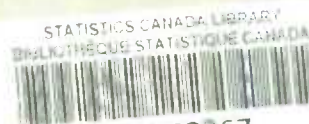




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Labour Income

Total labour income for September was estimated at \$6.63 billion, up 19.0% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the September estimate of \$6.48 billion showed an increase of 1.8% from the August level.

During the third quarter of 1974, labour income registered an advance of 5.2%, up from 3.3% in the previous quarter. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries increased by 4.2% and those in the service-producing industries climbed by 5.8%.

For further information, order the September 1974 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles totalled 108,804 units in October, down 6.4% from a year earlier. Total sales value decreased 0.4% to \$521.4 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States dropped 4.8% to 72,228 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles fell 21.4% to 11,895 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in October declined 2.3% from a year earlier to 24,681 units; included were 23,147 manufactured in Canada and the United States (down 2.4%) and 1,534 manufactured overseas (down 1.4%).

For the first ten months of 1974, sales of new motor vehicles reached 1,098,541 units with an accumulated value of \$5.17 billion. This represents an increase of 4.5% in units and 13.0% in value over sales for the January-October 1973 period.

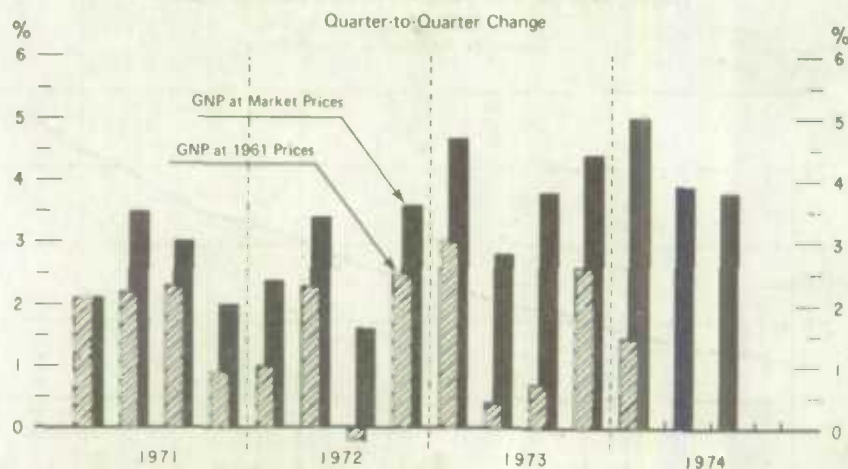
For further information, order the October 1974 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept. 184.00P	180.82P	12.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept. 6,629P	6,382P	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)	Oct. 179.6	178.0P	20.5
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Oct. 477.4	472.0P	17.9
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept. 741.1P	7,188	14.8
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Sept. 13,628	135,596	-12.0
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)	Oct. 3,023	26,294	28.0
Imports (\$ million)	Oct. 3,083	25,748	35.2
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)	Oct. 444	3,781	18.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept. 6,979P	57,912	21.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct. 521	5,168	13.0
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 3,526	31,422	15.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 3,849	32,403	30.3

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

Canada's Gross National Product (GNP)



Gross National Product (GNP)

In the third quarter, GNP in real terms was again unchanged from the level achieved in the first quarter of 1974. Prices continued to rise, but there was some abatement in the rate of increase for most categories of expenditure. Final domestic demand was strong, despite a substantial cutback in residential construction.

Canada's Gross National Product (at market prices) grew by 3.8% in the quarter to reach a level of \$143 billion, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. As in the second quarter, prices accounted fully for this increase.

Notwithstanding a weakness in industrial production, employment increased by a substantial 1.3%. However, this was not enough to offset the growth of the labour force, and the unemployment rate rose during the quarter.

There was a further deterioration in the trade balance as the growth of imports exceeded that of exports.

Other third-quarter highlights:

- Consumer spending on goods and services showed an increase of 3.9% following a 3.5% gain in the previous quarter. Outlays on goods decelerated while spending on services accelerated. In volume terms, the over-all gain in consumer spending was 1%, an increase from 0.6% in the second quarter.

- Business investment in plant and equipment was a source of strength in the quarter. Non-residential construction expenditures were up 2.6% in real terms over the strike-affected second quarter. But the main strength in business capital formation was investment in machinery and equipment, which rose by 7.2%.

