## Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted December retail sales increased 4.0\% from November to a level of $\$ 3.80$ billion with increases in thirteen of the eighteen trade groups.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 4.57$ billion, an increase of $12.5 \%$ from December 1973. All provinces recorded higher sales with the largest increases in Saskatchewan (20.8\%) and Alberta (16.1\%).

Year-to-year gains were registered in all trade groups with a high of $20.5 \%$ for fuel dealers.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of Retail Trade (63.005. $40(\$ 4)$. or contact B. Theriauls 1613 . 008.0304). Merchandising and Services Divi. sion. Statistics Canada, Ottawa KlA OV4.

## The Labour Force

There was a substantial increase in the seasonally-adjusted level of unemploythent in January and Canada's unemployment rate increased to $6.7 \%$ from $6.0 \%$ in December.

Last month the rate for men 25 years of age and over rose to $5.2 \%$ from $4.4 \%$, while for women it remained unchanged at $3.6 \%$. For persons aged 14 to 24 , the unemployment rate climbed to $11.8 \%$ from 10.8\% in December.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate for Canada - percentage of the population 14 and over included in the labour force - moved up to $58.8 \%$ from $58.7 \%$ a month earlier.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed dropped to 8.87 mil lion in January from 9.12 million in December but was up from 8.65 million in January 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 817,000 , or $8.4 \%$ of the 9.68 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 23.0\%; New Brunswick, 14.75: Quebec, $10.3 \%$; British Columbia, 1. $6 \%$; Nova Scotia, $9.6 \%$; Ontario, 7.1\%: Manitoba, $5.0 \%$; Saskatchewan, $4.5 \%$; and Alberta, 4.1\%.
for further information, order the January 1975 issue of The Labour Force (71.001. 55 (155.50).

| LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS |  |  |  | 7ramge I- rom Year Abu |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EMPLOYMENT, INCOMEAverage Weekly Earnings (\$) | Latest Month |  | Previous Month | Year Agor |
|  | Nov. | 187.92p | 187.10p | 13.9 |
| Labour Income (\$ million) | Nov. | 6,572P | 6,609p | 16.9 |
| Persons with Jobs (million) | Jan. | 8.87 | 9.12 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed. | Jan. | 817,000 | 597.000 | 28.3 |
| INVENTORIES |  |  |  |  |
| Department Store (\$ million) | Nov. | 1,562 | 1,576 | 28.2 |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ milion) | Nov. | 13,802p | $13,618{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 33.5 |
| Wholesale (\$ million) . . . . . . . | Nov. | 5,818 | 5,897 | 32.7 |
| ORDERS |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million) | Nov. | 7,316 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 7,662 ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | 16.1 |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million) | Nov. | 10,327 ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 10.234 ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | 40.6 |
| PRICES ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Price Index (1961 =100) | Jan. | 176.6 | 175.8 | 12.1 |
| Industry Selling Price Index ( $1961=100$ ) | Dec | 182.3 | $182.6{ }^{5}$ | 19.2 |
| Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100) | Dec. | 481.9 | $491.3{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 16.7 |
| CONSTRUCTION Year-to-da |  |  |  |  |
| Building Permits ( $\$$ million) | Nov. | 576,4p |  | 310.5 |
| Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) | Dec. | 9,358 | 169,437 | -19.9 |
| ENERGY |  |  |  |  |
| Coal Production (thousand tons) | Nov. | 2,281 | 20,709 | - 1.9 |
| Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.) |  |  | 279.2 | $2 \quad 6.5$ |
| Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.) | Sept. | 253.7 | 2,537 | -0.6 |
| Petroleum Refining (million barrels) | Nov. | 53.5 | 587.5 | 5 5.1 |
| FOREIGN TRADE |  |  |  |  |
| Exports (\$ million) | Dec. | 2,676 | 31,946 | - 26.3 |
| Imports ( $\$$ million) | Dec. | 2,756 | 31,527 | 75.3 |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |
| Molor Vehicles (thousand units) | Dec. | 94.7 | 1,524.9 | - 3.2 |
| Steel (ingols - thousand tons) | Dec. | 1,246 | 14.783 | 1.6 |
| SALES |  |  |  |  |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) | Nov, |  | 4.326 | $6 \quad 18.0$ |
| Manulacturers' Shipments (\$ million) | Nov. | 7,222P | 72,665 | 21.5 |
| New Motor Vehicle Salcs (\$ million) | Dec. | 345 | 5,921 | 10.3 |
| Retail Sales (\$ million) . . . . . . . | Dec. | 4,571 | 43 829 | 14.6 |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) | Nov. | 3,705 | 39,965 | - 28.0 |
| Statisrics are not seasonally adjusted. P. preliminary. '. revised. |  |  |  |  |

