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Labour Income

Total labour income was estimated at \$5.31 billion in July, up 12.4% from \$4.73 billion a year earlier.

Seasonally adjusted, the July estimate of \$5.29 billion showed an increase of 0.2% from the month before. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries declined by 0.2%; those in the service-producing industries advanced by 0.5%.

For further information, order the July 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.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in July were estimated at \$2.84 billion, up 22.9% from the corresponding month in 1972.

The groceries and food specialties component in the consumer goods trades showed a 13.2% advance from a year earlier.

In the industrial goods trades, the most significant sales change was a 37.7% gain in the farm machinery category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$4.48 billion in the latest month, an increase of 17.6% from July of last year.

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

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems earned net operating revenue of \$62.1 million in July, an increase of 8.3% from July 1972.

In the latest month, operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies at \$174.1 million were 13.9% higher than a year earlier; operating expenses rose 17.3% to \$112.0 million.

For the first seven months of 1973, net operating revenue totalled \$404.2 million, up 15.3% from the corresponding period in 1972. Operating revenues during the latest period showed a gain of 13.5% to \$1.17 billion; operating expenses were 12.6% higher at \$763.5 million.

For further information, order the July 1973 issue of *Monthly Telephone Statistics* (56-001, \$1 per year).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

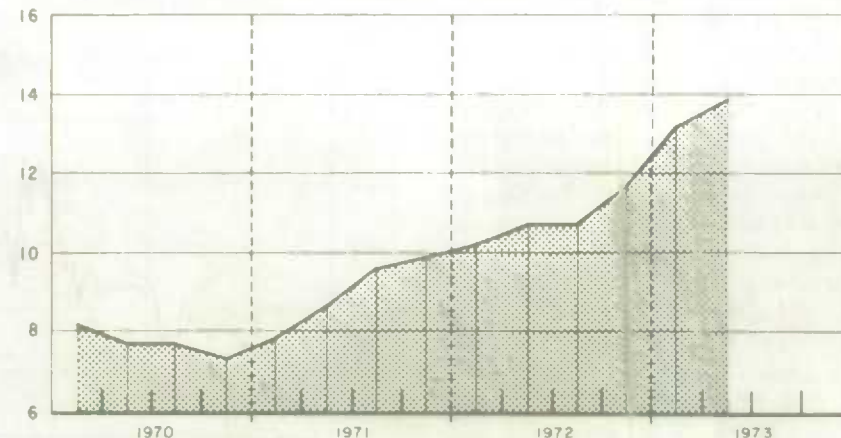
	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	July 721.7P	677.6P	30.7
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	July 22,417	20,946	14.2
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings	June \$162.04P	\$159.07P	8.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	July 5,313P	5,466P	12.4
Persons with Jobs (million)	August 9.24	9.23	5.3
Unemployed	August 433,000	461,000	-13.9
ENERGY			
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	July 20.7	20.4	15.2
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	July 74.4	80.7	17.9
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	August 1,731P	2,079	14.1
Imports (\$ million)	July 1,882P	1,981	32.4
INVENTORIES			
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July 9,485P	9,530P	10.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	July 4,483	4,400	17.6
Department Store (\$ million)	July 1,020	993	16.2
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July 5,259P	5,738P	27.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July 6,403P	6,213P	25.8
PRICES			
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	August 153.0	151.0	8.3
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	July 142.7	141.0P	12.0
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	July 122.6	122.9	10.6
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	July 375.2P	366.8P	21.9
SALES			
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	July 1,172	1,304	14.1
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July 311	359	14.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July 5,068P	5,667P	24.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July 384	550	18.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July 3,108	3,343	11.8
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July 2,844	2,952	22.9

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary. P - revised.

Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

Billions of Dollars

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (113-001)

Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the January-July period of 1973 totalled an estimated \$3.47 billion, up 25.9% from \$2.76 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).

Receipts rose in all provinces in the latest period. Total payments made to farmers (by province):

- Ontario \$1.03 billion (\$832 million a year earlier); Saskatchewan \$761 million (\$585 million); Alberta \$622 million (\$473 million); Quebec \$482 million (\$427 million); Manitoba \$290 million (\$224 million); British Columbia \$142 million (\$119 million); New Brunswick \$57 million (\$34 million); Nova Scotia \$47 million (\$38 million); Prince Edward Island \$43 million (\$24 million).

