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## Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$1.90 billion in January, more than double the \$891.5 million realized in January 1974.

Total payments made to farmers in the latest month, by province and with January 1974 figures in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$983.2 million (\$272.7 million); Alberta, \$417.7 million (\$187.2 million); Ontario, \$188.0 million (\$205.6 million); Manitoba, \$179.3 million (\$97.2 million); Quebec, \$82.1 million (\$71.9 million); British Columbia, \$26.5 million (\$28.1 million); Nova Scotia, \$8.8 million (\$8.7 million); New Brunswick, \$7.3 million (\$10.3 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$5.5 million (\$9.8 million).

For further information, order the January 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.

## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 239.6 in January, an increase of 2.5% from the December level and up 12.2% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index increased 12.9% over the twelve months from January 1974; the labour component moved up 11.7%.

Prices of steel and metal work used in non-residential building construction climbed 29.6% during this period, concrete products rose 22.1%, electrical equipment 11.1%, plumbing, heating and other equipment 8.1% and other materials 12.8%. Prices of lumber and lumber products registered an 11.9% decline.

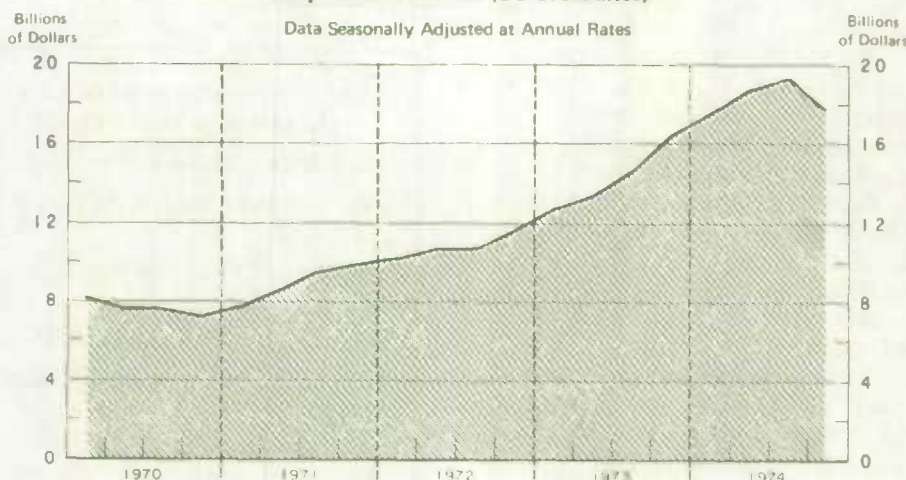
For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

## 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)	Dec.	6,705P	6,607P	21.1
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb.	8.87	8.87	2.3
Unemployed	Feb.	839,000	817,000	32.1
<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)	Feb.	178.0	176.6	11.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Jan.	185.0	182.7P	17.5
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Jan.	484.7	482.0P	12.9
<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.)	Jan.	26.6	26.6	1.1
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Nov.	289.9	3,112	-1.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Dec.	58.1	645.6	5.2
<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)	Jan.	92.0	92.0	-40.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	Jan.	1,304	1,304	5.3
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	323.9	323.9	9.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	6,701P	79,345	21.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	371.2	371.2	-8.3
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.

## Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

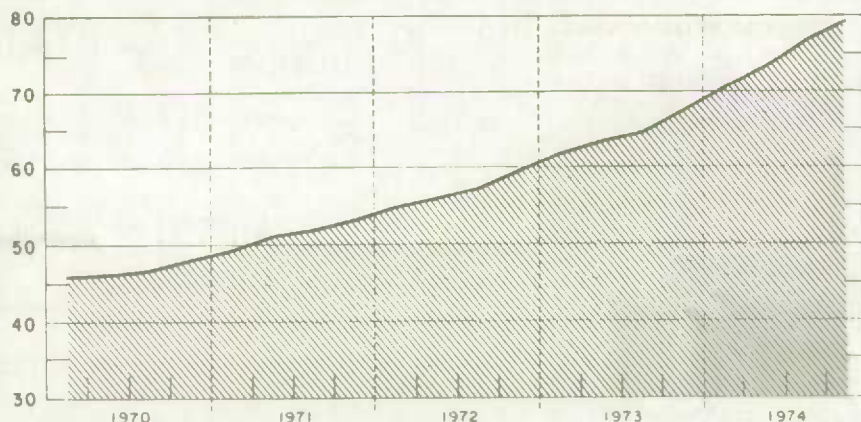


Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

### Wages, Salaries, and Supplementary Labour Income

Billions  
of dollars

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 0.8% to 178.0 in February from 176.6 in January. Though all main components moved up, the CPI registered a smaller advance than in the corresponding month last year, mainly because of slower-rising food prices.

The main impetus behind the 0.8% rise in retail food prices in the latest month was generally-higher quotations for fresh fruit and vegetables (except potatoes) and increased prices for milk, butter and other dairy products and most cereal and bakery items.

The rise of 0.7% in the index for all items other than food was mainly attributable to widespread increases in insurance rates for automobiles and for dwellings and household effects.

Between February 1974 and February 1975, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 11.8%.

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

- Food, up 14.7%; tobacco and alcohol, 12.6%; recreation, education and reading, 12.3%; health and personal care, 11.7%; transportation, 11.4%; housing, 10.3%; and clothing, 8.5%.

For further information, order the February 1974 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

### Electric Power Statistics, 1973

Net generation — total generation less energy used in generating station service — increased 9.6% in 1973 to 263.3 billion kilowatt hours from 240.2 billion kwh. in 1972.

