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Labour Income

Total labour income for May was estimated at \$6.12 billion, up 15.0% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the May estimate of \$6.04 billion showed an increase of 1.1% from the April level. Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries recorded virtually no change, while those in the service-producing industries advanced by 1.6%.

For further information, order the May 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.

Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production dipped 0.6% in May to 221.2 from the revised level of 222.6 in April.

Output of mining and utility industries increased but manufacturing was lower for the second consecutive month. The index for non-durable manufacturing moved 2.0% lower and that for durables eased 0.6%. The index for electric power, gas and water utilities advanced 1.8% and mines, quarries and oil wells moved up 1.1%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 97.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas in May, an increase of 2.5% from a year earlier.

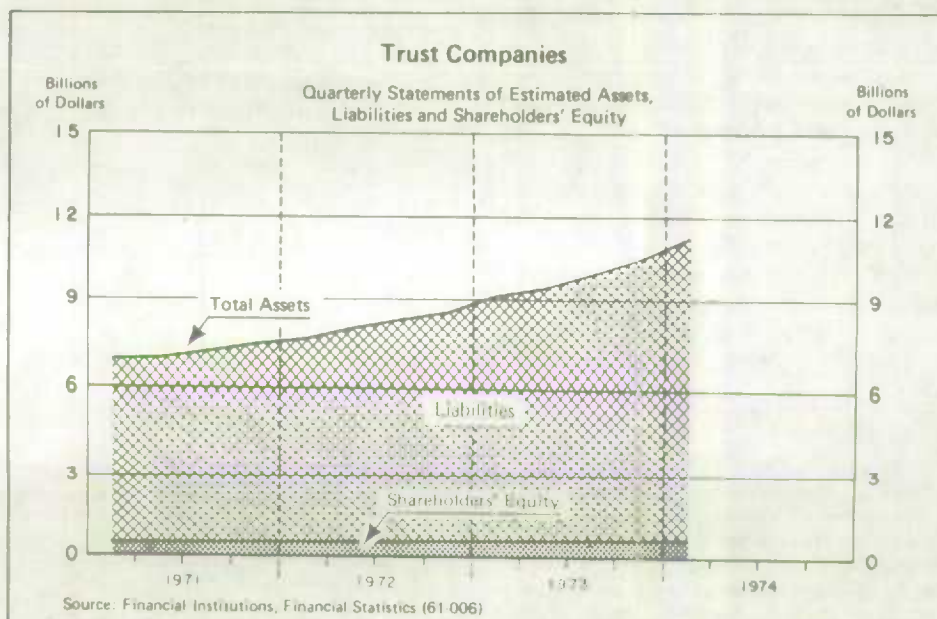
Exports of natural gas decreased 6.9% to 79.7 billion cubic feet in the latest month.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 67 (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	174.92P	172.10P	10.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	6,120P	5,921P	15.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	9.40	9.15	3.2
Unemployed	June	469,000	524,000	-6.8
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,360	1,265	26.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	11,824P	11,639P	24.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	5,366	5,141	23.3
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 2,635	22.1
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	May	19,880	71,488	0.3
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	May	22.6	120.6	8.7
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	May	97.8	651.2	11.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	May	52.2	267.4	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)	June	1,247	7,299	0.2
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	421	1,721	20.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	6,372P	24,521	20.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	699	2,606	10.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	3,997	16,696	14.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	4,351	17,159	29.9

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



Real Domestic Product

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product (1961=100) rose 0.8% in May to 207.3 from the revised April level of 205.5.

Service industries provided the main thrust for the advance. Wholesale trade rose 6.9%. Transportation, storage and communication gained 3.5%. Strike recoveries led to strong advances for air and water transport and post office operations.

There were declines in manufacturing (-1.3%) and agriculture (-1.6%) in May. Labour disputes affected meat product manufacturers, rubber industries and several manufacturers in the paper and chemical and cement sectors. In agriculture, a decrease in grain production and vegetable sales outweighed an increase in livestock production.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. W. Collins (613-995-0433), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in May were estimated at \$6.81 billion, up 6.9% from the April level. New orders for durable goods rose 10.7% to \$3.34 billion, while those for non-durable goods were up 3.5% to \$3.47 billion.

The backlog of unfilled orders for all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, increased 4.1% to \$8.96 billion.

The estimated total value of inventory owned by manufacturers, seasonally adjusted, increased 2.0% to \$12.12 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments dropped back to 1.88 in May after climbing to 1.90 in April from 1.82 in March. The finished products — to shipments ratio declined to 0.62 from 0.63.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$6.46 billion, up 3.4% from the April level.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in May at an estimated \$6.82 billion showed an increase of 21.8% from a year earlier. Shipments for the first five months of 1974 totalled \$31.37 billion, up 20.8% from January-May 1973.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, May

Department Store Sales by Regions, June

General Wholesale Price Index, June

New Motor Vehicle Sales, June

Summary of Foreign Trade, June

Major Appliances

Stove sales were up in May, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of other major appliances ran below year-earlier levels.

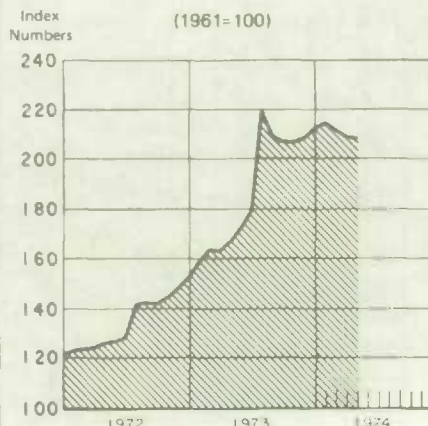
Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from May 1973:

- Refrigerators — 52,042 units (down 2.7%); home and farm freezers — 25,097 units (down 12.6%).
- Stoves and ranges — 57,420 units (up 7.6%).
- Automatic washing machines — 26,497 units (down 11.1%); electric clothes dryers — 22,275 units (down 0.4%).
- Television sets — 41,992 units (down 3.9%).

