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Department Store Sales

Department store sales in November showed an increase of 20.5% from the corresponding month in 1972.

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

- Saskatchewan, 31.7%; Atlantic Provinces, 30.1%; British Columbia, 27.7%; Alberta, 22.7%; Quebec, 21.7%; Ontario, 15.6%; Manitoba, 14.0%.

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

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 0.6% to 156.4 in December from 155.5 in November.

The food index moved up 0.2% in the latest month, while the level of prices for all items other than food increased 0.6% with the main contributors being the housing and clothing components, both of which advanced 0.8%, and transportation which rose 0.9%. The health and personal care index went up 0.2% in December and no change was recorded in the components for recreation, education and reading, and for tobacco and alcohol.

Over the year, December to December, the All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 9.1%.

During the period, the following index increases have been recorded:

- Food up 17.0%; clothing, 7.3%; housing, 7.2%; health and personal care, 6.1%; transportation, 5.9%; recreation, education and reading, 4.9%; and tobacco and alcohol, 1.6%.

Consumer price movements, reclassified by goods and services, show that in the twelve months to December, 1973, the total goods index advanced 11.6% and that for services 6.2%.

The purchasing power of the 1961 consumer dollar stood at 64 cents in December.

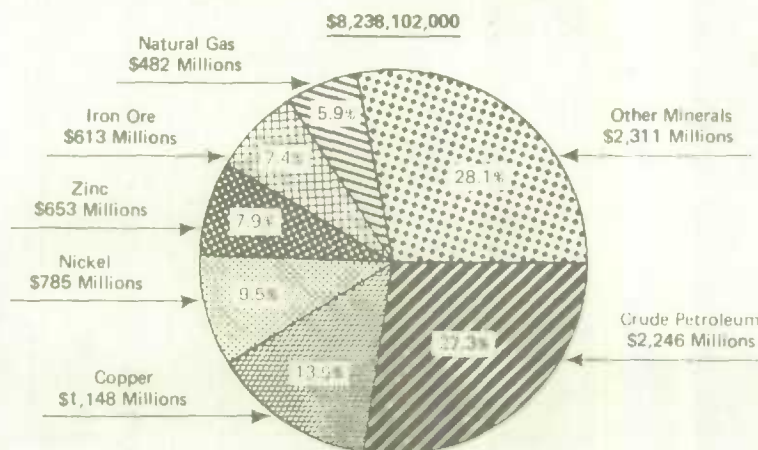
For further information, order the December 1973 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 10¢/\$1) or *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct.	165.56P	163.75P	7.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct.	5,577P	5,519P	12.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	8.83	8.88	5.6
Unemployed	Nov.	468,000	429,000	- 10.7
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Nov.	23.3	21.6	7.6
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Oct.	92.0	77.4	2.9
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.	10,006P	9,950P	13.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	4,307	4,406	16.3
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.	1,127	923	9.3
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	6,338P	5,843P	25.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	7,142P	6,922P	39.0
PRICES				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	Nov.	155.5	154.3	9.3
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	Nov.	150.1	148.8P	15.7
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Nov.	127.0	125.7	10.1
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Nov.	408.7P	404.8P	26.5
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	839.8P		Year to date 7,118 30.4
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Nov.	18,079	194,288	.7
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Nov.	2,558	22,764	24.4
Imports (\$ million)	Nov.	2,266	21,322	24.3
SALES				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	1,306	11,727	14.2
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	373	3,167	14.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.	6,118P	53,587	17.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Nov.	457	5,024	25.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	3,324	30,555	12.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	3,209	28,070	20.4

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

Canada's Mineral Production, 1973



Source: Canada's Mineral Production, Preliminary Estimates (26-202)

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles in November reached 100,514 units, up 3.1% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 13.8% to \$457.4 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 5.7% to 65,221 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 19.8% to 13,199 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to 16.8% in the latest month, down from 21.1% a year earlier.

Sales of commercial vehicles in November rose 14.6% to 22,094 units; included were 20,909 commercial vehicles manufactured in Canada and the United States (up 18.9%) and 1,185 manufactured overseas (down 30.0%).

