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Summary of Exports

Canadian exports in February at \$2.17 billion were up 21.1% from \$1.79 billion a year earlier.

Deliveries to the United States rose 18.7% to \$1.53 billion. Exports of crude petroleum increased by \$76 million and petroleum products were up by \$22 million. Exports of automotive vehicles were \$35 million higher (as shipments of smaller cars increased, probably in response to changing consumer preference in the face of the fuel shortage). However, shipments of automotive engines and vehicle parts declined \$40 million (as production of standard-size cars was curtailed in the United States).

Exports overseas of lumber and pulp (combined) were up \$51 million, wheat shipments rose \$35 million and deliveries of copper and nickel were some \$30 million higher.

Seasonally adjusted, February exports decreased 0.8% from the previous month's level to \$2.40 billion. The slackening in exports, accompanied as it was by a strong rise in imports, resulted in Canada's external trade balance for February showing a deficit of \$47 million, a marked turnaround from the \$219 million surplus recorded one month earlier.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 20¢/\$2).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 154.0 billion cubic feet of natural gas in January, up 14.5% from 134.5 billion cubic feet a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas decreased 6.8% to 86.1 billion cubic feet in the latest month.

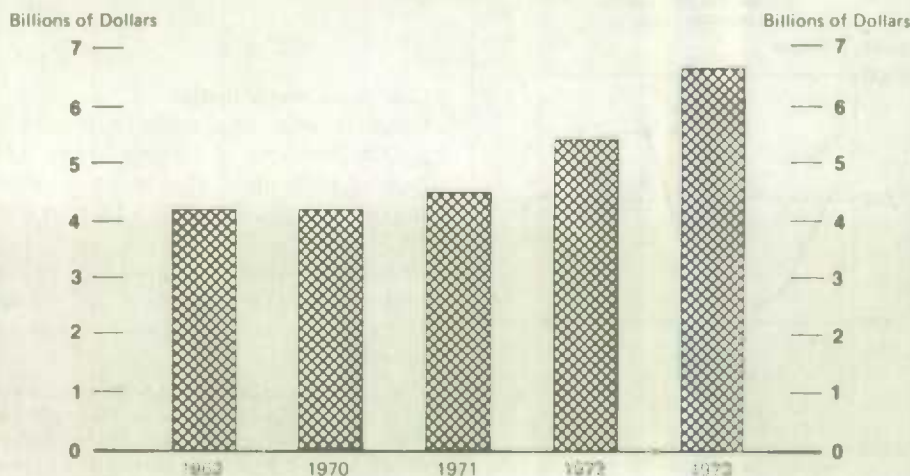
For further information, order the January 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 29 (57-002, \$3 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Dec.	160.69 ^P	165.20 ^P	5.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Jan.	5,569 ^P	5,526 ^P	12.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb.	8.67	8.65	4.7
Unemployed	Feb.	635,000	637,000	- 3.1
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	10,543 ^r	10,274 ^r	17.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Jan.	4,756	4,578	17.9
Department Store (\$ million)	Jan.	967	1,035	11.7
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	5,939 ^r	6,331 ^r	27.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	7,819 ^r	7,381 ^r	51.2
PRICES				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	Feb.	159.2	157.6	9.6
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	Jan.	156.1	152.0 ^r	17.3
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Jan.	128.9	128.4 ^r	10.4
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Jan.	427.0	412.8 ^r	26.6
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	634.7 ^P	8,565	32.5
Housing Starts-urban centres (units)	Jan.	13,506	13,506	20.7
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion k.w.h.)	Jan.	27.0	27.0	13.6
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Jan.	154.0	154.0	14.5
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Jan.	56.1	56.1	8.4
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Feb.	2,166 ^P	4,441	21.2
Imports (\$ million)	Feb.	2,149 ^P	4,305	27.4
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	294	294	19.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	5,501 ^r	65,255	17.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	405	405	25.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	2,997	2,997	13.0
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	2,869	2,869	29.9

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

Farm Cash Receipts, Canada



Source: Farm Cash Receipts (21-001)

Summary of Imports

Canadian imports rose to \$2.15 billion in February, up \$506 million (30.8%) from a year earlier.

Purchases from the United States increased 31.8% to \$1.54 billion. Imports of automotive and related products rose almost \$94 million, aircraft purchases were up \$32 million and imports of communication equipment, computers and parts and a variety of other commodities were moderately higher.

