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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$172.21 in April were up 9.2% from \$157.68 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$240.05), followed by mining (\$230.68), forestry (\$215.59), transportation, communications and other utilities (\$195.29), manufacturing (\$179.85), finance, insurance and real estate (\$172.12), trade (\$136.38) and service (\$121.30).

Average weekly earnings in April were highest in British Columbia (\$194.31), followed by Ontario (\$176.25), Alberta (\$172.89), Quebec (\$164.96), Newfoundland (\$161.43), Manitoba (\$155.68), Saskatchewan (\$153.10), New Brunswick (\$149.53), Nova Scotia (\$145.87) and Prince Edward Island (\$123.30).

Hourly earnings averaged \$6.21 in construction, \$5.36 in mining and \$4.20 in manufacturing. Between April 1973 and April 1974, average hourly earnings increased by 12.4% in mining, by 10.8% in manufacturing and by 9.9% in construction.

For further information, order the April 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.

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)	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.

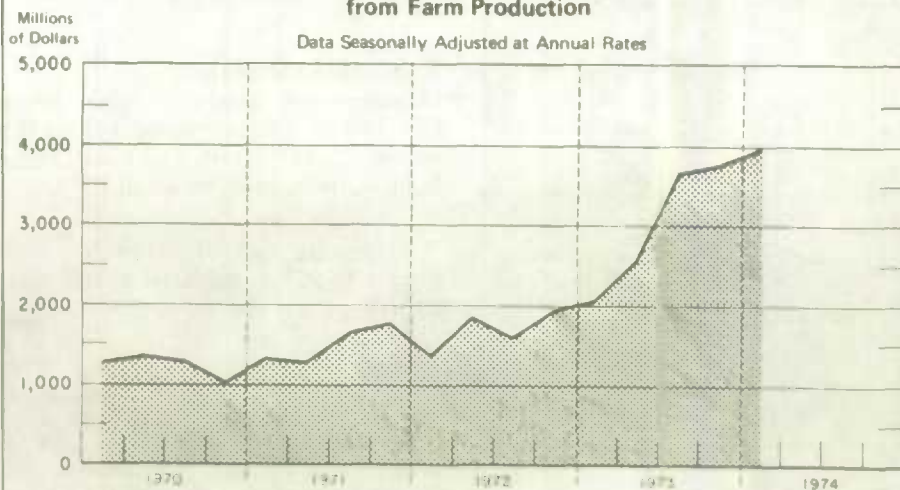
Federal Government Employment

The federal government employed 289,058 persons in September 1973 in ministries of state, departments and departmental corporations. The total included 203,000 persons employed in 22 metropolitan areas and 82,212 in non-metropolitan areas of the country along with 3,846 outside Canada.

Regular payroll for the month totalled \$209.2 million, including \$153.3 million for metropolitan centres, \$53.3 million for non-metropolitan centres and \$2.6 million outside Canada.

For further information, order *Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas, 1973* (72-205, 70¢).

Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production



Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in May at \$420.6 million showed a rise of 24.9% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions.

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

- Ontario, \$160.3 million (up 25.6%); Quebec, \$82.3 million (25.8%); British Columbia, \$65.6 million (24.8%); Alberta, \$50.6 million (23.2%); Manitoba, \$26.2 million (17.5%); the Atlantic provinces, \$25.6 million (26.4%); and Saskatchewan, \$10.1 million (31.9%).

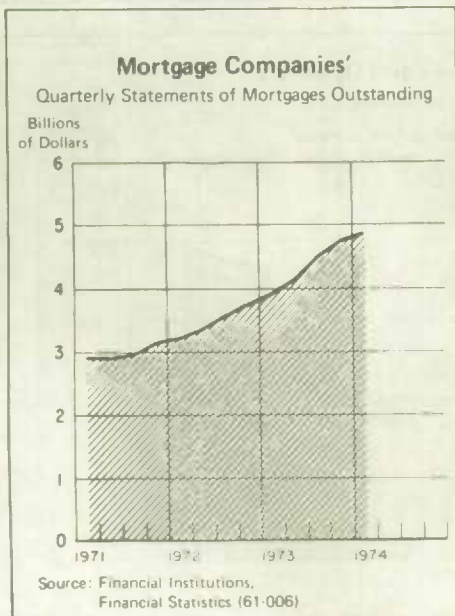
For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 a year).

Radio Station Time Sales

Preliminary results of a new survey show gross national air time sales by AM radio stations of \$10.8 million for the first three months of 1974. Local time sales for the same stations were \$27.3 million.

National air time sales by FM stations totalled \$705,390 and gross local time sales \$2.0 million.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5*.



THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, May

Consumer Price Movements, June

Department Store Sales and Stocks, May

Housing Starts and Completions, May

Retail Trade, May

The Labour Force, June

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 226.4 in May, an increase of 3.3% from the previous month's level and up 14.2% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose 19.9% over the twelve months from May 1973; the labour element moved up 9.9%.

Under the materials grouping, prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential construction climbed 29.3% during this period, electrical equipment rose 21.7%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 17.5% concrete products 15.0%, lumber and lumber products 0.3% and other materials 19.0%.

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

Mobile Home Shipments

Shipments of domestic mobile homes increased to 6,608 single units in the first quarter of 1974 from 4,433 single units in the corresponding period in 1973.

Shipments of double-wide units jumped to 927 in the latest quarter from 298.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Shipments of Domestic Mobile Homes* (41-009, \$2.80 per year), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 149,969 units in May, up 16.4% from a year earlier. Sales value increased 26.1% to \$699.0 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States increased 12% to 99,496 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles increased 1.8% to 15,526 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to 13.5% from 14.7% in the corresponding month in 1973.

