## Canada-U.S. Trade Statistics

Latest preliminary estimates arising from reconciliation of merchandise trade balance figures between Canada and the United States show that Canada earned a $\$ 1.2$ billion (U.S.) surplus on the total $\$ 33.0$ billion two-way trade in 1973.

The figure differs from previously. published preliminary estimates of a $\$ 2.6$ billion Canadian surplus figured by the United States and a $\$ 600$ million Canadian surplus estimated by this country.

The chart below illustrates the gap between published figures over a number of years and their relationship to the reconciled figures for $1970-72$ and the estimates for 1973 , arrived at by the United States-Canada Trade Statistics Committee.

For further information, contact J.B. Salley (613-996.6247). External Trade Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTo.

## Farm Casir Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated $\$ 2.07$ billion during the January-March period of 1974, an increase of $45.9 \%$ from $\$ 1.42$ billion realized during the corresponding period in 1973.

Cash receipts were up in all provinces in the latest period. Total payments made to farmers (by province and with Janu-ary-March 1973 figures in brackets):

- Ontario, \$558.5 million (\$467.3 million); Saskatchewan, $\$ 485.9$ million (\$271.3 million); Alberta, \$439.2 million ( $\$ 270.4$ million); Quebec, $\$ 217.7$ million ( $\$ 169.3$ million); Manitoba, \$207.2 million (\$118.7 million); British Columbia, $\$ 73.9$ million ( $\$ 55.7$ million); Prince Edward Island, $\$ 32.7$ million ( $\$ 22.7$ million); New Brunswick, $\$ 31.7$ million ( $\$ 24.1$ million); and Nova Scotia, \$23.6 million (\$20.0 million).
For further information, order the January-March 1974 issue of Farm Cash Receipis (21.001. 30d/83), or contact E.S. Bovko (613.994-9876). Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa KIA OL7.


## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS



## New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles totalled 106,304 units in March, down $19.6 \%$ from a year earlier. Sales value decreased $12.5 \%$ to $\$ 497.7$ million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States dropped $17.7 \%$ to 67,426 units; those of overseasmanufactured automobiles fell $47.9 \%$ to 11,561 units.

The slare of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to $14.6 \%$ from $21.2 \%$ in the corresponding month in 1973.

Commercial vehicte sales in March decreased $2.7 \%$ from a year earlier to 27,317 units; included were 25,672 manufactured in Canada and the United States (down 0.9\%) and 1,645 manufactured overseas (down $24.2 \%$ ).

For the first three months of 1974, sales of new motor vehicles totalled 284,868 units with an accumulated value of $\$ 1.33$ billion. This represents a decrease of $2.9 \%$ in units but an increase of $5.5 \%$ in value compared with sales for the January-March period in 1973.

For further injormation, order the March 1974 issue of New Motor Vehicte Sales (63-007, 30\$/83), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278). Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa Kla ov6.

## Coal and Coke Statistics

Coal production in February increased $4.4 \%$ to 1.9 million tons from 1.8 million tons a year earlier. Imports rose to 84,586 tons from 21,317 tons.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of Coal and Coke Statistics 145.002, 404/\$4) or Energy Statistics Service Bulletin (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact D.F. Heney (613-992-4021). Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada. Ottawa Kla OVb.

Seasonally-Adjusted Retail Sales of New Passenger Cars, Canadian and United States Manufactured


Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales (63.007)

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## Housing Starts and Completions

Housing construction levelled off in March as 13,291 starts were recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared with the 13,300 starts recorded a year earlier.

Single-family dwellings accounted for $44.5 \%$ of starts in the latest month, apartment units $41.6 \%$, row housing $7.9 \%$ and doubles $6.0 \%$.

Toronto registered the greatest number of starts $(2,698)$, followed by Montreal (2,131), Vancouver ( 1,375 ), Calgary (623), Winnipeg (509), Kitchener (486), Edmonton (455), St. CatherinesNiagara (454), Ottawa (444) and London (397).

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of Housing Stats and Completions 164002, 404/84 a year).

## Traveller Accommodation, 1973

Total receipts of full-year hotels ( 50 rooms or more) were $8.1 \%$ higher in 1973 than a year earlier.

Receipts were up in all provinces, with gains as follows:

- Newfoundland, 15.6\%; Prince Edward Island, $15.6 \%$; Quebec, 11.2\%; British Columbia, $9.1 \%$; Nova Scotia, $8.9 \%$; Alberta, $8.7 \%$; Saskatchewan, $8.0 \%$; Manitoba, $7.7 \%$; Ontario, $5.1 \%$; and New Brunswick, $2.8 \%$.
For further information, please contact $E$. Yablonski (613-996.9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa KlA OV4.

Federal Spending for Science, 197475
The federal government has allocated almost $\$ 1.1$ billion for activities in the natural sciences and technology in 1974-75 and an additional $\$ 310$ million in the human sciences field. In the 1973-74 academic year, the allocation was $\$ 1.01$ billion for natural sciences and technology and $\$ 259$ million for human sciences.