For the first eleven months of 1973, sales of new motor vehicles reached 1,151,157 units with an accumulated value of \$5.02 billion. This represents an increase of 16.0% in units and 25.6% in value over sales for the January-November period in 1972.

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 20¢/\$2), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal Mines, 1972

Canadian production of coal in 1972 at 20.7 million tons showed an increase of 12.4% from a year earlier.

Exports of Canadian coal increased 10.1% to 8.5 million tons in the latest year, shipments to Japan accounting for 98% of the total.

For further information, order *Coal Mines, 1972* (26-206, 75¢).

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Transactions between Canada and the rest of the world in all long-term portfolio securities during the third quarter of 1973 led to a net capital inflow of \$72 million, a decrease of \$70 million from the previous quarter.

Sales to non-residents of new Canadian issues amounted to \$253 million in the latest quarter, while retirements of outstanding Canadian issues held by non-residents reached \$148 million.

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

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, November

Consumer Credit, November

Department Store Sales and Stocks, November

Retail Trade, November

Wholesale Trade, November

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada moved up to 206.0 in November, up 1.3% from the month before, and 9.0% higher than in November 1972.

The materials component of the total index has risen 12.5% over the twelve months since November 1972; the labour component is up 6.5%.

Under the materials grouping, electrical equipment prices have risen 21.3% during the period, lumber and lumber products 16.7%, steel and metal work 12.6%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 11.3%, concrete products 7.9% and other materials 9.8%.

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

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose to 408.7 in November, up 1.0% from 404.8 (revised) in October and 26.5% higher than in November 1972.

Seven of the eight major component group indexes advanced in the latest month. Only one declined.

The non-metallic minerals group index moved up 3.5% in November on higher prices for petroleum products. An advance of 2.2% in the iron products group index reflected price increases for castings and forgings, rolling mills products and scrap iron and steel. Wood products group rose 2.0% with increases recorded for newsprint, wood pulp, hardwoods and furniture. Index increases were also registered for textiles (1.4%), chemicals (1.2%), non-ferrous metals (0.5%) and vegetable products (0.4%).

Over the twelve months from November 1972, the following advances were recorded by the major group indexes:

- Vegetable products, 54.8%; Textile products, 36.2%; Non-ferrous metals, 32.5%; Animal products, 25.0%; Non-metallic minerals, 16.6%; Wood products, 11.8%; Iron products, 11.3%; Chemical products, 10.5%.

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

Nursery Trades Industry, 1972

Earnings of the nursery trades industry in 1972 amounted to \$49.3 million, up from \$40.2 million in 1971.

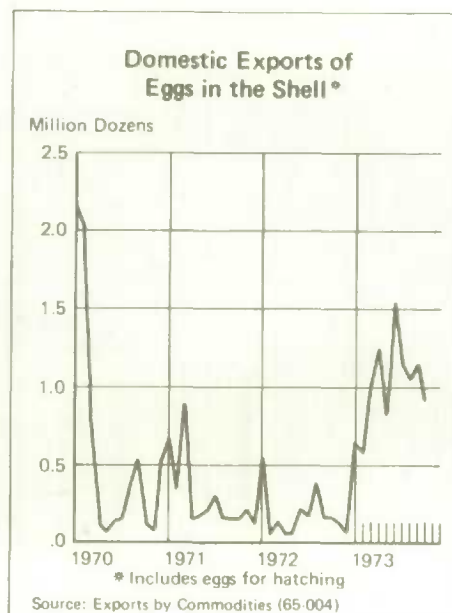
For further information, order *Survey of Canadian Nursery Trades Industry, 1972* (22-203, 50¢), or contact G. Code (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 7.6% in November to 23.3 billion kwh. from 21.6 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Net generation was up in ten regions with the largest increases registered in Manitoba (24.1%) and Saskatchewan (22.8%). Decreases were recorded in New Brunswick (-19.9%) and Quebec (-1.6%).