## Canadian Production

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Source: Motor Vehicle Shipments $(42-002)$

## Travel Between Canada

## and Other Countries

In 1974, United States residents entering Canada numbered 35.2 million, down $5.4 \%$ from the 1973 figure. Canadian resident travellers returning from visits to the U.S. showed a $2.2 \%$ decline to 30.1 million.

In contrast, visitors from countries other than the U.S. increased $10.4 \%$ to 1.2 million while the number of Canadians returning from visits abroad rose $5.5 \%$ to 1.4 million.

For further information. order the December 1974 issue of Travel Between Canada and Oiher Countries $(66.001,55 \$ / \$ 5.50)$ or contact M. W. Valiquette (613.995.0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Oifawa K1A 0Z8.

## Non Residential Building Construction Input Price Index <br> (1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada fell $2.1 \%$ in December to 233.7 from 238.6 in November, but still stood $10.9 \%$ above the year-earlier level of 210.8 .

The materials component of the total index rose $11.6 \%$ over the twelve months from December 1973; the labour component increased $10.3 \%$.

Prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential building construction climbed $22.7 \%$ during this period, concrete products rose $19.9 \%$, electrical equipment $19.6 \%$, plumbing, heating and other equipment $8.9 \%$ and other materials $13.5 \%$. Prices of lumber and lumber products registered a $13.5 \%$ decline.

For further information. order the December 1974 issue of Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62.007, $\$ 4$ per year).


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## Industry Selling Price Index: <br> Manufacturing

(1961=100)
The industry selling price index for total manufacturing dipped $0.2 \%$ in December to 182.3 from 182.6 in November to stand $19.2 \%$ higher than the December 1973 level of 152.9 .

Notable changes in the latest month were decreases in the foods and beverages group ( $-1.6 \%$ ), particularly in sugar refineries $(-20.1 \%)$ and feed manufacturers $(-1.0 \%)$. Decreases also occurred in the wood products group ( $-0.6 \%$ ), reflecting lower prices in sawmills and planing mills (-1.7\%). Price declines in the smelting and refining industry ( $-1.7 \%$ ) were mainly responsible for lower levels of the primary metals group.

Over the twelve months from December 1973, the largest price increases were shown by the following component group indexes:

- Chemical and chemical products industries, $36.0 \%$ : paper and allied industries, $31.7 \%$; rubber products industries $25.0 \%$; petroleum and coal products industries, $24.0 \%$; and foods and beverages industries, $22.5 \%$.
for further information, order the December 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002. 55 \$/85.50).


## Crude Petroleum

## and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for October a mounted to 1.75 million barrels per day, down $12.0 \%$ from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 9.19 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, a decrease of $6.2 \%$ from October 1973.

For further information, order the October 1974 issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production 126-006, 30\$/\$3), or Energy Statistics Service Bullefin Vol 10. No. 4 (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ per year), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawa KIA OV6.

## Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for 1974 totalled $\$ 647.0$ million, inf increase of $12.7 \%$ from $\$ 573.9$ million in 1973. (Although sales are to end-inser values are stated at dealers' cost.)

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose $33.3 \%$ to $\$ 143.0$ million in 1974 from $\$ 107.3$ million in 1973.
for further information, order the December 1974 issue of Farm implement and Equipment Sales ( $63-009.15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ) or contacl Y. L.ebel (613-996-9307). Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ontawa Kla OV4.

Provincial Government Finance, 1972-73 Gross general revenues of Canada's provincial and territorial governments reached $\$ 18.90$ billion in 1972-73, an increase of $12.7 \%$ from the previous year.

Gross general expenditures of these governments rose $10.1 \%$ to $\$ 19.06$ billion in the latest year.

For further informasion, order Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1972 ( $68.207 . \$ 2.10$ ), or contact 6 . Rhéaume ( 613.995 .0718 ), Public Finance Division, Sfaristics Canada. Ollawa Kla 0 T6.

