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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$166.88 in January were up 7.4% from \$155.41 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$233.49), followed by mining (\$221.96), forestry (\$205.02), transportation, communication and other utilities (\$187.79), manufacturing (\$175.88), finance, insurance and real estate (\$161.51), trade (\$131.25) and service (\$119.45).

Average weekly earnings were highest in British Columbia (\$184.47), followed by Ontario (\$171.88), Alberta (\$168.02), Quebec (\$160.71), Newfoundland (\$155.20), Manitoba (\$151.76), Saskatchewan (\$148.86), Nova Scotia (\$142.91) and New Brunswick (\$141.92).

Hourly earnings in January averaged \$6.14 in construction, \$5.01 in mining and \$4.06 in manufacturing.

For further information, order the January 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.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 129.9 in February, up 0.8% from 128.9 in January and 10.3% above the February 1973 level.

Over the twelve months, February to February, prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 11.1%; labour costs moved up 9.0%.

During this period, residential building construction input price indexes advanced in all regions, with increases recorded as follows:

- Atlantic provinces, 15.4%; Prairie provinces, 11.0%; Ontario, 10.0%; Quebec, 10.0%; British Columbia, 8.8%.

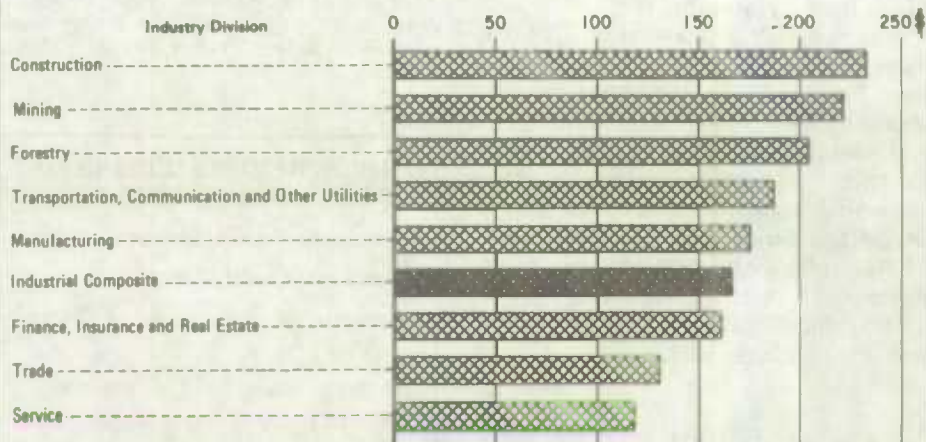
For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Jan.	166.88P	163.07P	7.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	Jan.	5,569P	5,526P	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)	Feb.	158.9	156.8 ^r	18.1
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	Feb.	129.9	128.9	10.3
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	Feb.	434.8	427.9 ^r	26.3
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	634.7P	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.	2,166P	4,441	21.2
Imports (\$ million)	Feb.	2,149P	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)	Feb.	424	829	20.3
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.

Average Weekly Earnings in Canadian Industry (January 1974*)



* First Estimates

Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

New Motor Vehicle Sales

February retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 90,002 units, up 5.1% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 15.6% to \$423.9 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 8.2% to 56,763 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 33.0% to 9,919 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers fell to 14.9% in the latest month from 21.8% in the corresponding month in 1973.

Commercial vehicle sales in February increased 27.2% from a year earlier to 23,320 units; included were 21,904 units manufactured in Canada and the United States (up 30.4%) and 1,416 manufactured overseas (down 9.8%).