Purchases of crude petroleum from overseas countries advanced by \$108 million (156%) from February 1973 to \$177 million.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, imports in February reached \$2.45 billion, up 11.3% from the January level.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Summary of Imports* (65-005, 20¢/\$2).

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 3.0 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in December, an increase of 3.2% from a year earlier.

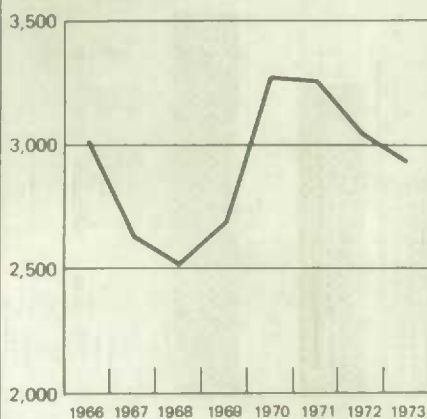
Net receipts of domestic oils increased 5.6% to 2.6 million B/D in the latest month; imported oils decreased 9.2% to .4 million B/D.

For further information, order the December 1973 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 31 (57-002, \$3 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Commercial Failures

(Under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts)

Number of Failures



Source: Commercial Failures (61-002)

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, March
Department Stores Sales by Regions, February

General Wholesale Price Indexes, February

Housing Starts and Completions, February

New Motor Vehicle Sales, February

The Labour Force, March

Federal Government Employment

The federal government had 432,751 employees on September 30, 1973, an increase of 15,264 from a year earlier but 12,405 fewer than on June 30, 1973.

Gross payrolls for the third quarter of 1973 totalled \$955.9 million, a decrease of \$80.6 million from the previous quarter but up \$67.4 million over the corresponding quarter in 1972.

For further information, order *Federal Government Employment, Third Quarter 1973* (72-004, 50¢/\$2).

Local Government Employment

Canadian municipalities employed an estimated 224,877 persons in general services during the last pay period of December 1973, up 6.9% from the 210,404 employed a year earlier.

Fourth quarter gross payrolls increased 12.5% to \$452.4 million in 1973 from \$402.3 million in 1972.

For further information, order *Local Government Employment, October-December 1973* (72-009, 50¢/\$2).

Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian coal production decreased to 2.03 million tons in January, down 3.0% from 2.10 million tons a year earlier. Imports increased to 133,135 tons from 48,332 tons.

Industrial consumers used 2.57 million tons of coal (an increase of 18.3%) and 504,635 tons of coke (up 5.9%) in the latest month.

For further information, order the January 1974 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 30¢/\$3) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3 a year), or contact D.F. Heney (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Labour Income

Total labour income for January was estimated at \$5.57 billion, up 12.9% from a year earlier.

Seasonally adjusted, the January estimate of \$5.71 billion showed an increase of 1.1% from the previous month. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries advanced by 1.1%; those in the service-producing industries increased by 0.9%.

For further information, order the January 1974 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.

Railway Carloadings

Railway freight loadings continued to decline through the second month of 1974. Tonnages at 15.9 million were down 4.1% from February 1973 and the number of cars used was 2.7% lower at 292,212.

Commodities showing significant tonnage decreases in the latest month included: grains, other than wheat (-40.5%); containerized freight (-32.3%); coal (-16.4%); iron ore (-9.8%); and wheat (-8.0%). Potash registered the only notable gain (up 32.5%).

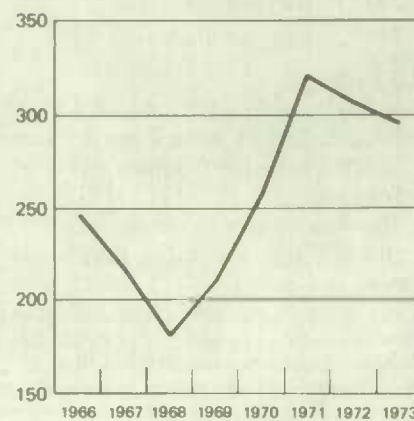
During the first two months of 1974, loadings were off 3.4% in tons and 1.8% in cars. Cars loaded with containers dropped 31.1%, other grain 22.2%, coal 16.9%, wheat 11.9% and iron ore 11.3%. Potash loadings showed a 39.5% gain.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 20¢/\$2), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Liabilities of Bankrupt Firms

(Under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts)

Millions of Dollars



Source: Commercial Failures (61-002)

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Shopping Centres, 1972

Shopping centre outlets had sales and receipts totalling \$5.69 billion in 1972. Retail stores in the 599 centres accounted for sales of \$5.47 billion, while service outlets had receipts of \$226.5 million.

