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Labour Income

Total labour income for November was estimated at \$6.57 billion, up 16.9% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the November estimate of \$6.54 billion showed an increase of 0.8% from the October level. Wages and salaries in the service-producing industries advanced by 1.2%, while those in the goods-producing industries were little changed from the previous month.

For further information, order the November 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.

Housing Starts

New residential construction slumped in December as housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over showed a 45.8% drop to 9,358 units from 17,255 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with December 1973 figures in brackets: Ontario, 3,840 (6,483); Quebec, 2,285 (4,413); British Columbia, 1,331 (3,908); Alberta, 804 (1,206); Nova Scotia, 356 (394); Saskatchewan, 305 (242); Manitoba, 168 (340); New Brunswick, 143 (159); Newfoundland, 122 (84); and Prince Edward Island, 4 (26).

In 1974, housing starts in urban centres totalled 169,437 units, down 19.9% from 211,543 in 1973.

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

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 53.5 million barrels of refined petroleum products in November, an increase of 2.0% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 49.6 million barrels in the latest month showed a decrease of 8.0% from November 1973.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov. 187.92P	187.10P	13.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Nov. 6,572P	6,609P	16.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Dec. 9.12	9.19	3.8
Unemployed	Dec. 597,000	493,000	16.6
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Nov. 1,562	1,576	28.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov. 13,802P	13,618P	33.5
Wholesale (\$ million)	Nov. 5,818	5,897	32.7
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 7,316P	7,662P	16.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 10,327P	10,234P	40.6
PRICES			
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Dec. 175.8	174.1	12.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Nov. 182.4	179.7P	21.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Nov. 490.9	478.1P	20.1
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov. 576.4P	Year-to-date 8,711	10.1
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Dec. 9,358	169,437	-19.9
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Nov. 2,240	20,924	1.7
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Nov. 23.9	253.7	6.9
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Sept. 253.7	2,537	-0.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Nov. 53.5	587.8	5.1
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,676	31,946	26.3
Imports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,756	31,527	35.3
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov. 143.7	1,430.1	-3.9
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	Dec. 1,246	14,783	1.6
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 545	4,326	18.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov. 7,222P	72,665	21.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 408	5,576	10.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 3,994	39,258	14.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 3,705	39,965	28.0

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



Summary of Imports

Following an increase of 24.8% in 1973, Canada's imports expanded by 35.3% to \$31.53 billion in 1974.

Imports from the United States rose 28.6% to \$21.21 billion, the increase representing 57% of the total advance in imports. Imports from Latin America more than doubled and those from "other countries" increased 81%, mostly due to higher prices for crude oil and raw sugar. Imports from Japan and the original EEC group were each larger in 1974 by some \$400 million.

The import increased of \$4.72 billion from the U.S. was distributed over a large number of commodities. Major increases were shown for: machinery (up \$700 million); motor vehicles (up \$450 million); "equipment and tools" (up \$450 million); organic chemicals (up \$200 million); and plastics (up \$200 million).

The most prominent commodity contributing to the rise in the value of imports in 1974 from overseas countries was crude oil, which alone increased \$1.70 billion. Raw sugar imports rose approximately \$230 million.

The proportion of end products in Canada's imports declined in 1974 to 60.5% from 67% in the preceding year. The shares of crude and fabricated materials expanded, respectively, from 13% to 16.5%, and from 20% to 22.5%.

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

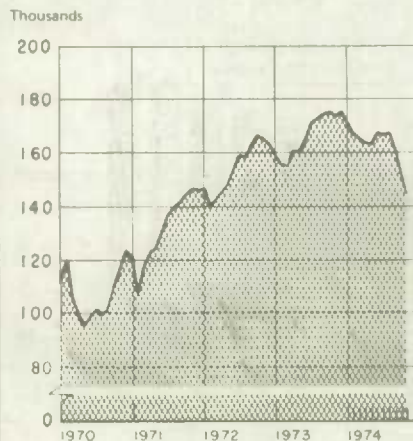
The Dairy Review

Milk production in Canada in 1974 totalled 16.63 billion pounds, down 1.2% from the 1973 figure.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4).