For the first two months of 1974, sales of new motor vehicles reached 178,564 units with an accumulated value of \$828.6 million. This represents an increase of 11.3% in units and 20.3% in value over sales for the January-February period in 1973.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 20¢/\$2), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

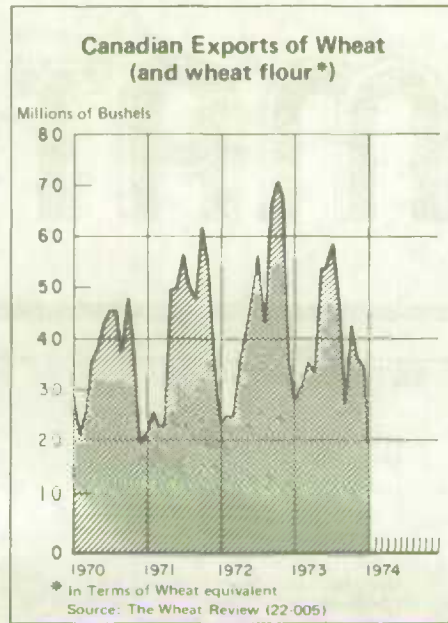
Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 211.7 in February, an increase of 0.8% from the previous month's level and 11.3% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose 14.6% over the twelve months from February 1973; the labour element moved up 8.8%.

Under the materials grouping, prices of electrical equipment used in non-residential construction climbed 22.6% during this period, steel and metal work 19.6%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 14.3%, concrete products 11.6%, lumber and lumber products 4.9% and other products 15.3%.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Construction Price Statistics Service Bulletin* (62-006, \$4.20 a year), or contact P. Du Brûlé (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 1.8 million tons of iron ore in February, an increase of 52.5% from a year earlier.

Output for the first two months of 1974 amounted to 4.0 million tons compared with 3.3 million tons for the January-February period in 1973.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 10¢/\$1), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for the month of December amounted to 2.0 million barrels per day, up 4.4% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 10.4 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, an increase of 2.1% from December 1972.

For further information, order the December 1973 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 20¢/\$2) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 33 (57-002, \$3 a year).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, March
Consumer Credit, February
Department Store Sales and Stocks, February
Housing Starts and Completions, February
Retail Trade, February
The Labour Force, March

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index climbed 1.6% in February to 434.8 from January's 427.9 and was 26.3% above the February 1973 level of 344.2.

Six of the eight major group indexes were higher in the latest month, one was lower and one unchanged.

Sharp price increases for silver spurred a 5.3% advance in the non-ferrous metals group. Higher prices for sugar and rubber and products containing them pushed the vegetable products group up 4.5%.

Iron products rose 2.0%, chemical products 1.6%, non-metallic mineral products 0.7% and wood products 0.2%.

The animal products group index dipped 1.6% as prices were lower in February for livestock and fresh and cured meat.

Over the twelve months from February 1973, the following advances were recorded by the major group indexes:

- Vegetable products, 57.0%; Textile products, 37.7%; Non-ferrous metals, 35.7%; Non-metallic minerals, 18.1%; Chemical products, 16.9%; Animal products, 16.0%; Iron products, 15.4%; Wood products, 9.8%.

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

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Transactions in outstanding securities between Canada and other countries in November resulted in a net capital inflow of \$73 million, an increase of \$9 million from the previous month.

The net result from trading in outstanding Canadian securities during the latest month was an inflow of \$53 million, made up of net sales of \$14 million of debt issues and \$39 million of equities. Outstanding feature of security trading in November was the sales balance of \$53 million resulting from trade in Canadian equities with residents of the United States.

Transactions in outstanding foreign securities led to a net capital inflow of \$20 million.

During the January-November period of 1973, trade in all outstanding securities with non-residents led to a net capital inflow of \$44 million, consisting of net repurchases of \$25 million of Canadian securities and net sales of \$69 million of foreign issues.

For further information, order the November 1973 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-Residents* (67-002, 20¢/\$2).

Industry Selling Price Index:

Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for manufacturing rose to 158.9 in February, up 1.3% from the previous month and 18.1% higher than in February 1973.

Main changes contributing to the over-all index rise were increases for the foods and beverages group (up 1.5%) including a 22.3% jump for sugar refineries and an 8.8% increase for breweries. Slightly offsetting was a 3.4% decline for slaughtering and meat-packing plants.

