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## New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 127,628 units in June, up 1.9% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 8.1% to \$595.8 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States edged up 0.2% to 83,379 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 10.3% to 14,775 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in June rose 15.5% from a year earlier to 29,474 units; included were 27,369 manufactured in Canada and the United States (up 16%) and 2,105 manufactured overseas (up 8.4%).

For the first six months of 1974, sales of new motor vehicles reached 686,445 units with an accumulated value of \$3.20 billion. This represents an increase of 1.3% in units and 9.8% in value over sales for the January-June 1973 period.

For further information, order the June 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.

## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 227.7 in June, an increase of 0.6% from the previous month's level and up 14.4% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index rose 20.5% over the twelve months from June 1973; the labour element moved up 9.8%.

Prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential construction climbed 38.5% during this period, electrical equipment rose 22.4%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 20.1%, concrete products 12.6%, lumber and lumber products 0.5% and other materials 20.2%.

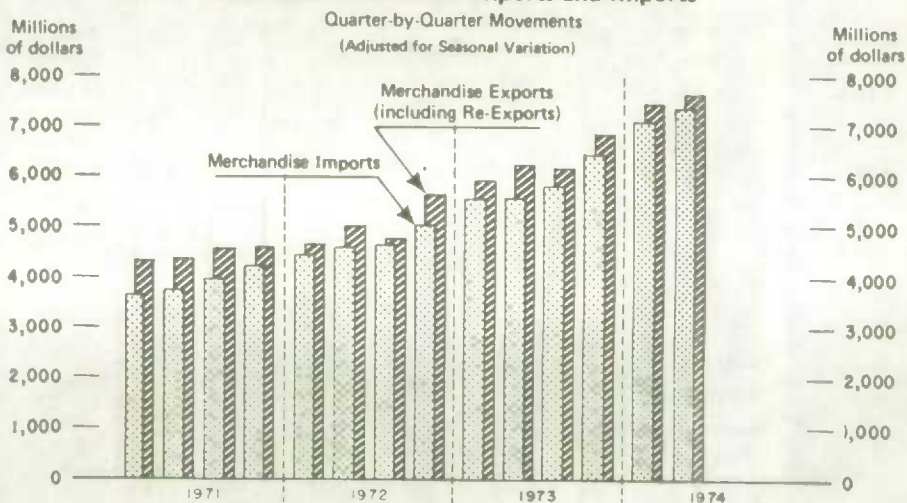
For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Construction Price Statistics Service Bulletin* (62-006, \$4.20 a year), or contact R.J. Lowe (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
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
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,360	1,265	26.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May	12,081P	11,944P	26.5
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	5,366	5,141	23.3
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	7,119P	6,518P	25.6
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	8,980P	8,680P	47.1
<b>PRICES</b>				
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
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.	819.3P		Year-to-date 22.1
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	May	19,880	71,488	0.3
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	May	22.6	121.0	9.1
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	May	97.8	651.2	11.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	May	52.2	267.4	10.4
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports (\$ million)	June	2,657	15,109	23.2
Imports (\$ million)	June	2,695	14,774	30.7
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	May	150.4	727.7	-2.8
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	June	1,247	7,299	0.2
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	421	1,721	20.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May	6,819P	31,370	20.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	699	2,606	10.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	3,997	16,676	13.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	4,351	17,158	29.9

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

## Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports



Source: Summary of Foreign Trade (85-001)

### Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in June at \$412.6 million showed a rise of 14.5% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions.

Department store sales by regions in the latest month, with percentage increases from June 1973:

- Ontario, \$158.5 million (13.6%); Quebec, \$79.0 million (14.2%); British Columbia, \$64.8 million (14.6%); Alberta, \$49.4 million (18.6%); the Atlantic provinces, \$25.6 million (11.7%); Manitoba, \$25.2 million (11.9%); and Saskatchewan, \$10.1 million (25.3%).

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

### Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Security transactions with non-residents during March led to a net capital inflow of \$46 million, an increase of \$7 million from the February net inflow of \$39 million.

Transactions between Canada and the rest of the world in all types of long-term portfolio securities during the first quarter resulted in a net capital inflow of \$665 million, an increase of \$289 million over \$376 million in the fourth quarter of 1973.

