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Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits of \$2.02 billion in the third quarter of 1975, down \$214 million (9.6%) from the corresponding period in 1974. Net income declined 14.6% for manufacturing industries, 11.5% for mining corporations and 1.3% for other industries.

Industrial corporations' sales in the latest quarter were estimated at \$51.53 billion, up \$4.49 billion (9.5%) from the third quarter of 1974.

For further information, see *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Third Quarter 1975 (Preliminary Data)* free to regular subscribers of publication 61-003 (\$1.75/\$7).

The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.2% in October, unchanged from September.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over decreased to 5.2% from 5.4%, while for women 25 and over it went down to 4.2% from 4.6% in September. For persons aged 14 to 24, the unemployment rate increased to 12.9% from 12.5%.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 14 and over included in the labour force — declined to 58.8% in October from 59.1% a month earlier.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed remained at 9.41 million last month, the same as in September but up from 9.27 million in October 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 576,000 or 5.8% of the 9.98 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 14.9%; New Brunswick, 8.8%; British Columbia, 7.9%; Quebec, 7.2%; Nova Scotia, 6.6%; Ontario, 4.7%; Manitoba, 3.1%; Alberta, 2.6%; and Saskatchewan, 2.4%.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Film Distributors, 1974

Film distributors operating in Canada reported total receipts for 1974 of \$87.5 million, an increase of 15.0% over \$76.1 million in 1973.

Wages and salaries totaling \$7.0 million were paid in 1974 to the industry's 726 full-time and part-time employees.

For further information, order *Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors, 1974* (63-207, 70¢), or contact E. Yablonski (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug. 205.60p	205.07p	13.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug. 7,269p	7,401p	11.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct.* 9.41	9.41	1.5
Unemployed	Oct.* 576,000	586,000	34.0

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)	Sept. 194.4	193.6	9.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Sept. 501.8	499.6r	6.1

CONSTRUCTION

		Year-to-date	
Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug. 943.7p	6,508	1.0
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.)	Sept. 20.4	201.3	-2.3
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	June 265.1	1,731.8	-0.9
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)	Sept. 503.8	5,179	11.7
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 Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in September were estimated at \$7.06 billion, down 5.3% from \$7.45 billion (revised) in August. New orders for durable goods fell 11.7% to \$3.16 billion while those for non-durable goods dipped 0.5% to \$3.90 billion.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries in September, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$9.92 billion, up 0.7% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 0.9% higher at \$15.17 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments jumped to 2.17:1 in September from 2.05:1 in August, while the finished products — to shipments ratio moved up to 0.72:1 from 0.68:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$6.99 billion, a decrease of 4.6% from August.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in September at an estimated \$7.32 billion showed a rise of 3.6% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first nine months of 1975 totalled \$62.25 billion, up 5.8% from January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported (combined) net profit of \$9.02 million in July, up from \$6.68 million a year earlier.

Total operating revenues rose 17.3% to \$159.6 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 15.1% to \$134.8 million.

Passenger traffic — measured in passenger-miles for all services — showed a 4.3% increase over July 1974 to 1,921.2 million. Goods ton-miles for all services rose 10.5% to 40.6 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 7, No. 60 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

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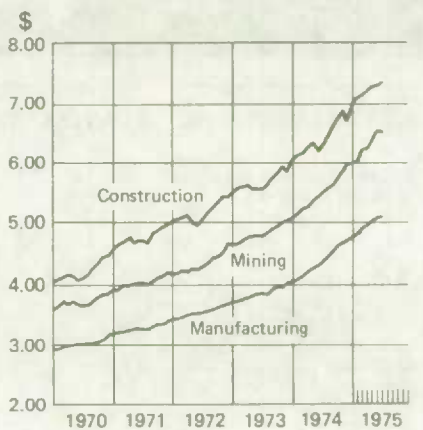
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Average Hourly Earnings in Canadian Industry



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index advanced 0.4% in September to 501.8 from 499.6 (revised) in August to stand 6.1% higher than the September 1974 level of 472.8. Six of the eight major group indexes increased while two decreased.

