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The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 7.3% in November from 7.2% in October.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over decreased to 5.0% from 5.2%, while for women 25 and over it went up to 4.5% from 4.2% in October. For persons aged 14 to 24, the unemployment rate jumped to 13.3% from 12.9%.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 14 and over included in the labour force — remained unchanged in November at 58.8%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed dropped to 9.33 million last month from 9.41 million in October but was up from 9.19 million in November 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 640,000 or 6.4% of the 9.97 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 15.3%; New Brunswick, 12.0%; British Columbia, 8.3%; Quebec, 8.1%; Nova Scotia, 7.2%; Ontario, 5.1%; Saskatchewan, 3.8%; Manitoba, 3.6%; and Alberta, 2.8%.

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

Population for Canada and Provinces

Canada's population total was estimated at 22,923,000 on October 1, an increase of 349,000 over the estimate for the same date in 1974.

Population estimates for October 1, 1975 (by province): Ontario, 8,270,000; Quebec, 6,208,000; British Columbia, 2,471,000; Alberta, 1,788,000; Manitoba, 1,021,000; Saskatchewan, 925,000; Nova Scotia, 827,000; New Brunswick, 681,000; Newfoundland, 553,000; and Prince Edward Island, 120,000.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and Provinces* (91-001, 35¢/\$1.40).

Provincial Government Finance, 1975-76

Canada's provincial governments estimate their gross general revenues for 1975-76 at \$31.67 billion, up 13.9% from the previous year.

Gross general expenditures are expected to rise 18.6% in 1975-76 to \$32.72 billion.

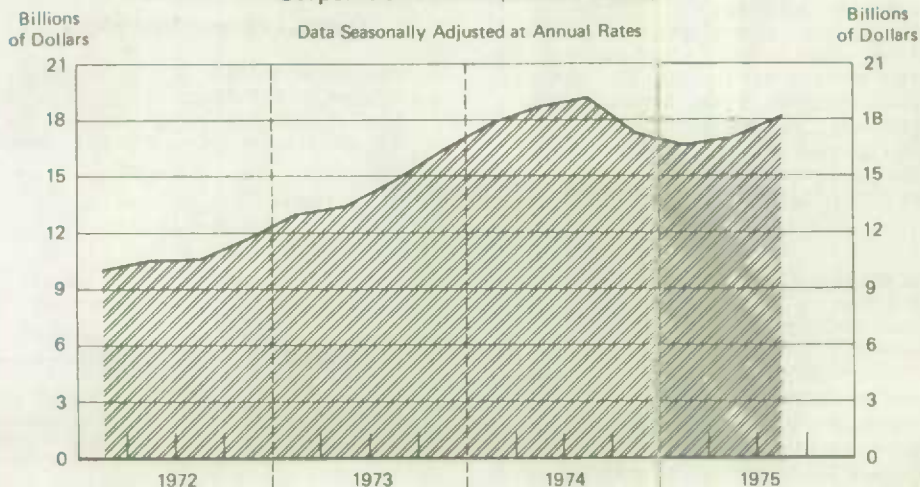
For further information, order *Provincial Government Finance — Revenue and Expenditure (Estimates), 1975-76* (68-205, \$2.10), or contact G.G. Raymond (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept. 207.70p	205.84p	12.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept. 7,642p	7,258p	12.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.* 9.33	9.41	1.6
Unemployed	Nov.* 640,000	576,000	29.8
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Sept. 1,386	1,452	8.4
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)	Nov.* 144.1	142.8	10.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Oct.* 195.4	194.4	8.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Oct.* 503.5	502.2r	5.1
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept. 935.8p	7,614	4.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.* 23,181	143,153	-3.7
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug. 2,274	18,056	26.5
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Oct.* 22.2	223.5	-2.6
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)	Oct. 2,948	26,818	1.1
Imports (\$ million)	Oct. 3,195	28,835	11.5
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Oct.* 150.1	1,172.8	-8.8
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Oct. 1,040	11,746	-4.0
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 505.3	3,793	13.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept. 7,319p	62,251	5.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.* 765.0	5,944	15.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,158	35,381	10.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,285	33,701	4.0

