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Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded estimated after-tax profits of \$2.31 billion for the third quarter of 1974, an increase of \$498 million (27.5%) from the corresponding period last year. Net income rose 39.7% for manufacturing industries and 19.9% for mining corporations.

Industrial corporations' sales in the latest quarter were estimated at \$46.86 billion, up \$9.57 billion (25.6%) from the third quarter of 1973.

For further information, order the third quarter 1974 issue of *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$1.40/\$5.60). Free to regular subscribers is a new condensed version — *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data)* — that is available approximately 45 days after the end of each quarter.

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 48.4 million barrels of refined petroleum products in September, a decrease of 6.5% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 43.5 million barrels in the latest month showed an increase of 2.0% from September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in September were estimated at \$3.85 billion, up 34.8% from September 1973.

Significant sales changes from a year earlier included groceries and food specialties, up 27.2%, and iron and steel, up 62.9%.

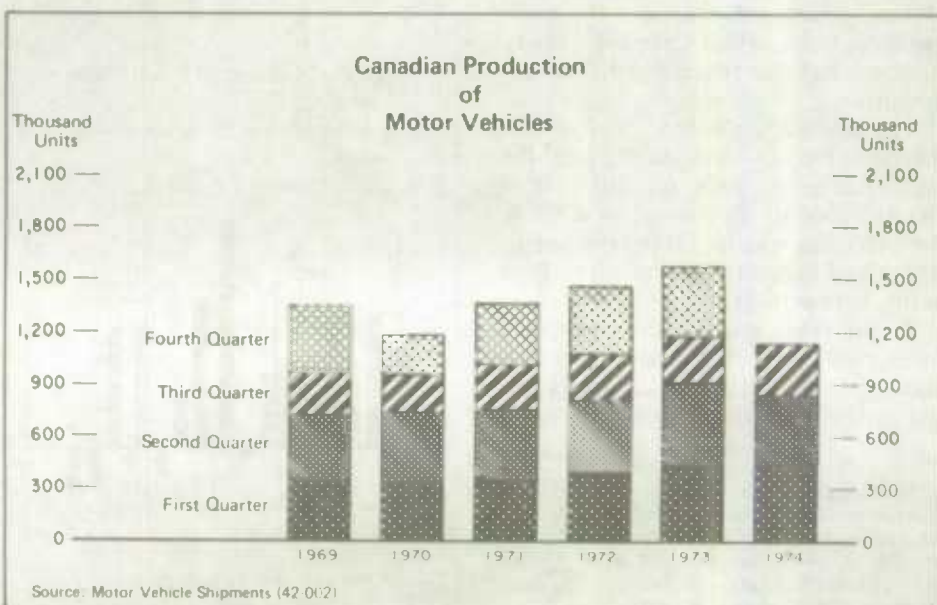
Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.76 billion in the latest month, an increase of 30.8% over September of last year.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.	180.14P	178.63P	12.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug.	6,351P	6,262P	19.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct.	9.27	9.22	4.4
Unemployed	Oct.	430,000	431,000	0.2
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Sept.	1,277	1,358	36.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept.	13,290P	13,104P	31.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept.	5,764	5,719	30.8
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	7,082P	6,664P	20.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	9,969P	9,866P	43.7
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Oct.	172.2	170.6	11.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Sept.	177.3	175.9P	20.0
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Sept.	470.7	469.0P	17.4
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.	741.1P		Year-to-date
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.	13,628	135,596	13.8
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Sept.	21.0	205.9	7.1
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	July	72.9	805.4	9.1
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Sept.	48.4	480.5	5.6
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Sept.	2,653	23,172	28.0
Imports (\$ million)	Sept.	2,602	22,661	35.6
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Sept.	114.2	1,139.9	-3.5
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Oct.	1,290	12,189	0.6
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	423	3,337	18.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept.	6,979P	57,912	21.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	408	4,646	14.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	3,526	31,419	15.4
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	3,849	32,403	30.3

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



Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly totalled \$15.57 billion at the end of September, an increase of 16.8% from a year earlier.

Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to \$10.41 billion in the latest month, up 20.8% from September 1973.

Sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$1.24 billion balances of retail instalment sales paper (an expansion of 10.9% from a year earlier) and had \$1.51 billion outstanding of personal cash loans (up 7.9%).

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Consumer Credit Section (613-996-9278 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Real Domestic Product

(1961=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product dropped 0.3% in September to 204.6 from 205.2 in August and reached its lowest level since January. Reduced retail trade, manufacturing and transportation output contributed most to the over-all decrease.

Retail trade fell 3.3%, mainly reflecting a 17% drop in motor vehicle dealers' volume.

Manufacturing production was off 0.9% in September, mostly due to lower output from the strike-affected motor vehicle manufacturing and rubber industries.

In transportation (down 2.2%), much of the decrease resulted from the grain-handlers strike which affected railway transport and also reduced grain elevator output.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product declined 0.2% in the third quarter of 1974 (to 205.2 from 205.7) following an increase of 0.2% in the preceding quarter. Man-days lost to strikes and lockouts were at a high level during both periods.

In the latest quarter, decreases were widespread in the goods-producing industries. In services, wholesale trade and storage registered declines.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions, October

Estimates of Labour Income, September

Housing Starts and Completions, October

New Motor Vehicle Sales, October

Summary of Foreign Trade, October

Department Store Sales

Department store sales rose to \$422.7 million in September, an increase of 13.5% from \$372.4 million in September 1973.

Sales were up in thirty-five of the thirty-nine departments in the latest month with the largest advances recorded by linens and domestics (24.3%) and toys and games (23.9%).

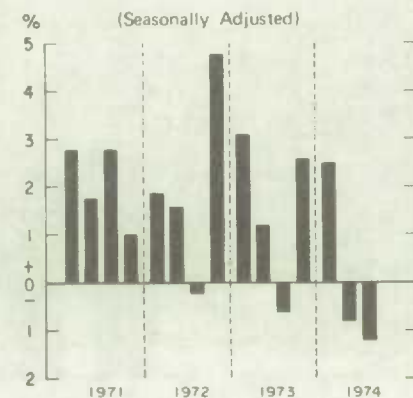
All provinces reported increased department stores sales over September 1973 with a high of 80.5% for Prince Edward Island. Sales rose 17.2% in Vancouver, 13.2% in Toronto, 11.0% in Winnipeg and 8.5% in Montreal.

Inventories held in September (at selling price) were valued at \$1.28 billion, up 36.2% from the corresponding month in 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Index of Industrial Production

Quarter-to-Quarter Percentage Change



Source: Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (61-005)

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in September totalled \$741.1 million, down 2.1% from \$756.8 million a year earlier.

Building permits taken out in September, by province:

- Ontario, \$274.7 million (\$297.6 million a year earlier); Quebec, \$172.9 million (\$185.4 million); Alberta, \$100.1 million (\$86.0); British Columbia, \$98.0 million (\$110.1 million); Saskatchewan, \$30.5 million (\$14.7 million); Manitoba, \$21.7 million (\$20.4 million); Nova Scotia, \$19.4 million (\$23.0 million); New Brunswick, \$18.0 million (\$6.9 million); Newfoundland, \$3.1 million (\$6.9 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$2.5 million (\$526,000).

Building permits taken out in Canada in the first nine months of 1974 totalled \$7.13 billion, up 13.8% from \$6.26 billion in January-September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production decreased 0.4% in September to 219.5 from a downward-revised 220.4 in August. However, it stood 2.6% above the September 1973 level of 214.0.

Manufacturing output was down 0.9% in the latest month. Mining showed a 2.4% increase and utilities output edged up 0.1%.

For further information, order the September issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for September show 3.1 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 13.8% from a year earlier. Canadian resident travellers returning from visits to the U.S. decreased 1.0% to 2.7 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. rose 16.1% to 143,700 while residents of Canada returning from abroad numbered 138,200, down 2.5% from September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact M. W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Farm Implement Sales

Farm implement and equipment sales for January to September 1974 were valued at \$490.4 million, up 18.1% from \$415.3 million in the corresponding period in 1973.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment showed a 29.5% rise to \$111.9 million in the latest period.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, \$1.50 a year), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Gold Production

Production of gold declined to 127,068 troy ounces in September from 150,612 troy ounces a year earlier.

