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General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 1.7% in April to 452.2 from 444.5 in March to stand 27.0% above the April 1973 level of 356.0. All eight major group indexes were higher.

The non-metallic minerals index advanced 4.5% in April, spurred by a 10.2% increase in prices for petroleum and its products. These products were up 58.6% from a year earlier.

Higher prices for pulp, building board, cedar and newsprint pushed the wood products group index up 3.2%.

The iron products index advanced 2.2% as prices rose for scrap iron and steel, tinplate and galvanized sheets and rolling mill products.

The textile products index moved up 2.0% with price increases for cotton fabrics and cotton knit goods, woolen hosiery and knit goods and miscellaneous fibre products.

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

- Vegetable products, 54.9%; non-ferrous metals, 38.1%; textile products, 36.3%; non-metallic minerals, 26.3%; iron products, 24.3%; chemical products, 19.1%; animal products, 11.5%; and wood products, 11.0%.

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

Telephone Statistics, 1973

Preliminary figures show that operating revenue of the fifteen large telephone systems, which operate approximately 97% of the telephones in Canada, increased 13.8% to \$2.10 billion in 1973 from \$1.84 billion in 1972.

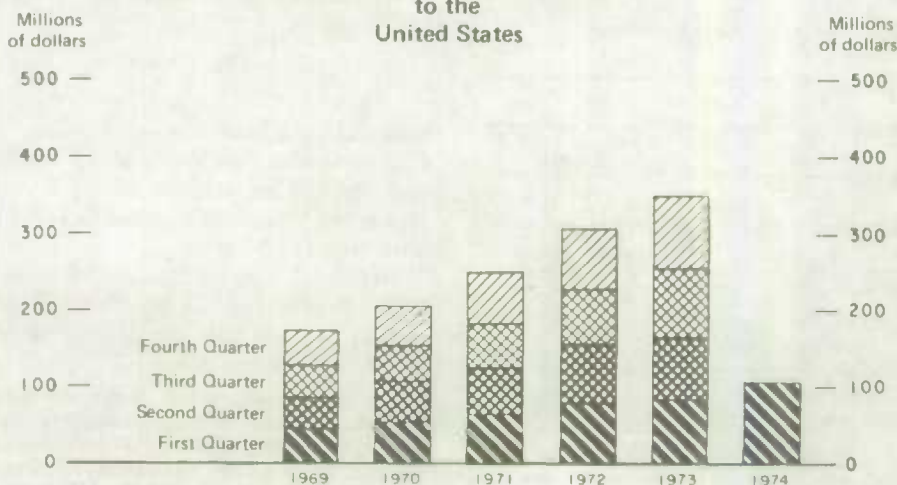
For further information, order *Telephone Statistics, 1973* (56-203, 70¢), or contact P. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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	-0.4
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
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Mar.	442.5	435.8P	25.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	787.8P		Year-to-date 1,717 16.0
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
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	143.4	578.9	-1.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	Apr.	1,202	4,816	0.5
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. R - revised.

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of Exports (65-002)

Net Farm Income, 1973

It is estimated that in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) realized net income of farm operators from farming operations amounted to \$2.71 billion in 1973, an increase of 26.4% from \$2.14 billion (revised) a year earlier.

Realized gross income was up 24.2% to \$7.48 billion in the latest year. Operating expenses and depreciation charges of farm operators rose 23.0% to \$4.77 billion.

Total net farm income from farming operations (realized net income adjusted for inventory changes) is estimated at \$3.34 billion for 1973, up 81.1% from \$1.85 billion in 1972. The value of inventory change on farms which contributed to this level of total net income was plus \$637.6 million in 1973 compared with - \$295.3 million in 1972.

For further information, order *Farm Net Income, 1973* (21-202, 25¢), or contact J.W. Ross (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Provincial Government Employment

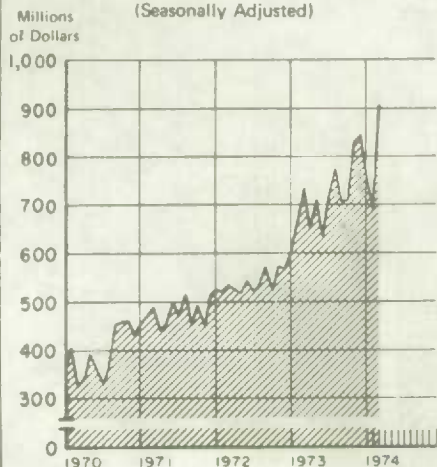
Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed 316,296 persons in general government services during the last pay period of March 1974, just 0.5% more than the 314,794 reported three months earlier.

