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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all 14 regional cities in October with housing costs generally being the main contributor to these latest advances. Price movements ranged from an 0.4% increase in both St. John's (Nfld.) and Saint John (N.B.) to a 2.3% rise in Halifax.

Food rises rose in the majority of cities in October with beef, pork, fresh vegetables, coffee and restaurant meals having the largest impact. The substantial increases in annual residential property taxes recorded in most municipalities were in great measure responsible for the overall CPI advances. Other notable contributors included higher water rates, increased dental fees and, in Montreal, higher local transit fares.

Between October 1974 and October 1975, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Winnipeg, 11.9%; Halifax, 11.5%; Saint John, 11.5%; Saskatoon, 11.3%; Edmonton, 11.3%; Calgary, 11.2%; St. John's, 11.2%; Montreal, 11.2%; Vancouver, 11.1%; Regina, 11.0%; Thunder Bay, 10.5%; Quebec City, 10.3%; Ottawa, 10.3%; and Toronto, 9.8%.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities* (62-009, 30¢/\$3).

Household Facilities and Equipment

More than half Canada's 6,703,000 households have colour television sets, the household item that has shown the fastest sales increase in recent years. From April 1974 to April 1975, households with colour TV sets increased to 53.4% from 44.5%; the number of households with black-and-white sets decreased to 67.8% from 73.3%.

The latest survey also showed these significant changes from 1974:

- Canadian households with two or more cars increased to 23.0% from 21.6%; single-automobile households dipped to 55.9% from 56.4%.
- Households with automatic dishwashers increased to 15.2% from 12.9%.
- Home ownership decreased to 62.0%, down from 62.8%; it was 63.6% in 1971.
- There were adult-size bicycles in 33.8% of all households, up from 30.4%.
- Households with FM radio receivers increased to 75.7% from 71.7%.

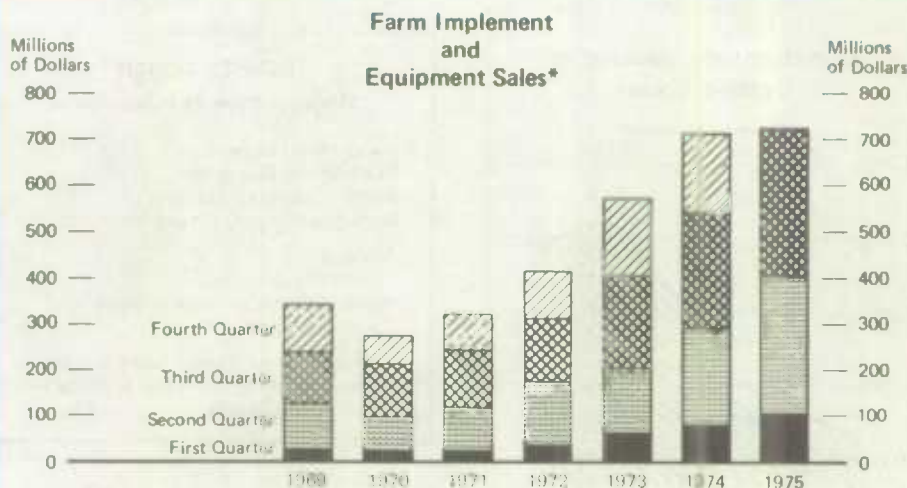
The 1975 survey showed 99.3% of Canadian homes have electric refrigerators, 98.3% have radios, 96.4% have telephones, 96.7% have a hot water supply, 40.4% have cable TV service, 5.0% have motorcycles and 0.8% have microwave ovens.

For further information, order *Household Facilities and Equipment, 1975* (64-202, 70¢).

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)	Ocl.	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)	Sept.*	15,083p	15,028r	10.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept.*	6,438	6,365	11.7
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.*	7,299p	6,813r	2.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.*	9,818p	9,838r	-3.8
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.*	142.8	141.5	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				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug.	943.7p	6,571	2.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.*	18,864	119,972	-11.5
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug.*	2,274	18,056	26.5
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)	Sept.*	46.7	462.8	-4.0
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)	Sept.*	7,319p	62,251	5.8
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)	Sept.*	4,285	33,701	4.0

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



* Valued at dealers' cost and not including repair parts

Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$17.93 billion at the end of September, an increase of 14.8% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from September 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$12.60 billion (21.1%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
 - small loans, \$254 million (-17.0%);
 - large loans, \$1.51 billion (0.5%);
 - retail instalment sales paper, \$1.14 billion (-5.2%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.13 billion (11.2%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliances stores, \$1.23 billion (8.4%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$57 million (29.5%).

