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Labour Income

Total labour income for August was estimated at \$7.27 billion, up 11.8% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the August estimate of \$7.28 billion showed a decrease of 1.4% from the July level. (Most of the decline was due to inclusion in the July total of lump sum cost-of-living allowances paid in the public sector).

Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries increased slightly in August while those in the service-producing industries declined by 2.8%.

For further information, order the August 1975 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.

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles reached 125,224 units in September, up 9.7% from 114,151 a year earlier.

Passenger car production increased to 92,235 units from 87,915 and production of commercial vehicles rose to 32,989 units from 26,236 in September 1974.

For the first nine months of 1975, Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 1,022,703 units, down 10.3% from 1,139,937 in January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 148.0 in September, an increase of 0.1% from the August level and up 8.3% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction increased 5.3% over the 12 months from September 1974; labour costs rose 13.7%.

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

- Quebec, 11.8%; British Columbia, 8.6%; Prairie Provinces, 8.1%; Ontario, 7.1%; and Atlantic Provinces, 6.1%.

Labour cost indexes showed the following increases (by region): Quebec, 19.7%; British Columbia, 15.7%; Ontario, 11.8%; Prairie Provinces, 11.4%; and Atlantic Provinces, 10.7%.

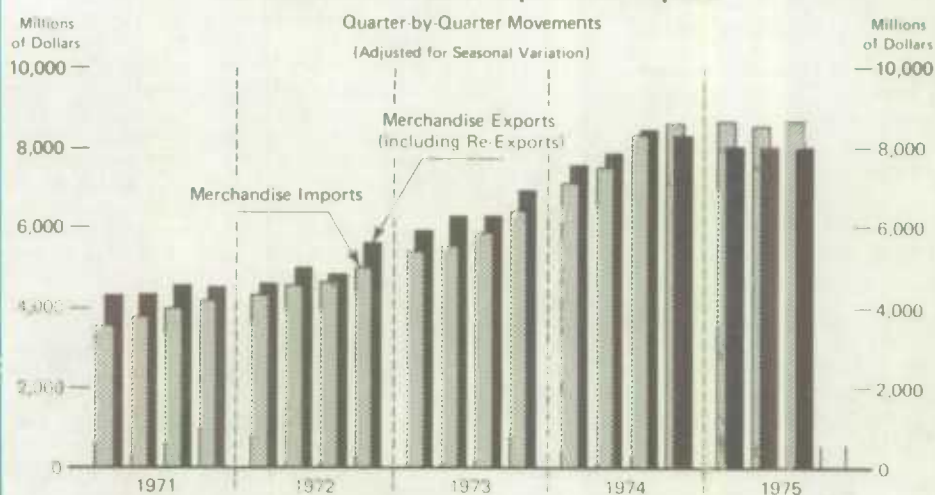
For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact L.J. Seary (613-994-5833), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug. 205.60p	205.07p	13.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug.* 7,269p	7,401p	11.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept. 9.41	9.78	2.1
Unemployed	Sept. 586,000	623,000	36.0
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Aug. 1,452	1,354	6.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug. 15,064p	15,024r	13.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug. 6,365	6,515	11.3
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug. 6,899p	6,670r	1.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug. 9,844p	9,704r	-2.8
PRICES			
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Sept. 141.5	141.2	10.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Aug. 193.6	192.0r	10.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Aug. 499.4	490.2	6.1
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	July 924.7p	5,482	-0.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug. 17,530	101,108	-17.1
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	July 2,070	15,865	25.6
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Aug. 20.7	180.9	-2.2
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	May 275.3	1,463.3	-1.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Aug. 52.9	416.0	-3.7
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Sept.* 2,705	23,844	1.7
Imports (\$ million)	Sept.* 2,824	25,607	12.4
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Sept.* 125.2	1,022.7	-10.3
Steel (Ingots — thousand tons)	Sept. 1,009	10,664	-2.6
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug. 461.6	3,287	12.4
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug. 6,759p	55,183	6.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug. 554.0	4,676	10.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug. 4,277	31,279	10.5
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug. 3,571	29,416	3.0

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. * - new this week.

