## Labour Income

Total labour income for June was estimated at $\$ 6.32$ billion, up $15.3 \%$ from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the Junc estimate of $\$ 6.10$ billion showed an increase of $0.3 \%$ from the May level. Wages and salaries in the serviceproducing industries advanced by $0.6 \%$, while those in the goods-producing industries - reflecting the effects of industrial disputes in forestry and construction declined by $0.2 \%$.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, 40d/\$4). or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067). Labour Division, Staristics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

## Retail Prices and Living Costs

The Consumer Price Index for Canada (CPI) advanced $20.4 \%$ in the two-year period ending June 1974, thus recording the fastest sustained rate of price change in over twenty years. In contrast, the average June to June rate of change in the ten-year period ending June 1972 was abollt $3 \%$.

Almost half of the over-all increase in the CPI in the past two years was attributable to a $37 \%$ rise in food prices.

However, a feature of price trends during the latest period has been the continued acceleration of price change at the All-Itenis level.

For further information, order the Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin (62-005. $\$ 2.80$ a year). Vol. 3. No. 4. Consumer Price Trends, Jume 1972.74.

## Snowmobile Accidents

There were 127 deaths resulting from snowmobile accidents during the winter of 1973-74, the same as in the previous winter. The number of accidents causing these deaths was down to 109 from 119.

There were 81 people killed in collisions with motor vehieles, trains, wires, fences and other objects - unchanged from the winter of 1972-73 - and 54 of these met their deaths after dark.

For further information, order Road Transport Service Bulletin (53-006, \$3.80 a year). Vol. 4, No. 2, Snowmobile Accidents. Canada. Winter of 1973-74.

| LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS |  |  | (hange From <br> Previous <br> Year Ago |  |
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| EMPLOYMENT, INCOME |  | Month | Month | \% |
| Average Weekly Earnings (\$) | June | 177.28p | 175.33P | 10.3 |
| labour Income ( $\$$ million) | May | 6,120p | 5.921 P | 15.0 |
| Persons with Jobs (million) | July | 9.68 | 9.40 | 4.8 |
| Unemployed . . . . . | July | 465,000 | 469,000 | 0.9 |
| INVENTORIES |  |  |  |  |
| Department Store (\$ million) | June | 1,244 | 1,360 | 24.7 |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) | June | 12,389P | 12,152 ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | 27.1 |
| Wholesale (\$ million) . . . . . . | June | 5,649 | 5,366 | 28.4 |
| ORDERS 28.4 |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million) | June | 6,775p | 7,154 | 18.9 |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million) | June | 9,154P | $9.045{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 48.7 |
| PRICES |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Price Index (1961=100) | July | 168.0 | 166.7 | 11.3 |
| Industry Selling Price Index ( $1961=100$ ) | June | 169.3 | 167.9 r | 20.1 |
| Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100) | June | 452.3 | 453.3 r | 23.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION |  |  | Year-t | -to-date |
| 13uilding Permits (\$ million) | May | 1,1539 | 3,867 | 27.1 |
| Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) | June | 19,528 | 91.016 | -1.3 |
| ENERGY |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity Generation (billion K wh.) | June | 20.9 | 142.0 | - 8.1 |
| Gas Utilities' Sales (billion $\mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}$.) . . | June | 80.5 | 731.7 | $7 \quad 10.2$ |
| Petroleum Refining (miltion barrels) | June | 56.6 | 323.6 | 6 11.2 |
| FOREIGN TRADE |  |  |  |  |
| Exports (\$ million) | July | 2,748 | 17,932 | 24.7 |
| Imports (\$ million) | July | 2,735 | 17,526 | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 32.8\end{array}$ |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |
| Motor Vehicles (thousand units) | June | 128.3 | 856.0 | 9-5.8 |
| Stcel (ingots - thousand tons). | July | 1,206 | 8.447 | -0.9 |
| SAIES |  |  |  |  |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) | June | 413 | 2,133 | 319.1 |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) | June | 6,666 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 38.089 | - 20.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million) | June | 596 | 3,201 | 19.8 |
| Retail Sales ( $\$$ million) | June | 3,761 | 20,437 | 73.6 |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) | June | 3,939 | 21,097 | 730.5 |
| Stotistics are not seasonally adjusted. P. preliminary. r. revised. |  |  |  |  |



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Major Appliances
Canadian manulacturers' domestic sales of major appliances in June ran below year-earlier levels.

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

- Refrigerators - 56,325 (-5.5\%); home and farm freezers $-26,911(-24.4 \%)$.
- Stoves and ranges $-52,592(-0.2 \%)$.
- Automatic washing machines $-25,242$ ( $-27.2 \%$ ); electric and gas clothes dryers - $21,709(-20.8 \%)$.
- Television sets $-58,641(-11.7 \%)$.

Manufacturers' sales in June of 45,332 Canadian-made colour television sets reflected a decrease of $0.3 \%$ from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped $36.5 \%$ to 13,309 .

