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## Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$185.60 in December were up 14.4% from \$162.24 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$210.80), followed by Ontario (\$187.31), Alberta (\$186.38), Quebec (\$181.87), Newfoundland (\$178.74), Manitoba (\$169.30), Saskatchewan (\$169.22), New Brunswick (\$163.70), Nova Scotia (\$157.95) and Prince Edward Island (\$133.22).

Average weekly earnings in December (by industry division) were as follows: mining, \$256.88; construction, \$240.09; forestry \$224.04; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$213.70; manufacturing, \$194.07; finance, insurance and real estate, \$180.12; trade, \$150.15; and service, \$136.30.

Hourly earnings averaged \$6.90 in construction, \$6.01 in mining and \$4.73 in manufacturing.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

## Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in December totalled \$515.0 million, down 20.4% from \$647.1 million a year earlier.

Building permits taken out in the latest month, by province and with December 1973 figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$229.9 million (\$339.7 million); Quebec, \$92.4 million (\$103.6 million); Alberta, \$68.6 million (\$49.1 million); British Columbia, \$59.8 million (\$91.0 million); Nova Scotia, \$24.5 million (\$14.2 million); Manitoba, \$14.3 million (\$9.4 million); Saskatchewan, \$11.7 million (\$11.2 million); New Brunswick, \$10.1 million (\$11.0 million); Prince Edward Island, \$1.8 million (\$2.2 million); and Newfoundland, \$1.7 million (\$15.5 million).

Building permits taken out in Canada during 1974 totalled \$9.26 billion, up 8.2% from \$8.56 billion in 1973.

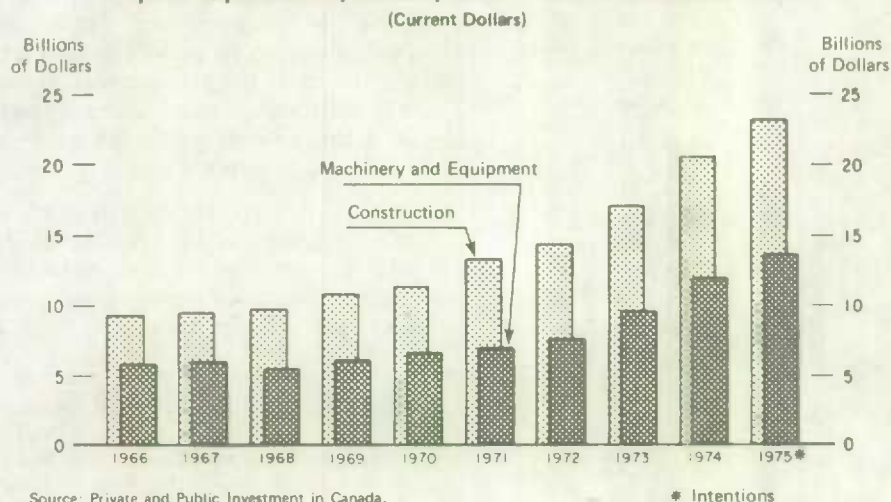
For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Dec.	185.60P	187.62P	14.4
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
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.	1,295	1,562	26.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	14,213P	13,882P	33.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	Dec.	5,938	5,818	29.7
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	6,655P	7,278P	10.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	10,124P	10,170P	29.5
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Jan.	176.6	175.8	12.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Dec.	182.3	182.6P	19.2
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Dec.	481.9	491.3P	16.7
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	515.0P	Year-to-date 9,258	8.2
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Dec.	9,358	169,437	-19.9
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Dec.	2,282	22,990	1.9
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Dec.	25.5	279.0	6.0
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Oct.	284.8	2,822	-1.2
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Dec.	58.1	645.6	5.1
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports (\$ million)	Jan.	2,681	2,681	15.1
Imports (\$ million)	Jan.	2,784	2,784	28.0
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Dec.	94.7	1,524.9	-3.2
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	Jan.	1,304	1,304	5.3
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	733	5,059	17.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	6,701P	79,345	21.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	345	5,921	10.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	4,571	43,829	14.6
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	3,245	43,210	26.8

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary. P - revised.

## Capital Expenditures, Canada, 1966 - 74 and Intentions 1975



### Real Domestic Product

In 1974, Canada's real domestic product increased 3.6% from the previous year.

Service-producing industries output increased 5.5%, while goods-producing industries showed a 1.4% gain.

Output of the transportation, storage and communication sector rose 7.2%. Over-all trade output was up 4.6%; wholesale merchandising increased 6.7% and retail trade was up 3.2%.

Agricultural production fell 7.0%.

The index of industrial production increased 2.5% in 1974, compared with an annual growth rate of 5.4% for the period 1966-73.

Total manufacturing output rose 2.7%; non-durables were up 2.4% and durables up 2.9%.

In the fourth quarter of 1974, the seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product (1961=100) declined 1.0% from the previous quarter. The December index was virtually unchanged from the November level.

