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## Retail Trade

Retail sales in September reached $\$ 3.53$ billion, an increase of $14.1 \%$ from Septembre 1973.

Year-to-year gains were registered in all trade groups with a ligh of $31.3 \%$ for fuel dealers.

All provinces recorded higher sales in the latest month with the largest increases in Newfoundland $(20.6 \%)$ and Prince Edward Island (18.2\%).

Seasonally adjusted, September retail sales decreased $2.6 \%$ from August to a level of $\$ 3.75$ billion with decreases in nine of the eighteen trade groups.

For further information, order the Sepfember 1974 issuc of Retail Trade (63.005, 40d/\$4). or comiact B. Thériault (613.996-9304), Merchandising and Senvices Division, Staristics Canada. Orrawa KlA OV4.

## Quarterly Report

## on Job Vacancies

In the third quarter of 1974 there were on average 116,200 vacancies for full-time jobs in Canada, an increase of 17,500 ( $18 \%$ ) from the second quarter and $26,800(30 \%)$ from the third quarter of 1973.

All five economic regions showed increases from the previous quarter with two regions, Ontario and the Prairies, accounting for $90 \%$ of the total increase. In the year-to-year comparison, the same two regions represented $95 \%$ of the Canadian total increase.

Service-producing industries showed a vacancy increase of 18,700 in the year-to-year comparison with 6,900 of these originating in the public administration sector. In the goodsproducing industries, vacancies increased by 8,200 with manufacturing accounting for 4,000 openings.

For further information, order the third quarter 1974 issue of Quarterly Report on Joh Vacancies (71.(102, \$1.05/\$4.20), or comfact J.A. Bousck (613.992-2006), Job Vacancy Survey Secrion. Sratissics Canada, Orrawa KlA OV3.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

| LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS | Latest Month |  | Previous Month |  |
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|  |  |  |  |
| EMPLOYMENT, INCOME | Latest |  |  |  |  |
| Average Weekly liarnings (\$) | Aug. | $180.14{ }^{\text {P }}$ | 178.63 P | 12.2 |
| Labour Income ( $\$$ million) | Aug. | 6,351P | 6,262P | 19.0 |
| Persons with Jobs (million) |  | 9.27 | 9.22 | 4.4 |
| Unemployed | Oct. | 430,000 | 431.000 | 0.2 |
| INVENTORIES |  |  |  |  |
| Deparmment Store (\$ million) | Aug. | 1,358 | 1,298 | 37.1 |
| Manulacturers' Owned ( $\$$ million) | Aug. | 13,040P | 12,7115 | 30.5 |
| Wholesate ( $\$$ million) | Aug. | 5.719 | 5.614 | 34.0 |
| ORDERS |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturers' New Orders ( $\$$ million) | Aug. | 6,658p | 6.6899 | 24.2 |
| Manufacturers' Untilled Orders (\$ million) | Aug. | 9,852P |  |  |
| Prices |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Price Index ( $1961=100)$ |  | 172.2 |  | 11.6 |
| tndustry Selling Price Index ( $1961=100$ ) | Sept. | 177.3 | 175.98 | 20.0 |
| Wholesale Price Index ( $1935-39=100$ ) | Sept. | 470.7 | $469.0{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 17.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION Year-to-da |  |  |  |  |
| Building Permits (\$ million) | Aug. | 856.7 |  |  |
| Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) | Sept. | 13,628 | 135,596 |  |
| ENERGY |  |  |  |  |
| E:leciricity Generation (billion Kwh.) | Sept. | 21.0 | 205.9 |  |
| Gas Litilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.) | July | 72.9 | 805.4 |  |
| Petroleumı Refining (million barrels) | Aug. | 52.3 |  | 7.1 |
| FOREIGN TRADE: |  |  |  |  |
| lixports (\$ million) |  | 2,653 | 23,172 | 72 28.0 |
| imports (\$ million) | Sept. | 2,602 | 22,661 | 35.6 |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |
| Motor Vehicles (thousand units) |  |  |  |  |
| Steel (ingots - thousand tons) | Sept. | 1,211 | 10,887 | 887 |
| sales |  |  |  |  |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) | Sept. | 423 | 3.337 | 3718.9 |
| Manulacturers' Shipments (S million) | Aug. | 6,433P | 50,941 | (1) 21.7 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million) | Sept. | 408 | 4,646 | 14.8 |
| Retail Sales ( $\$$ million) | Sept. | 3,526 | 31.419 | (19 $\quad 15.4$ |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) | Aug. | 3,640 | 28,554 |  |
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Full-Time Job Vacancies, Canada


