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Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$3.80 billion for the first five months of 1974, up 65.5% from \$2.30 billion for the corresponding period in 1973.

Cash receipts rose in all provinces in the latest period. Total payments made to farmers, by province and with January-May 1973 figures in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$1.09 billion (\$434.4 million); Ontario, \$882.0 million (\$732.6 million); Alberta, \$789.6 million (\$422.7 million); Manitoba, \$388.1 million (\$188.8 million); Quebec, \$378.8 million (\$316.9 million); British Columbia, \$125.3 million (\$90.0 million); New Brunswick, \$53.0 million (\$42.8 million); Prince Edward Island, \$50.1 million (\$34.3 million); and Nova Scotia, \$38.2 million (\$32.9 million).

For further information, order the January-May 1974 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Help-Wanted Index

(1969=100)

The Help-Wanted Index rose during the second quarter of 1974 to a seasonally-adjusted level of 208, up 12% from the previous quarter and 52% higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1973. This was the largest year-over-year rise in the 12-year series of the index.

Regionally, the Atlantic provinces had the greatest rate of increase from a year earlier — up by 86%. Lower, but still above-average gains were shown in Quebec (69%) and the Prairie region (65%). The index was up 47% in British Columbia and 30% in Ontario in the latest quarter.

For tables and further comments see the Friday, July 12 issue of *Statistics Canada Daily* (11-001, 10¢ per copy/\$25 per year).

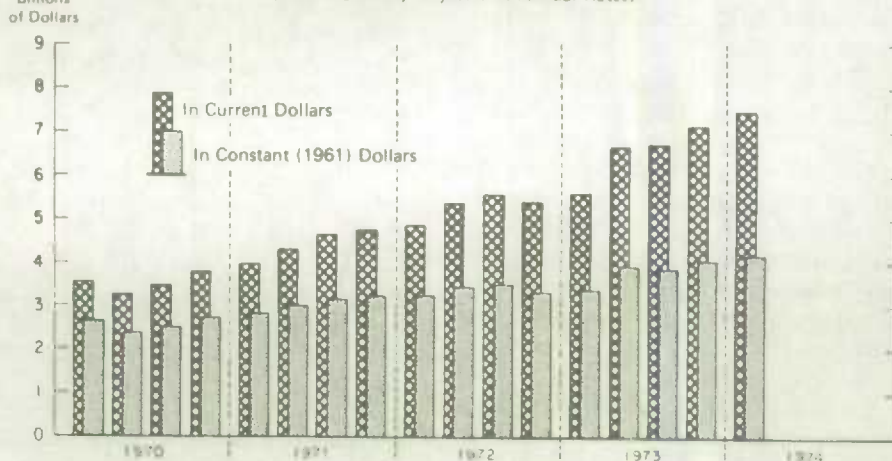
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	172.21P	170.65P	9.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	5,911P	5,867P	14.1
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	9.40	9.15	3.2
Unemployed	June	469,000	524,000	-6.8
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)	June	166.7	164.6	11.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	May	167.7	165.5P	20.2
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	453.5	453.0P	26.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.	819.3P		Year-to-date 2,597 20.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Apr.	15,782	51,608	-0.4
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	May	22.6	120.6	8.7
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)	May	699	2,606	10.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,478	12,699	12.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,393	12,808	27.1

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

Residential Construction Expenditures

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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

The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.9 in June from the previous month's level of 5.5 (5.4 in June 1973).

Regionally, the rate of unemployment decreased to 10.3 in the Atlantic region from 10.7 in May, to 6.4 in Quebec from 7.8, to 5.3 in British Columbia from 5.4, to 3.6 in Ontario from 3.9 and to 2.7 in the Prairie region from 3.3.

Seasonally-adjusted employment showed a rise of 22,000 to a level of 9.10 million in June, following a smaller decline in May.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, employment increased to an estimated 9.40 million persons in June from 9.15 million in May and 9.11 million a year earlier.

Unemployment decreased to 469,000 last month from 524,000 in May and was down from 503,000 in June 1973.