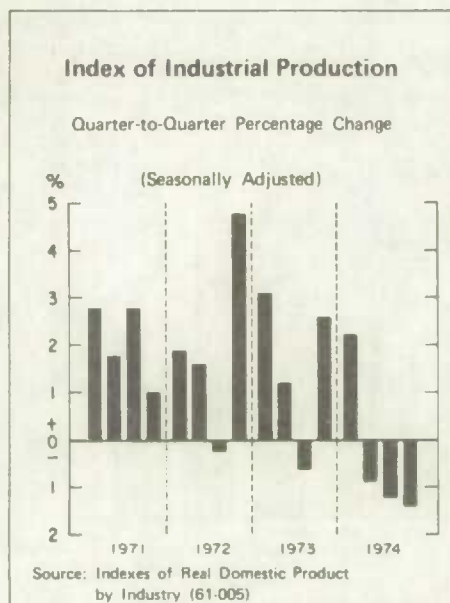
For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4).

### Radio Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM stations totalled \$4.30 million in December, down 20.3% from November. Sales to local advertisers were up 0.4% to \$13.0 million.

Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$3.64 million and local sales to \$12.6 million in the latest month.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year).



### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, February

Farm Cash Receipts, January

General Wholesale Price Index, January

New Motor Vehicle Sales, January

Retail Trade, January

The Labour Force, February

### Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, January 1975

Seasonally-adjusted exports rose 5.5% from \$2,662 million in December to \$2,809 million in January, exceeding the high level of the third quarter of 1974. Exports to Japan and to "other countries" recovered sharply from the low December rates. The downward trend in exports to the United States — evident since last September — continued in January.

Imports declined 2% from \$2,956 million in December to \$2,901 million in January, a level slightly above that of the last quarter of 1974.

The merchandise trade deficit contracted from \$294 million in December to \$92 million in January. Less than half of this improvement was accounted for by Canada's trade with the U.S.

At \$1,745 million, January exports to the U.S. were 5.5% lower than the \$1,851 million for December. Accounting for a large proportion of this decline were reduced shipments of automotive products and machinery and equipment. Exports of lumber and pulp were moderately lower. A substantial part of the rise in exports to overseas countries was the result of much higher shipments of grain, oilseeds and other crude and fabricated materials.

Imports from the U.S. fell nearly 10% from \$1,960 million in December to \$1,770 million in January. Reduced imports of motor vehicles and parts were a major factor in this decline.

Imports of crude petroleum and raw sugar continued to increase in January.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the January issue of *Summary of Foreign Trade* (65-001, 15¢/\$1.50).

### Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded estimated after-tax profits of \$2.30 billion for the fourth quarter of 1974, a decrease of \$33 million (1.4%) from the corresponding period a year earlier. Net income dropped 13.6% for mining corporations and 1.3% for manufacturing industries.

Industrial corporations' sales in the latest quarter were estimated at \$50.40 billion, up \$7.52 billion (17.5%) from the fourth quarter of 1973.

For further information, order the fourth quarter 1974 issue of *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$1.40/\$5.60).

### Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1975

Capital spending by all sectors of the Canadian economy in 1975 is expected to reach \$36.77 billion, an increase of 14% over the 1974 level of \$32.38 billion for outlays on new buildings, machinery and equipment.

(These estimates are in current dollars without any adjustment for price increases expected to develop between the two years.)

Within the total for 1975, expenditures on new construction are expected to advance by 13% to a total of \$23.13 billion. Non-residential construction spending is projected at \$16.38 billion, an increase of 21% from last year's total. But based on a level of 210,000 new housing starts expected in 1975, residential construction expenditures at \$6.75 billion will show a decline of 3% from the 1974 total.

Acquisition of new machinery and equipment during 1975 is expected to amount to \$13.63 billion, up 15% from last year's level of \$11.87 billion.

Planned outlays for the business sector of \$23.40 billion incorporate an increase of 18% from the \$19.90 billion spent in 1974. Manufacturing plans for expanded capital outlays indicate a rise of 21% over last year.

Capital spending by institutions and government departments is expected to reach \$6.61 billion in 1975, an increase of 20% from 1974.

For further information, order *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1975* (61-205, 70¢) to be released in late March.

### Major Appliance Sales

Freezer sales were higher, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales in December of other major appliances ran well below year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales registered by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from December 1973 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 43,311 (-19.4%); home and farm freezers, 30,856 (up 31.7%).
- Stoves and ranges, 35,633 (-32.5%).
- Automatic washing machines, 20,052 (-43.8%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 20,658 (-43.4%).
- Television sets, 46,788 (-36.5%).

Manufacturers' sales in December of 40,103 Canadian-made colour television sets reflected a drop of 31.5% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales fell 55.8% to 6,685 units.