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

### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, June  
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### Air Carrier Financial Statements, 1973

Gross operating revenues of Canadian air carriers in 1973 rose to \$1.25 billion, an increase of 18.7% from the year before. Operating expenses more than kept pace, however, jumping 19.9% to \$1.17 billion.

Net income after taxes was \$23.9 million in the latest year compared with \$22.9 million in 1972. Of the 1973 net income total, \$19.1 million was reported by Canada's seven scheduled carriers (Air Canada, CP Air, Pacific Western Airlines, Transair, Nordair, Quebecair and Eastern Provincial Airways).

Canadian air carriers paid salaries, wages and personnel expenses totalling \$449 million in 1973, up 21.7% from 1972.

For further information, order *Air Carrier Financial Statements, 1973* (51-206, \$1.05).

### Summary of Exports

Canada's seasonally-adjusted June exports were estimated at \$2.56 billion, down 4.7% from the high rate of May.

On an unadjusted basis, merchandise exports in June at \$2.66 billion were up 19.3% from \$2.23 billion a year earlier.

Shipments to the United States rose 15.8% to \$1.78 billion. Deliveries of crude petroleum (including the export tax) increased by \$213 million to reach \$333 million and accounted for some 88% of the over-all rise in exports to the U.S. Overseas exports advanced 27.2% to \$876.7 million with wheat shipments (up by \$71 million) representing almost 40% of the rise.

Total exports for the first half of 1974 were \$15.11 billion, up 23.2% from \$12.26 billion in the January-June 1973 period.

Exports to the United States rose 18.1% to \$10.17 billion. Deliveries of crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products were up by \$1 billion and those of pulp and newsprint higher by \$300 million. However, exports of automotive and related products decreased by \$200 million and lumber deliveries were \$170 million lower.

Overseas exports increased 35.1% to \$4.94 billion with wheat and other crude and fabricated materials accounting for nine-tenths of the rise.

Average export prices in the first half of 1974 were more than a third above the level for the corresponding period in 1973. Allowing for these price changes, the volume of exports declined 8% in the latest period.

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

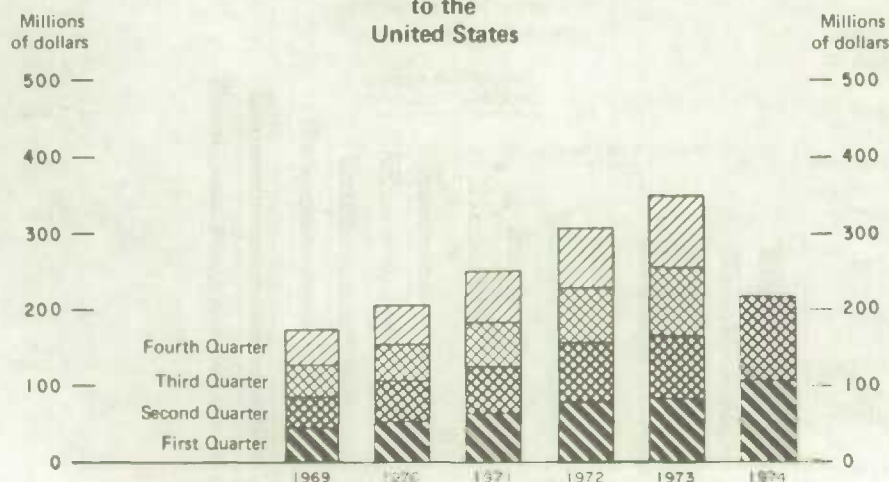
### Coal and Coke Statistics

Coal production in May at 1.73 million tons showed a decrease of 6.7% from May 1973. Imports dropped to 1.87 million tons from 2.54 million tons.

Industrial consumers used 1.04 million tons of coal (down 14.6% from a year earlier) and 481,402 tons of coke (down 3.7%) in the latest month.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4) or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 a year).

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of Exports (65-002)



### Summary of Imports

Canadian merchandise imports in June rose to a record seasonally-adjusted level of \$2.64 billion, up 4.9% from the previous month.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, imports in June at \$2.70 billion were up \$704 million (35.4%) from a year earlier.

Purchases from the United States advanced by 26.1% to \$1.80 billion with the most notable increases registered for aircraft and aircraft parts (up \$38 million), motor vehicles and parts (up \$23 million) and coal (up \$19 million). Imports from other countries increased by 58.6% to \$899.7 million. Crude petroleum purchases rose to \$223.9 million from \$61.7 million a year earlier and represented almost half of the rise in the import bill from overseas countries.