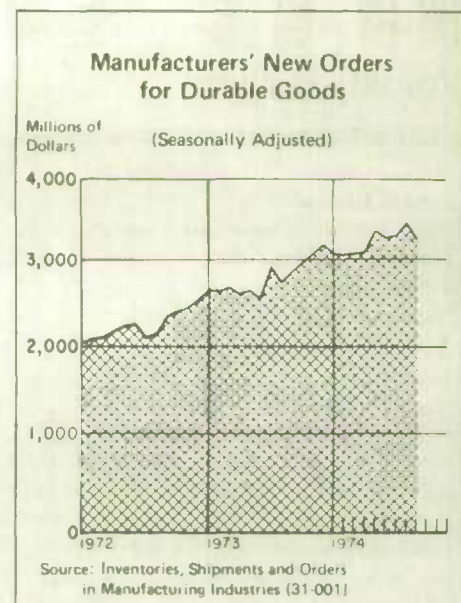
- Residential construction activity showed a 10.6% decline in real terms in the latest quarter. Housing starts dropped by 22.9% — the most serious slowdown since the first quarter of 1971.

- Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income recorded its largest quarterly percentage increase since early 1951. The 5.1% gain represented a sharp acceleration from the second-quarter increase of 3.3%.

- Corporation profits grew by 3.3% in the third quarter following an increase of 7.1% in the second. For the first nine months of 1974, profits before taxes were more than 35% higher than in the corresponding period in 1973.

- Accrued net income of farm operators from farm production declined by 10% from the high second-quarter rate. Labour disputes — which disrupted the export movement of grain — and some price decreases were major factors in this drop.

For further information, order National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Third Quarter 1974 (13-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).



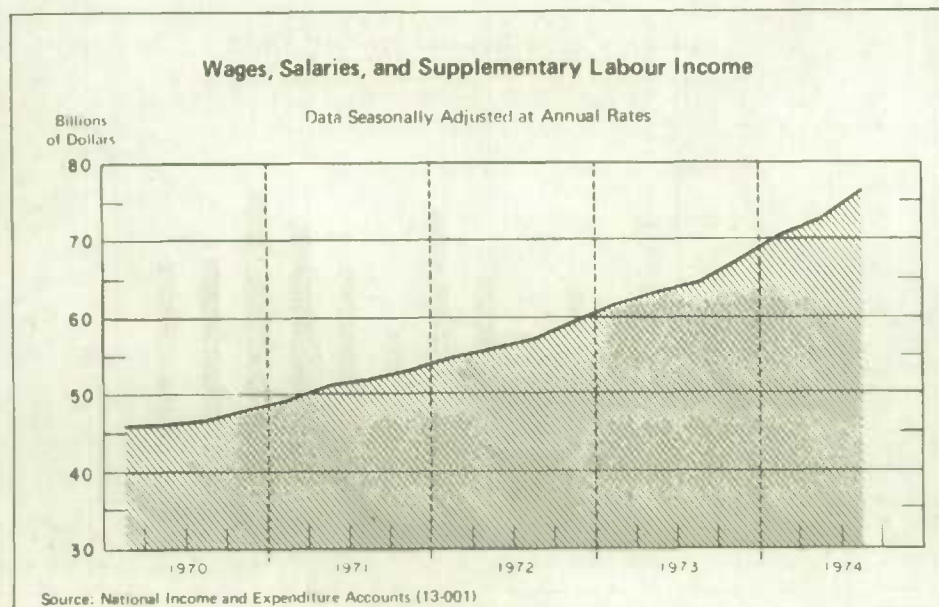
Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in October rose to \$444.1 million, up 18.8% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions.

Department store sales by regions in the latest month, with percentage increases over October 1973:

- Ontario, \$171.4 million (19.6%); Quebec, \$86.0 million (23.5%); British Columbia, \$68.9 million (11.6%); Alberta, \$51.6 million (18.1%); Atlantic Provinces \$29.1 million (23.3%); Manitoba, \$25.7 million (10.8%); and Saskatchewan, \$11.4 million (29.6%).

For further information, order the October 1974 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50 per year).



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General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 1.1% in October to 477.4 from 472.0 (revised) in September and stood 17.9% higher than the October 1973 level of 405.0. Three of the eight major group indexes increased, three decreased and two remained unchanged.