## The Motor Vehicle, Part IV:

## Revenues, 1973

Provincial and territorial government revenues from motive fuel taxes and the licensing of vehicles, drivers and dealers totalled $\$ 1.93$ billion in 1973, an increase of $10.4 \%$ over 1972.

The total for the latest year included $\$ 1.41$ billion derived from taxes on fuel and $\$ 521$ million from licences and miscellaneous sources.
lor further informarion, order The Moror Vehicle, Part IV: Revenues, 1973 153-220. 70d), or contact M. McRae (613.996-9274). Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawa KIA OVS.


## Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated 58.43 billion in 1974 , up $25.3 \%$ from $\$ 6.73$ billion in 1973.

Cash receipts rose in all provinces in the latest year. Total payments made to farmers, by province and with 1973 figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$2.31 billion (\$1.95 billion); Saskatchewan, $\$ 1.94$ billion ( $\$ 1.44$ billion); Alberta, $\$ 1.61$ billion ( $\$ 1.19$ billion); Quebec, $\$ 1.11$ billion (\$962.4 million); Manitoba, $\$ 819.8$ million ( $\$ 611.6$ million); British Columbia, $\$ 367.3$ million ( $\$ 316.6$ million); New Brunswick, $\$ 102.9$ million ( $\$ 95.6$ million); Nova Scotia, \$101.6 million ( $\$ 94.7$ million); and Prince Edward Island, $\$ 83.3$ million ( $\$ 72.0$ million).
For further information, order the JamuaryDecember 1974 issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30d $/ \$ 3$ ) or contact E.S. Boyko (613.994.9876). Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawe KlA OL7.


## Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 2.4\% in December to 25.5 billion kilowatt hours from 24.9 billion kwh. a year earlier.

There were increases in net generation in nine regions in the latest month while clecreases were registered in New Brunswick ( $-21.8 \%$ ), Ontario ( $-8.8 \%$ ) and Saskatchewan ( $-4.2 \%$ ). The largest increases were recorded in Newfoundland ( $32.4 \%$ ) and Nova Scotia ( $19.5 \%$ ).

Hydro generation increased 9.4\%; thermal production dropped $13.9 \%$.

For further information. order the December 1974 issue of Elecric Power Statistics (57.001. 30d/83), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613.992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawa KIA oVg.

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## Domest ic Mobile Homes

Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 4,234 single units in the fourth quarter of 1974 from 6,153 in Octuber-December 1973. Shipments of double-wide units increased to 926 from 733.

For further information, order Fabricated Metal Products Service Bullctin (41.009, $\$ 2.80$ per year). or contact J. S. More (613-992-0388). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa KlA OVG.

## General Wholesale Price Index

(1935-39 $=100$ )
The general wholesale price index decreased $1.9 \%$ in December to 481.9 from 491.3 (revised) in November, registering its first monthly decline since September 1973. But the index was $16.7 \%$ higher than December 1973. Four of the eight major groups decreased, two remained the same and two increased.
The vegetable products group index decreased $5.3 \%$ in the latest noonth reflecting price declines for sugar and its products ( $22.6 \%$ ) and fresh fruits ( $18.4 \%$ ). Textile products went down $4.2 \%$ due to a sharp fall in the price of raw cotton.

Over the twelve months from Decenber 1973, the following increases were registered for the major group indexes:

- Chemical products, $28.0 \%$; vegetable products, $27.8 \%$; non-metallic minerals, $27.7 \%$; iron products, $25.8 \%$; non ferrous metals, $14.4 \%$; wood products, $10.1 \%$; animal products, $5.9 \%$; and textile products, 3.5\%.
for further information. order the December 1974 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 558/\$5.50).


## Security Transactions

## with Non-Residents

In October, sales of outstanding portfolio securities to non-residents totalled \$169 million while purchases from them amounted to $\$ 207$ million, resulting in a net capital oufflow of $\$ 38$ million. This was an increase of $\$ 18$ million from the September net outflow.

In the first ten months of 1974. trading in all outstanding securities resulted in a net inflow of $\$ 17$ million consisting of a repurchase balance in Canadian securities of $\$ 34$ million and net sales of $\$ 51$ million in foreign securjties. In the corresponding period in 1973, there was a net outflow of $\$ 37$ million.

For further information, order the October 1974 issure of Sccurity Transactions with NonResidents ( $67.002,40 \mathrm{~d} / \$ 4$ ).

Farm Input Price Index


Source: Farm Input Price Indexes (62.004)


