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Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in April at \$382.1 million showed a rise of 21.1% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions.

Department store sales by region in the latest month, with percentage increases from April 1973:

- Ontario, \$146.3 million (up 16.7%); Quebec, \$72.6 million (23.9%); British Columbia, \$61.0 million (20.4%); Alberta, \$45.9 million (29.4%); Manitoba, \$23.9 million (19.6%); the Atlantic provinces, \$22.7 million (22.5%); and Saskatchewan, \$9.8 million (39.9%).

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

Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies

In the first quarter of 1974 there were 80,000 vacancies for full-time jobs in Canada, an increase of 2,600 (3.4%) from the fourth quarter of 1973 and 13,500 (20.3%) from the first quarter of 1973.

Three economic regions showed increases from the previous quarter: Ontario, (up 1,300), the Prairies (up 2,400) and the Pacific region (up 1,200). These increases were partly offset by decreases in the Atlantic region (-1,100) and Quebec (-1,300). In the year-to-year comparison, all regions recorded increases in vacancies for full-time jobs.

Some 69% of the 2,600 over-all quarter-to-quarter increase in vacancies for full-time jobs originated in white-collar occupations, led by clerical occupations (up 1,900).

In the year-to-year increase, about 64% of the 13,500 additional vacancies for full-time jobs originated in blue-collar occupations; two-thirds of the 8,600 increase in blue-collar occupations came from two occupational groups - product-fabricating occupations (up 3,000) and machining occupations (up 2,800).

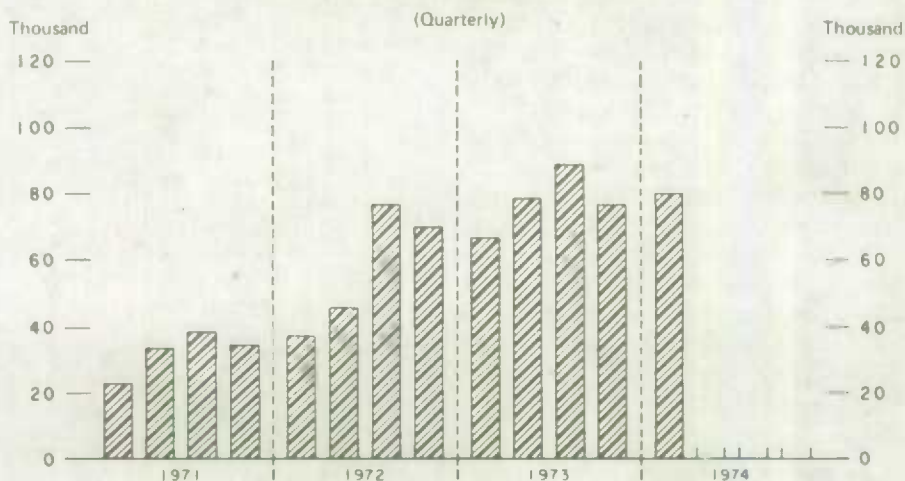
For further information, order *Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, First Quarter 1974* (71-002, \$1.05/\$4.20).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Mar.	170.48P	168.76P	8.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb.	5,645P	5,590P	12.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	Apr.	8.87	8.73	4.0
Unemployed	Apr.	568,000	599,000	-4
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Mar.	1,196	1,107	21.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Mar.	11,560P	11,265P	21.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Mar.	5,109	5,014	19.5
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Mar.	6,413P	6,126P	12.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Mar.	8,446P	8,329P	43.2
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Apr.	161.9	160.8	9.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Mar.	161.3	159.3P	18.1
Residential Building Construction Index (1971=100)	Mar.	131.4	129.6P	10.0
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Mar.	442.5	435.8P	25.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Feb.	478.9P	Year-to-date 929	12.6
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Mar.	13,291	35,826	7.4
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Mar.	25.2	75.3	9.3
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Mar.	136.8	432.4	13.4
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Mar.	56.2	164.9	10.1
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	Apr.	2,453P	9,334	21.6
Imports (\$ million)	Apr.	2,404P	9,150	29.4
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	346	918	17.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Mar.	6,296P	18,069	19.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	498	1,326	5.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	3,324	9,221	11.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	3,532	9,415	28.9

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

Full-Time Job Vacancies, Canada



Source: Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies (71-002)

Summary of Exports

Canadian merchandise exports in April at \$2.45 billion were up 19.5% from \$2.05 billion a year earlier.

