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### Canadian Balance of International Payments

Canada's seasonally-adjusted current account deficit widened to \$1.31 billion in the third quarter of 1975 from \$1.06 billion in the previous quarter.

The principal factor in the change in the current account balance was an increase of \$75 million in the deficit on merchandise trade. A rise of \$115 million in the value of merchandise imports — despite a drop of 13% in their volume — underlay the increased trade deficit.

Reinforcing this movement was an increase of about \$50 million in interest, dividend and other service payments and a similar-sized reduction in interest and dividend receipts.

Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, led to a net capital inflow of \$852 million in the third quarter of 1975, up from \$652 million in the second quarter. The capital inflow exceeded the unadjusted current account deficit of \$833 million, increasing Canada's official monetary assets by \$19 million.

For further information, order *Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Third Quarter 1975* (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

### Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in October totalled \$522.3 million, up 17.5% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by region for the latest month, with percentage gains over October 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$194.2 million (13.1%); Quebec, \$101.7 million (18.3%); British Columbia, \$80.8 million (17.3%); Alberta, \$66.5 million (30.0%); Atlantic Provinces, \$34.5 million (18.1%); Manitoba, \$29.8 million (16.2%); and Saskatchewan, \$14.7 million (28.8%).

For further information, order the *October 1975 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 per year).

### Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment in the first 10 months of 1975 were valued at \$876.2 million (dealers' cost), up 37.8% from \$635.7 million in January-October 1974.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 5.5% to \$123.7 million in the latest period.

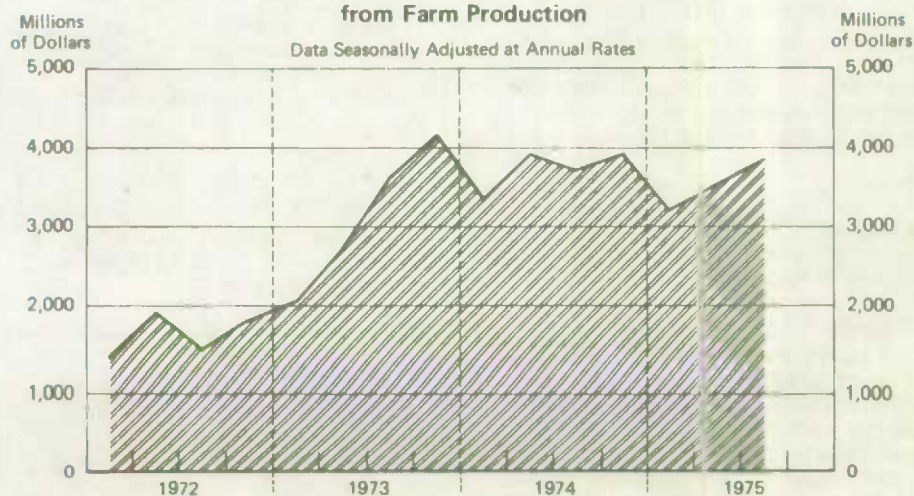
For further information, order the *October 1975 issue of Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept. 207.79p	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
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
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
<b>ORDERS</b>			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 7,299p	6,813r	2.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 9,818p	9,838r	-3.8
<b>PRICES</b>			
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
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept. 935.8p	7,614	4.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct. 23,181	143,153	-3.7
<b>ENERGY</b>			
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
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>			
Exports (\$ million)	Oct. 2,948	26,818	1.1
Imports (\$ million)	Oct. 3,195	28,835	11.5
<b>PRODUCTION</b>			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Oct. 150.1	1,172.8	-8.8
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Nov.* 1,179	12,949	-4.3
<b>SALES</b>			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.* 522.3	4,315	13.9
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