The total labour force numbered 9.87 million in the latest month compared with 9.61 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Railway Transport, Part III, 1973

Canadian railway lines had 186,653 owned and leased freight cars in service at the end of 1973, an increase of 112 from a year earlier. The average carrying capacity of these cars increased to 61.1 tons from 59.9 tons, continuing the upward trend that began back in the 1920's.

Passenger cars in service at the close of 1973 totalled 2,175, down 8.7% from the previous year.

Diesel oil consumption of the railways decreased 1.8% to 481.9 million gallons in 1973. However, 17.1 million gallons of crude oil were also used, compared with 2.4 million gallons in 1972. In addition, 12.2 million kilowatt hours of electrical energy were used by electric locomotives and electric-powered, self-propelled passenger cars.

For further information, order Railway Transport, Part III, 1973 (52-209, 70¢), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, May

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, June

Department Store Sales and Stocks, May

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, May

Retail Trade, May

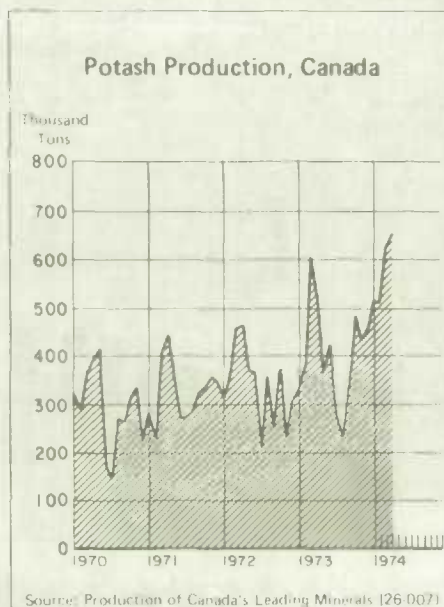
Summary of Foreign Trade, June

Railway Freight Traffic, First Quarter 1974

Railways in Canada carried a total of 58.5 million tons of revenue freight during the first three months of 1974, a decrease of 2.6% from the 60.1 million tons transported during January-March 1973.

Rail freight loadings in Canada totalled 51.6 million tons, down 3.5% from the first quarter of 1973. Newfoundland recorded a decrease of 30.9%, and lesser declines occurred in Nova Scotia (down 11.2%), British Columbia (down 10.5%), the Northwest Territories (down 8.2%) and Ontario (down 0.1%). Loadings were up in Manitoba (12.7%), Prince Edward Island (7.4%), New Brunswick (7.4%), Saskatchewan (3.5%), Quebec (1.1%), and Alberta (0.1%).

For further information, order Railway Freight Traffic, First Quarter 1974 (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 0.1% in May to 453.5 from 453.0 in April and stood 26.0% above the May 1973 level of 359.8. Four major group indexes were higher, four declined.

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

- Vegetable products, 48.5%; non-ferrous metals, 39.4%; textile products, 32.0%; non-metallic minerals, 30.0%; iron products, 26.9%; chemical products, 19.4%; animal products, 10.5%; and wood products, 10.2%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-992-1538), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 167.7 in May, an increase of 1.3% from the previous month's level and up 20.2% from a year earlier.

A major contribution to the over-all advance came from the petroleum and coal products group, up 10.7% in the month, mainly because of higher prices in the petroleum refining industry. The primary metals group moved up 3.1%, spurred by an 8.2% increase in iron and steel mill prices and a 1.0% advance in smelting and refining. Prices rose 4.1% in the industrial chemicals sector, leading to a 2.5% increase in the chemical and chemical products industries.

The only notable decrease in May was a 1.2% dip in the wood products group, led by a 2.3% decline in the sawmills and planing mills industry.

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

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 37.1%; paper and allied industries, 31.6%; primary metal industries, 30.4%; textile industries, 30.2%; and chemical and chemical products industries, 27.1%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-992-1538), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 1.3% to 166.7 in June from 164.6 in May.