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

Railway Carloadings

Railways in Canada loaded 14.2 million tons of revenue freight in August, down 6.8% from a year earlier. (Traffic interlined between Canadian carriers and non-carload freight are excluded.)

Receipts from United States connections were down 20.1% at 1.5 million tons.

The figures for the latest month reflected the impact of railway labour difficulties and the nation-wide strike that commenced August 23.

With one notable exception (iron ore), all of the principal commodities moved by rail were loaded in lesser quantities in the period under review. Tonnage of grain, aluminum and piggyback cargo all fell by more than 60%; loadings of gypsum, copper-nickel ores, iron and steel, and pulpwood and other forest products also showed significant declines.

For further information, order the August 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 0V5.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions,
August

General Wholesale Price Indexes,
August

Housing Starts and Completions,
August

New Motor Vehicle Sales, August

Building Permits

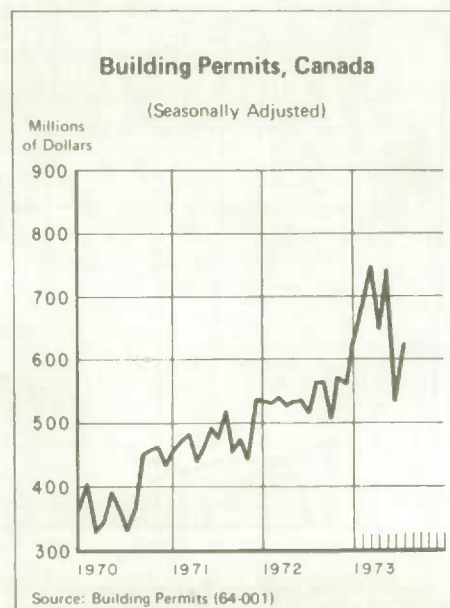
Building permits taken out in Canada in July totalled \$721.7 million, an increase of 30.7% from \$552.2 million in July 1972.

In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for residential permits at \$386.2 million (\$308.8 million a year earlier), industrial permits at \$107.3 million (\$51.9 million) and commercial permits at \$167.7 million (\$113.3 million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental construction dropped to \$60.6 million (\$78.2 million).

Building permits taken out in the first seven months of 1973 totalled \$4.44 billion, up 23.9% from \$3.58 billion in the corresponding period in 1972.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in July reached \$621 million, up 16% from \$535 million in the previous month.

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



Wheat Review

Total shipments of wheat (and flour in terms of wheat) from Canada, the United States, Australia and Argentina during the 1972-73 crop year amounted to 2,168 million bushels, up 43% from the year before.

Canadian wheat exports for the latest crop year (August-July) at 578 million bushels were 15% above the previous year's total, and the third highest on record.

U.S.S.R. (Russia) and the Peoples' Republic of China were the major markets for Canadian wheat, accounting for 163 million (30%) and 153 million (28%), respectively, of the 1972-73 crop year total.

United States wheat exports in the latest crop year were a record 1,249 million bushels, almost double the 1971-72 total of 644 million bushels.

At the close of the Canadian crop year, total supplies of wheat remaining in Canada, the United States, Australia and Argentina, for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years, amounted to 1,696 million bushels, down 26% from a year earlier. The Canadian carryover, at 366 million bushels, was 37% lower than at July 31, 1972.

For further information, order the *Wheat Review* (22-005, 30¢/\$3).

Railway Freight Traffic First Quarter 1973

Railways in Canada handled a total of 60.1 million tons of revenue freight during the first three months of 1973, an increase of 15.3% over the 52.1 million tons carried in the corresponding 1972 quarter.

Gains were recorded in movements of each of the seven major commodity groups, with increases ranging from 10.6% for live animals to 33.5% for non-carload shipments.

Rail freight loadings in Canada totalled 53.4 million tons in the latest quarter, up 14.8% from a year earlier. Loadings rose in all provinces, with the following percentage gains recorded: Prince Edward Island, 45.3%; British Columbia, 31.1%; New Brunswick, 17.3%; Alberta, 15.8%; Quebec, 15.4%; Nova Scotia, 14.0%; Newfoundland, 13.6%; Saskatchewan, 13.1%; Ontario, 8.6%; Manitoba, 6.2%; and Yukon and Northwest Territories (combined), 0.3%.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, First Quarter 1973* (52-002, 75¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Major Appliance Sales

Canadian manufacturers' sales of major electrical appliances in July were ahead of year-earlier figures, marking their seventh consecutive monthly advance in 1973.

