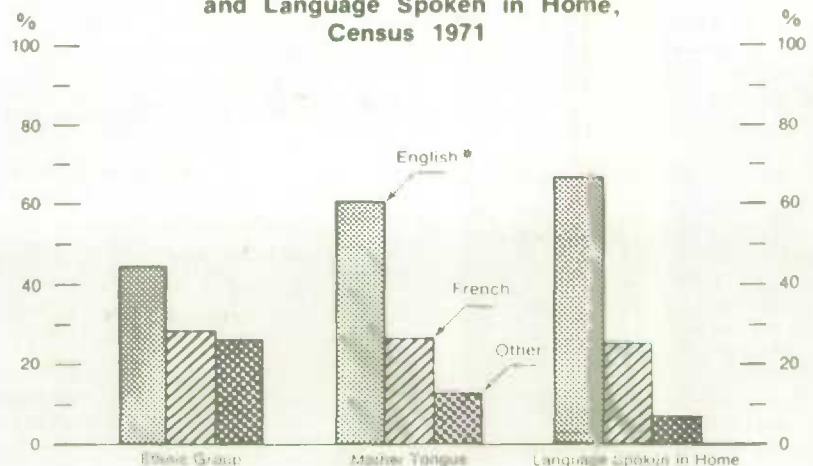
## Telecommunications, 1972

Canadian telecommunications carriers (cable and telegraph companies) reported operating revenues of \$163 million for 1972, an increase of \$17 million from the year before.

Operating expenses of \$115 million in the latest year were up \$8 million from 1971.

Further information will be contained in *Telecommunications Statistics, 1972* (56-201, 50¢), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V5.

Canadian Population by Ethnic Group, Mother Tongue and Language Spoken in Home, Census 1971



\* Includes English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh



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| <b>AGRICULTURE</b>                                                                                           |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Dairy Factory Production, July 1973                                                                          | 32-002    | \$1                     | Fish Freezings and Stocks, June 1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 24-001    | 30¢/\$3                 |
| Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 15,<br>Stocks of Canadian Grain at July 31,<br>1973                         | 22-002    | \$4                     | Iron Castings and Cast Iron Pipe<br>and Fittings, June 1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 41-004    | 10¢/\$1                 |
| First Forecast of the Commercial<br>Production of all Fruits, 1973                                           | 22-003    | \$1                     | Manufacturers of Plastics and<br>Synthetic Resins, 1971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 46-211    | 50¢                     |
| Livestock and Animal Products<br>Statistics, 1972                                                            | 23-203    | \$1                     | Miscellaneous Furniture and Fixtures<br>Manufacturers, 1971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35-213    | 50¢                     |
| Quarterly Bulletin of<br>Agricultural Statistics,<br>January-March 1973                                      | 21-003    | \$4                     | Ornamental and Architectural Metal<br>Industry, 1971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 41-221    | 50¢                     |
| Stocks of Dairy and Frozen<br>Poultry Products, August 1973                                                  | 32-009    | 20¢/\$2                 | Radio and Television Receiving<br>Sets, June 1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 43-004    | 20¢/\$2                 |
|                                                                                                              |           |                         | Ready-mix Concrete Manufacturers,<br>1971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 44-211    | 50¢                     |
|                                                                                                              |           |                         | Stone Products Manufacturers, 1971                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 44-213    | 50¢                     |
|                                                                                                              |           |                         | The Sugar Situation, June 1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 32-013    | 10¢/\$1                 |
| <b>BUSINESS CONDITIONS</b>                                                                                   |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Private and Public Investment in<br>Canada, Outlook Mid-year Review<br>1973.                                 | 61-206    | 35¢                     | <b>SERVICE BULLETIN</b><br>Electrical Products — Electric<br>Lamps, June 1973, Vol. 2, No. 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 43-007    | \$1                     |
|                                                                                                              |           |                         | <b>MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES</b><br>Merchandising Inventories, May<br>1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 63-014    | 20¢/\$2                 |
|                                                                                                              |           |                         | New Motor Vehicle Sales, June<br>1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 63-007    | 20¢/\$2                 |
| <b>CENSUS</b>                                                                                                |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| 1971 Census<br>of Canada, Population by<br>Language most often<br>Spoken at Home and by Official<br>Language | 92-759    | 50¢                     | <b>PUBLIC FINANCE</b><br>Federal Government Employment,<br>January-March 1973                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 72-004    | 50¢/\$2                 |
| <b>JUDICIAL</b>                                                                                              |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Juvenile Delinquents, 1971                                                                                   | 85-202    | \$1                     | <b>TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS</b><br><b>SERVICE BULLETINS</b><br>Aviation Statistics Centre —<br>Aircraft Movement Statistics,<br>May 1973, Vol. 5, No. 32A;<br>International Air Charter Statistics,<br>Passenger Origin and Destination,<br>April 1973, Vol. 5, No. 34.                                                                                                                                                  | 51-004    | \$3                     |
| Traffic Enforcement Statistics,<br>1971                                                                      | 85-206    | \$1.50                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| <b>SERVICE BULLETINS</b>                                                                                     |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Law Enforcement, Judicial and<br>Correctional Statistics — First<br>Edition, Vol. 1, No. 1, and<br>No. 2     | 85-001    | free                    | Communications — Vol. 3, No. 6,<br>Revenues and Expenses, and<br>Employees of the Radio and TV<br>Broadcasting Industry including<br>the C.B.C.; and Employees of the<br>Privately Owned Radio Broadcast-<br>ing Industry, by Area and by Revenue<br>Group; and Employees of the Privately<br>Owned TV Broadcasting Industry, by<br>Area and by Revenue Group, 1972;<br>Vol. 3, No. 8, Monthly Telephone<br>Statistics, June 1973 | 56-001    | \$1                     |
| <b>MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY<br/>INDUSTRIES</b>                                                              |           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Breweries, 1971                                                                                              | 32-205    | 50¢                     | Road Transport — Motor Carriers,<br>Freight Quarterly, 1972, Vol. 3, No. 5;<br>Quarterly Refrigerated Storage Report,<br>First quarter 1973, Vol. 3, No. 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 53-006    | \$2                     |
| Canvas Products and Cotton and<br>Jute Bags Industries, 1971                                                 | 34-202    | 50¢                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Clay Products Manufacturers,<br>1971                                                                         | 44-215    | 50¢                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Domestic Washing Machines and<br>Clothes Dryers, June 1973                                                   | 43-002    | 10¢/\$1                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |
| Factory Sales of Electric Storage<br>Batteries, June 1973                                                    | 43-005    | 10¢/\$1                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                         |