Though all major components moved up, most of the impetus behind the latest month's advance came from a 1.2% rise in the housing index, a 1.2% increase in the food index (despite declines in beef, pork and egg prices) and a 1.9% advance in transportation.

Clothing prices rose 1% on average in June and the index for recreation, education and reading advanced 1.5%. The health and personal care component rose 0.6%, while tobacco and alcohol went up 0.5%.

Between June 1973 and June 1974, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 11.4%.

During this period, the following index increases were recorded:

- Food, up 17.4%; transportation, 11.1%; clothing, 10.1%; recreation, education and reading, 9.0%; housing, 8.8%; health and personal care, 8.3%; and tobacco and alcohol, 5.2%.

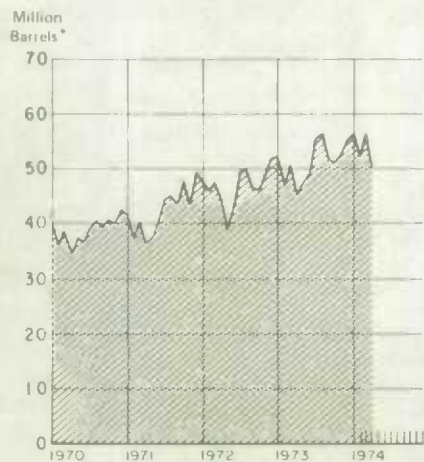
For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 15¢/\$1.50).

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 4.72 million tons of iron ore in May, a drop of 20.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50).

Refinery Production in Canada of Petroleum Products



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Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1973

Sales of farm implements and equipment for 1973 were valued at \$573.9 million, up 36.6% from \$420.2 million in 1972.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 22.1% to \$107.3 million from \$87.9 million.

For further information, order *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1973* (63-203, 75¢). Advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 7.3% in May to 22.6 billion kilowatt hours from 21.0 billion kwh, a year earlier.

Net generation was up in seven regions in the latest month but decreased in the Yukon (-21.5%), British Columbia (-13.7%), Quebec (-6.9%), New Brunswick (-1.6%) and Saskatchewan (-0.6%). The largest increases were recorded in Newfoundland (335.6%) and Manitoba (34.7%).

Hydro generation increased 13.1% in May; thermal production decreased 12.0%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact D.F. Heney (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in April totalled \$819.3 million, an increase of 21.0% from \$677.0 million in April 1973.

Higher totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$488.8 million (\$394.0 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$177.6 million (\$131.2 million) and industrial permits at \$87.2 million (\$65.2 million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental construction declined to \$65.8 million from \$86.5 million.

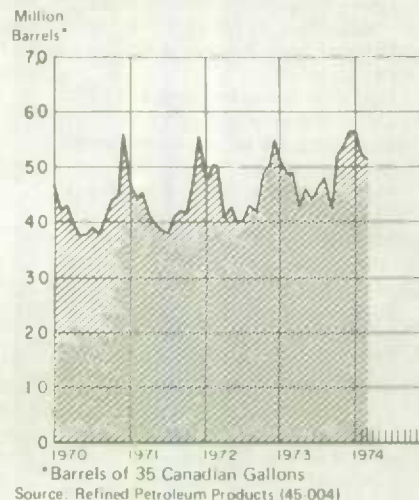
Building permits taken out in April (by province):

- Ontario, \$357.9 million (\$311.8 million a year earlier); Quebec, \$183.0 million (\$130.4 million); Alberta, \$86.8 million (\$51.4 million); British Columbia, \$83.6 million (\$90.0 million); Manitoba, \$31.2 million (\$23.6 million); Nova Scotia, \$28.7 million (\$20.8 million); Saskatchewan, \$20.5 million (\$13.7 million); New Brunswick, \$20.4 million (\$30.0 million); Newfoundland, \$5.4 million (\$4.3 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$1.4 million (\$687,000).

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, building permits taken out in April at \$751.2 million were down 17.1% from the previous month.

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

Net Sales in Canada of Refined Petroleum Products



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