At \$14.77 billion, total imports for the first half of 1974 were 30.7% above \$11.30 billion in the corresponding period in 1973.

Purchases from the United States rose 26.2% to \$10.23 billion. Featured prominently in this increase were machinery and equipment (up \$600 million), and automotive and related products (up \$260 million); increases ranging from \$100 to \$150 million were recorded for forestry products, steel materials and chemicals. Overseas imports were up 42.1% to \$4.54 billion with purchases of crude petroleum (up \$780 million) representing almost 60% of the increase.

Average import prices in the first half of 1974 were up about 25% from the corresponding period last year; allowing for this, import volume showed a 4% increase in the latest period.

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

### Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for April amounted to 1.92 million barrels per day, down 1.9% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 9.70 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, an increase of 0.6% from April 1973.

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

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### Merchandise Trade Balance

Canada's seasonally-adjusted merchandise trade balance shifted to a deficit of \$79 million in June from a surplus of \$172 million in May. Exports were estimated at \$2.56 billion in the latest month, while imports totalled \$2.64 billion.

On a quarterly basis, the trade balance declined to a surplus of \$233 million in the second quarter of 1974 compared with a \$358 million surplus in the first quarter.

And the total \$591 million surplus for the first half of this year is well below the \$1.19 billion surplus recorded in the first half of 1973.

### Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 21.7 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in June, a drop of 4.1% from June 1973. Cars loaded were down 3.7% to 362,323.

Commodities registering notable tonnage decreases in the latest month included: sand and gravel (-44.8%); logs, poles and other forest products (-37.5%); containers-on-flat-cars (-21.2%); coal (-16.0%); and wheat (-15.5%). Potash loadings increased 31.7%.

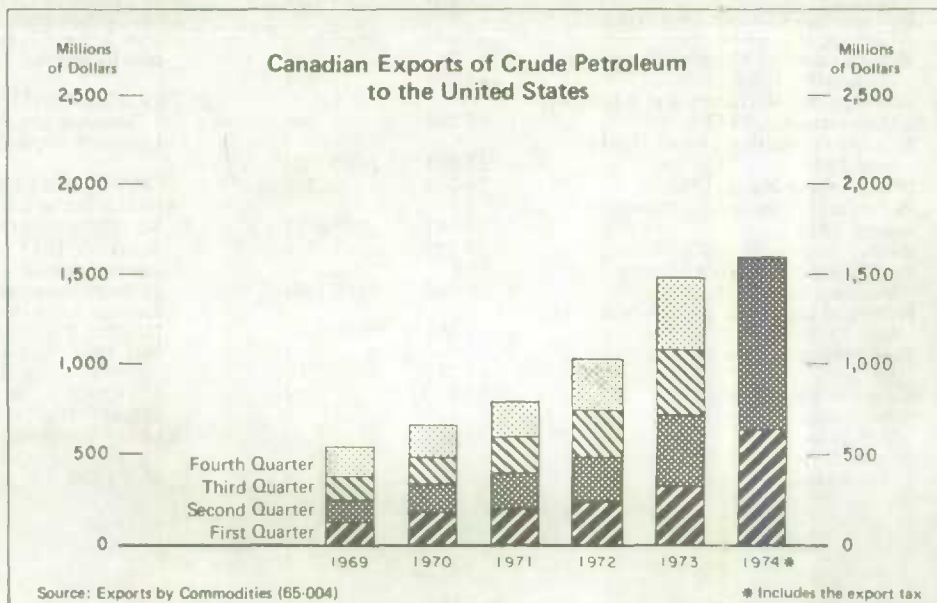
For the first six months of 1974, revenue carload freight loadings totalled 116.5 million tons, a decline of 1.0% from the January-June period in 1973. Cumulatively, C.O.F.C. tonnage decreased 24.6%, fertilizers 19.9% and sand and gravel 18.5%. Potash loadings were up 27.7%.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3).

### Canadian University Tuition Fees

Now available is Statistics Canada's new publication that provides condensed information on typical tuition and other academic fees for Canadian universities, costs at university-operated residences, general sources of information and details of the Canada Student Loans Plan.

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