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## Weekly Bulletin

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### Department Store Sales

Department store sales in Canada showed an increase in June of 18.7% over the corresponding month in 1972.

Sales were up in all regions, with the following gains recorded:

- Atlantic provinces, 23.0%; British Columbia, 22.3%; Saskatchewan, 20.1%; Ontario, 19.2%; Quebec, 16.7%; Alberta, 15.6%; Manitoba, 14.3%.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1 a year).

### General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index reached 364.5 in June, up 1.8% from May, and 19.0% above the June 1972 level (306.4).

In the latest month, six of the eight major group indexes moved up while two declined.

The vegetable products group index jumped 6.9% in June on higher prices for potatoes, grains, livestock and poultry feeds and vegetable oils and products. Increased prices for fresh and cured meats, livestock and fishery products pushed the animal products group index up 1.9%.

The non-ferrous metals group index advanced 2.7% with price increases recorded for copper and zinc and their products. The iron products group moved up 1.0%, reflecting higher prices for wire, scrap iron and rolling mill products.

Textile products rose 0.8%. Prices were higher for worsted and wool cloth and imported wool.

There was a decline of 1.5% in the wood products index, reflecting lower prices for fir, hemlock and cedar.

Over the year, June to June, the following advances were recorded by the major group indexes:

- Vegetable products, 35.7%; Non-ferrous metals, 22.2%; Wood products, 18.6%; Animal products, 17.4%; Textile products, 17.1%; Iron products, 9.2%; Non-metallic minerals, 5.9%; Chemical products, 3.6%.

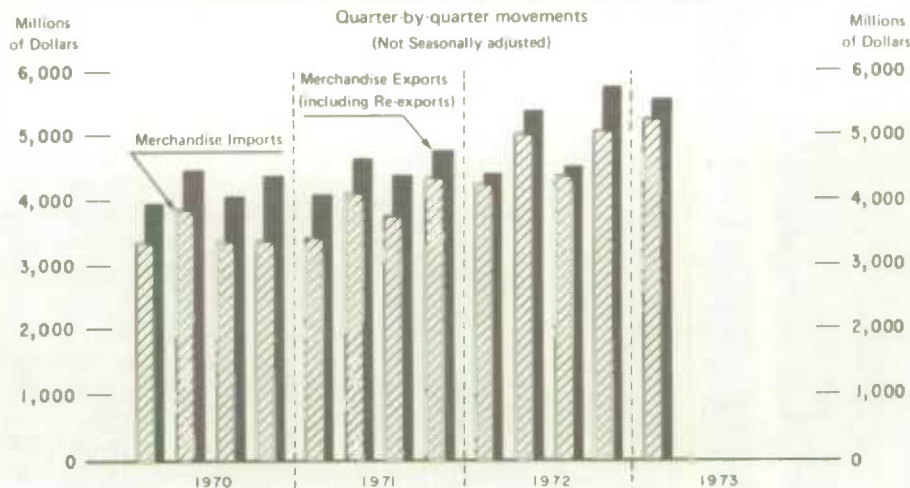
For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4).

### 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	9,386 <sup>r</sup>	9.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	4,353	4,340	14.5
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,079	1,035	14.6
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	5,739P	5,358 <sup>r</sup>	19.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	6,111P	5,982 <sup>r</sup>	22.6
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	June	149.7	148.4	8.1
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	June	140.8	139.4 <sup>r</sup>	11.0
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	June	122.9	121.7	12.2
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	June	364.5P	357.9 <sup>r</sup>	19.0
<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	5,248 <sup>r</sup>	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)	May	3,135	2,775	21.3

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

### Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports



### Wholesale Trade Up

Wholesale merchants' sales in May were estimated at \$3.14 billion, up 21.3% from the same month in 1972.

The "groceries and food specialties" component showed a 12.9% gain in the consumer goods trades.

In the industrial goods trades, sales of "other construction materials and supplies, including lumber" were up 33.7%.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$4.35 billion, an increase of 14.5% over May of last year.

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 10¢/\$1).

### Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for manufacturing advanced to 140.8 in June, up 1.0% from May, and 11.0% higher than in June 1972.