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports



Real Domestic Product (1961=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased 0.1% in August to 203.6 from 203.4 in July. Output of goods-producing industries increased for the third consecutive month, while service-producing industries declined for the first time in the past five months.

The index of industrial production increased by 0.5% in August, due mainly to a 1.2% increase in mining and a 1.0% increase in durables manufacturing. In mining, the metal mines and mineral fuels components recorded gains, while non-metal mines declined substantially due to prolonged strikes in asbestos mining and a slowdown in production in potash mines.

Non-durable manufacturing remained almost unchanged from July. The major declines were in printing and publishing, petroleum and coal products industries and the chemical and chemical products industries. Durables manufacturing advanced mostly on the strength of increased output by motor vehicle manufacturers. Iron foundries and manufacturers of major appliances also recorded significant increases, although the major appliance industry still has not returned to the level of August 1974. Substantial declines were recorded in iron and steel mills and steel pipe and tube mills.

The construction industry increased for the fourth consecutive month due mainly to residential construction.

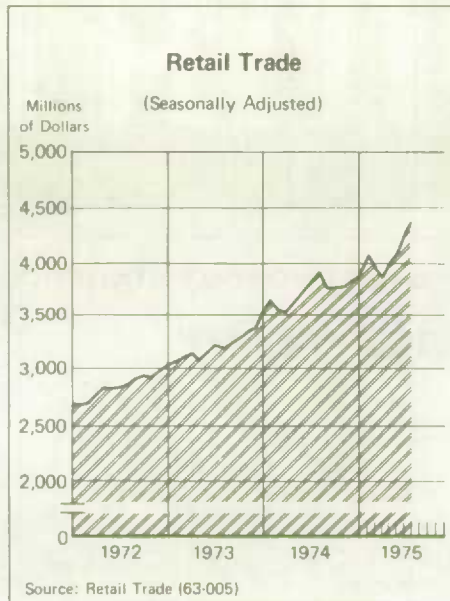
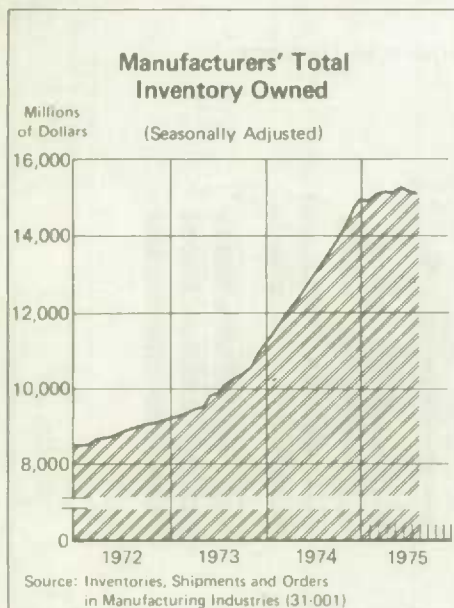
Among the service-producing industries, trade and public administration declined.

For further information order the August 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4).

Asbestos

Canadian producers' shipments of asbestos dropped to 80,592 tons in September from 153,309 tons a year earlier. This brought year-to-date shipments in 1975 to 772,579 tons, down 43.1% from the first nine months of 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50).



Railway Carloadings

The volume of revenue carload freight loaded in Canada in September was down 7.5% from a year earlier to 18.9 million tons. Rail shipments received from U.S. connections dropped 10.9% to 1.9 million tons.

On a commodity basis, loadings of pulpwood fell 68.3%, pulpwood chips were down 67.6% and phosphate rock fell 56.9% below September 1974 levels. However, shipments of wheat and coal rose 154.4% and 39.6%, respectively.