For further information. order the June 1974 issues of: Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, 15d $/ \$ 1.50$ ); Stoves and Furnaces (41.005, 30d/83), Domestic Washing Mochines and Clothes Dryers (43-002, 15d/\$1.50); and Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004. 30d/\$3).

## Railway Operating Statistics

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled $\$ 196.2$ million for June, an increase of $12.4 \%$ from a year earlier. Railway expenses showed an $18.6 \%$ rise to $\$ 198.6$ million, however, and a deficit of $\$ 2.4$ million was incurred for the month compared with a net income of $\$ 7.2$ million in June 1973.

Revenue freight ton-miles were up $5.4 \%$ to 12.1 billion in the latest month while passenger-miles increased $0.2 \%$ to 176.5 million.

For the first six months of 1974 , the railways reported net income of $\$ 7.1$ million, down $85.9 \%$ from January-June 1973.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52.003, 304/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Tramsportation and Communications Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa Kla ovs.

## International Travel

Preliminary statistics for June show that 4.1 million U.S. visitors entered Canada during the month ( $5.3 \%$ fewer than in June 1973), while the number of Canadian travellers returning from visits to the United States rose by $4.0 \%$ to 2.9 million.

Travellers from countries other than the U.S. increased by $12.6 \%$ to 158,000 and Canadian travellers re-entering from countries other than the U.S. numbered 95,000 , up $0.2 \%$ from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of Travel Between Canada and Other Countries ( $66-001,55 d / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottowa KIA OZ8.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

## Advance Statistics of Education,

 197475 ( $81-220,704$ )This fall, $6,137,000$ students are expected in Canada's schools $-84,000$ or $1.4 \%$ fewer than last year.

All of the decrease will be in clementary schools, where a $3.4 \%$ drop to 3.40 million students reflects the very low birthrate of the past decade. Secondary school enrolment will likely edge up slightly ( $0.1 \%$ ) to $1,807,000$. Still benefiting from the higher birthrates of the late 1950's and early $1960^{\circ}$ s, and further bolstered by the trend toward higher education, university enrolment will swell $3 \%$ to 342,000 and that of colleges by $6.6 \%$ to 225,000 .

Full-time teaching staff will decrease by about 3,400 teachers ( $1.3 \%$ ) to 265,000 in elementary and secondary schools, but will increase by $1,600(3.6 \%)$ to 47,400 in the post-secondary institutions.

Total costs for $1974-75$ are expected to increase by $\$ 890$ million ( $9.3 \%$ ) to $\$ 10.5$ billion. Costs of elementary and secondary education will rise $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 6.9$ billion, and those at post-secondary level by $10.6 \%$ to $\$ 2.9$ billion.


## Sumunary of Exports

Canada's seasonally-adjusted July exports were estimated at $\$ 2.69$ billion, up $4.3 \%$ from June.

On an unadjusted basis, merchandise exports in July at $\$ 2.75$ billion were up $29.9 \%$ from $\$ 2.11$ billion a year earlier.

Shipments to the United States rose $24.4 \%$ to $\$ 1.70$ billion. Deliveries of crude petroleum (including the export tax) increased by $\$ 162$ million to reach $\$ 279$ million and accounted for almost one-half of the over-all rise in exports to the U.S. Overseas exports advanced $40.0 \%$ to $\$ 1.05$ billion with wheat shipments (up by $\$ 113$ million) representing about one-third of the rise.

Total exports for the first seven months of 1974 were $\$ 17.93$ billion, up $24.7 \%$ from $\$ 14.38$ billion in the January-July 1973 period.

Exports to the United States rose $19.1 \%$ to $\$ 11.88$ billion. Deliveries of crude oil (now levelling off), natural gas and petroleum products accounted for two-thirds of the rise in exports to the U.S. so far this year, and pulp and newsprint were responsible for about one-fifth. However, exports of automotive and related products declined by $\$ 240$ million and lumber deliveries were $\$ 190$ million lower.

Overseas exports increased $37.4 \%$ to $\$ 6.05$ billion with wheat, copper ore and metal, lumber, pulp, paper and petroleum products making up seven-tenths of the rise.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of Summary of Exports 165.002, 30 (/\$3).

## Residential Building Construction Input Price Index <br> (1971 = 10 ( 1 )

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 137.9 in July, an increase of $1.1 \%$ from the previous month's level and up $11.5 \%$ from a year earlier.

Over the twelve months from July 1973, prices of building materials used in residential construction rose $12.0 \%$; labour costs moved up $10.6 \%$.

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

- Atlantic provinces, 14.8\%; British Columbia, 14.5\%; Prairie Provinces,
$11.5 \%$ : Ontario, $11.0 \%$; and Quebec, $9.7 \%$ 。
For futher information, order the July 1974 issue of Construction Price Statistics Service Bulletin ( $62-006, \$ 4.20$ a ycar), or contact R.J. Lowe (613-996-2565), Prices Division, Statisrics Canada, Ottawa Kla OVS.