Commercial vehicle sales in May rose 40.9% from a year earlier to 34,947 units; included were 33,268 manufactured in Canada and the United States (up 46.1%) and 1,679 manufactured overseas (down 17.2%).

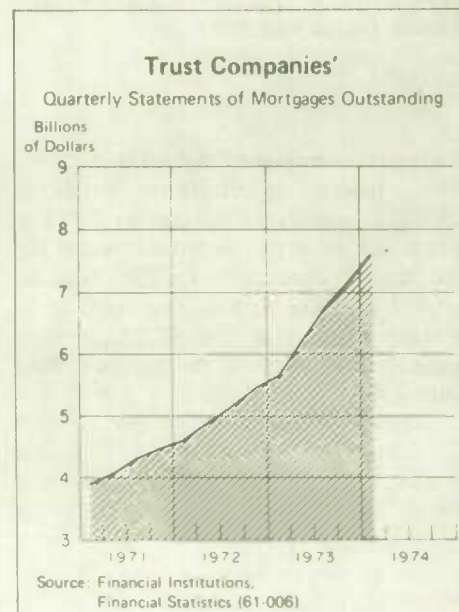
For the first five months of 1974, sales of new motor vehicles reached 558,817 units with an accumulated value of \$2.61 billion. This represents an increase of 1.2% in units and 10.1% in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1973.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for March amounted to 2.05 million barrels per day, up 1.1% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3).



Railway Transport, Part IV, 1973

Railways operating in Canada handled a total of 306.1 million tons of revenue freight in 1973, an increase of 11.2% from the preceding year. Ton-miles were up 5.7% to 130.76 billion while the average length of haul declined 30 miles to 488.

Railways logged 4.65 billion freight car-miles in 1973 (up 0.8% from a year earlier), of which 59.0% were generated by loaded cars.

The number of passengers carried during 1973 dropped 1.4% from a year earlier to 19.8 million and passenger-miles were down 21.7% to 1.60 billion.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part IV, 1973* (52-210, 70¢), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5*.

Railway Transport, Part II, 1973

Railway operating revenues for 1973 at \$2.12 billion showed a rise of 9.4% from the year before; operating expenses more than kept pace with a 10.3% increase to \$2.03 billion. Resultant net railway revenues from operations (after taxes but before fixed charges) dropped 8.2% to \$90.0 million in 1973.

The increase in operating revenues in the latest year reflected a higher volume of freight traffic movement and an improvement of 8.0% in receipts from that source. Federal Government payments made to the railways under the National Transportation Act were up by \$72.8 million. However, passenger revenues decreased by 17.4% (largely due to traffic losses resulting from the July-September strike).

The railways' retained income balance stood at \$846.0 million at the end of 1973 (up 1.0% from the preceding year) and total assets rose 4.4% to \$11.29 billion.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part II, 1973* (52-208, \$1.05), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5*.

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Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 3.13 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in March, up 5.5% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils increased 6.6% to 2.66 million B/D in the latest month; imported oils decreased 0.5% to .47 million B/D.

For further information, order the March 1974 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 a year), Vol. 9, No. 61, or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-6014), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Sales of outstanding Canadian and foreign securities by Canadians to non-residents during February amounted to \$309 million and purchases from non-residents totalled \$270 million, resulting in a net capital inflow of \$39 million. In January, net sales amounted to \$72 million.

Transactions in Canadian securities resulted in a net inflow of \$7 million, with net repurchases of bonds and debentures of \$17 million and net sales of \$24 million in stocks.

Trading with non-residents in outstanding foreign securities (principally stocks with residents of the United States) led to net sales of \$33 million.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-Residents* (67-002, 40¢/\$4).

Coal and Coke Statistics

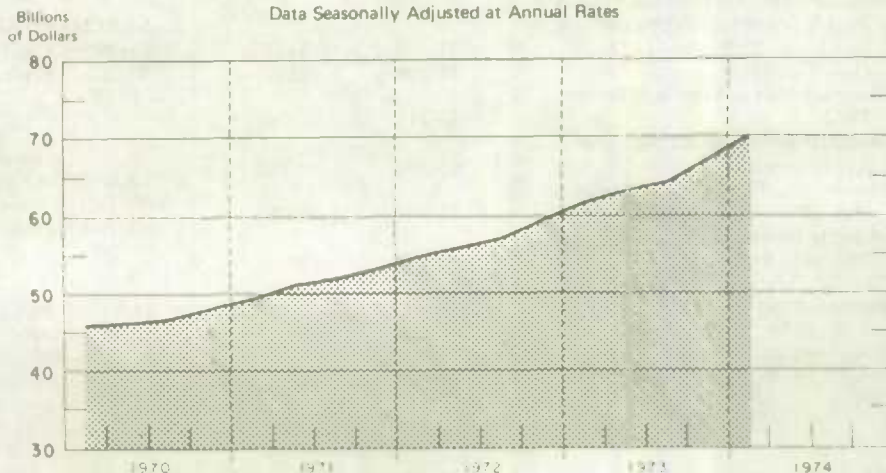
Coal production in May at 1.88 million tons showed an increase of 1.8% from May 1973. Imports dropped to 1.72 million tons from 2.04 million tons.

Industrial consumers used 1.64 million tons of coal (up 10.7% from a year earlier) and 459,219 tons of coke (down 5.6%) in the latest month.

For further information, order the May 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*.

Wages, Salaries, and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

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