The animal products group index rose 2.8% in September, reflecting price increases for lard and tallow (8.5%), cured meats (7.3%), livestock (5.8%) and eggs (2.8%). The iron products group advanced 2.8% with increases for scrap iron and steel (5.0%), rolling mill products (4.8%) and tinplate and galvanized sheets (3.6%). The textile products group moved up 2.7% as a result of price hikes for cotton fabrics (6.9%), rayon yarn (4.6%) and cotton yarns (3.4%). The non-ferrous metals group index rose 1.8% due to an 8.3% increase in the price of nickel.

The vegetable products group decreased 3.0% in the latest month due to price declines for potatoes (-20.7%), sugar and its products (-18.2%), fresh vegetables (-18.1%), dried fruits (-4.7%) and vegetable oil products (-4.1%).

Over the 12 months from September 1974, the following percentage changes were recorded for the major group indexes:

- Animal products, 13.6%; wood products, 13.3%; non-metallic minerals, 12.9%; iron products, 12.4%; chemical products, 11.7%; non-ferrous metals, -0.2%; textile products, -4.1%; and vegetable products, -4.4%.

Domestic Mobile Homes (Revised Data)

Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 4,430 single units in the second quarter of 1975 from 7,109 in April-June 1974. Shipments of double-wide units fell to 804 from 1,511.

For further information, order *Fabricated Metal Products Service Bulletin* (41-009, \$2.80 per year), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January to September 1975 were valued at \$724.9 million (dealers' cost), up 34.0% from \$541.1 million in the first nine months of 1974.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 7.5% to \$113.7 million in the latest period.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Mineral Production

Canadian production of primary metals in September and 1975 to date, with comparable 1974 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 149,946 troy ounces (127,068) — 1,222,492 troy ounces (1,241,632);
- Silver, 3,165,333 troy ounces (3,042,479) — 29,060,238 troy ounces (33,011,878);
- Copper, 60,139 tons (74,433) — 591,132 tons (660,180);
- Nickel, 18,493 tons (22,557) — 205,075 tons (215,852);
- Refined zinc, 36,251 tons (27,495) — 346,397 tons (364,803);
- Refined lead, 16,319 tons (3,189) — 136,535 tons (118,132).

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$184.2 million in September, an increase of 11.5% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over September 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$65.9 million (9.7%); Quebec, \$59.3 million (11.2%); British Columbia, \$22.4 million (10.0%); Alberta, \$12.6 million (21.7%); Manitoba, \$10.8 million (15.9%); Saskatchewan, \$4.8 million (12.2%); Nova Scotia, \$3.6 million (9.9%); New Brunswick, \$3.0 million (12.7%); Newfoundland, \$1.5 million (10.2%); and Prince Edward Island, \$420,000 (20.0%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first nine months of 1975 totalled an estimated \$1.48 billion, up 11.0% from January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, October

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Major Appliance Sales

Sales of stoves and television sets declined, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales in September of other major appliances ran well above year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from September 1974 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 57,989 (up 7.7%); home and farm freezers, 45,069 (up 67.2%);
- Stoves and ranges, 43,375 (-11.7%);
- Automatic washing machines, 44,958 (up 46.3%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 37,445 (up 20.0%);
- Television sets, 59,787 (-29.0%).

Manufacturers' sales in September of 53,775 colour television sets represented a decrease of 24.2% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales fell 54.4% to 6,012 units.

For further information, order the September 1975 issues of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3).

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 194.4 in September, an increase of 0.1% from August and up 9.3% from a year earlier.

The foods and beverages group index edged up 0.1% in the latest month, reflecting price advances in slaughtering and meat packing (2.8%), feed manufacturers (2.2%), miscellaneous food products (1.4%) and poultry processors (2.8%). Price increases in the iron and steel mills industry (2.8%) were mainly responsible for moving the primary metals group up 1.3%.

The paper and allied products group index decreased 0.7% in September due to a 1.0% decline in the pulp and paper mills industry.

