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Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$5.61 billion for the first seven months of 1974, up 61.0% from \$3.48 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-July 1973 figures in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$1.76 billion (\$770.6 million); Ontario, \$1.25 billion (\$1.02 billion); Alberta, \$1.10 billion (\$618.1 million); Quebec, \$587.7 million (\$488.9 million); Manitoba, \$549.0 million (\$290.7 million); British Columbia, \$189.7 million (\$142.6 million); New Brunswick, \$65.2 million (\$57.0 million); Prince Edward Island, \$58.7 million (\$43.0 million); and Nova Scotia, \$53.6 million (\$47.0 million).

For further information, order the January-July 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.

Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies

In the second quarter of 1974 there were on average 98,700 vacancies for full-time jobs in Canada, an increase of 18,700 (23%) from the first quarter and 19,700 (25%) from the second quarter of 1973.

All five economic regions showed increases from the previous quarter: Prairies (up 7,500); Ontario (up 6,200); Quebec (up 2,300); Atlantic (up 1,500); and Pacific (up 1,300). In the year-to-year comparison, the Prairies (up 9,700) and Ontario (up 8,600) accounted for 93% of the over-all vacancy increase.

Three-quarters of the 18,700 additional vacancies in the second quarter originated in blue-collar occupations, most of them in three categories — service occupations (up 5,300), product fabricating (up 2,700) and construction occupations (up 2,100).

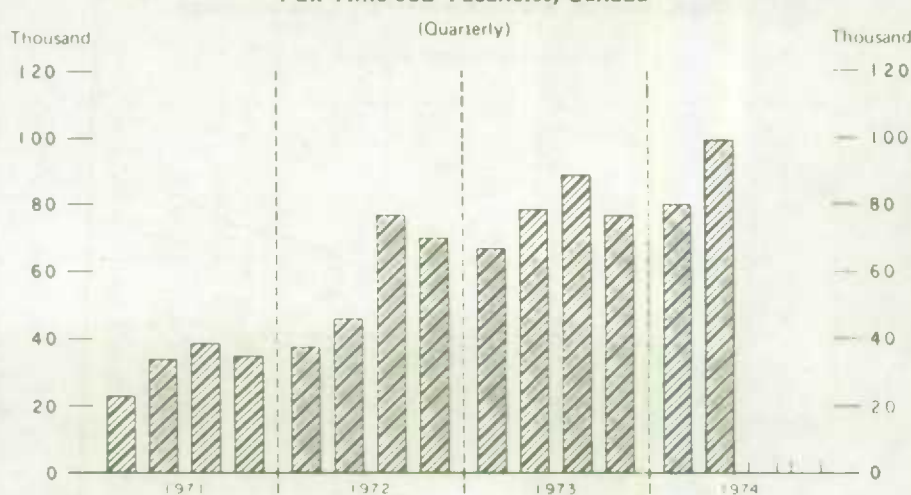
For further information, order *Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, Second Quarter 1974* (71-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), Job Vacancy Survey Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

| | | Latest Month | Previous Month | Change From Year Ago % |
|---|------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| EMPLOYMENT, INCOME | | | | |
| Average Weekly Earnings (\$) | June | 177.28P | 175.33P | 10.3 |
| Labour Income (\$ million) | June | 6,317P | 6,157P | 15.3 |
| Persons with Jobs (million) | Aug. | 9.71 | 9.68 | 5.1 |
| Unemployed | Aug. | 447,000 | 465,000 | 3.2 |
| INVENTORIES | | | | |
| Department Store (\$ million) | June | 1,244 | 1,360 | 24.7 |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) | June | 12,389P | 12,152P | 27.1 |
| Wholesale (\$ million) | June | 5,649 | 5,366 | 28.4 |
| ORDERS | | | | |
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million) | June | 6,775P | 7,154P | 18.9 |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million) | June | 9,154P | 9,045P | 48.7 |
| PRICES | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1961=100) | Aug. | 169.6 | 168.0 | 10.8 |
| Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100) | July | 172.7 | 169.9P | 20.8 |
| Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100) | July | 462.5 | 452.5P | 23.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | |
| Building Permits (\$ million) | May | 1,153P | 3,867 | 27.1 |
| Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units) | July | 16,095 | 107,111 | -7.0 |
| ENERGY | | | | |
| Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.) | July | 21.3 | 163.3 | 7.4 |
| Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.) | June | 80.5 | 731.7 | 10.2 |
| Petroleum Refining (million barrels) | June | 56.6 | 323.6 | 11.2 |
| FOREIGN TRADE | | | | |
| Exports (\$ million) | July | 2,748 | 17,932 | 24.7 |
| Imports (\$ million) | July | 2,735 | 17,526 | 32.8 |
| PRODUCTION | | | | |
| Motor Vehicles (thousand units) | July | 92.7 | 948.7 | -5.3 |
| Steel (ingots — thousand tons) | July | 1,206 | 8,447 | -0.9 |
| SALES | | | | |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) | July | 378 | 2,511 | 19.3 |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) | June | 6,666P | 38,089 | 20.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million) | July | 534 | 3,735 | 13.2 |
| Retail Sales (\$ million) | June | 3,761 | 20,437 | 13.6 |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) | June | 3,939 | 21,097 | 30.5 |

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

Full-Time Job Vacancies, Canada



Source: Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies (71 002)

The Labour Force

Employment increased to an estimated 9.71 million persons in August from 9.68 million in July and 9.24 million a year earlier.