Shipments to the United States rose by \$316 million (22.0%) to \$1.75 billion. Exports of crude petroleum (including the export tax) increased by \$179 million to a total of \$306 million, petroleum products rose \$35 million, wood pulp \$38 million and newsprint shipments \$24 million. In contrast, exports of motor vehicles and parts moved down some \$36 million and lumber deliveries were \$26 million lower.

Overseas exports increased 13.6% to \$706.1 million.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, April exports decreased 10.1% from the previous month's level to reach \$2.35 billion. With imports falling 10.9% to \$2.23 billion, Canada's merchandise trade surplus increased to \$119 million in April from \$111 million in March.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Summary of Exports* (65-002, 30¢/\$3).

The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat (including flour in terms of wheat) from the four traditional major exporters during the August-March period of the current crop year amounted to 1,240.6 million bushels, a 9% decrease from the corresponding period a year earlier.

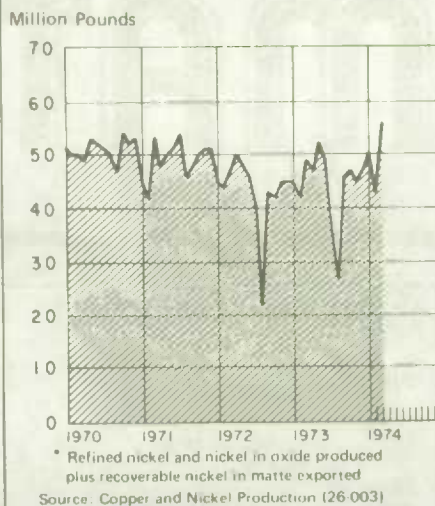
Exports from these countries were as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 852.5 (747.2); Canada, 250.8 (377.2); Australia, 111.9 (146.6); and Argentina, 25.4 (87.5).

Wheat supplies held by the four traditional major exporters at April 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,356.3 million bushels, down 13% from a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 578.3 (564.8); United States, 411.4 (810.5); Australia, 236.6 (97.8); and Argentina, 130.0 (91.5).

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *The Wheat Review* (22-005, 40¢/\$4).

Nickel* Production, Canada



Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

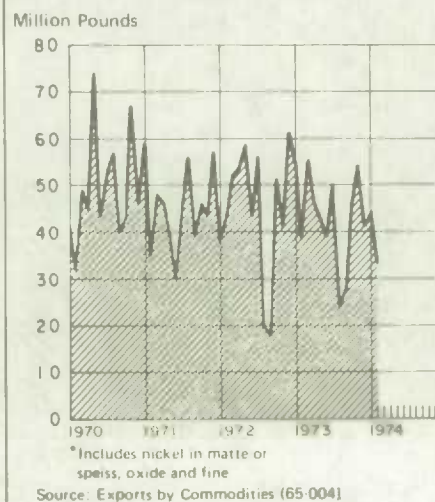
Canada's seven major airlines reported a combined operating loss of \$5.8 million in February as compared with a loss of \$1.2 million in February 1973.

Operating revenues rose 23.6% to \$85.0 million in the latest month; operating expenses climbed 29.9% to \$90.8 million.

The seven major air carriers reported passenger-miles for all services of 1,141.7 million in February, an increase of 18.4% from a year earlier. Goods ton-miles for all services were up 11.6% to 36.8 million.

For further information, order the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$4.20 a year), Vol. 6, No. 28, Civil Aviation, February 1974.

Exports of Nickel*



Summary of Imports

Canadian merchandise imports rose to \$2.40 billion in April, up \$585 million (32.1%) from a year earlier.

Purchases from the United States advanced 27.1% to \$1.70 billion.

Imports from other countries increased 46.1% to \$704.3 million. Crude petroleum purchases rose to \$177.8 million from \$60.7 million a year earlier, and represented over half of the rise in the import bill from overseas countries.

Seasonally adjusted, imports in April totalled \$2.23 billion, down 10.9% from the March level.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Summary of Imports* (65-005, 30¢/\$3).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchases 136.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas in March, an increase of 14.6% from a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas declined 6.5% to 85.2 billion cubic feet in the latest month.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 2, No. 47, (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Trade in outstanding securities between Canada and other countries in January led to a net inflow of \$69 million, up \$6 million from \$63 million in the previous month.

Transactions in outstanding Canadian securities resulted in a net inflow of \$55 million as non-residents increased their holdings of outstanding Canadian stocks by \$58 million during the month and reduced their holdings of outstanding Canadian bonds \$3 million.

