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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$169.00 in February were up 8.0% from \$156.47 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$232.91), followed by mining (\$227.98), manufacturing (\$176.70), finance, insurance and real estate (\$162.73), trade (\$132.87) and service (\$121.14).

Average weekly earnings were highest in British Columbia (\$188.83), followed by Ontario (\$173.29), Alberta (\$171.54), Quebec (\$162.16), Manitoba (\$156.73), Saskatchewan (\$152.79) and the Atlantic region (\$146.50).

Hourly earnings in February averaged \$6.12 in construction, \$5.12 in mining and \$4.09 in manufacturing.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Farm Equipment Sales

Farm implement and equipment sales for January and February totalled \$46.4 million, up 50% from the corresponding period in 1973.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment showed an increase of 54% to \$18.4 million in the latest period.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 141.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas in February, an increase of 11.1% from a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas dropped 6% to 78.5 billion cubic feet.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 50¢/\$3) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* Vol. 9, No. 37 (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

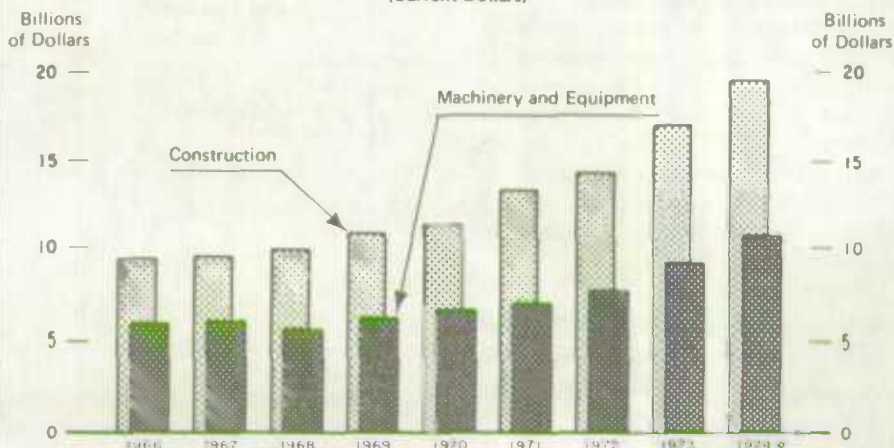
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Feb. 169.00P	166.78P	8.0
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb. 5,645P	5,590P	12.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	Mar. 8.73	8.67	4.1
Unemployed	Mar. 599,000	635,000	-1.5
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Feb. 1,107	967	22.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Jan. 11,016P	10,630P	19.5
Wholesale (\$ million)	Feb. 5,014	4,756	19.6
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Jan. 6,180P	6,039P	24.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Jan. 8,132P	7,817P	45.4
PRICES			
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Mar. 160.8	159.2	10.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Feb. 158.9	156.8P	18.1
Residential Building Construction Index (1971=100)	Feb. 129.9	128.9	10.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Feb. 434.8	427.9P	26.3
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Jan. 428.0P	428	16.3
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Feb. 9,029	22,535	12.3
ENERGY			
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Feb. 23.7	50.8	10.9
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Feb. 141.6	295.6	12.8
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Feb. 52.3	108.4	9.3
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Mar. 2,396P	6,836	21.9
Imports (\$ million)	Mar. 2,443P	6,739	28.4
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Feb. 278	572	19.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Jan. 5,866P	5,866	23.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Feb. 424	829	20.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Feb. 2,900	5,897	13.5
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Feb. 3,014	5,883	30.8

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

Capital Expenditures, Canada, 1966 - 73 and Intentions 1974

(Current Dollars)



Source: Private and Public Investment in Canada
Outlook 1974 and Regional Estimates (61-205)

• Intentions

Department Store Sales

Department store sales rose to \$277.9 million in February, an increase of 20.3% from the \$231.0 million registered in February 1973. Gains were reported in all provinces, ranging from a high of 35.8% for Prince Edward Island to a low of 12.3% for New Brunswick.

Sales increased in all departments in the latest month with the largest advances recorded by women's and misses' coats and suits (37.4%), jewellery (36.4%) and hardware, paints, wallpaper, etc. (31.9%).