## Unemployment Insurance

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act totalled \$126 million in September, down $8 \%$ from $\$ 137$ million in August but $3 \%$ more than the $\$ 122$ million disbursed in September 1973.

The average weekly payment was $\$ 74.11$ in the latest month, up $9 \%$ from $\$ 68.03$ a year earlier.

Initial and renewal claims for unerrployment insurance numbered 171,000 in September, up $13 \%$ from the August total of 151,000 and $6 \%$ from the 161,000 filed in September 1973.

For the first nine months of 1974 , payments under the act amounted to $\$ 1.67$ billion, up $5 \%$ from $\$ 1.60$ billion in January-September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73.001, 40 $/ \$ 4$ ) or contact George Fincham (613.992.7461). Labour Division. Statistics Canada. Otiawa KlA OVI.

## Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of $\$ 67.3$ million in September, an increase of $1.2 \%$ from September 1973.

Gross operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone companies rose $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 202.2$ million in the latest month; operating expenses were up $22.3 \%$ to $\$ 134.9$ million.

Construction expenditures of the firms at $\$ 116.2$ million in September showed an increase of $19.8 \%$ from a year earlier.

For further information, order Communications Service Bullet in ( $56.001, \$ 1.40$ a year). Vol. 4, No. 27, Monthly Telephone Statistics, September 1974.

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Building Permits, September

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## Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated $\$ 6.79$ billion for the January-September period of 1974 , an increase of $43.5 \%$ from $\$ 4.73$ billion for the corresponding period in 1973.

Cash receipts rose in all provinces in the latest period. Total payments made to farmers, by province and with JanuarySeptember 1973 figures in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, $\$ 1.93$ billion (\$1.02 billion); Ontario, $\$ 1.62$ billion ( $\$ 1.38$ billion); Alberta, $\$ 1.33$ billion ( $\$ 833.5$ million); Quebec, $\$ 801.5$ million ( $\$ 669.9$ million); Manitoba, $\$ 640.5$ million ( $\$ 428.1$ million); British Columbia, $\$ 251.3$ million ( $\$ 203.6$ milLion); New Brunswick, $\$ 78.3$ million ( $\$ 69.8$ million); Nova Scotia, $\$ 72.5$ million ( $\$ 66.3$ million); and Prince Edward Island, $\$ 67.1$ million ( $\$ 51.8$ million).
For further information, order the JanuarySeptember 1974 issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30d/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994.9876), Agriculture Division. Statistics Canada. Ottawa Kla 0l.7.

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas


Source: Summary of Exports $(65.002)$

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)
The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose $0.9 \%$ to 172.2 in Octuber from 170.6 in September.

Approximately three-quarters of the latest month's advance was due to increases of $1.4 \%$ in the food index and $0.9 \%$ in the housing component. Tobacco and alcohol advanced $1.6 \%$ and clothing prices rose $0.8 \%$. The recreation, education and reading element went up $0.9 \%$ and that for health and personal care moved up $1.4 \%$. Transportation edged down $0.2 \%$.

Between October 1973 and October 1974 the All-ltems Consumer Price Index advanced $11.6 \%$.

During this period, the following index increases were recorded:

- Food. up $15.7 \%$; recreation, education and reading, $11.2 \%$; housing, $10.3 \%$; health and personal care, $10.1 \%$; cloth. ing, $9.8 \%$; transportation, $9.8 \%$ tobacco and alcohol, $8.2 \%$.
For further information, order the Octoher 1974 issue of Consumer Price Movements 162-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Retail Prices Section (613-992-5805). Prices Division, Statisrics Canada. Ottawa KIA OV6.