Cumulatively, carload revenue freight loaded in the first nine months of 1975 totalled 170.0 million tons, down 6.8% from January-September 1974. Declines were noted for loadings of pulpwood chips (-28.6%), pulpwood (-25.9%) and sand, gravel and crushed stone (-24.7%). Coal loadings rose 37.2% and copper-nickel ores were up 20.9%.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3).

Railway Freight Traffic

Railways operating in Canada carried a total of 66.0 million tons of revenue freight during the second quarter of 1975, a decrease of 9.3% from April-June 1974.

In the latest quarter, decreases were recorded in each of the major commodity groups except for live animals (up 32.1% to 35,436 tons) and end products (up 3.4% to 3.0 million tons).

Rail freight loadings in Canada totalled 60.5 million tons, a decrease of 7.3% from the second quarter of 1974. But tonnage loaded in Prince Edward Island jumped 70.7%, due mainly to increased shipments of potatoes.

Traffic received from U.S. rail connections at 5.5 million tons was down 26.8% from the year-earlier period.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, Second Quarter 1975* (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the unemployment Insurance Act reached \$215 million in August, an increase of 58% from the \$137 million disbursed a year earlier. The average weekly payment advanced 14% to \$83.74 from \$73.21.

Initial and renewal claims received in August numbered 175,000, up 16% from the August 1974 total of 151,000.

For the first eight months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$2.23 billion, an increase of 44% from \$1.55 billion paid out in the corresponding period last year.

For further information, order the August 1975 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Radio Air-Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM radio stations totalled \$6.6 million in June, up 5.1% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$5.6 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$11.9 million in the latest month, an increase of 4.7% from June 1974.

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

Electric Power Statistics, 1974

Thermal generation by utilities decreased 1.7% to 63.2 billion kilowatt hours in 1974 from 64.3 billion kwh the preceding year.

Utilities' costs for fuel — coal, petroleum, natural gas and propane — used in generating this power increased 28.8% to \$259.1 million in 1974 from \$201.2 million in 1973.

For further information, order *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin Vol. 10, No. 42* (57-002, \$4.20 per year), or contact Dave Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade

Measured on a balance-of-payments basis, Canada's seasonally-adjusted trade balance shifted to surplus of \$53 million in September from a deficit of \$311 million in August. Exports showed a gain of 8% in the month while imports declined by 5%.

Seasonally-adjusted exports, on a customs basis, increased 7.8% over the unusually-low August total and returned to the level recorded last June (\$2.78 billion). Shipments of wheat rose some \$75 million from the low level of August. Exports of non-ferrous metals were up about \$50 million. Deliveries of trucks and other commercial vehicles increased \$40 million but those of passenger vehicles fell about \$80 million.

Seasonally-adjusted imports declined 3.4% in September to \$2.90 billion. Imports of vehicle parts rose some \$55 million but those of vehicles (mostly passenger cars) fell \$40 million. Machinery imports were up \$35 million and imports of non-automotive equipment and tools increased \$90 million. Crude oil imports fell \$85 million from the August level, which included some shipments carried over from the July maritime dispute.

In the first nine months of 1975, unadjusted exports of \$23.8 billion were \$397 million (1.7%) above those for the corresponding period in 1974.

Exports of automotive and related products increased \$365 million with two-thirds of the rise due to passenger cars. Natural gas deliveries were some \$400 million higher in 1975 but the value of crude oil shipments fell \$220 million.

Canadian imports increased \$2.8 billion (12.4%) from \$22.8 billion in the first nine months of 1974 to \$25.6 billion in January-September 1975.

Markedly higher were imports of: crude oil (up \$700 million); automotive and related products (up \$760 million); and industrial and farm machinery (up \$810 million). Smaller advances were recorded for coal (up \$160 million) and wheel tractors (up \$120 million).