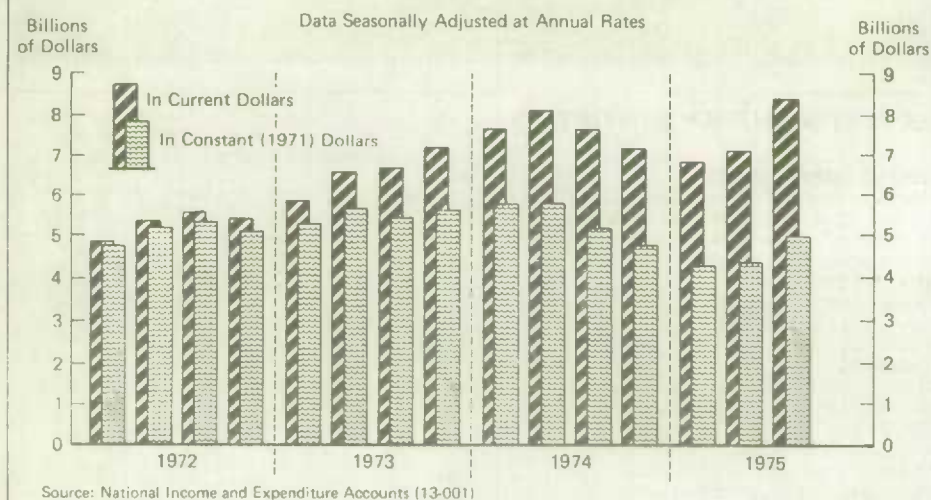
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Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)



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

Residential Construction Expenditures



Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 195.4 in October, an increase of 0.5% from September and up 8.6% from a year earlier.

The primary metals group index moved up 1.9% in the latest month as prices rose in iron and steel mills (3.0%), smelting and refining (1.1%) and steel pipe and tube mills (7.2%). The food and beverages group edged up 0.3%, reflecting higher prices in slaughtering and meat packing (0.7%), miscellaneous food manufacturers (1.5%) and the fish products industry (2.3%) that more than offset declines in sugar refineries (-4.1%) and vegetable oil mills (-4.6%). The paper and allied products group rose 0.6% with price increases recorded by corrugated box manufacturers (4.9%) and pulp and paper mills (0.3%).

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

- Non-metallic mineral products industries, 17.1%; wood industries, 13.3%; petroleum and coal products industries, 11.5%; paper and allied industries, 11.0%; and chemical and chemical products industries, 8.2%.

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

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation declined 5.9% in October to 22.2 billion kilowatt hours from 23.6 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Hydro generation decreased 10.6% in the latest month; thermal production increased 8.1%.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Housing Starts

New residential construction activity surged in October with housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over jumping 78.4% to 23,181 units from 12,994 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with October 1974 figures in brackets: Ontario, 9,139 (5,235); Quebec, 5,667 (2,992); British Columbia, 2,631 (2,093); Alberta, 2,253 (850); Saskatchewan, 1,125 (589); Manitoba, 1,069 (256); New Brunswick, 716 (178); Nova Scotia, 332 (618); Newfoundland, 209 (176); and Prince Edward Island, 40 (7).

For the first 10 months of 1975, housing starts in urban centres totalled 143,153 units, down 3.7% from 148,590 in January-October 1974.

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

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Consumer Price Index (CPI) (1971=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.9% to 144.1 in November from 142.8 in October.

This latest increase was largely due to higher charges for housing and transportation, which each accounted for one-third of the over-all rise. The food index increased 0.6% while the index for all-items excluding food was up 1.0%.

The November rise in the food index reflected higher prices for fresh vegetables, salmon, coffee and restaurant meals.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation accounted for much of the rise in the index for all-items excluding food, as did increased transportation charges. Higher prices for fuel oil and gasoline in Ontario also contributed to this latest advance. The rise in the transportation component largely reflected higher new car prices which, on average, after adjustment for quality changes, were up 3.4% over the year-end 1975 model prices.

Between November 1974 and November 1975, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 10.4%.

During this period, the following component index increases were recorded:

- Transportation, 12.7%; food, 11.2%; health and personal care, 11.1%; housing, 10.8%; tobacco and alcohol, 10.7%; recreation, education and reading, 8.3%; and clothing, 4.4%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items index rose 0.9% between October and November. The current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was 11.0%, up slightly from the previous month.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1974

Total registrations of motor vehicles in Canada during the 1974 licence year amounted to 11,002,003, an increase of 8.3% from the 1973 total of 10,158,440.

Registrations of passenger automobiles rose 7.7% in the latest year to 8,472,224; trucks and tractors showed a 10.1% gain to 1,980,106.