Gross payrolls for the first quarter of 1974 amounted to \$691.3 million, an increase of 4.8% from the \$659.3 million reported for the previous quarter of October-December 1973.

For further information, order *Provincial Government Employment, January-March 1974* (72-007, 50¢/\$2), or contact T.D. Harris (613-994-9338), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

Building Permits, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Building Permits (64-001)

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, April

Consumer Price Movements, May

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, April

Retail Trade, April

Summary of Foreign Trade, May

The Labour Force, May

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in March totalled \$787.8 million, an increase of 20.1% from \$655.9 million in March 1973.

In the latest month, higher totals were recorded for residential permits at \$457.0 million (\$391.1 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$170.2 million (\$159.3 million), institutional and governmental permits at \$96.1 million (\$64.4 million) and industrial permits at \$64.5 million (\$41.1 million).

Building permits taken out in March (by province):

- Ontario, \$377.4 million (\$306.4 million a year earlier); Quebec, 142.4 million (\$105.2 million); British Columbia, \$110.7 million (\$109.6 million); Alberta, \$87.8 million (\$80.8 million); Manitoba, 27.6 million (\$17.3 million); Nova Scotia, \$14.5 million (\$13.2 million); Saskatchewan, \$14.4 million (\$12.1 million); New Brunswick, \$6.3 million (\$7.4 million); Newfoundland, \$3.6 million (\$2.2 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$243,000 (\$404,000).

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in March at \$906.2 million were up 30.7% from the previous month.

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

Coal and Coke Statistics

Coal production in March at 2.1 million tons showed an increase of 3.7% from March 1973. Imports dropped to 113,545 tons from 173,348 tons.

Industrial consumers used 2.0 million tons of coal (up 22.3% from a year earlier) and 338,251 tons of coke (down 32.2%) in the latest month.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$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 K1A 0V6.

Index of Farm Production

(1961=100)

The 1973 index of the physical volume of agricultural production for Canada is estimated at 156.8, up 5.1% from 149.2 (revised) in 1972.

(The agricultural products included in the index are, in so far as statistics are available, all commodities produced on farms for sale, consumption in farm homes or additions to farm inventories).

Gross farm production was up in all provinces except New Brunswick (-3.5%) in the latest year. Saskatchewan recorded the greatest increase in farm output (10.9%), followed by British Columbia (7.5%), Manitoba (7.5%), Alberta (5.5%), Prince Edward Island (4.5%), Nova Scotia (2.7%), Quebec (2.3%), and Ontario (0.3%).

For further information, order *Index of Farm Production, 1973* (21-203, 35¢), or contact G. Andrusiak (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Railway Freight Traffic, 1973

Railways operating in Canada transported 266.0 million tons of revenue freight in 1973, an increase of 12% from the preceding year.

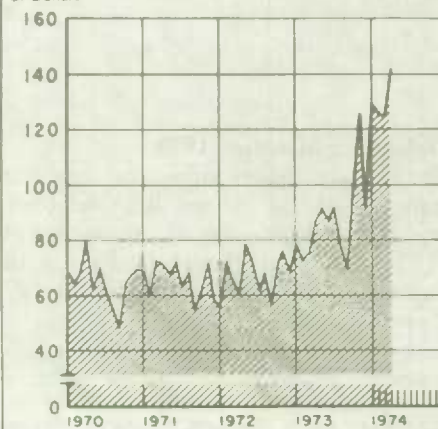
With the exception of a 7.2% decline in Manitoba and fractionally-lower volumes in Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Northwest Territories, the railways showed gains in all other areas of Canada.

On a commodity basis, crude materials, which accounted for over half the total tonnage carried, rose 24.5% to 138.7 million tons.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, 1973* (52-205, \$2.80), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Canadian Domestic Exports of Wood Pulp

Millions of Dollars



Source: Exports by Commodities (65-004)

Unemployment Insurance

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act totalled \$221 million in March, unchanged from February but 3% more than the \$214 million disbursed in March 1973.

The average weekly payment advanced to \$75.27 in the latest month, up 10% from \$68.67 a year earlier.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance numbered 159,000 in March, down 7% from the February total of 170,000 but 1% more than the 158,000 received in March 1973.