Miscellaneous manufacturing moved up 8.2%, reflecting a 12.5% prices jump in jewellery and silverware manufacturing.

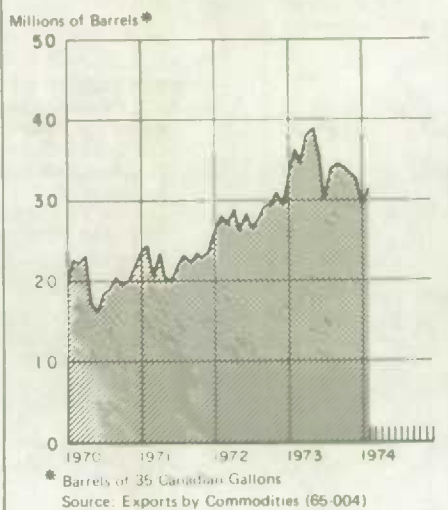
Iron and steel mill prices rose 2.5% to spur an advance of 1.4% for the primary metals group.

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

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 28.4%; Textile industries, 27.9%; Paper and allied industries, 27.2%; Primary metal industries, 24.5%; Foods and beverages industries, 23.9%.

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

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$906,082 in January, down 87.6% from January 1973. Operating revenues were up 7.8% to \$172.0 million, while expenses rose 12.4% to \$171.1 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles decreased 7.0% in the latest month; passenger-miles were 9.7% below year-earlier levels.

For further information, order the January 1974 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 20¢/\$2), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Department Store Sales

Department store sales in February showed a rise of 20.3% over the corresponding month in 1973.

Higher sales were recorded in all regions in the latest month, with increases as follows:

- Atlantic provinces, 25.0%; Alberta, 23.0%; British Columbia, 22.8%; Quebec, 22.4%; Saskatchewan, 19.7%; Manitoba, 17.8%; Ontario, 17.1%.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1 a year).

Sales of White Goods

Canadian firms sold 46,720 refrigerators in Canada in February compared to 42,815 a year earlier. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers increased to 21,214 from 16,708 in February 1973.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines totalled 30,379 units in the latest month, up from 25,867 a year earlier. Sales of electric clothes dryers advanced to 29,265 units from 21,942 units.

For further information, order the February 1974 issues of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50) and Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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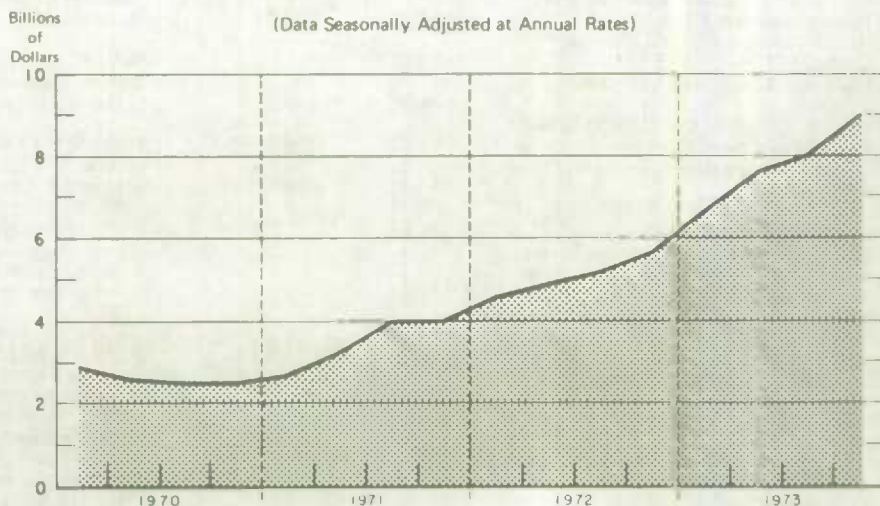
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