Unemployment declined to 447,000 last month from 465,000 in July but was up from 433,000 in August 1973.

The total labour force numbered 10.15 million in the latest month compared with 9.67 million a year earlier.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, employment increased by a substantial 83,000, reaching a level of 9.25 million in August.

However, the seasonally-adjusted national participation rate increased to 58.9 from 58.1 in July.

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate moved up to 5.3 in August from 5.1 in the previous month. Provincially, the unemployment rate was unchanged in Saskatchewan and Alberta, while it declined in New Brunswick and increased in the other provinces. August rates, with July in brackets: Newfoundland, 17.6 (16.9); New Brunswick, 7.3 (9.1); Nova Scotia, 7.0 (6.1); Quebec, 6.8 (6.7); British Columbia, 6.5 (6.1); Ontario, 4.4 (4.0); Manitoba, 2.9 (1.9); Alberta, 2.7 (2.7); and Saskatchewan, 2.2 (2.2).

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

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THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, June

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, August

Consumer Credit, July

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, July

Real Domestic Product, July

Retail Trade, July

Summary of Foreign Trade, August

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 1.0% to 169.6 in August from 168.0 in July.

Though increases were recorded for all major components, most of the latest month's advance was due to a 1.4% rise in the food index and a 0.9% increase in housing. The transportation index went up 0.6% and that for recreation, education and reading rose 1.0%. The health and personal care element advanced 1.5%, clothing prices rose 0.5% and tobacco and alcohol went up 0.8%.

Between August 1973 and August 1974, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 10.8%.

During this period, the following index increases were recorded:

- Food, up 14.3%; clothing, 10.8%; transportation, 10.5%; recreation, education and reading, 10.3%; health and personal care, 9.5%; housing, 9.4%; and tobacco and alcohol, 6.2%.

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

Balance of Payments on Travel

Preliminary estimates for the first half of 1974 show Canada earned \$545 million from international travel compared with \$490 million in January-June 1973. But Canadian resident spending in the first six months totalled \$1.0 billion, up from \$868 million a year earlier, and the travel account deficit rose to \$461 million from \$378 million.

Canadian receipts from international travel comprised \$420 million earned from the United States and \$125 million from overseas countries.

Canadian resident payments to the United States totalled \$639 million, up 13% from 1973. Estimated Canadian spending abroad at \$367 million showed a 21% rise from last year.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing climbed to 172.7 in July, an increase of 1.7% from the previous month's level and up 20.8% from a year earlier.

The food and beverages group advanced 1.9% with the slaughtering and meat packing industry up 3.4%. Price jumps amounting to 9.5% in the corrugated paper box industry were mainly responsible for a rise of 8.0% in the paper and allied products group. The chemical products group moved up 3.2%, reflecting higher prices by manufacturers of mixed fertilizers.

The miscellaneous manufacturers group dipped 2.7% as prices in the jewellery and silverware industry dropped 4.6%. Prices in the sawmill and planing mills industry eased 1.6%, bringing a slight decline in the wood products group.

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

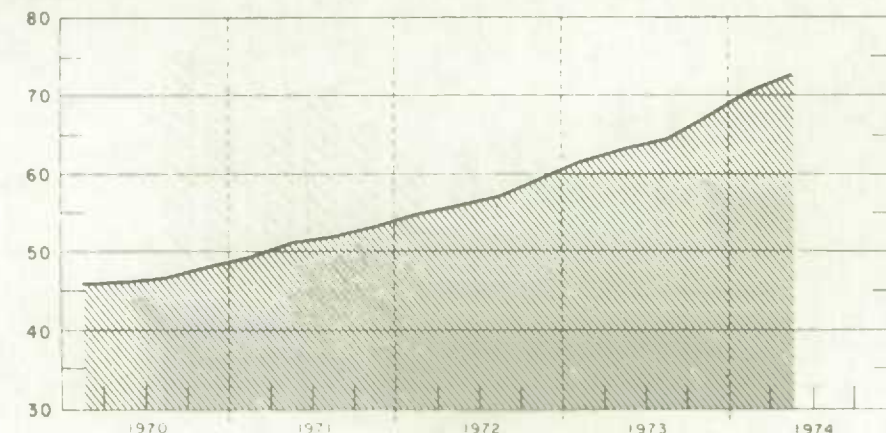
- Petroleum and coal products industries, 45.0%; paper and allied industries, 38.7%; chemical and chemical products industries, 33.6%; textile industries, 27.6%; and primary metal industries, 24.7%.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-992-8270), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wages, Salaries, and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates

Billions of Dollars



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

Index Number of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

(1961=100)

The July index number of farm prices of agricultural products for Canada at 214.3 showed an increase of 0.9% from 212.4 (revised) in June.