Net sales from transactions in outstanding foreign securities led to a capital inflow of \$14 million.

Canada had net inflows of \$73 million from the United States and \$8 million from continental Europe in the latest month and net outflows of \$10 million to the United Kingdom and \$1 million to all other countries.

For further information, order the January 1974 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, 30¢/\$3).

Real Domestic Product

Canada's seasonally-adjusted real domestic product rose 0.2% in March following strong advances in the two previous months.

March saw relatively-small changes in production levels of most industries, with advances in construction output (up 1.5%) and railway transport (up 2.9%) the most notable. Grain elevator output climbed 17.6%.

Real domestic product increased 2.3% in the first quarter of 1974, while the index of industrial production advanced 2.0%.

Total manufacturing output rose 3.1% in the period, with non-durable manufacturing output (up 3.5%) increasing more strongly than durables (up 2.6%). The major contributors to the non-durables advance were pulp and paper — still affected by strikes in the fourth quarter — the rubber industries and manufacturers of petroleum and coal products. For durables, the main increase was in motor vehicle manufacturing.

Trade output increased 4.8% in the first quarter, with wholesale trade up 8.6% and retail trade up 2.2%.

Gains of more than 10% were registered by a majority of wholesale trade components, with weakness confined to wholesalers of food, auto parts and accessories, and industrial and transportation equipment.

For further information, order the March 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.

Review of Employment, Earnings and Hours Worked — 1971 and 1972

Revised monthly data from the larger-firm survey of employment, earnings and hours show that the industrial composite employment index for Canada rose 0.6% from 1970 to 1971 and 2.1% from 1971 to 1972.

Average weekly earnings at the Canada composite level rose 8.8% in 1971 and 8.2% in 1972.

Revised monthly data at the Canada-industry level is available on request from R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2. Complete industry and area detail will be available in the near future and will be published in *Review of Employment, Earnings and Hours Worked* (72-202, \$2.10).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, March

Estimates of Labour Income, March

General Wholesale Price Index, April

Housing Starts and Completions, April

New Motor Vehicle Sales, April

The Labour Force, May

Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production advanced to 224.3 in March, up 0.1% from the previous month and 4.8% above the March 1973 level.

Total manufacturing output rose 0.3% in the latest month; non-durable manufacturing increased 0.8%, while durable manufacturing decreased 0.2%. Utilities output showed an 0.5% decline and mining output was off 0.3%.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4).

Farm Equipment Sales

Farm implement and equipment sales for the first quarter of 1974 totalled \$79.3 million, up 25% from the corresponding quarter in 1973.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment showed an increase of 57% to \$34.5 million in the latest period.

For further information, order the March 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.

Retail Trade

Retail sales rose to \$3.32 billion in March, an increase of 8.4% from March 1973.

Year-to-year gains were registered in all trade groups except motor vehicle dealers (-1.3%) and shoe stores (-6.1%). The largest increases were shown by fuel dealers (42.9%) and jewellery stores (21.1%).

All provinces recorded higher sales, led by Newfoundland (up 18.6%) and Nova Scotia (up 14.2%).

Seasonally adjusted, March sales decreased 1% from the previous month's level to a total of \$3.49 billion with decreases in eleven of the eighteen trade groups.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. Potvin (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Wholesale Trade

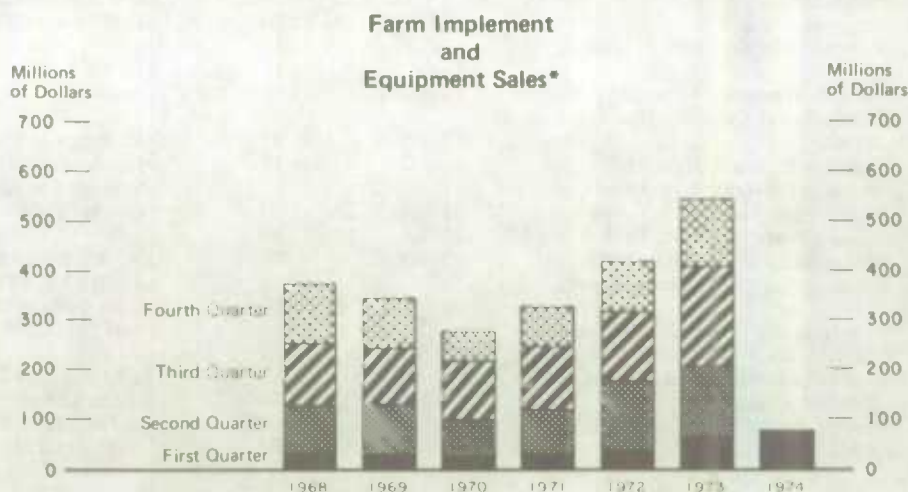
Wholesale merchants' sales in March were estimated at \$3.53 billion, up 25.9% from a year earlier.