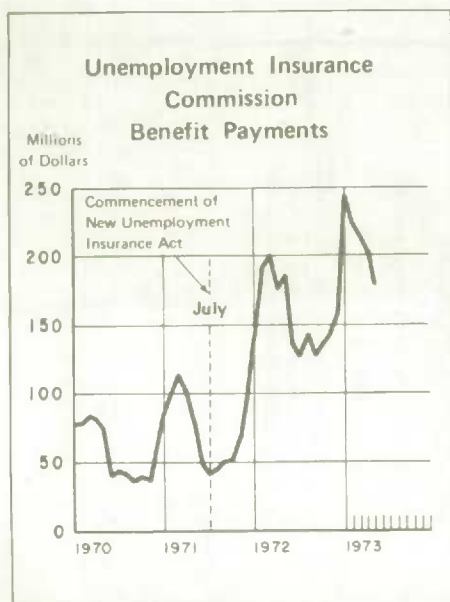
The month-to-month increase in the index continued to reflect a significantly higher rate of advance in 1973 than that experienced during most of 1972.

In the latest month, the most notable advances were in the foods and beverages group (up 2.9%), particularly in slaughtering, meat packing and feed mills.

Over the year, June to June, the largest price advances were shown by the following component group indexes:

- Wood industries, up 30.9%; Food and beverage industries, 17.1%; Primary metal industries, 14.9%; Leather industries, 13.2%.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4).



### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Chain Store Sales and Stocks, June  
Consumer Price Movements, July  
Housing Starts and Completions, June  
New Motor Vehicle Sales, June  
Retail Trade, June  
Summary of Imports, June  
The Labour Force, July

### Foreign Direct Investment in Canada, 1969

Direct investment is the largest single component of Canada's over-all liabilities to non-residents and covers long-term capital used in Canada in foreign-controlled Canadian enterprises from the country of control.

The Statistics Canada Daily (issue of Tuesday, July 31, 1973) published a release containing estimates of the stock of direct investment capital employed in Canada up to the end of 1969 and representing an extension of the series published in *Canada's International Investment Position 1926 to 1967* (67-202 Annual) released in December, 1971.

Highlights of the release:

- In 1969, long-term foreign direct investment in Canada increased by \$1,924 million to \$24,458 million.
- United States residents owned \$19.9 billion or 82% of this total.
- British residents accounted for about \$2.5 billion and those of all other countries for \$2.1 billion.
- After the U.S. and the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland reported the largest absolute increases in direct investment while Switzerland accounted for the largest relative increase.
- More than two-fifths of the increase in total foreign direct investment in 1969 was in manufacturing.
- More than three-fourths of the increase in the manufacturing and petroleum and natural gas industries in 1969 occurred in U.S.-controlled enterprises.
- Foreign controlled investment (representing the total long-term capital employed in Canada by foreign-controlled enterprises) rose by \$3,458 million to \$33,941 million in the same year.
- The U.S. share of foreign-controlled investment declined marginally to 76% and that of the United Kingdom levelled off at around 14%.

### Farm Equipment Sales

Farm implement and equipment sales for the first five months of 1973 totalled \$159.4 million, up 44.4% from the corresponding period in 1972.

Large gains were reported in all regions with the following percentage increases recorded:

- Atlantic provinces, 114.0%; Manitoba, 75.5%; Alberta, 43.4%; Quebec, 42.9%; Ontario, 41.6%; Saskatchewan, 36.1%; British Columbia, 26.1%.

Sales of repair parts increased 39.2% to \$42.2 million in the January-May period of this year.

For further information, order the January 1-May 31, 1973 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, \$1 a year).

### Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

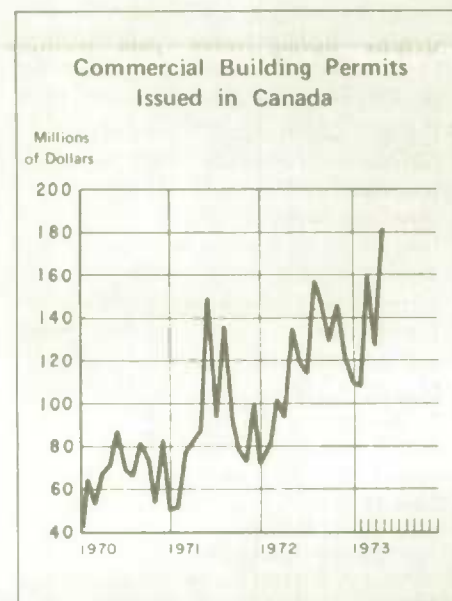
(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 196.9 in June, up 0.3% from May, and 7.4% higher than a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index has risen 10.8% over the 12 months since June 1972; the labour component is up 4.8%.