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

- Refrigerators — 53,993 units (up 6.3%); home and farm freezers — 37,703 units (44.9%).
- Stoves and ranges — 45,338 units (10.4%).
- Automatic washing machines — 31,128 units (20.1%); electric clothes dryers — 24,120 units (18.1%).
- Television sets — 51,248 units (0.5%).

Canadian manufacturers' sales of colour television sets in July at 33,173 units showed a gain of 0.2% from a year earlier; black-and-white television sales were down 0.2% at 18,075 units.

For further information, order the July 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).

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles in August at 52,763 units was down 32.8% from 78,464 units in August 1972.

For the first eight months of 1973, motor vehicle production totalled 1,054,353 units, up 9.6% from the corresponding period last year. Passenger car production rose 9.9% to 818,564 units; production of commercial vehicles increased 8.2% to 235,789 units.

For further information, order the August 1973 issue of *Preliminary Report on the Production of Motor Vehicles* (42-001, 10¢/\$1).



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Foreign Direct Investment in Canada, 1970

Long-term foreign direct investment in Canada at the end of 1970 increased to \$26.5 billion, up \$2.1 billion from the year before. In absolute terms, this represented another record annual increase and the rate of growth, at 8.4%, equalled that of the previous year.

Direct investment of United States residents increased by \$1.6 billion during 1970, and amounted to \$21.5 billion at the end of that year (81.2% of all foreign direct investment in Canada).

Direct investment of United Kingdom residents rose \$79 million to \$2.5 billion, but its relative share declined to 9.5% of the total.

Continuing the pattern of steady growth in recent years, direct investment from all other countries increased to \$2.5 billion (9.3% of the total) from \$2.0 billion (8.3%) a year earlier.

There were only very marginal changes during 1970 in the allocation of direct investment among the various industries.

Manufacturing, at 41% of the total, continued as the single most important industrial group for foreign direct investment, accounting for nearly 40% of the 1970 increase.

Petroleum and natural gas accounted for the second largest portion of the increase to maintain its position at approximately 25% of the total.

Direct investment in the mining and smelting industry represented approximately one-eighth of the total by the end of 1970; all other industrial groups comprised about 20% of total direct investment.

Further information will be contained in *Canada's International Investment Position, 1968-70* (67-202, \$2), or contact R. Purdue (613-996-2545), Balance of Payments Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities (and city combinations) studied in August, with increases ranging from 1.0% in Saskatoon-Regina to 1.9% in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Food indexes advanced in all centres, with Thunder Bay (up 4.9%) showing the largest increase during the month.

Housing and transportation indexes also advanced in all cities, and the health and personal care component was higher in all but one. The clothing and recreation, education and reading indexes moved up in 10 of the 12 centres and the tobacco and alcohol component registered mixed movements.

Food indexes, over the 12 months from August 1972, climbed from 14.5% in Saskatoon-Regina (low) to 18.4% in Thunder Bay (high).

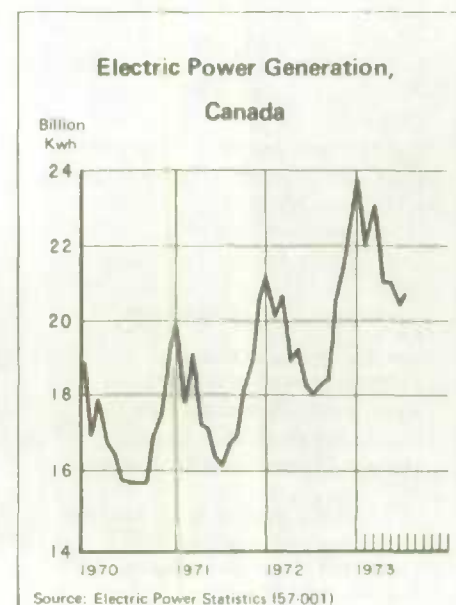
During the period, the largest increase in the cost of living was recorded in Thunder Bay (8.5%).

For further information, order the August 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 0T6.

Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1972

The value of new machinery and equipment entering the market to end-users amounted to \$811.4 million in 1972, an increase of 2.3% from the year before.

For further information, order *Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1972* (63-220, 50¢), and advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-5844), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.





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