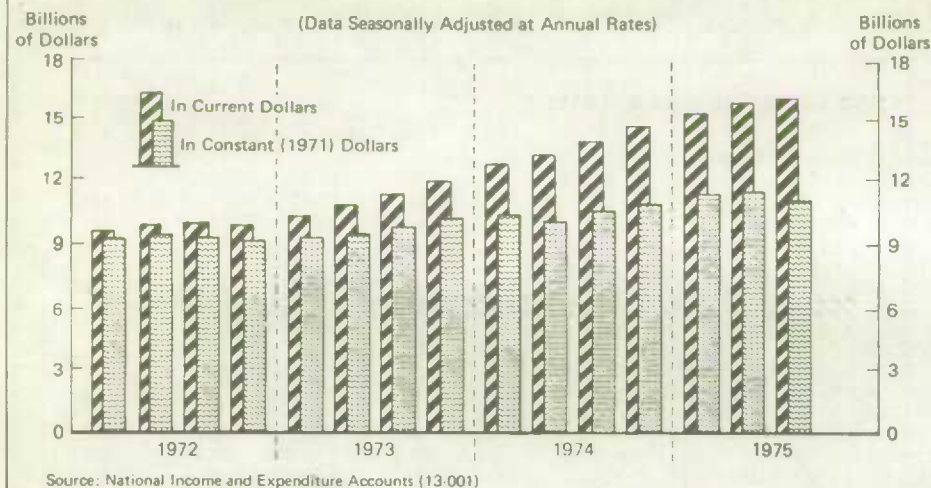
Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. \* - new this week.

### Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production



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

## Non-Residential Construction Expenditures



### Labour Costs in Trade, 1972

Details on the composition of total compensation in wholesale and retail trade are now available. In addition to separate data for salaried employees and wage-earners, the survey results provide, for the first time, compensation breakdowns for regular full-time and for part-time and casual wage-earners.

Publication 72-616 (\$2.10), containing complete details, will be released in February. Direct information requests to Miss A. Chenier (613-995-8067), Special Surveys and Quality Control Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

### Gold Production

Production of gold decreased to 146,250 troy ounces in October from 160,730 troy ounces a year earlier.

Gold production for the first 10 months of 1975 at 1,368,570 troy ounces showed a drop of 2.4% from January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 79.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas in September, down 2.1% from a year earlier. Exports increased 3.4% to 72.9 billion cubic feet.

Cumulatively, sales of natural gas in the first nine months of 1975 totalled 972.9 billion cubic feet, an increase of 1.3% from January-September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact R. Peacock (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Department Store Sales in Ottawa-Hull

Department stores in Ottawa-Hull metropolitan area reported sales totalling \$8.10 million for the week ending December 6, an increase of 18.7% from the corresponding week in 1974. Sales were up 19.4% in Ottawa (city), 19.5% in Ottawa and suburbs and 13.6% in Hull and suburbs.

Ottawa-Hull area department store sales for the year to date totalled \$221.3 million, up 11.1% from January 1 — December 6, 1974. Sales rose 14.7% in Hull and suburbs, 11.9% in Ottawa (city) and 10.6% in Ottawa and suburbs.

Further details on department store sales in metropolitan areas are available from *Merchandising and Services Division*, (613-996-9304), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

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### Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$18.26 billion at the end of October, an increase of 15.2% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from October 31, 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$12.90 billion (21.6%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
  - small loans, \$249 million (-16.4%);
  - large loans, \$1.51 billion (0.4%);
  - retail instalment sales paper, \$1.15 billion (-5.1%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.14 billion (10.3%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliances stores, \$1.27 billion (8.4%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$58 million (31.8%).

Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$4.67 billion at the end of the third quarter of 1975. Including these reporters, consumer credit outstanding at September 30 totalled \$22.59 billion, up 14.0% from a year earlier.

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

### Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$83.2 million in October, an increase of 15.8% from October 1974.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 18.6% to \$251.8 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 20.0% to \$168.5 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$131.3 million in October showed a decrease of 4.7% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 29, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, October 1975.



### Major Appliance Sales

Sales of home freezers and automatic washing machines increased, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales in October of other major appliances ran well below year-earlier levels.

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

- Refrigerators, 47,450 (-5.7%); home and farm freezers, 45,756 (up 42.7%);
- Stoves and ranges, 39,388 (-18.3%);
- Automatic washing machines, 37,734 (up 34.7%);
- Television sets, 53,551 (-16.7%).

Manufacturers' sales in October of 48,294 colour television sets represented a decrease of 13.0% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped 39.9% to 5,257 units.