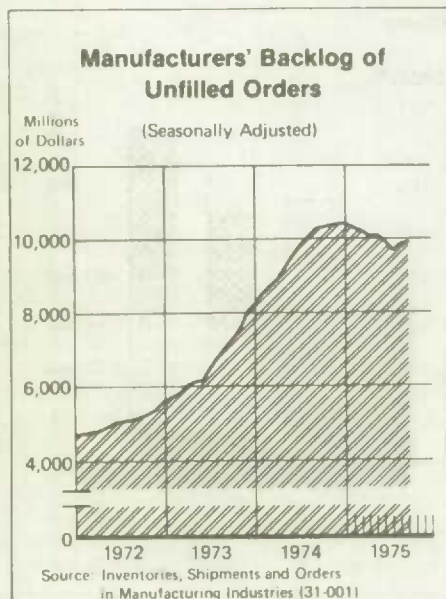
For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio Air-Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM radio stations totalled \$5.6 million in July, down 3.0% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.6 million.

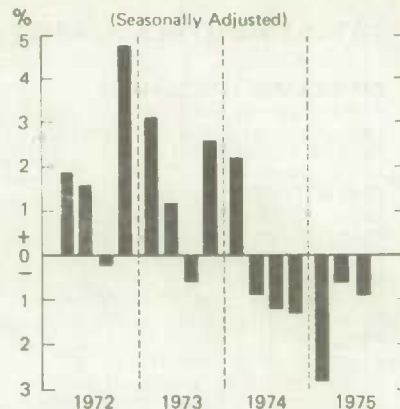
Net local air-time sales at \$11.3 million in the latest month showed an increase of 4.4% from July 1974.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



Index of Industrial Production

Quarter-to-Quarter Percentage Change



Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined 1.9% in September to 205.0 from 209.0 (revised) in August.

Total manufacturing output decreased 1.9% in the latest month; durables manufacturing fell 1.8% and non-durables manufacturing was off 2.0%.

Mining production dropped 3.2% in September; utilities, output decreased 0.6%.

During the third quarter of 1975, the seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production showed a decline of 0.9%, its sixth consecutive quarterly decrease.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 38.5% in August to 2.27 million tons from 1.64 million tons in August 1974. Imports rose to 1.66 million tons from 783,124 tons.

For further information, order the August 1975 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4).

Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$11.8 million in September, up from \$968,229 a year earlier. Operating revenues rose 21.7% to \$230.9 million while operating expenses increased 16.1% to \$219.1 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 3.0% to 10.9 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles were up 11.2% to 143.8 million.

During the first nine months of 1975, railway revenues rose 15.9% from the year-earlier period while expenses increased 15.4%. Cumulative net income at \$25.9 million was up 71.6% from January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, September
 Department Store Sales by Regions, October
 General Wholesale Price Index, October
 New Motor Vehicle Sales, October
 Railway Carloadings, October
 Summary of Foreign Trade, October

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Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted September retail sales decreased 3.3% from August to a level of \$4.26 billion.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4.16 billion, up 14.1% from a year earlier. All provinces reported sales increases over September 1974 with the largest advance in Newfoundland (21.1%). Sales were up 17.6% in Montreal, 15.4% in Vancouver, 12.7% in Toronto and 6.8% in Winnipeg.

Year-to-year gains were registered in 27 of the 28 trade groups with the largest increases recorded by household furniture stores (35.2%) and used car dealers (31.4%).

Revised data for August show retail sales for the month at \$4.22 billion, up 7.8% from August 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 46.7 million barrels of refined petroleum products in September, down 6.5% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 44.1 million barrels in the latest month showed an increase of 4.3% from September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wholesale Trade

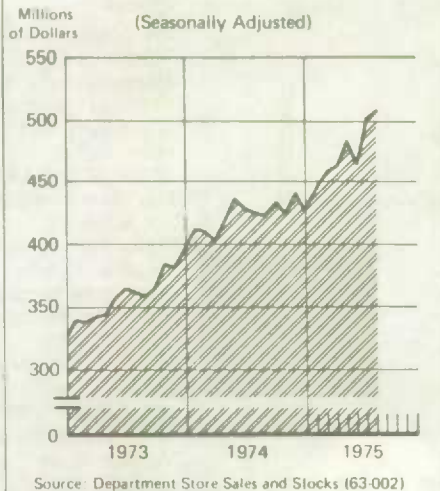
Wholesale merchants' sales in September were estimated at \$4.29 billion, up 11.3% from September 1974.

