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Retail Trade

Retail sales rose to \$3.48 billion in April, an increase of 13.4% from April 1973.

Year-to-year gains were registered in all trade groups, ranging from a high of 50.9% for fuel dealers to a low of 4.4% for motor vehicle dealers.

All provinces recorded higher sales in the latest month with the largest increases in Saskatchewan (33.3%) and Newfoundland (23.2%).

Seasonally adjusted, April retail sales showed an increase of 0.5% from the previous month to a level of \$3.50 billion with increases in eight of the eighteen trade groups.

For further information, order the April 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.

Labour Income

Total labour income for April was estimated at \$5.91 billion, up 14.1% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the April estimate of \$5.97 billion showed an increase of 0.1% from the previous month. (The March estimate, however, was affected by the inclusion of large retro-active payments. Without these, the April estimate would represent a gain of approximately 0.9%).

Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries advanced by 0.4% in the latest month while those in the service-producing industries declined by 0.2%.

For further information, order the April 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.

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 50.4 million barrels of refined petroleum products in April, an increase of 11.6% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-6014), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

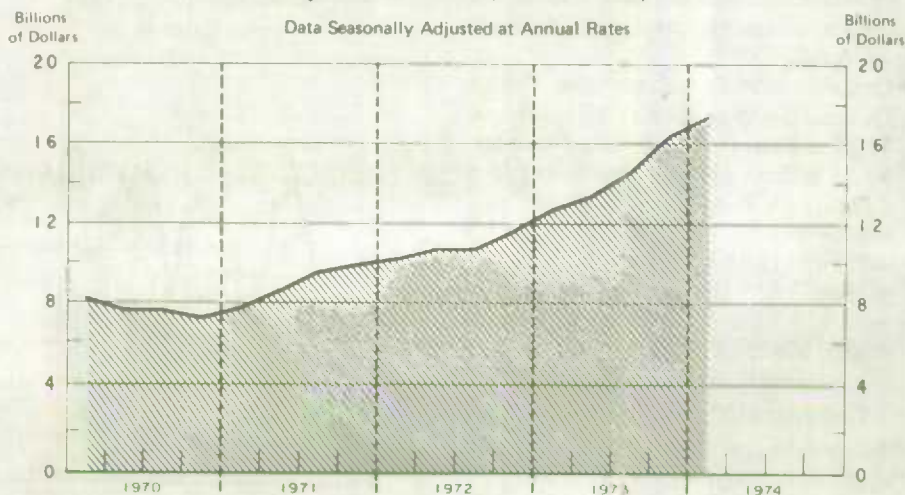
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Mar.	170.48P	168.76P	8.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Mar.	5,829P	5,693P	14.3
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	9.15	8.87	3.5
Unemployed	May	524,000	568,000	6.3
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	1,265	1,196	21.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	11,824P	11,639P	24.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	Apr.	5,141	5,109	18.4
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	6,623P	6,610P	22.9
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	8,815P	8,564P	46.1
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	May	164.6	161.9	10.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Apr.	165.0	162.2P	19.4
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Apr.	452.2	444.5P	27.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	787.8P		Year-to-date 1,777 20.0
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Apr.	15,782	51,608	-0.4
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Apr.	22.8	98.1	9.1
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	Apr.	122.0	554.4	13.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	50.4	215.3	10.4
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	May	3,051P	12,450	24.0
Imports (\$ million)	May	2,934P	12,082	29.7
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	143.4	578.9	-1.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	May	1,227	6,051	0.4
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	382	1,300	18.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	6,372P	24,521	20.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	580	1,907	5.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,479	12,699	12.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,393	12,808	27.1

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

Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Real Domestic Product

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product fell 0.7% in April, following an upwardly-revised gain of 0.4% in March.

The decline was the first since August 1973, when the railway strike was the dominant factor. There were decreases in April in manufacturing (-1.5%), wholesale trade (-4.8%), transportation (-1.2%), storage (-5.8) and agriculture (-3.2%).

Within manufacturing, reductions in output were widespread. The major decline was in motor vehicle manufacturing, but other decreases (in durables manufacturing) were recorded for manufacturers of concrete products, ready-mix concrete, cement, major appliances (due to several strikes), household radio and television sets and iron and steel mills. In non-durables manufacturing, the decrease was broadly based.