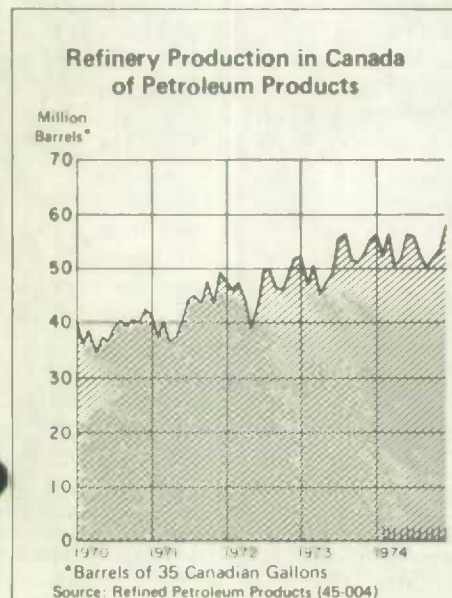
For further information, order the December 1974 issue of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001 154/\$1.50); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 304/\$3); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 154/\$1.50); and *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 304/\$3).

### Refined Petroleum Products

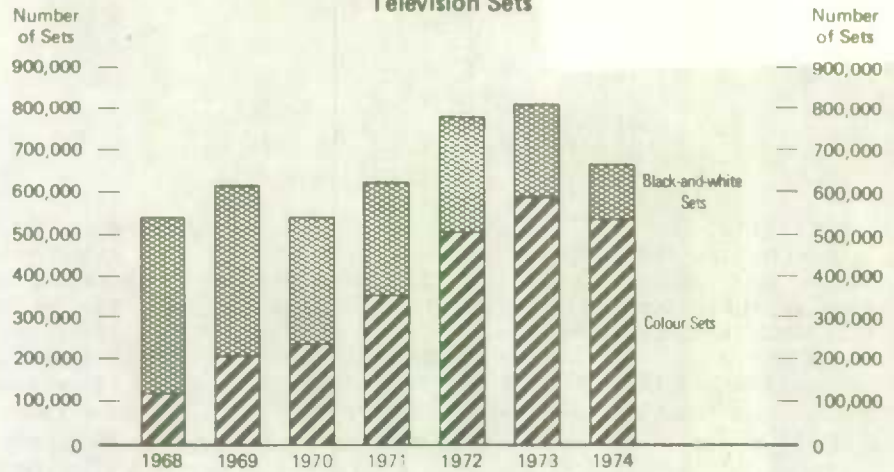
Canadian refineries produced 58.1 million barrels of refined petroleum products in December, an increase of 5.2% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 56.2 million barrels showed a decrease of 1.0% from December 1973.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 404/\$4), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 10, No. 5 (57-002, \$4.20 per year), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



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



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

### Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported combined net income of \$63.0 million for January-November 1974, down 9.7% from \$69.8 million for the comparable period in 1973.

Total operating revenues rose 27.3% to \$1.21 billion in the latest period; operating expenses climbed 30.3% to \$1.15 billion.

Passenger traffic — measured in passenger-miles for all services — increased 12.4% to 15,451.7 million. Goods ton-miles for all services were up 6.6% to 439.6 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 7, No. 6.

### Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 134.6 in January, an increase of 0.6% from the previous month's level and up 4.4% from a year earlier.

Prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 0.7% over the twelve months from January 1974; labour costs rose 11.4%.

During this period, residential building construction input price indexes advanced in all regions of Canada, with increases recorded as follows:

- Prairie Provinces, 6.3%; Quebec, 4.7%; British Columbia, 4.1%; Atlantic Provinces, 4.5%; and Ontario, 3.8%.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year).

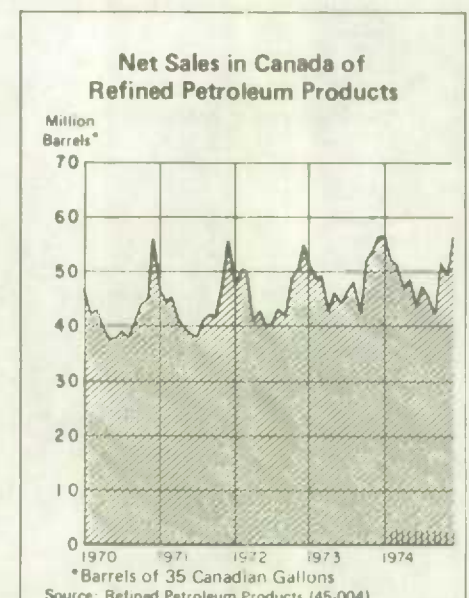
### Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 17.7 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in January, an increase of 4.2% from a year earlier. Non-carload shipments rose 32.9% to 169,766 tons.

Commodities showing notable tonnage increases in the latest month included: copper-nickel ores and concentrates (up 68.2%); wheat (up 23.7%); coal (up 19.6%); and iron ore (up 12.3%).

Rail haulings of passenger cars at 66,715 tons were down 38.0% from 107,545 tons carried in January 1974.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 304/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.





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