For the first three months of 1974, payments under the act amounted to \$690 million, an increase of 1% from \$681 million disbursed in the corresponding period in 1973; higher weekly payments in the latest period were offset by fewer weeks of benefit paid.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Farm Cash Receipts, 1973

Farmers received an estimated \$6.73 billion in cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland in 1973, up 24.9% from \$5.39 billion a year earlier.

The estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; supplementary payments to dairy producers; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board.

In 1973, there were increases in all categories of cash receipts except tobacco and deficiency payments. The most notable increases occurred in wheat and barley Canadian Wheat Board participation payments, rapeseed, potatoes, cattle and calves, hogs and poultry.

Provincial totals of farm cash receipts in 1973:

- Ontario, \$1.95 billion (\$1.65 billion in 1972); Saskatchewan, \$1.47 billion (\$1.20 billion); Alberta, \$1.22 billion (\$916.4 million); Quebec, \$963.8 million (\$779.5 million); Manitoba, \$621.1 million (\$487.9 million); British Columbia, \$318.9 million (\$246.7 million); New Brunswick, \$95.6 million (\$65.1 million); Nova Scotia, \$94.7 million (\$73.9 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$72.2 million (\$44.8 million).

For further information, order *Farm Cash Receipts, 1973* (21-201, 70¢), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 219.2 in April, an increase of 1.7% from the previous month's level and up 13.2% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose 18.7% over the twelve months from April 1973; the labour element moved up 8.8%.

During this period, prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential construction climbed 35.5%, electrical equipment 22.3%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 15.2%, concrete products 14.4%, lumber and lumber products 5.5% and other materials 18.5%.

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

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 165.0 in April, an increase of 1.7% from the previous month's level and up 19.4% from a year earlier.

The paper and allied products group index rose 4.1% in the latest month, spurred by higher prices in the pulp and paper mills section (up 4.7%).

Price increases by the pasteurizing plants industry (5.3%), sugar refineries (6.1%) and soft drink manufacturers (7.3%) pushed the food and beverages group up 1.3%.

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

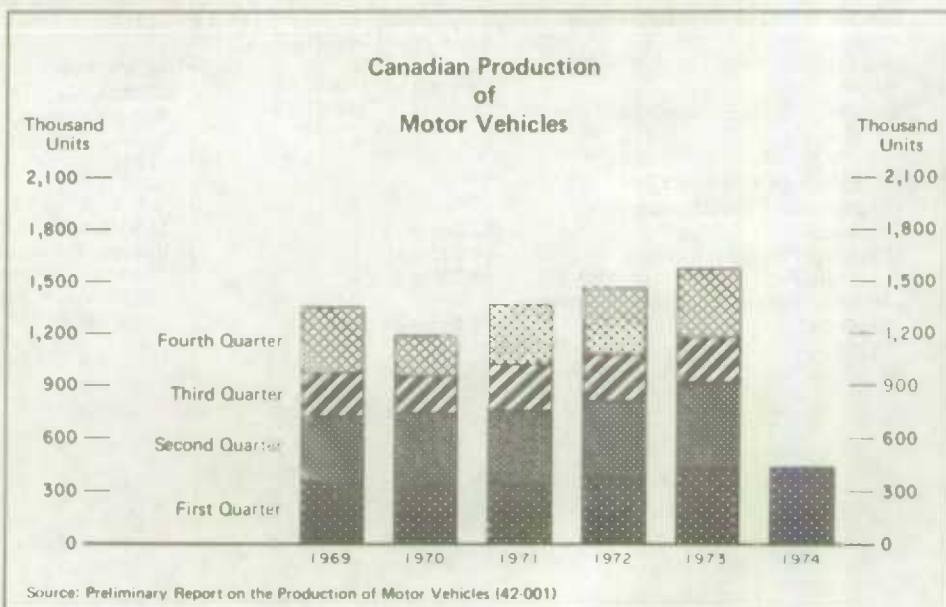
- Paper and allied industries, 31.4%; textile industries, 29.4%; petroleum and coal products industries, 27.2%; primary metal industries, 26.9%; chemical and chemical products industries, 23.4%; and foods and beverages industries, 22.6%.

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

Electric Power Statistics, 1973

Total installed generating capacity in Canada at December 31, 1973 was 54.4 million kilowatts, an increase of 8.9% over 49.9 million kw. a year earlier.

Complete details for all generating stations with a capacity over 500 kw. will be published in *Electric Power Statistics, Vol. III, Inventory of Prime Mover and Electric Generating Equipment, 1973* (57-206, \$1.50).



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