Although total generation rose by 9.6%, electric energy made available in Canada increased by 7.7%; exports rose 47.6% to 16.29 billion kwh. while imports decreased 5.5% to 2.25 billion kwh.

For further information, order *Electric Power Statistics, Vol. II, 1973* (57-202, \$1.40), or contact D. Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Building Permits, January

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, February

Employment, Earnings and Hours, January

Real Domestic Product, January

Summary of Foreign Trade, February

Wholesale Trade, January

### General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 0.6% in January to 484.7 from 482.0 (revised) in December to stand 12.9% higher than the January 1974 level of 429.2. Five of the eight major groups moved up; three declined.

The wood products group index increased 6.3% in the latest month as prices for newsprint and wrapping paper jumped 12.1% and wood pulp rose 8.5%.

Non-metallic minerals advanced 4.4% with price increases of 30.5% for coke, 14.2% for cement and 12.5% for salt.

Iron products rose 2.8%, mainly because of increases for wire and for rolling mill products.

The vegetable products group index decreased 4.1% from the December level, reflecting price declines for onions, sugar and its products and potatoes.

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

### Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$140.0 million in January, an increase of 10.8% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

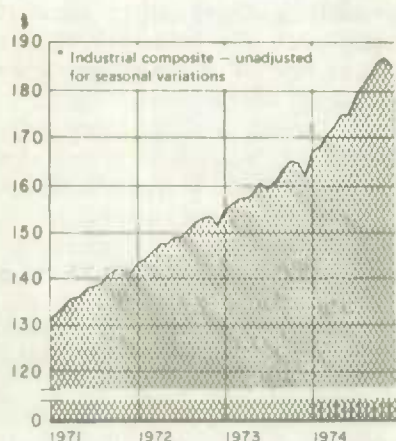
Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over January 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$52.3 million (11.9%); Quebec, \$45.4 million (10.8%); Alberta, \$13.0 million (10.8%); British Columbia, \$12.3 million (9.7%); Manitoba, \$5.9 million (8.1%); Saskatchewan, \$4.3 million (10.3%); New Brunswick, \$3.2 million (6.5%); Nova Scotia, \$2.5 million (5.9%); Newfoundland, \$918,000 (12.1%); and Prince Edward Island, \$279,000 (6.9%).

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



### Average Weekly Earnings in Canadian Industry\*



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

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### International Travel

Preliminary statistics for January show that 1.4 million United States visitors entered Canada, up 1.5% from a year earlier. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. increased 13.0% to 1.9 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. rose 16.0% to 38,600. Residents of Canada returning from abroad numbered 159,500, up 10.5% from January 1974.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact M. W. Valiquette (613-995-0847). International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

### Electric Power Statistics

Net generation rose 1.1% in January to 26.6 billion kilowatt hours from 26.3 billion kwh. a year earlier.

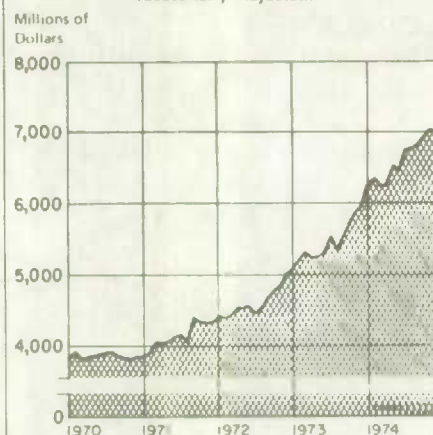
There were increases in net generation in eight regions of Canada in the latest month while decreases were registered in New Brunswick (-20.0%), Ontario (-6.9%), Saskatchewan (-5.0%) and Quebec (-0.5%). The largest increases were recorded in Newfoundland (30%) and Nova Scotia (13.6%).

Hydro generation increased 7.1%; thermal production decreased 12.5%.

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

### Manufacturers' Shipments

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001)

### Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing rose to 185.0 in January, an increase of 1.3% from the December level and up 17.5% from a year earlier.

The paper and allied industries group advanced 6.8%, spurred by an 8.5% price increase by pulp and paper mills. Non-metallic minerals rose 6.2% with price hikes of 15.1% for cement manufacturers, 5.8% for ready-mix concrete and 3.3% for concrete products manufacturers.

Over the twelve months from January 1974, the largest price increases were shown by the following component group indexes:

- Chemical and chemical products industries, 32.6%; paper and allied industries, 30.6%; rubber products industries, 21.8%; petroleum and coal products industries, 21.1%; non-metallic mineral industries, 20.9%; and foods and beverages industries, 18.1%.

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

### The Labour Force

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for Canada rose to 6.8% in February from 6.7% a month earlier.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over remained unchanged at 5.2%, while for women 25 and over it increased to 4.1% from 3.6% in January. For persons aged 14 to 24, the rate climbed to 12.1% from 11.8%.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, employment declined marginally in February while the number of unemployed increased by 16,000.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate for Canada — percentage of the population 14 and over included in the labour force — moved up to 58.9% from 58.8%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed in February at 8.87 million was unchanged from January but up from 8.67 million in February 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 839,000, or 8.6% of the 9.71 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 23.4%; New Brunswick, 16.3%; Quebec, 10.9%; British Columbia, 9.9%; Nova Scotia, 9.5%; Ontario, 7.1%; Manitoba, 5.4%; Alberta, 4.1%; and Saskatchewan, 3.9%.

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

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