## Summary of Imports

Canadian imports in July at a seasonally. adjusted $\$ 2.71$ billion were up $2.7 \%$ from the previous month.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, imports in July totalled $\$ 2.74$ billion, an increase of $\$ 844$ million ( $44.6 \%$ ) from a year earlier.

Purchases from the United States advanced by $35.3 \%$ to $\$ 1.73$ billion. Imports from other countries increased by $64.0 \%$ to $\$ 1.00$ billion. Crude petroleum purchases rose to $\$ 246$ million from $\$ 86$ million a year earlier and represented about two-fifths of the increase in the import bill from overseas countries.

Total imports for the first seven months of 1974 at $\$ 17.53$ billion were up $32.8 \%$ from $\$ 13.20$ billion in JanuaryJuly 1973. The rise in value exceeded the price increase of $26 \%$.

Purchases from the United States rose $27.4 \%$ to $\$ 11.96$ billion. Automotive and related products, machinery and equipment, and fabricated materials including metals, chemicals, fabricated wood and lextiles posted large increases. Crude oil purchases made up $54 \%$ of the rise in the value of imports from overseas countries.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of Summary of Imports (65.005. 304/\$3).

## The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-June period of the current crop year amounted to $1,639.9$ million bushels, a decrease of $16 \%$ from deliveries in 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, $1,036.5(1,124.3)$; Canada, 372.3 (517.8); Australia, 187.8 (193.7); and Argentina, 43.3 (122.5).

Wheat supplies held by the four traditional major exporters at July 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 970.9 million bushels, up fractionally from a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: Canada, 456.9 (424.2); United States, 218.0 (438.5); Australia, 181.7 (50.7); and Argentina, $1 \mid 4.3$ (56.6).
for further information, order the July 1974 issue of the Wheat Review (22-005, 40 (184).

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## Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported a combined operating loss of $\$ 11.0$ million in April as compared with total operating income of $\$ 4.1$ million earned in April 1973. (Traffic was disrupted by a strike of airport fire fighters with airports affected by the dispute closed to aircraft larger than the DC-9 or Boeing 737.)

Operating revenues rose $3.3 \%$ to $\$ 82.8$ million in the latest month; operating expenses jumped $23.3 \%$ to $\$ 93.8$ million.

The seven major air carriers reported that passenger-miles for all services totalled $1,067.2$ million in April, down from $1,121.4$ million a year earlier. Goods ton-miles for all services declined to 34.2 million from 37.8 million.

For further information, order the Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bullerin (51-004. $\$ 4.20$ a year), Vol. 6, No. 45, Civil Aviation, April 1974.

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## Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 22.3 million tons of revenue carload freight handled in July, an increase of $5.0 \%$ from July 1973. Car usage also was up $5.0 \%$ to 363,885 units.

Commodities showing notable tonnage increases in the latest month included: copper-nickel ores (up $38.0 \%$ ); potash (33.3\%); pulpwood (31.8\%); coal (23.5\%); and other grains ( $14.4 \%$ ). Sand, gravel and crushed stone loadings declined $26.5 \%$.

For the first seven months of 1974 , revenue carload freight loadings totalled 138.7 million tons, off fractionally from the January-July period in 1973. Cumulatively, C.O.F.C. tonnage dropped $21.5 \%$, sand, gravel and crushed stone $20.5 \%$, fertilizers $18.7 \%$ and gypsum $14.7 \%$. Potash loadings rose $28.2 \%$ and copper-nickel ores $23.2 \%$.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of Railway Carloadings (52.001, 30\$/83). or contact J.R. Slattery 1613. 996-9276). Transportation and Communications Division, Statisfics Caneda, Ottowa K1A OVS.

## Housing Starts

Housing construction declined in June as 19,528 starts were recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared with 20,946 a year earlier.

Ontario registered the greatest number of starts in the latest month $(9,568)$, followed by Quebec (3,111), British Columbia $(2,353)$, Alberta $(1,904)$, Manitoba (1,021), Saskatchewan (479), Nova Scotia (389), New Brunswick (356), Newfoundland (319) and Prince Edward Island (28).

For the first six months of 1974, housing starts in urban centres totalled 91,016 , down 1.3 from 92,222 recorded in January-June 1973.

For further informution, order the June 1974 issue of Housing Starts and Completions (64-002. 406/\$4).

## Sales of Alcoholic Beverages, 1972

Sales of alcoholic beverages reached $\$ 2.34$ billion in the year ended March 31 , 1973, an increase of $11.3 \%$ from the previous year. Sales volume rose to 448.7 million gallons from 424.4 million.

Provincial government revenue from the sales increased $13.3 \%$ to $\$ 744$ million in the latest year; federal government receipts were up $5.9 \%$ to $\$ 500$ million.

Further information will be contained in The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Conada, 1972 (63-202, 70d). Advance details nusy be obrained from Miss M.E. Lindsay (013-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K/A OT6.

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