Department stores captured the major share of the shopping centre market in 1972, ending the dominance previously enjoyed by grocery and combination stores.

In 1972, 50.0% of all department store sales in Canada were made through shopping centre outlets, 36.2% of all women's clothing store sales, 29.8% of all shoe store sales and 22.7% of all grocery and combination store sales.

For further information, order *Shopping Centres in Canada, 1972* (63-214, 50¢), or contact R. Potvin (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

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Canadian Balance of International Payments

In 1973 Canada's current account deficit at \$335 million was almost \$300 million below the level of the previous year.

The decline reflected an increase of over \$500 million in the merchandise trade surplus which was partly offset by the continued increase in the deficit on non-merchandise transactions, which rose in 1973 by over \$200 million.

Capital movements led to a net outflow in the year of \$132 million, a swing of almost \$1 billion from the net inflow of \$842 million recorded in 1972. Inflows of capital in long-term forms fell sharply by \$1.1 billion to \$667 million; short-term capital movements in 1973 led to a net capital outflow of \$799 million, a decline of over \$100 million from 1972.

The current account deficit of \$335 million, together with the capital account outflow of \$132 million, led to a decrease in Canada's net official monetary assets of \$467 million — the first annual decline since 1966.

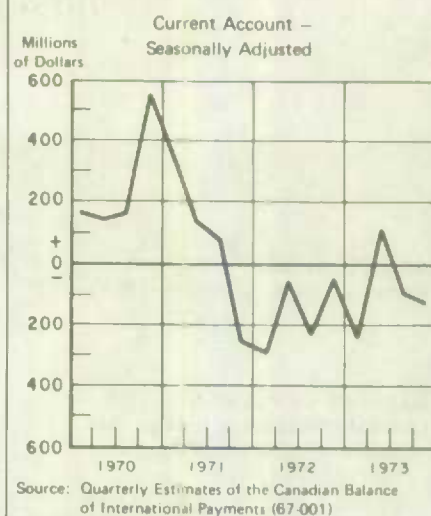
For further information, order *Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Fourth Quarter 1973* (67-001, 75¢/\$3), or contact the office of D.K. McAlister (613-996-2545), Balance of Payments Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 56.1 million barrels of refined petroleum products in January, an increase of 8.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the January 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canadian Balance of International Payments



Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$61.7 million in January, an increase of 12.0% from January 1973.

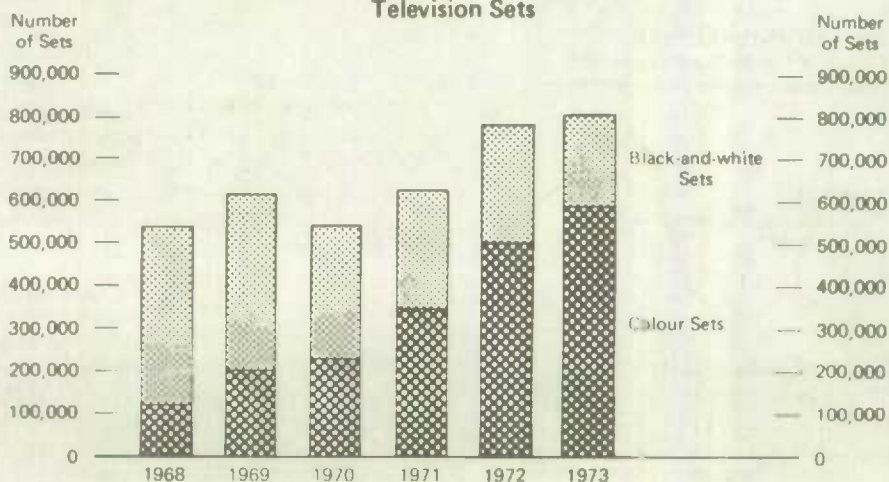
Gross operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone systems rose 14.3% to \$184.2 million in the latest month; operating expenses were up 15.4% to \$122.5 million.

Construction expenditures increased 35.1% to \$82.4 million from the \$61.0 million recorded a year earlier.

A total of 11.3 million telephones were reported in service at the end of January, of which 70.5% were residential and 29.5% business telephones.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1 a year) Vol. 4, No. 4, *Monthly Telephone Statistics, January 1974*.

Manufacturers' Sales of "Made-in-Canada" Television Sets



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