Under the materials grouping, lumber and lumber products have risen 37.6% during the period, steel and metal work 8.5%, electrical equipment 5.8%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 5.5% and concrete products 4.9%.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact P. Du Brûlé (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.





## FEATURE REPORT

### Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Report for 1970 Part II-Labour Unions

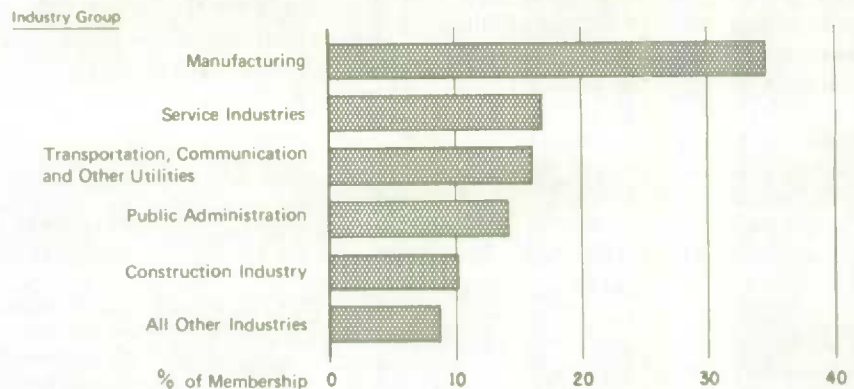
In 1970, approximately one-third of an estimated 6,839,000 wage and salary workers in Canadian industry were members of labour organizations reporting under the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act. This supplementary report lists all 173 national and international unions which qualify as reporting organizations under the act, the names of the principal officers, and the names and addresses of Canadian representatives on the executive boards of international unions. Part II also includes data on the membership, number of locals, women members and collective agreements in Canada of each reporting organization, and the amount of per capita monthly taxes paid on behalf of union members in Canada to international union headquarters in the United States.

Some of the highlights as charted here:

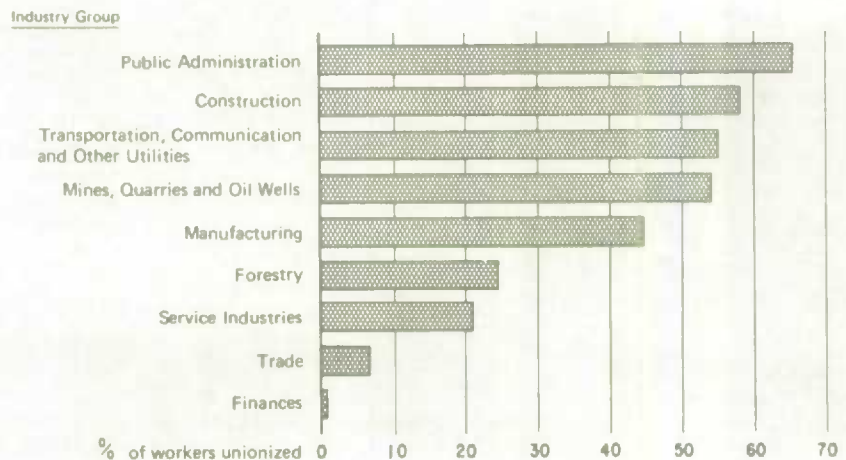
- The manufacturing industry was the major contributor to union membership and local union organization in Canada in 1970, making up about 34% of total membership, even though it was not the most highly organized industry. The second largest component group was transportation and other utilities with about 16% of the union members in Canada. Public administration and service industries came next with 15.7% each, and the construction industry with about 10%. In contrast to this, mines and quarries, trade, forestry and finance together had only 7.0% of the total Canadian union membership, despite having more paid workers (1,638,000) than transportation and public administration combined (chart).
- Public administration showed the highest percentage of workers unionized (65.3), with 317,381 of an estimated 486,000 workers being members of reporting labour organizations. The estimated number of wage and salary workers in manufacturing industries in Canada in 1970 was 1,751,000, and of this number 780,856 were members of reporting labour organizations. In the finance industry, there were only 2,563 union members out of an estimated 345,000 workers in that industry (chart).