One of the most notable sales changes in the consumer goods trades was registered by the groceries and food specialties component, showing an increase of 17.5%. In the industrial goods trades, sales of other construction materials and supplies, including lumber rose 15.8% from a year earlier.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6.44 billion in the latest month, up 11.7% from September of last year.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Department Store Sales, Canada

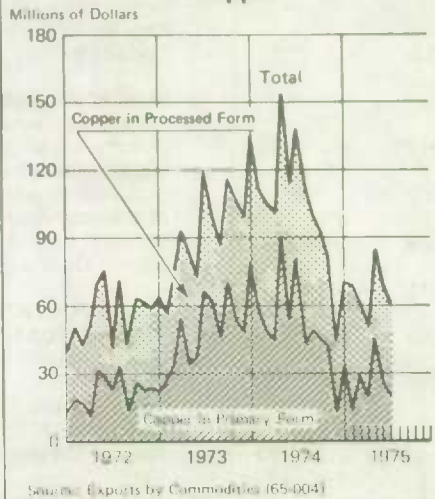


Campus Book Stores, 1974-75

Retail sales of campus book stores rose to \$61.3 million in 1974-75, up 22.6% over the previous year. Text books accounted for 65.0% of total sales, trade books 10.2% and stationery and supplies 15.6%.

For further information, order *Campus Book Stores, 1974-75* (62-219, 70¢), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V6.

Canadian Domestic Exports of Copper



Advertising Agencies, 1974

Advertising agencies in Canada reported gross billings of \$675.8 million in 1974, an increase of 15.3% over the 1973 figure of \$586.2 million. Gross revenue rose 11.3%, to \$115.4 million from \$103.7 million.

Salaries and wages totalling \$66.6 million were paid in 1974 to the industry's 5,080 employees.

For further information, order *Advertising Agencies, 1974* (60-201, 70¢), or contact E. Yablonski (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Telecommunications Statistics, 1974

Telecommunications carriers had net operating revenue totalling \$57.5 million in 1974, up 13.7% from 1973. (Results include TELESAT but exclude the telephone companies).

Gross operating revenues of the telecommunications carriers rose 20.6% to \$230.1 million in the latest year; operating expenses jumped 23.2% to \$172.6 million.

For further information, order *Telecommunications Statistics, 1974* (56-201, 70¢), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Canada Greenhouse Industry, 1973-74

Canadian commercial greenhouse operators reported total sales of \$105.3 million for 1974, an increase of \$20.1 million over the 1973 figure of \$85.2 million.

Flower and plant sales amounted to \$88.3 million in 1974 and vegetable sales accounted for \$17.0 million.

For further information, order *Greenhouse Industry, 1974* (22-202, \$1.05), or contact G.O. Code (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$76.5 million in September, an increase of 13.6% from September 1974.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 19.9% to \$242.5 million in the latest month, operating expenses jumped 23.0% to \$165.9 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$107.8 million in September showed a decrease of 7.3% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 26, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, September 1975.



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Handbook of Agricultural Statistics:

PART I — Field Crops,

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Report on Livestock Surveys,

Pigs, October 1, 1975

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The Dairy Review,

September 1975

23-001 40¢/\$4

BUSINESS FINANCE

Industrial Corporations,

Financial Statistics,

Third Quarter 1975

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CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits,

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64-001 70¢/\$7

HEALTH

Vital Statistics,

July-September,

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84-001 35¢/\$1.40

INDUSTRY PRODUCT

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Product by Industry,

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Natural Gas Production,

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Freezers, September

1975

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and Clothes Dryers,

September 1975

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Preparations, Quarter

Ended September 30,

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Minerals, September 1975

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and Lacquers, September

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Appliances, September

1975

43-003 15¢/\$1.50

The Sugar Situation,

September 1975

32-013 15¢/\$1.50

Women's and Children's

Clothing Industries, 1973

34-217 \$1.05

Wool Yarn and Cloth

Mills, 1973

34-209 70¢

SERVICE BULLETINS

Electrical Products

Vol. 4 No. 22, Domestic

Water Tank Heaters,

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43-007 /\$1.40

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of Frozen Fruits and

Vegetables as Reported Up

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32-023 /\$1.40

Metals and Minerals

Vol. 3, No. 10, Consumption

of Unmanufactured Tin,

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Miscellaneous Industries

Vol. 4, No. 3, Papermakers'

and Other Felts, Quarter

Ended September 30, 1975

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Selected Dairy By-Products

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and Shelf Hardware,

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32-024 /\$1.40

MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES

Farm Implement and

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63-009 15¢/\$1.50

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Railway Carloadings, September

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Air Carrier Operations, July

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Urban Transit, August

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