Dwelling Units Under Construction

(in centres 10,000 population and over)



Source: Housing Starts and Completions (64-002)

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, January

Department Store Sales by Regions, December

General Wholesale Price Index, December

New Motor Vehicle Sales, December

The Labour Force, January

Radio Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air time sales were \$5.40 million in November, down 6.9% from October. Gross local sales were up 0.4% to \$12.96 million.

Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.58 million and local sales to \$12.41 million in the latest month.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *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.

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$69.7 million in November, an increase of 8.6% from November 1973.

Gross operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone companies rose 13.1% to \$208.4 million in the latest month; operating expenses were up 15.5% to \$138.7 million.

Construction expenditures of the firms at \$141.1 million in November showed an increase of 41.5% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 1, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, November 1974.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for November show 1.8 million United States visitors entered Canada, up 1.2% from a year earlier. Canadian resident travelers returning from visits to the U.S. increased 4.2% to 2.0 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. rose 0.4% to 52,800 while residents of Canada returning from abroad numbered 74,900, up 10.2% from November 1973.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 18.0 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in December, down 0.2% from a year earlier.

Tonnage of phosphate rock carried was more than double that of December 1973. Other commodities showing notable increases included: sulphur (up 36.4%); and copper-nickel ores (up 33.2%). Shipments of lumber dropped 41.2% and pulpwood chips were off 34.1%.

Total carload traffic carried in 1974 amounted to 242.3 million tons, an increase of 1.4% over the 1973 figure. Commodities showing the largest increases in terms of tons loaded were: copper-nickel ores and concentrates (up 37.8%); potash (up 25.3%); and sulphur (up 21.5%). Sand, gravel and crushed stone loadings were 19.9% below the 1973 level.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

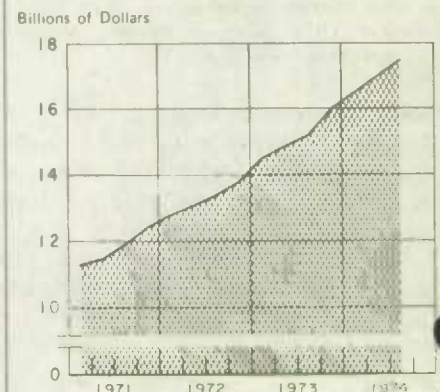
Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (Correction)

Between December 1973 and December 1974, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities, with increases as follows: Vancouver, 14.0%; Winnipeg, 13.8%; St. John's, 13.3%; Toronto, 12.9%; Thunder Bay, 12.9%; Saskatoon-Regina, 12.3%; Edmonton-Calgary, 12.2%; Montreal, 12.0%; Quebec City, 11.2%; Saint John, 11.2%; Ottawa, 10.4%; and Halifax, 10.0%.

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

Trusted Pension Plans

Quarterly Estimates of Assets Held



Source: Quarterly Survey of Trusted Pension Plans (74-001)

Merchandise Trade Balance

Canadian exports, seasonally adjusted, declined 4% to \$2.66 billion in December, while imports increased 2% to a record level of \$2.97 billion. The trade deficit more than doubled to \$313 million from \$136 million in November.

Canada's 1974 merchandise trade surplus contracted to \$419 million from \$2.0 billion in 1973. The surplus for 1972 was \$1.47 billion.

The latest year was characterized by a rapid rise in the prices entering into Canada's international trade. Towards the end of 1974, average export prices were approximately one-third above the year-earlier level, while average import prices were more than one-third higher. Raw sugar and crude petroleum prices tripled. Export prices of wheat were almost 50% higher, but lumber prices were lower after peaking in the second quarter.

Railway Operating Statistics

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled \$199.2 million in November, up 4.6% from a year earlier. Expenses rose 13.4% to \$195.8 million. Net income for the month at \$3.4 million showed a drop of 80.8% from November 1973.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 1.1% to 11.96 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles decreased 11.1% to 105.1 million.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3).