## Industry Selling Price Index: <br> Manufacturing

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The industry selling price index for total manufacturing climbed to 177.3 in September, an increase of $0.8 \%$ from the previous month's level and up $20.0 \%$ from a year earlier.

Notable changes were recorded in the food and beverages group (up $1.3 \%$ ) where prices advanced $6.8 \%$ in the sugar refining industry and $4.0 \%$ in the bakeries group. A price hike of $4.7 \%$ in the motor vehicles industry was responsible for an advance in the transportation equipment group (up $3.6 \%$ ). Increases were also evident in the paper and allied industries group (up 1.4\%), where pulp and paper mills prices moved up $1.6 \%$.

Over the twelve months from September 1973, the largest price increase were shown by the following component group indexes:

- Paper and allied industries, $38.5 \%$; petroleum and coal products industries, $37.0 \%$ : chemical and chenical products industries, $35.2 \%$ rubber products industries, $25.0 \%$; textile industries, $23.2 \%$; and primary metal industries, 22.4\%

For further information. order the September 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62.002, 40\$/84).

## Canada's Foreign Trade

## in Energy Commodities

Trade in energy materials in the first seven months of 1974 brought Canada a surplus of $\$ 1.14$ billion, up $\$ 392$ million from the corresponding period a year earlier. Transactions in energy trade were dominated by crude petroleum, accounting in value for $68 \%$ of exports and $82 \%$ of imports in 1974.

Canadian exports of energy materials more than doubled in the latest period to $\$ 2.93$ billion from 1.42 billion in January-July 1973.

Approximately $92 \%$ of the 1974 energy commodity exports went to the United States, including all exports of crude petroleun, natural gas and electricity. These shipments to the U.S. were valued at $\$ 2.70$ billion in the latest period, up from $\$ 1.30$ billion. Inflated prices accounted for the rise in value of export trade as volumes of crude petroleum and fuel oils shipped showed a decline.

Coal shipments - mainly to Japan represented more than $50 \%$ in value of the exports of $\$ 229.7$ million to countries other than the U.S.

Canada's imports of energy materials in the first seven months of 1974 rose 2.5 times to $\$ 1.78$ billion from $\$ 664$ million in the corresponding period in 1973.

Crude petroleunt was the main energy import ; almost 175 million barrels valued at $\$ 1.47$ billion were imported into Eastern Canada in 1974. In the year-earlier period, imports of the same quantity cost only $\$ 500$ million. South America continued to be the main source of supply.

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## General Wholesale Index

## (1935-39 = 100)

The general wholesale price index rose $0.4 \%$ in September to 470,0 from 469.0 (revised) in August and stood $17.4 \%$ higher than the September 1973 level of 400.9. Six of the eight major group indexes moved up, two declined.

Over the twelve months from September 1973, the following advances were registered by the major group indexes:

- Non-metallic minerals, $33.3 \%$; iron products, $28.2 \%$; chemical products, $27.5 \%$; non-ferrous metals, $24.3 \%$; textile products, $21.2 \%$; vegetable products, $17.8 \%$; wood products, $13.5 \%$; and animal products, $3.2 \%$.
For further information, order the Seprember issue of Price and Price Indexes (62-1002, 406 541.


## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

## 1968=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 232.4 in September, an increase of $0.1 \%$ from the previous month's level and up $14.8 \%$ from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose $20.4 \%$ over the twelve months from September 1973; the labour element moved up $10.4 \%$.

Prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential building construction jumped $41.4 \%$ during this period, electrical equipment rose $32.5 \%$, concrete products $17.8 \%$, plumbing, heating and other equipment $14.6 \%$ and other materials $21.7 \%$. Prices of lumber and lumber products registered a $6.6 \%$ decline.

For further information, order the Seprember 1974 issue of Construction Price Statisrics Senvice Butlerin (62-906, \$4.20) a year).

## The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during August-September 1974 amounted to 282.5 million bushels, down $26 \%$ from the August-September 1973 record level of 379.4 nillion.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at October 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to $1,903.0$ million bushels, up $6 \%$ from $1,802.5$ million a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, $1,011.7$ ( $1,000.0$ ); Canada, 672.5 (725.2); Australia, $114.6(26.4)$; and Argentina, 101.5 (50.9).
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