Manufacturers' sales in May of 33,270 Canadian-made colour television sets reflected an increase of 12.4% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped 38.1% to 8,722 units.

For further information, order the May 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



Source: Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products (62-003)

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 136.4 in June, an increase of 0.1% from the previous month's level and up 10.3% from a year earlier.

Over the twelve months from June 1973, prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 10.3%; labour costs moved up 9.9%.

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

- Atlantic provinces, 14.8%; Prairie provinces, 10.8%; Ontario, 10.5%; British Columbia, 8.8%; and Quebec, 8.5%.

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

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 52.2 million barrels of refined petroleum products in May, an increase of 10.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the May 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.

The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat (including flour in terms of wheat) from the four traditional major exporters during the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 1,509.3 million bushels, a 14% 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, 972.6 (994.6); Canada, 330.4 (464.3); Australia, 167.7 (175.8); and Argentina, 38.6 (113.3).

Wheat supplies held by the four traditional major exporters at June 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,101.2 million bushels, down 6% from a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 498.8 (477.7); United States, 281.6 (563.1); Australia, 201.8 (68.6); and Argentina, 119.0 (65.8).

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

Farm Input Price Index

(1961=100)

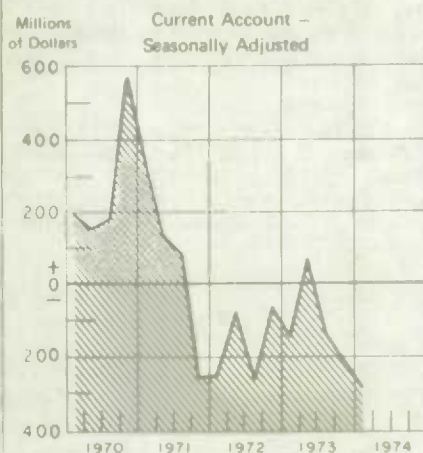
The farm input price index for Canada rose 1.9% in the second quarter of 1974, moving to 189.6 from a revised first-quarter level of 186.1. Indexes for both Eastern and Western Canada also moved up 1.9% in the latest quarter.

Higher prices of hired labour, building replacement, machinery replacement, motor vehicle operation, fertilizer and tools and supplies caused most of the upward movement in the indexes.

Over the twelve months from the second quarter of 1973, the Canada index has risen 17.3%. During this period, costs have increased 18.2% for farmers in Eastern Canada and 16.2% for western farmers.

For further information, order *Farm Input Price Indexes, Second Quarter 1974* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40).

Canadian Balance of International Payments



Source: Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001)

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$66.7 million in May, an increase of 15.2% from May 1973.

Gross operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone companies rose 17.9% to \$202.1 million in the latest month; operating expenses were up 19.3% to \$135.4 million.

Construction expenditures of the firms increased 49.9% from a year earlier to \$124.9 million in May.

These systems reported a total of 86,603 employees, up 6,677 from the corresponding month in 1973.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 4, No. 11, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, May 1974.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Canada 1974

This year's edition of Statistics Canada's annual showpiece publication has just been published, and is maintaining its traditional reputation as one of the country's most popular periodicals.

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The total bill for education climbed to \$6.6 billion in 1969 from \$1.7 billion in 1960. Statistics Canada has compiled a financial history of education for the years 1960-69, giving complete details on where the money came from and how it was spent for every educational level from kindergarten through university.

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Order the publication *Decade of Education Finance, 1960-69* (81-560, \$3.50), or contact Mr. Yvon Fortin, Director, or Dr. Anthony Horvath (613-995-9710), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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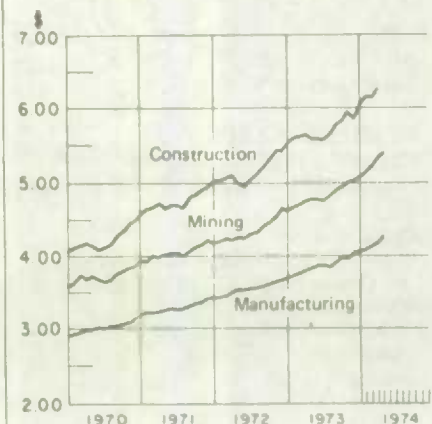
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Average Hourly Earnings in Canadian Industry



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$174.92 in May were up 10.2% from \$158.75 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings were highest in British Columbia (\$197.64), followed by Ontario (\$179.67), Alberta (\$175.10), Quebec (\$170.41), Manitoba (\$161.24), Saskatchewan (\$158.85), and the Atlantic region (\$150.99).

Average weekly earnings in May (by industry division) were as follows: mining (\$233.45); transportation, communication and other utilities (\$199.79); manufacturing (\$181.70); finance, insurance and real estate (\$172.40); trade (\$139.51); and service (\$125.06).

Hourly earnings averaged \$5.40 in mining and \$4.27 in manufacturing in the latest month.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.84 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in April, up 0.2% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils increased 2.2% to 2.46 million B/D in the latest month; imported oils decreased 11.3% to .38 million B/D.

For further information, order the April 1974 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 65 (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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