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had totalled estimated receipts of \$149.3 million in November, an increase of 9.3% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

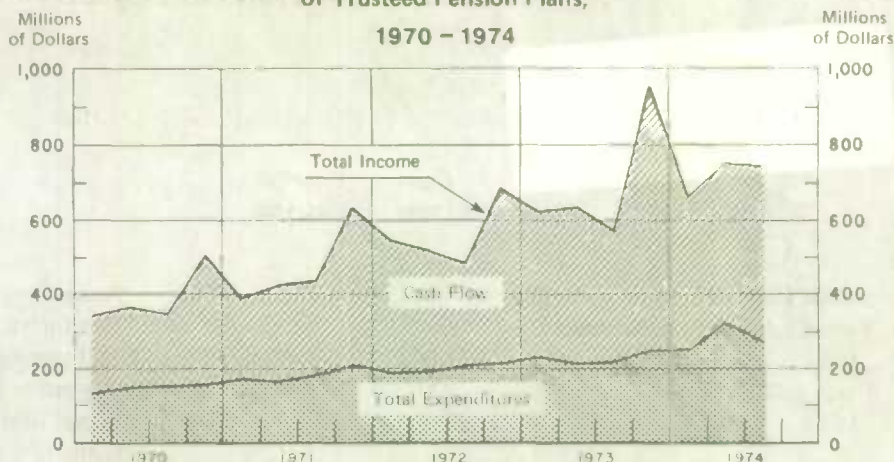
Restaurant receipts for November, by province and with percentage increases from November 1973 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$53.0 million (4.6%); Quebec, \$52.3 million (13.3%); British Columbia, \$12.8 million (13.2%); Alberta, \$10.5 million (16.4%); Manitoba, \$8.2 million (6.7%); Saskatchewan, \$5.1 million (5.9%); Nova Scotia, \$3.7 million (4.0%); New Brunswick, \$2.4 million (9.1%); Newfoundland, \$1.2 million (17.8%); and Prince Edward Island, \$240,000 (8.1%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first eleven months of 1974 totalled an estimated \$1.63 billion, up 10.2% from January-November 1973.

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

Quarterly Estimates of Income and Expenditures of Trusteed Pension Plans, 1970 - 1974



Source: Quarterly Survey of Trusteed Pension Plans (74-001)

Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian coal production in November increased 3.3% to 2.24 million tons from 2.17 million in November 1973. Imports rose 6.4% to 1.65 million tons from 1.55 million.

Industrial consumers used 1.67 million tons of coal in the latest month (down 6.1% from a year earlier) and 571,624 tons of coke (up 20.1%).

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4).

Iron Ore Shipments

Canadian mines shipped 5.88 million tons of iron ore in November compared with 5.41 million a year earlier.

Output for the first eleven months of 1974 at 47.63 million tons was down 2.1% from 48.65 million in January-November 1973.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Summary of Exports

In 1974, Canadian merchandise exports increased 26.3% to \$31.95 billion, following an expansion of 25.6% in 1973.

Exports to the United States rose 24.5% (\$4.19 billion), which represented 63% of the over-all increase. Shipments to the original E.E.C. countries, Latin America and "other countries" each gained approximately \$500 million. Exports to Japan increased \$413 million (22.8%) and those to the United Kingdom \$291 million (18.2%).

Many commodities shared in the 1974 export rise to the U.S. to a record \$21.26 billion. Deliveries of crude petroleum — which increased by almost \$2 billion — alone accounted for 46% of that rise. Shipments of pulp rose \$443 million and newsprint was up \$285 million. But depressed residential construction activity brought a drop of \$375 million in shipments of lumber. Exports of cars and trucks advanced \$255 million and over \$90 million, respectively; those of vehicle engines and parts declined \$150 million. Ore shipments were up by \$85 million and those of metal alloys by almost \$190 million.

Contributing prominently to increased overseas exports were: wheat (up \$796 million); pulp (up \$353 million); metal ores (up \$165 million); metal alloys (up \$145 million); and newsprint (up \$148 million).

The share of finished goods in Canada's exports fell sharply to 31% in 1974 from approximately 36% in 1973, while the proportion of crude materials expanded from 29% to 34%.

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

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