The vegetable products group moved up 6.7% with higher prices for sugar and its products, vegetable oils and grains. An advance of 1.6% in the iron products group reflected price increases for iron foundries and steel pipe and tubing.

Over the twelve months from October 1973, the following advances were registered by the major group indexes;

- Non-metallic minerals, 33.4%; iron products, 29.2%; chemical products, 28.1%; vegetable products, 26.6%; non-ferrous metals, 19.2%; textile products, 12.4%; wood products, 11.8%; and animal products, 2.1%.

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

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 236.7 in October, an increase of 0.5% from the previous month's level and up 14.2% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose 19.8% over the twelve months from October 1973; the labour element moved up 10.1%.

Prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential building construction climbed 40.7% during this period. Other price increases included: electrical equipment, 29.6%; concrete products, 16.2%; plumbing, heating and other equipment, 14.6%; and other materials, 21.8%. Prices of lumber and lumber products showed an 8.8% decline.

For further information, order the October 1974 issue of *Construction Price Statistics Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact L.J. Seary (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 179.6 in October, an increase of 0.9% from the previous month's level and up 20.5% from a year earlier.

Notable changes were recorded in the foods and beverages group, up 1.8%, with price hikes by sugar refineries (10.4%), soft drink manufacturers (11.2%) and pasteurizing plants (4.8%). Somewhat offsetting were declines in the slaughtering and meat packing industry.

Within the primary metal group, there was a significant price increase (9.6%) by steel pipe and tube mills. Upward movement in the metal stamping, pressing and coating industries (4.4%) moved the metal fabricating group higher.

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

- Chemical and chemical products industries, 39.0%; paper and allied industries, 36.8%; petroleum and coal products industries, 35.6%; rubber products industries, 24.1%; and primary metal industries, 21.8%.

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

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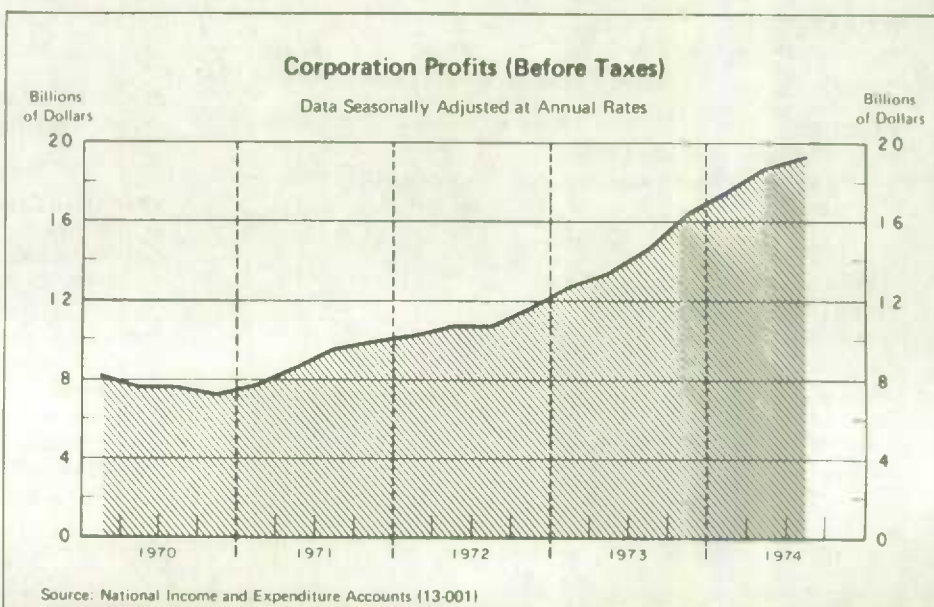
Railway Carloadings

Loadings of carload revenue freight totalled 22.3 million tons in October, a decrease of 9.3% from October 1973. Railway car usage was down 7.3% to 376,166 units.

Commodities showing notable percentage declines in tonnages during the latest month included: sand, gravel and crushed stone (-37.1%); iron ore (-24.1%); lumber (-19.8%); and wheat (-18.7%). Tonnage of copper-nickel ores and concentrates carried rose by 60.8%.

For the first ten months of 1974, carload traffic increased by 2.0% to 202.6 million tons and cars loaded at 3.5 million units were up 2.8% from January-October 1973.

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