The most significant sales change in the consumer goods trades was a 12.5% increase registered by the "groceries and food specialties" component.

In the industrial goods trades, the most notable item was a 69.2% gain for the "iron and steel" category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.11 billion in the latest month, an increase of 19.5% over March 1973.

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



Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

THESE PUBLICATIONS RELEASED MAY 23 - 29

	Catalogue	Price per issue/year		Catalogue	Price per issue/year
AGRICULTURE					
Estimates of Production and Disappearance of Meats, 1973	32-220	35¢	Radio and Television Receiving Sets, March 1974	43-004	30¢/\$3
Farm Cash Receipts, March 1974	21-001	30¢/\$3	Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, March 1974	46-001	15¢/\$1.50
Grain Milling Statistics, March 1974	32-003	30¢/\$3	Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, March 1974	43-003	15¢/\$1.50
Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs, April 1, 1974	23-005	per year	Stoves and Furnaces, March 1974	41-005	30¢/\$3
The Wheat Review, April 1974	22-005	40¢/\$4	Vegetable Oil Mills, 1972	32-223	70¢
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS					
Security Transactions with Non-Residents, January 1974	67-002	40¢/\$4	Wire and Wire Products Manufacturers, 1972	41-216	70¢
BUSINESS FINANCE					
Credit Unions, 1972	61-209	\$1.05	PRELIMINARY BULLETINS		
Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1973	61-006	\$1.40/ \$5.60	1972 Census of Manufactures - Aluminum Rolling, Casting and Extruding	41-204-p	
CENSUS					
Population, Characteristics of Women Ever Married by Number of Children Born, 1971 Census of Canada,	92-751	\$1	Embroidery, Pleating and Hemstitching Manufacturers	34-210-p	
CONSTRUCTION					
Building Permits, February 1974	64-001	55¢/\$5.50	Household Furniture Manufacturers	35-211-p	
Housing Starts and Completions, March 1974	64-002	40¢/\$4	Jewellery and Silverware Industry	47-211-p	
CURRENT ECONOMIC ANALYSIS					
Determinants of the Participation Rate of Married Women in the Canadian Labour Force: An Econometric Analysis	71-522	\$1	Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	44-210-p	
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MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES					
Breweries, March 1974	32-019	15¢/\$1.50	SERVICE BULLETINS		
Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1974	45-002	40¢/\$4	Energy Statistics - Vol. 9, No. 44, Oil Pipe Line Supply and Disposition, February 1974	57-002	\$4.20 per year
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Electric Power Statistics, March 1974	57-001	30¢/\$3	Fruit and Vegetable Preservation - Vol. 3, No. 3, 1974 Pack of Frozen Fruits and Vegetables as Reported up to the end of March 1974		
Footwear Statistics, March 1974	33-002	30¢/\$3		32-023	\$1.40 per year
Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, Quarter Ended March 31, 1974	32-017	35¢/\$1.40	PRICES		
Gypsum Products, March 1974	44-003	15¢/\$1.50	Farm Input Price Index, First First Quarter 1974	62-004	35¢/\$1.40
Hardwood Flooring Plants, 1972	35-203	70¢	SERVICE BULLETIN		
Heating Equipment Manufacturers, 1972	41-225	70¢	Construction Price Statistics - Vol. 3, No. 9, Basic Union Wage Rates and Indexes for Major Construction Trades and Selected Canadian Cities, First Quarter 1974	62-006	\$4.20 per year
Manufacturing Industries of Canada: Geographical Distribution, 1970	31-209	\$6.75	TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS		
Type of Organization and Size of Establishments, 1970	31-210	\$1.40	Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, July-September 1972	53-001	\$1.05/ \$4.20
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, April 1974	32-001	15¢/\$1.50	SERVICE BULLETIN		
			Aviation Statistics Centre - Vol. 6, No. 28, Civil Aviation, February 1974	51-004	\$4.20 per year