Gold production for the first nine months of 1974 at 1.24 million troy ounces showed a drop of 14.4% from 1.45 million troy ounces in January-September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

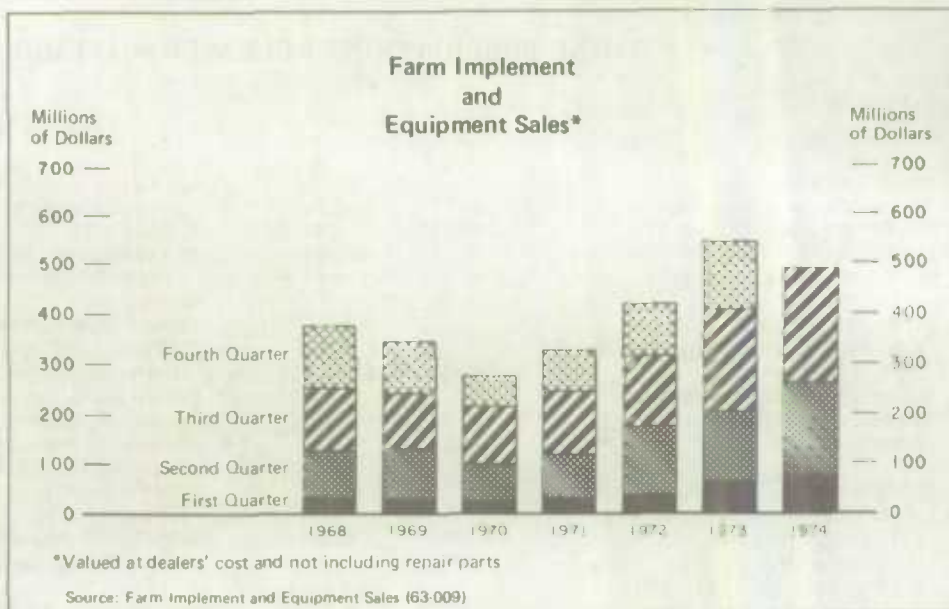
Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations in October, with increases ranging from 0.4% in Ottawa and Halifax to 1.5% in St. John's.

Food indexes increased in all centres except Ottawa. Quotations were generally higher for dairy, bakery and cereal products, pork cuts, eggs, processed fruits and vegetables, beverages and restaurant food. But in most cities prices were lower for beef products and fresh produce.

Clothing indexes rose in all cities; prices were generally higher for most apparel items including footwear. Housing components were up in all centres except Halifax in response to increased shelter costs and higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and household supplies.

Between October 1973 and October 1974, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities, with increases as follows: St. John's, 13.9%; Vancouver, 12.7%; Thunder Bay, 11.9%; Winnipeg, 11.8%; Toronto, 11.8%; Montreal, 11.5%; Quebec City, 11.2%; Saskatoon-Regina, 11.2%; Edmonton-Calgary, 11.2%; Saint John, 10.8%; Ottawa, 10.1%; and Halifax, 9.5%.

For further information, order the October 1974 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).



Radio Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM stations totalled \$4.43 million in August, down 21.6% from July. Sales to local advertisers were up 1.2% to \$11.11 million.

For further information, order the August 1974 issue of *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year).

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.68 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in August, a decrease of 10.3% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils were down 6.9% to 2.27 million B/D while imported oils dropped 25.2% to 405,600 B/D.

For further information, order the August 1974 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3).

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Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in September were estimated at \$6.92 billion, down 1.8% from the revised August level of \$7.05 billion. Durable goods new orders dropped 6.0%, while those for non-durable goods rose 2.2%.

Total unfilled orders were estimated at \$9.98 billion in September, up 1.4% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 1.7% higher at \$13.34 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned – to shipments increased to 1.97:1 in September from 1.94:1 in August, while the finished products – to shipments ratio moved to 0.63:1 from 0.62:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$6.78 billion, an increase of 0.2% from the revised August value of \$6.76 billion.

Unadjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in September at an estimated \$6.98 billion were up 23.4% from a year earlier. Shipments for the first nine months of 1974 totalled \$57.91 billion, up 21.9% from \$50.93 billion in January-September 1973.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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