Over the 12 months from September 1974, the largest price increases were shown by the following group indexes:

- Non-metallic mineral products industries, 17.0%; wood industries, 11.2%; paper and allied industries, 11.2%; petroleum and coal products industries, 11.0%; leather industries, 10.0%; and chemical and chemical products industries, 9.6%.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

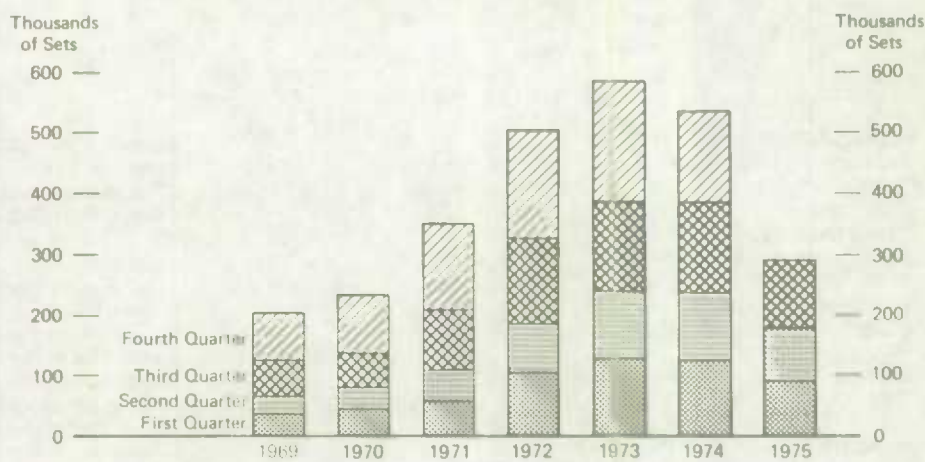
International Travel

Preliminary statistics for September show that 2.8 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, down 9.7% from September 1974. Canadian residents returning from visits to the United States increased 2.2% to 2.8 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased 3.0% from a year earlier to 139,000. Canadian travellers returning from abroad numbered 140,000, up 1.7% from September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Manufacturers' Sales of 'Made-in-Canada' Colour Television Sets



Source: Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004)

Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$7.71 billion in the January to September period of 1975, up 7.1% from \$7.20 billion in the first nine months of 1974.

Total payments made to farmers in the latest period, by province and with year-earlier figures in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$2.20 billion (\$2.01 billion); Ontario, \$1.86 billion (\$1.78 billion); Alberta, \$1.52 billion (\$1.39 billion); Quebec, \$956.4 million (\$846.6 million); Manitoba, \$692.0 million (\$653.5 million); British Columbia, \$278.2 million (\$300.1 million); Nova Scotia, \$83.0 million (\$77.5 million); New Brunswick, \$65.3 million (\$79.8 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$53.6 million (\$68.3 million).

For further information, order the January-September 1975 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Farm Input Price Index (1961=100)

The Farm Input Price Index for Canada rose 2.5% in the third quarter of 1975, moving to 214.1 from the revised second-quarter level of 208.9. The eastern index increased 2.0% while the western index advanced 3.0%.

Higher costs of petroleum products were responsible for more than one-half of the rise between the second and third quarters. Higher prices for building replacement and repairs, farm labour, artificial insemination and custom work also contributed to this increase.

Over the 12 months from the third quarter of 1974, the Canada index showed a rise of 8.6%. During this period, production costs increased 6.9% for farmers in Eastern Canada and 10.7% for Western farmers.

For further information, order *Farm Input Price Indexes, Third Quarter 1975* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40).

Housing Starts

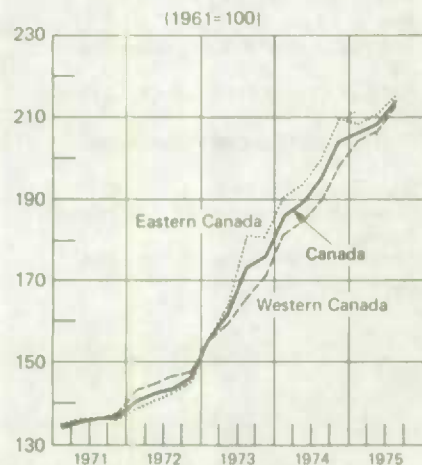
New residential construction activity accelerated in September with housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over rising 38.4% to 18,864 units from 13,628 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with September 1974 figures in brackets: Ontario, 6,488 (5,245); Quebec, 4,429 (3,704); British Columbia, 2,781 (2,100); Alberta, 2,435 (1,046); Saskatchewan, 938 (514); Manitoba, 557 (299); Nova Scotia, 481 (346); New Brunswick, 400 (225); Newfoundland, 246 (137); and Prince Edward Island, 109 (12).

For the first nine months of 1975, housing starts in urban centres totalled 119,972 units, down 11.5% from 135,596 in January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Farm Input Price Index



Source: Farm Input Price Indexes (62-004)



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