Inventories held (at selling price) in February were valued at \$1.1 billion, up 22.9% from a year earlier.

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

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in January totalled \$428.0 million, an increase of 16.3% from \$368.0 million in January 1973.

In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for residential permits at \$199.5 million (\$173.8 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$117.3 million (\$108.9 million) and institutional and governmental permits at \$75.3 million (\$46.4 million). Permits taken out for industrial construction declined to \$35.9 million from \$38.9 million in January 1973.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in January at \$712.9 million were down 12.8% from the previous month.

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

Housing Starts and Completions

Housing construction was up in February as 9,029 starts were recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared to 8,880 starts a year earlier.

Single-family dwellings accounted for 46.7% of starts in the latest month, apartment units 41.4%, row housing 6.7% and doubles 5.2%.

Toronto tallied the greatest number of starts (1,854), followed by Montreal (1,433), Vancouver (1,110), Edmonton (530), Calgary (413), Winnipeg (339), Kitchener (305), Hamilton (297), Ottawa (282) and London (183).

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4 a year).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, April
Department Store Sales by Regions, March

General Wholesale Price Index, March

New Motor Vehicle Sales, March

Preliminary Statement of Foreign Trade, March

The Labour Force, April

Real Domestic Product

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product rose by 1.0% in February, following a similar gain in January. The major contributors to the rise were trade (up 2.8%) and mining (up 5.1%).

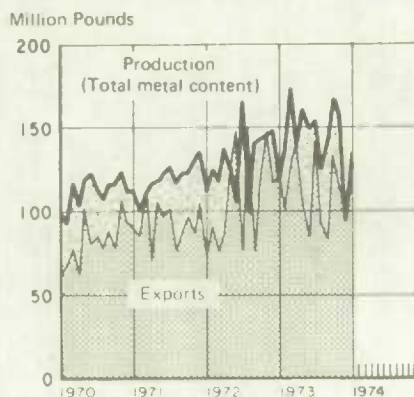
The most significant increases in wholesale trade were recorded by dealers of auto parts and accessories, industrial and transportation equipment and supplies, and building materials and supplies. Motor vehicle dealers, department stores and furniture stores registered the most important increases in retail trade.

Mining recovered from a January drop with mineral fuels, asbestos mining and miscellaneous metal mining providing the major increases. Iron mining recorded a small gain after declining sharply in the previous month.

Total manufacturing output edged up 0.1%.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-992-9751), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Copper Production, Canada and Exports*



Labour Income

Total labour income for February was estimated at \$5.64 billion, up 12.0% from a year earlier.

Seasonally adjusted, the February estimate of \$5.78 billion showed an increase of 0.9% from the previous month. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries increased by 0.6% and those in the service-producing industries by 1.2%.

For further information, order the January-March 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.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in February were estimated at \$3.01 billion, up 31.7% from a year earlier.

The most significant sales change in the consumer goods trades was an 18.5% increase registered by the "groceries and food specialties" component.

In the industrial goods trades, the most notable item was a 34.0% gain for the "other construction materials and supplies, including lumber" category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.01 billion in the latest month, an increase of 19.6% over February 1973.

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

Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 18.6 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in March, a decline of 2.9% from March 1973. Cars loaded decreased 2.0% to 337,461.

Commodities moved by rail that showed significant tonnage decreases in the latest month included: container-on-flatcar (-26.4%); wheat (-24.9%); and iron ore (-16.3%). Potash loadings increased 6.9%.

During the first quarter of 1974, rail freight loadings were down 3.2% from the corresponding period in 1973. Notable declines occurred in tonnages of containerized freight (-29.4%), grain other than wheat (-19.0%), iron ore (-13.2%) and coal (-11.1%). Potash loadings were up 24.4% over the three-month period.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Statters (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1974 and Regional Estimates

Capital spending intentions of all sectors of the Canadian economy during 1974 are estimated at \$30.3 billion, up 16% from the level of outlays of \$26.1 billion for 1973 on new buildings, machinery and equipment.

(The measurement is in current dollar terms. With allowances for price changes, the increase would be somewhat reduced).