The trade output drop was principally due to wholesale trade declines although retail trade showed an 0.5% decrease.

Air and water transport were both affected by strikes in the latest month. Rail transport was also off, due mainly to reduced carriage of grains (other than wheat) and manufactured goods.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0570), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Restaurant Statistics

Canadian restaurants had total estimated receipts of \$130.5 million in April, an increase of 9.2% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for April, by province and with percentage increases from April 1973:

- Ontario, \$46.2 million (up 9.4%); Quebec, \$40.6 million (8.9%); Alberta, \$12.7 million (6.8%); British Columbia, \$12.4 million (11.3%); Manitoba, \$5.8 million (8.6%); Saskatchewan, \$4.2 million (12.5%); New Brunswick, \$3.9 million (11.1%); Nova Scotia, \$2.9 million (7.5%); Newfoundland, \$1.3 million (9.9%); and Prince Edward Island, \$342,000 (9.3%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first four months of 1974 totalled an estimated \$521.8 million, up 10.5% from the January-April period in 1973.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Restaurant Receipts* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, June
Department Store Sales by Regions, May
General Wholesale Price Index, May
Housing Starts and Completions, May
New Motor Vehicle Sales, May
The Labour Force, June

Railway Carloadings

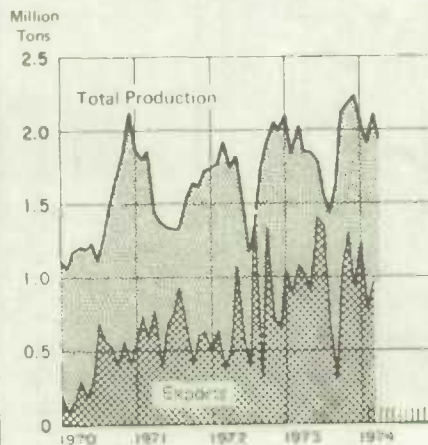
Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 22.7 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in May, up 2.6% from May 1973. Cars loaded increased 1.4% to 383,276.

Commodities registering notable tonnage gains in the latest month included: copper-nickel ores and concentrates (up 51.6% to 474,811 tons); potash (up 38.4% to almost one million tons); and iron ore (up 17.0% to 5.6 million tons). Decreased loadings were recorded for: gypsum (down 43.4% to 275,680 tons); sand and gravel (down 15.0% to 1.1 million tons); and wheat (down 5.1% to 1.9 million tons).

For the first five months of 1974, rail freight loadings totalled 94.8 million tons, down 0.2% from the January-May period in 1973. Movements of potash were 27% higher in the latest period at 4.7 million tons.

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

Coal Production, Canada and Exports



Source: Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002)

Summary of Imports

Canadian merchandise imports rose to \$2.93 billion in May, up \$692 million (30.9%) from a year earlier.

Purchases from the United States advanced by 22.5% to \$1.99 billion with the most notable increases registered for motor vehicles and parts (up \$35 million), coal (up \$20 million), machinery and equipment, food and industrial materials.

Imports from other countries increased by 52.9% to \$947.9 million. Crude petroleum purchases rose to \$275.9 million from \$77.3 million a year earlier, and represented some 61% of the rise in the import bill from overseas countries.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, imports in May reached \$2.53 billion, up 13.8% from the April level.

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

Summary of Exports

Canadian exports in May at \$3.05 billion were up 29.1% from \$2.36 billion a year earlier.

Shipments to the United States rose 19.6% to \$1.93 billion. Exports of crude petroleum (including the export tax) increased by \$191 million to reach \$320 million and accounted for almost 60% of the over-all rise in exports to the U.S. Deliveries of wood pulp and similar pulp were up \$40 million and shipments of petroleum and coal products increased \$26 million. On the other hand, exports of motor vehicles and parts dropped by \$53 million and lumber deliveries were \$23 million lower.