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

### Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$174.1 million in October, an increase of 11.1% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

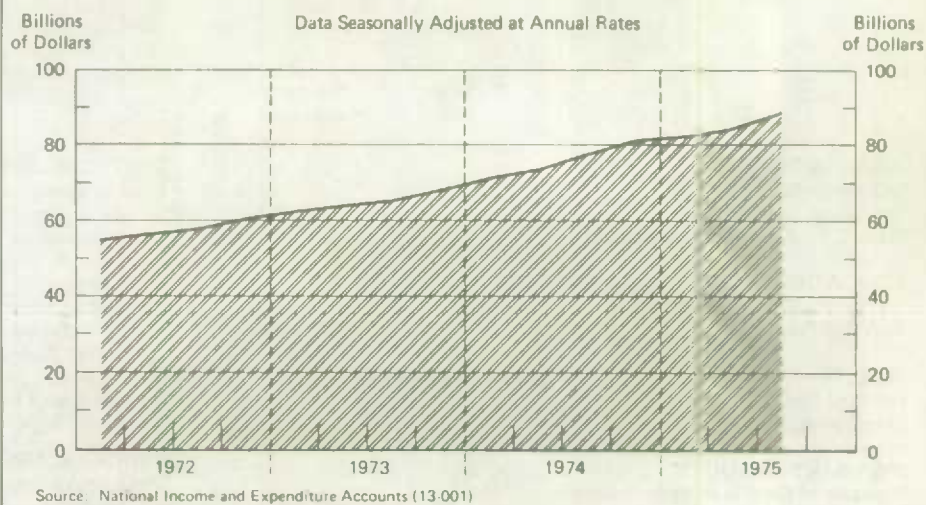
Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over October 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$60.3 million (9.4%); Quebec, \$57.4 million (9.3%); British Columbia, \$20.2 million (10.7%); Alberta, \$13.0 million (23.4%); Manitoba, \$10.5 million (16.6%); Saskatchewan, \$5.0 million (11.8%); Nova Scotia, \$3.9 million (9.4%); New Brunswick, \$2.4 million (18.6%); Newfoundland, \$955,000 (7.3%); and Prince Edward Island, \$399,000 (19.8%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first 10 months of 1975 totalled an estimated \$1.65 billion, up 11.0% from January-October 1974.

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

### Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income



### Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits of \$2.01 billion in the third quarter of 1975, down \$225 million (10.1%) from the corresponding period in 1974.

Industrial corporations' sales in the latest quarter totalled \$51.6 billion, up \$4.6 billion (9.8%) from July-September 1974.

Assets of these corporations at September 30, 1975 showed a rise of \$12.8 billion (9.7%) from a year earlier.

(These figures represent the latest data for the third quarter 1975 and supercede preliminary estimates released last month).

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Third Quarter 1975* (61-003, \$1.75/\$7).

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, November

Employment, Earnings and Hours, October

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### Motive Fuel Sales, 1974

Total sales in Canada during 1974 of gasoline taxed at road-use rates amounted to 6.67 billion gallons (30.3 billion litres), up 3.9% from the 1973 figure.

Diesel fuel sales in 1974 totalled 971 million gallons (4.4 billion litres), an increase of 16.2% from the previous year.

For further information, order *The Motor Vehicle, Part II: Motive Fuel Sales, 1974* (53-218, 70¢), or contact R. Stavelly (613-996-9276), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

### Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 4.37 million tons of iron ore in October compared with 5.91 million tons a year earlier.

Cumulative output for the first 10 months of 1975 at 36.92 million tons was down 11.6% from 41.75 million tons in January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 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*.

### The Industrial Chemical Industry, 1970-74

The fourth in a series of special studies, prepared in co-operation with the Canadian Chemical Producers Association to present selected financial statistics on a commodity-oriented basis rather than the Standard Industrial Classification, will be released this month. The report contains comparative data on the industrial chemical products industry and the total manufacturing industry.

Estimated sales of industrial chemicals in 1974 were \$2.84 billion, an increase of 39% over 1973.

For further information, contact George Nazar (613-996-9664), *Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.



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