Within the total for 1974, expenditures on new construction are expected to advance by nearly 16% to \$19.59 billion. Non-residential construction spending is projected at \$13.09 billion, an increase of almost 19% from last year's total. For new housing, the expectation is for spending to reach \$6.50 billion, up nearly 10% from the 1973 level.

Planned acquisition of new machinery and equipment is to expand at a slightly-faster pace – up by 17% to a total of \$10.73 billion.

As last year, the capital investment program for 1974 involves yet another acceleration in business investment. Planned outlays for the business sector (excluding housing) of \$18.57 billion incorporate an increase of 19% from the \$15.60 billion spent in 1973. In manufacturing, a significant expansion in capital spending of some 28% is envisaged for this year following upon the 19% increase attained in 1973.

Planned capital outlays for social purposes are almost unchanged for institutional services but higher for government departments as compared with the amounts expended in 1973. Capital spending for institutional services of \$1.12 billion will be up 1% from the 1973 total; expected 1974 outlays for government departments will show an 18% increase to \$4.13 billion.

All provinces expect increased capital expenditures in 1974. Following are the expected gains:

- New Brunswick, 28%; Alberta, 22%; Saskatchewan, 17%; Ontario, 16%; British Columbia, 16%; Quebec, 14%; Manitoba, 14%; Nova Scotia, 12%; Prince Edward Island, 12%; Newfoundland, 2%.

For further information, order *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1974 and Regional Estimates* (61-205, 70¢).

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Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

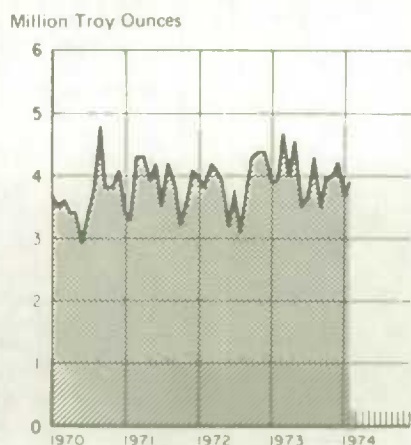
Canada's seven major airlines reported an operating loss of \$4.9 million in January as compared to an operating profit of \$1.3 million for the corresponding month in 1973.

Operating revenues rose 19.0% to \$87.8 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 27.8% to \$92.6 million.

Passenger-miles for all services of 1,227.2 million in January represented an increase of 15.4% from a year earlier. Goods ton-miles were up 19.6% to 36.5 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$4.20 a year), Vol. 6, No. 22, *Civil Aviation*, January 1974.

Silver Production, Canada



Source: Silver, Lead and Zinc Production (26-008)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations in March with increases ranging from 0.3% in Saint John, N.B. to 1.3% in St. John's, Nfld. and Winnipeg.

Food indexes advanced in all centres, reflecting increased quotations for most items of home-consumed foodstuffs along with higher prices for food eaten away from home.

Housing components rose in all cities in response to increased shelter costs. Prices were also higher for furniture, appliances (including repairs), floor coverings, linens, draperies and household supplies.

Clothing, transportation and recreation, education and reading elements advanced in eleven of the twelve centres in March and tobacco and alcohol components rose in ten cities. The health and personal care indexes registered mixed movements across the country.

Over the twelve months from March 1973, consumer price indexes advanced in all regional cities with increases as follows: St. John's, 12.5%; Ottawa, 11.4%; Quebec City, 11.2%; Montreal, 10.9%; Saint John, 10.1%; Thunder Bay, 9.8%; Vancouver, 9.8%; Halifax, 9.5%; Toronto, 9.3%; Winnipeg, 9.3%; Edmonton-Calgary, 8.8%; Saskatoon-Regina, 8.1%.

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

Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$93.8 million for 1973, fractionally ahead of that for the previous year.

Railway revenues rose 10.1% to \$2.03 billion during 1973; operating expenses were up 10.6% to \$1.94 billion.

Freight-ton miles for the six major lines increased 5.3% to 125.5 billion, while passenger-miles showed a sharp 21.7% drop to 1.5 billion.

For further information, order the *December 1973 issue of Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 20¢/\$2), or contact J. R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communication Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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