Overseas exports rose 50.6% to \$1.13 billion with substantially-higher shipments to Japan (up 68.1%), the E.E.C. (up 68.0%), the United Kingdom (up 47.8%), the Commonwealth, excluding the U.K. (up 98.1%) and Latin America (up 41.5%). Exports of wheat increased by \$153 million and represented almost 40% of the over-all rise in overseas deliveries.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, May exports increased 13.5% from the previous month's level to reach \$2.69 billion. With imports at \$2.53 billion, the merchandise trade surplus rose to \$157 million in May from \$144 million in April.

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

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 136.4 in May, up 1.9% from 133.9 in April and 10.8% above the May 1973 level of 123.1.

Over the twelve months, May to May, prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 11.3%; labour costs moved up 10.0%.

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

- Atlantic provinces, 15.7%; Ontario, 11.2%; the Prairie provinces, 10.4%; Quebec, 10.2%; and British Columbia, 8.5%.

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics Service Bulletin* (62-006, \$4.20 a year), or contact Miss J. Rosborough (613-996-1565, Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5).

Local Government Employment

Canadian municipalities employed an estimated 228,434 persons in general services at the end of March 1974, an increase of 1.0% from a year earlier.

First quarter gross payrolls increased to \$464.8 million in 1974 from \$435.5 million in 1973.

For further information, order *Local Government Employment, First Quarter 1974* (72-009, 70¢/\$2.80).

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for April show that 2.1 million U.S. travellers entered Canada during the month (7.1% fewer than in April 1973), while the number of Canadian resident travellers to the United States declined by 10.5% to 2.3 million.

In contrast, the number of travellers from countries other than the U.S. increased 6.1% to 69,000, and Canadian resident travellers re-entering from countries other than the U.S. numbered 116,000, up 8.8% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

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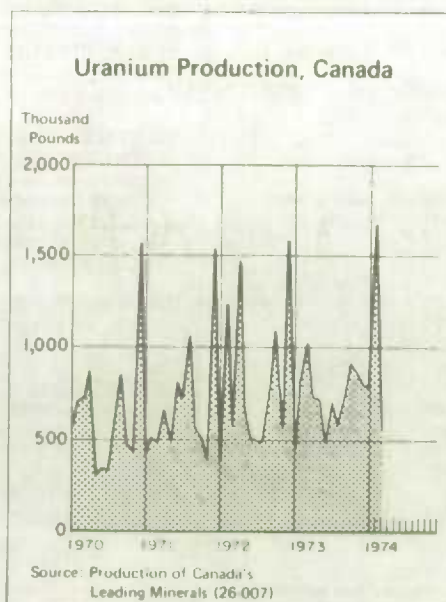
Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major airlines reported combined operating income of \$10.4 million for March, up 18.3% from a year earlier. However, net after-tax income dropped to \$2.69 million from \$3.32 million.

Total operating revenues rose 26.8% to \$108.1 million in the latest month; operating expenses climbed 27.8% to \$97.7 million.

The airlines reported passenger-miles for all services of 1,464.2 million in March, up 19.2% from March 1973. Goods ton-miles increased 14.6% to 43.9 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$4.20 a year), Vol. 6, No. 36, *Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers, March 1974*.



Major Appliances

April sales of automatic washing machines and clothes dryers ran well above year-earlier levels, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of other major appliances showed mixed results.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers during the latest month, with percentage changes from April 1973:

- Refrigerators — 48,668 units (down 9.3%); home and farm freezers — 21,985 units (down 9.1%).
- Stoves and ranges — 52,422 units (up 6.5%).
- Automatic washing machines — 31,673 units (up 19.4%); electric clothes dryers — 26,102 units (up 31.8%).
- Television sets — 44,246 units (down 16.1%).

Manufacturers' April sales of 35,562 colour television sets reflected a decrease of 7.2% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped 40.6% to 8,684 units.

For further information, order the April 1974 issues of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3).

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

(1961=100)

The April index number of farm prices of agricultural products for Canada at 209.1 showed a decrease of 0.9% from 210.9 (revised) in March.

Lower grain and hog prices were the main reasons for the decline in the aggregate index in the latest month.

Over the twelve months from April 1973, the index has registered an advance of 28.0%.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, 15¢/\$5.50).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 122.0 billion cubic feet of natural gas in April, an increase of 14.7% from a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas declined 5.3% to 83.3 billion cubic feet in the latest month.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin Vol. 9, No. 57* (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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