Further details may be obtained by telephoning K.J. Enright (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 133,925 units in October, up 22.9% from a year earlier. Total sales value jumped 46.1% to \$765.0 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States increased 28.0% to 92,468 units while those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 4.7% to 11,381 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in October rose 21.2% from a year earlier to 30,076 units; included were 29,069 manufactured in Canada and the U.S. (up 24.8%) and 1,007 manufactured overseas (down 34.4%).

For the first 10 months of 1975, total sales of new motor vehicles reached 1,088,038 units with an accumulated value of \$5.94 billion. This represents a decrease of 0.9% in units but an increase of 15.2% in value compared with sales for January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Cash Receipts

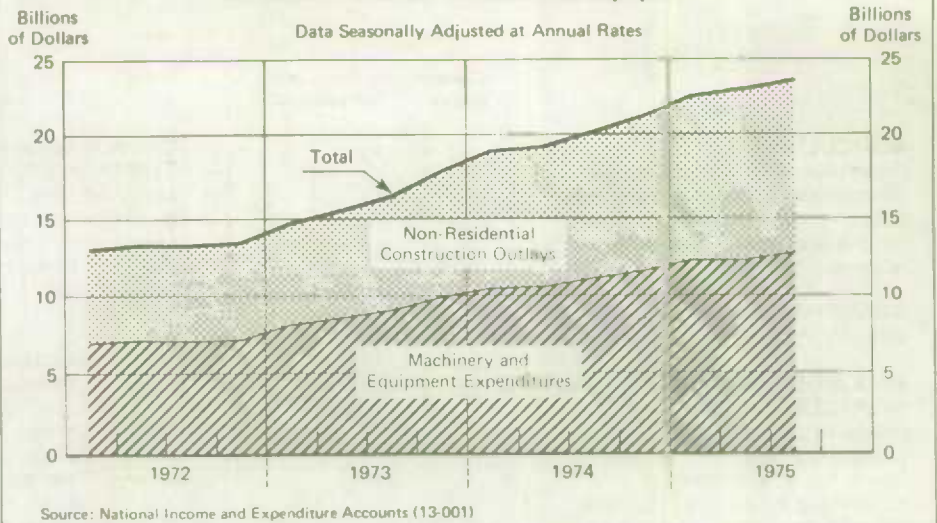
Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$8.11 billion in the January to October period of 1975, up 9.8% from \$7.38 billion in the first 10 months of 1974.

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

- Ontario, \$2.09 billion (\$1.99 billion); Saskatchewan, \$2.04 billion (\$1.77 billion); Alberta, \$1.58 billion (\$1.42 billion); Quebec, \$1.09 billion (\$960.5 million); Manitoba, \$742.3 million (\$695.3 million); British Columbia, \$322.2 million (\$300.1 million); Nova Scotia, \$94.0 million (\$86.3 million); New Brunswick, \$77.1 million (\$87.7 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$63.3 million (\$73.8 million).

For further information, order the January-October 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.

Business Investment in Plant and Equipment



Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles reached 150,054 units in October, up 2.4% from 146,474 a year earlier.

Passenger car production decreased to 109,622 units from 112,056 but production of commercial vehicles rose to 40,432 units from 34,418 in October 1974.

For the first 10 months of 1975, Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 1,172,757 units, down 8.8% from 1,286,411 in January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 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.

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General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index advanced 0.3% in October to 503.5 from 502.2 (revised) in September to stand 5.1% higher than the October 1974 level of 479.2. Five of the eight major group indexes increased while three decreased.

The iron products group index rose 1.8% in October due to price increases in iron foundries and steel pipe and tubing (5.5%), rolling mill products (2.9%) and wire (2.5%). The textile products group moved up 1.3%, reflecting increases for cotton yarns (5.0%), raw cotton (3.9%) and worsted and wool cloth (2.9%). The non-metallic minerals group advanced 1.2% as a result of price hikes for plaster (11.3%), plate glass (9.3%) and coal tar (5.8%).

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

- Wood products, 16.0%; animal products, 14.6%; non-metallic minerals, 13.5%; iron products, 12.5%; chemical products, 10.2%; non-ferrous metals, 0.3%; textile products, -2.7; and vegetable products, -11.1%.

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

Radio Air-Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM radio stations totalled \$6.0 million in August, up 33.8% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$5.1 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$11.5 million in the latest month, an increase of 4.5% from August 1974.

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



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