The year-to-date merchandise trade deficit of \$1.8 billion in 1975 contrasted with a surplus of \$0.7 billion recorded in the first nine months of 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

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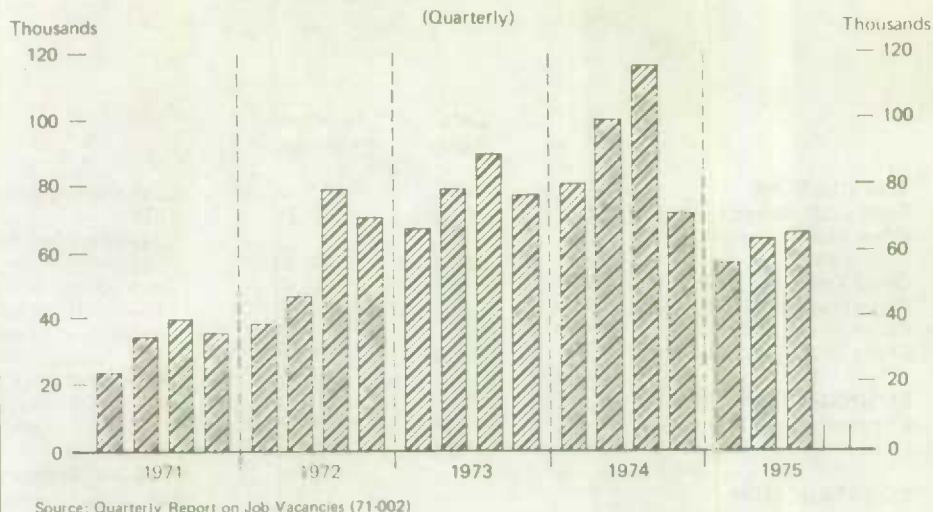
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Full-Time Job Vacancies, Canada



Export and Import Price and Volume Indexes

Measured at 1971 constant prices, seasonally-adjusted import volume increased 4% in August to a level 41% above 1971. In contrast, export volume continued to decline, dipping below the 1971 level.

Current weighted import prices rose strongly in August while export prices were unchanged from July. The year-to-year rate of increase in import prices (14.5%) is almost twice that for export prices (7.5%).

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

The Dairy Review

Milk production in Canada in September totalled 1.6 billion pounds, an increase of 7.3% from a year earlier. This brought production for the first nine months of 1975 to 13.4 billion pounds, up 3.2% from January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, 1974

Preliminary figures show that while there were fewer fatal accidents and persons killed in 1974, the total number of traffic accidents and persons injured increased. There were 5,199 fatal traffic accidents in 1974, a decrease of 5.4% from 5,479 in 1973. The number of persons killed declined 6.5% to 6,294 from 6,706.

Persons injured numbered 230,662 in 1974, up 3% from 223,777 in 1973.

Non-injury accidents increased 4% to 155,696 in the latest year and total accidents increased 12.7% to 623,533.

Further information will be contained in the quarterly publication *Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents* (53-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the third quarter of 1975 show a small increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the previous calendar quarter. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs increased 3% to 72,400 from 70,100.

However, on a year-to-year basis, vacancies were down by 58,500 (45%).

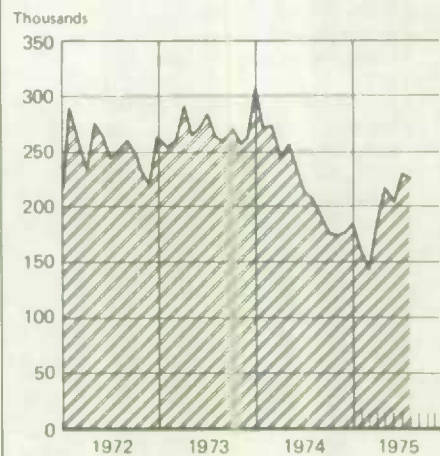
Vacancies for full-time jobs numbered 65,300 in the third quarter of 1975, up 4% from the second quarter but down 44% from the third quarter of 1974.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest quarter, nine were vacant, the same as in the preceding quarter but down from 16 a year earlier.

For further information, order *Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, Third Quarter 1975* (71-002, \$1.05/\$4.20).

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