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3 a year), or contact D.F. Heney (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



Industry Selling Price Index:

Manufacturing
(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for manufacturing advanced to 150.1 in November, up 0.9% from October and 15.7% higher than in November 1972.

Sixty-four of the 103 industry indexes included in the total index were higher in the latest month, 13 declined and 26 were unchanged.

The more notable increases were in: the paper and allied products group (3.9%), particularly in pulp and paper mills; the primary metals group (1.7%), reflecting higher prices registered in smelting and refining and iron and steel mills industries; and the petroleum and coal group (3.1%), resulting mostly from increases recorded in the petroleum refining industry. Decreases in the food and beverage group (-0.7%), mainly in slaughtering and meat packing and feed manufacturers, were the only significant declines in total manufacturing.

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

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 24.9%; Food and beverage industries, 24.3%; Textile industries, 23.3%; Primary metal industries, 21.6%; Paper and allied industries, 19.3%.

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

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 127.0 in November, up 1.0% from the month before, and 10.1% higher than in November 1972.

Over the twelve months, November to November, prices of building materials used in residential construction rose 10.8%; labour costs increased 8.9%.

During the period, residential building construction input price indexes moved up in all regions, with the following increases recorded:

- The Atlantic Provinces, 12.6%; Ontario, 10.9%; Quebec, 9.9%; the Prairie Provinces, 9.4%; British Columbia, 7.9%.

For further information, order the November 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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Housing Starts and Completions

Housing construction in centres of 10,000 population and over declined in November with 18,079 starts recorded compared with 19,024 starts a year earlier.

In the latest month, single-family dwellings accounted for 45.9% of starts, apartment units 39.9%, row housing 7.7% and doubles 6.5%.

For the first eleven months of 1973, housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over totalled 194,288, up 0.7% from 192,991 starts in the January-November period in 1972.

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$3 a year, \$3.60 outside Canada).

Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the January-November period of 1973 totalled an estimated \$6.34 billion, up 31.2% from \$4.83 billion a year earlier.

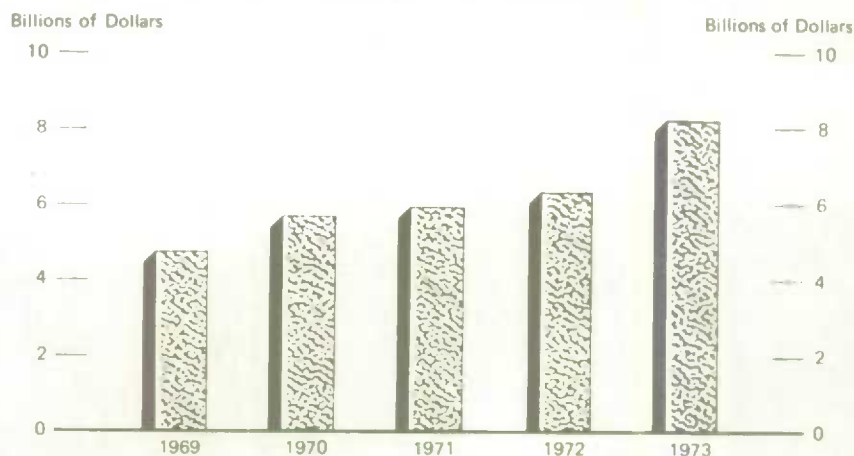
This estimate (preliminary) is for farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland. Included are: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. (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, \$1.74 billion (\$1.42 billion a year earlier); Saskatchewan, \$1.49 billion (\$1.08 billion); Alberta, \$1.11 billion (\$812 million); Quebec, \$870 million (\$706 million); Manitoba, \$610 million (\$432 million); British Columbia, \$283 million (\$217 million); New Brunswick, \$87 million (\$58 million); Nova Scotia, \$84 million (\$63 million); Prince Edward Island, \$66 million (\$39 million).

For further information, order the January-November 1973 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Canada's Mineral Production



Source: Canada's Mineral Production, Preliminary Estimates (26-202)

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