For further information, contact Mrs. M. J. Murphy (613-9945247). Science Statistics Section of the Education, Science and Culture Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa KlA OT6.

## General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)
The general wholesale price index rose $1.5 \%$ in March to 442.5 from 435.8 in February and was up $25.7 \%$ from the March 1973 level of 352.1 .

Seven of the eight major group indexes advanced in the latest month and only the animal products group was lower.

The iron products group advanced $4.5 \%$, reflecting price increases for rolling mill products. Higher prices for petroleum and its products pushed the nonferrous metals group up $3.6 \%$. The wood products group moved up $2.9 \%$ as prices rose for newsprint and wood pulp, fir and spruce.

Chemical products increased $1.7 \%$, vegetable products $1.5 \%$, textile products $1.3 \%$ and non-metallic minerals $0.7 \%$.

Price declines for livestock, fresh meat and cured meat led to a $2.6 \%$ drop for the animal products index.

Over the twelve months from March 1973, the following advances were registered by the major group indexes:

- Vegetable products, 57.2\%; non-ferrous metals, $36.3 \%$; textile products, $33.6 \%$; iron products, $20.6 \%$; mon-metallic minerals, $20.3 \%$; chemical products, $17.4 \%$; animal products, $10.1 \%$; and wood products, $9.6 \%$.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62.002, $55 \phi / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-992-8270), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Seasonally-Adjusted Retail Sales of Overseas-Manufactured Automobiles


Source: New Motor Vethicle Sales 1630071

## Industry Selling Price Index:

## Manufacturing

(1961=100)
The industry selling price index for manufacturing rose to 161.3 in March, an increase of $1.3 \%$ from the previous month's level and up $18.1 \%$ from a year earlier.

A prime factor in the advance was the $3.2 \%$ increase in the primary metals group, including a $3.5 \%$ jump for the smelting and refining industry and a $3.0 \%$ rise for iron and steel mills.

The wood products group climbed $4.3 \%$, reflecting a $6.5 \%$ jump in prices for sawmills and planing mills.

The paper and allied products group moved up $1.7 \%$, mainly because of a $1.3 \%$ advance for pulp and paper mills.

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

- Paper and allied industries, 28.4\%; textile industries, $27.6 \%$; petroleum and coal products industries, $27.4 \%$; primary metal industries, $25.8 \%$; foods and beverages industries, $21.5 \%$; and chemical and chemical products industries, $20.7 \%$.
For further information, order the March 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes 162.002. $55 \$ / \$ 5.50$ ) or contact Mrs L. Bell (613.992.8270), Prices Division. Statistics Conoda, Otrawa KlA OV6.


## Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 1.08 million tons of iron ore in March compared with 1.70 million tons a year earlier.

For further information. order the March 1974 issue of Iron Ore $(26-005,15 \$ 1 \$ 1.50)$, or contact Arf Symons (613-992-0491), Manufac. furing and Primary Industries Division. Statistics Canada, Ortawa KlA OV6.


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## Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in February totalled $\$ 478.9$ million, an increase of $4.8 \%$ from $\$ 457.0$ million in February 1973.

In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for residential permits at $\$ 259.4$ million ( $\$ 233.2$ million a year earlier), commercial permits at $\$ 123.3$ million ( $\$ 107.0$ million) and industrial permits at $\$ 43.5$ million ( $\$ 33.0$ million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental construction dechined to $\$ 52.6$ million from $\$ 83.8$ million in February 1973.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in February at $\$ 693.3$ million were down $2.8 \%$ from the previous month.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of Building Permirs $164-001$. 55d/85.50).

## Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose $9.3 \%$ in March to 25.2 billion kilowatt hours from 23.1 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Net generation was up in ten regions in the latest month but decreased in New Brunswick $(-20.5 \%)$ and British Columbia ( $-5.8 \%$ ). The largest increases were recorded in Newfoundland ( $28.8 \%$ ) and Manitoba (23.4\%).

Hydro generation increased $4.7 \%$; thermal production was up $23.5 \%$.

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## The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat (including flour in terms of wheat) from the four traditional major exporters during the AugustFebruary period of the current crop year amounted to $1,126.5$ million bushels, a $5 \%$ decrease from the corresponding period a year earlier.

Exports from these countries were as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 789.6 (642.7); Canada, 224.0 (341.7); Australia, 90.4 (134.4); and Argentina. 22.5 (71.2).

Wheat supplies held by the four traditional major exporters at March 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years totalled $1,469.7$ million bushels, down $15 \%$ from a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 604.5 (600.3); United States, 474.2 (915.0); Australia, 258.1 (110.0); and Argentina, 132.9 (107.8).

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of The Wheal Review (22.005. 408/84).

## Crude Petroleum

## and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for January amounted to 1.99 million barrels per day, down $0.3 \%$ from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 10.31 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, an increase of $0.4 \%$ from January 1973.

For further information, order the January 1974 issue of Crude Perroleum and Natural Cias Production (26-006, 30d/\$3), or Energy Statis. tics Service Butle in. Vol. 9. No. 42 157.002, $\$ 4.20$ a year).


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