Higher prices were recorded in the latest month for grains, livestock and dairy products while poultry, eggs and potato prices declined.

Over the twelve months from July 1973, the index has recorded an advance of 19.1%.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 3.1% in July to 21.3 billion kilowatt hours from 20.7 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Net generation was up in nine regions in the latest month but decreased in British Columbia (-19.4%), New Brunswick (-14.7%) and Saskatchewan (-1.9%). The largest increases were recorded in Newfoundland (47.3%) and the Yukon (28.3%).

Hydro generation increased 7.7% in July; thermal production dropped 10.5%.

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

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$161.9 million in July, an increase of 10.2% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for July, by province and with percentage increases from July 1973:

- Ontario, \$61.7 million (9.5%); Quebec, \$47.7 million (10.1%); British Columbia, \$16.8 million (12.5%); Alberta, \$14.5 million (12.1%); Manitoba, \$7.7 million (7.7%); Saskatchewan, \$4.6 million (12.6%); Nova Scotia, \$3.9 million (8.5%); New Brunswick, \$3.0 million (6.0%); Newfoundland, \$1.6 million (12.0%); and Prince Edward Island, \$515,000 (11.7%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first seven months of 1974 totalled an estimated \$981.0 million, up 10.4% from January-July 1973.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

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General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 2.2% in July to 462.5 from 452.5 in June to stand 23.2% above the July 1973 level of 375.3. All eight major group indexes showed increases.

The wood products group index climbed 4.4% in July; wood pulp prices jumped 13.2% in the month and were up 63.0% from a year earlier. Price increases for sulphur, tumblers and coke contributed to a 2.8% advance for non-metallic minerals.

The animal products group moved 2.6% higher on price advances for cured meats, livestock and hides and skins.

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

- Non-metallic minerals, 35.0%; vegetable products, 32.3%; textile products, 29.7%; non-ferrous metals, 28.7%; iron products, 26.4%; chemical products, 21.1%; wood products, 16.5%, and animal products, 9.2%.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (Correction)

Between July 1973 and July 1974, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities, with increases as follows: St. John's, 13.9%; Vancouver, 12.2%; Montreal, 11.7%; Quebec City, 11.7%; Winnipeg, 11.3%; Ottawa, 11.1%; Thunder Bay, 11.0%; Edmonton-Calgary, 10.9%; Toronto, 10.8%; Saint John, 10.8%; Halifax, 10.4%; and Saskatoon-Regina, 9.5%.

Housing Starts

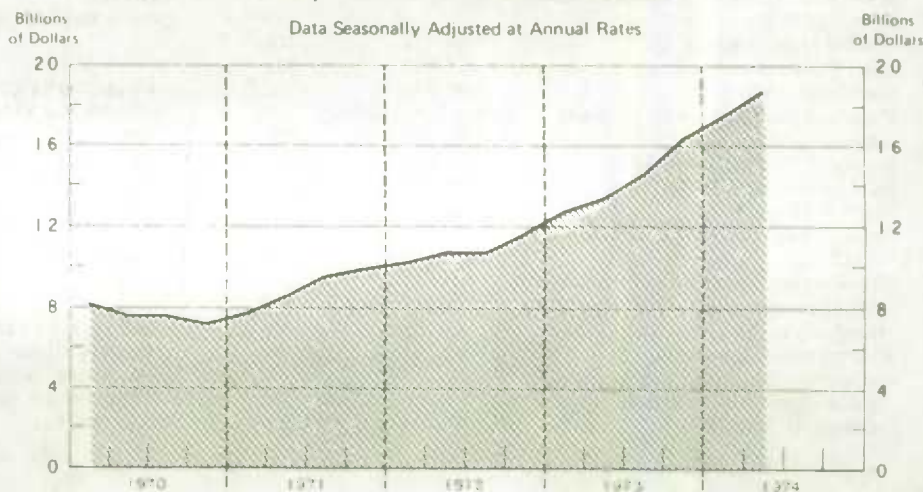
New residential construction declined in July as 16,095 starts were recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared with 22,417 a year earlier.

Ontario registered the greatest number of starts in the latest month (6,473), followed by Quebec (3,638), British Columbia (2,173), Alberta (1,165), Nova Scotia (660), Manitoba (590), Saskatchewan (573), New Brunswick (540), Newfoundland (262) and Prince Edward Island (21).

For the first seven months of 1974, housing starts in urban centres totalled 107,111 units, down 7.0% from January-July 1973.

For further information, order the July 1974 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)



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

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