For the full range of data and analysis, order: *Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act, Report for 1970, Part II-Labour Unions* (71-202 Supplement, no charge).

**Distribution of Membership of All Reporting Labour Organizations in Canada, by Industry Group, 1970**



**Degree of Union Organization Within Canadian Industry, 1970**



#### Rail Freight

Railway revenue freight loaded in Canada in June totalled 22.6 million tons, up 19.7% from the corresponding month last year.

Cars loaded in June increased 10.4% to 376,262.

Individual commodities registering substantial tonnage gains in the latest month included: iron ore (up 93.1%); sulphur (77.0%); sand, gravel and stone (44.3%); and logs, poles and other forest products (42.7%).

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact J. R. Slattery (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

#### Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada moved to 122.9 in June, up 1.0% from May, and 12.2% higher than in June 1972.

Over the 12 months, June to June, prices of building materials rose 14.5%; labour cost advanced 8.4%.

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact P. Du Brûlé (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



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	Cata- logue	Price per issue/ year		Cata- logue	Price per issue/ year
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
The Dairy Review, June 1973	23-001	20¢/\$2	Oils and Fats, May 1973	32-006	20¢/\$2
Production of Eggs and Poultry, June 1973	23-003	20¢/\$2	Paint and Varnish Manufacturers, 1971	46-210	50¢
<b>CENSUS</b>					
Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and Provinces, April 1973	91-001	25¢	Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, April 1973	35-003	20¢/\$2
<b>EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE</b>					
Education in Canada, A Statistical Review for the Period 1960-61 to 1970-71, 1973	81-229	\$5.00	Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, April 1973	35-002	20¢/\$2
<b>SERVICE BULLETIN</b>					
Education Division - Socio- Cultural Characteristics of Elementary and Secondary Students in Metropolitan Areas in Canada, 1971, Vol. 1, No. 9	81-001	\$1	Quarterly Shipments of Selected Furniture Products, Quarter Ended March 31, 1973	35-005	25¢/\$1
<b>EXTERNAL TRADE</b>					
Exports by Commodities, May 1973	65-004	75¢/\$7.50	<b>SERVICE BULLETINS</b>		
Summary of Exports, May 1973	65-002	20¢/\$2	Energy Statistics - Fuel and Electricity Purchased and Consumed by Manufacturing Industries by Major Group, by Region, 1962 and 1963, Vol. 8, No. 46; Sales of Natural Gas, May 1973, Vol. 8, No. 48	57-002	\$3
<b>GENERAL TIME SERIES</b>					
Canadian Statistical Review, July 1973	11-003	50¢/\$5	Rubber and Plastics Products Industries - Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet, Quarter Ended June 30, 1973, Vol. 2, No. 5	47-002	\$1
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>					
Vital Statistics, Jan.-Mar., 1973	84-001	25¢/\$1	Selected Dairy By-Products - Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder, June 1973, Vol. 2, No. 11	32-024	\$1
<b>LABOUR</b>					
Employment, Earnings and Hours, March 1973	72-002	40¢/\$4	<b>MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES</b>		
Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, March 1973	73-001	20¢/\$2	Chain Store Sales and Stocks, May 1973	63-001	10¢/\$1
The Labour Force, June 1973	71-001	40¢/\$4	Department Store Sales and Stocks, May 1973	63-002	20¢/\$2
<b>MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES</b>					
Concrete Products, May 1973	44-002	10¢/\$1	Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1 to May 31, 1973	63-009	\$1
Hardboard, June 1973	36-001	10¢/\$1	<b>TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Machine Shops, 1971	42-207	50¢	Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, April-June 1971	53-001	75¢/\$3
Metal Stamping, Pressing and Coating Industry, 1971	41-227	50¢	Transcontinental and Regional Air Carrier Operations, February 1973	51-001	30¢/\$3
			<b>SERVICE BULLETINS</b>		
			Aviation Statistics Centre - Aircraft Movement Statistics, May 1973, Vol. 5, No. 32; Civil Aviation - 4th Quarter 1972, Vol. 5, No. 33	51-004	\$3
			Railway Transport - Railway Operating Statistics, May 1973, Vol. 3, No. 9	52-004	\$1