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## Retail Trade

Retail sales in Canada reached \$3.39 billion in January, an increase of 15.7% from a year earlier. Sales were up in 25 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by book and stationery stores (43.0%) and grocery, confectionery and sundries stores (27.1%).

All provinces and territories reported sales increases over January 1974 with highs of 22.9% for Nova Scotia and 22.0% in New Brunswick. Sales rose 13.4% in Vancouver, 13.1% in Toronto, 11.9% in Montreal and 2.0% in Winnipeg.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4). Commencing this month, retail trade sales data have been produced by means of a new sample survey. The January report explains the new methodology employed as well as providing an explanation of the differences in methodology between the old and new samples.

## Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in January totalled \$494.3 million, up 9.7% from \$450.4 million a year earlier.

Lower totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$157.6 million (\$213.8 million a year earlier) and institutional and governmental permits at \$57.4 million (\$76.6 million). Increases were registered for commercial permits at \$237.9 million (\$122.3 million) and industrial permits at \$41.3 million (\$37.7 million).

Building permits taken out in January, by province and with January 1974 totals in brackets:

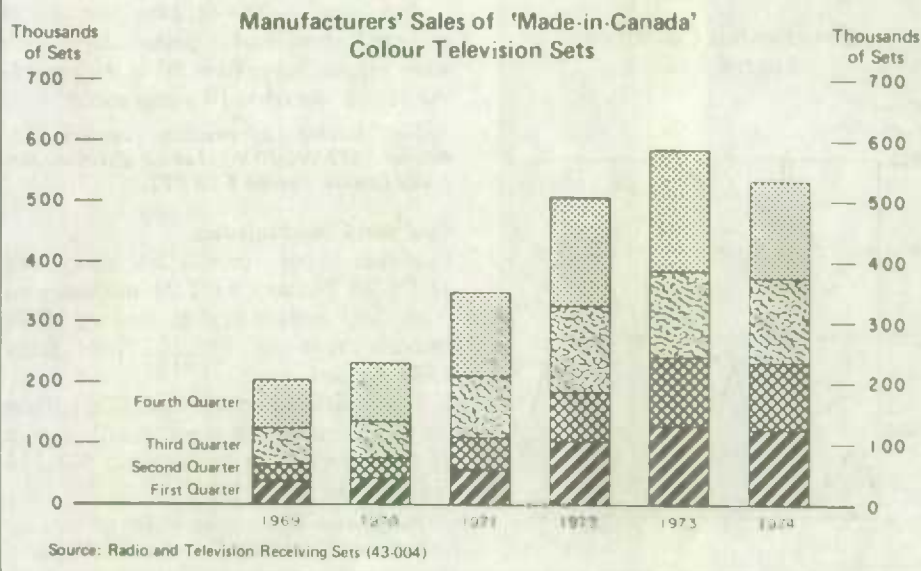
- Ontario, \$278.8 million (\$185.7 million); Alberta, \$66.8 million (\$45.7 million); British Columbia, \$63.4 million (\$83.0 million); Quebec, \$39.6 million (\$89.7 million); Nova Scotia, \$13.5 million (\$25.1 million); New Brunswick, \$11.6 million (\$2.9 million); Manitoba, \$11.2 million (\$8.4 million); Saskatchewan, \$7.2 million (\$7.8 million); Newfoundland, \$1.2 million (\$1.9 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$764,000 (\$128,000).

For further information, order the January 1975 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 (\$)	Jan.	191.92P	185.20P	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)	Jan.	14,704P	14,394P	33.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Jan.	6,116	5,938	28.6
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Jan.	6,485P	6,726P	5.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Jan.	10,297P	10,277P	26.6
<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)	Jan.	494.3P	494.3	9.7
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Jan.	7,133	7,133	-47.2
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Jan.	2,269	2,269	11.6
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Jan.	26.6	26.6	1.2
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Nov.	289.9	3,112	-1.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Jan.	53.4	53.4	-5.3
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports (\$ million)	Feb.	2,424	5,108	12.1
Imports (\$ million)	Feb.	2,616	5,429	25.2
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Feb.	107.0	199.1	-31.3
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	Feb.	1,115	2,390	0.1
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	323.9	323.9	9.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Jan.	6,465P	6,465	10.7
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	371.2	371.2	-8.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	3,394	3,394	15.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	3,059	3,059	6.6

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



### Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$191.92 in January were up 14.4% from \$167.72 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$216.53), followed by Ontario (\$195.18), Alberta (\$194.02), Quebec (\$187.52), Newfoundland (\$181.89), Saskatchewan (\$173.98), Manitoba (\$172.34), New Brunswick (\$171.20), Nova Scotia (\$165.18) and Prince Edward Island (\$143.96).

Average weekly earnings in January (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$267.01; mining, \$257.68; forestry, \$233.24; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$216.94; manufacturing, \$202.84; finance, insurance and real estate, \$185.50; trade, \$152.37; and service, \$137.26.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$54/\$5.50), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

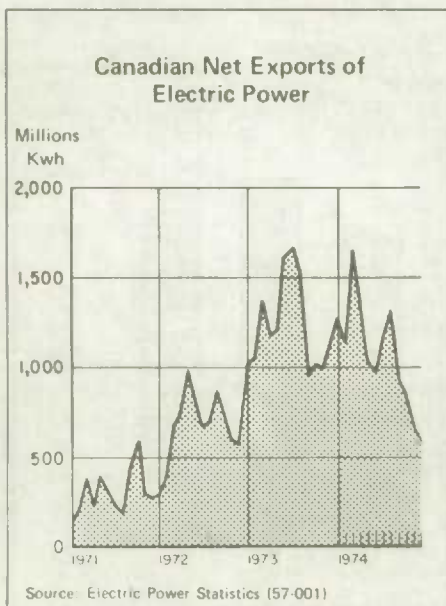
### Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Revised data show Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits of \$2.26 billion for the fourth quarter of 1974, a decrease of \$68 million (2.9%) from the corresponding period a year earlier.

Industrial corporations' sales in the latest quarter amounted to \$50.3 billion, up \$7.4 billion (17.2%) from the fourth quarter of 1973.

Assets of these corporations rose \$19.1 billion (16.0%) during 1974.

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



### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, March

Department Store Sales and Stocks, February

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, February

Real Domestic Product, February

Retail Trade, February

The Labour Force, March

### Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 107,041 units in February, a drop of 21.5% from 136,302 a year earlier.

Passenger car production declined to 77,151 units from 107,098, while production of commercial vehicles increased to 29,890 units from 29,204 in February 1974.

For the first two months of 1975, Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 199,071 units, down 31.3% from 289,835 in January-February 1974.

For further information, order the February 1975 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, \$154/\$1.50).

### Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ending in February show a further decline in the average number of vacant jobs.

Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs numbered 62,100 compared with 105,700 in the preceding three months and 77,300 a year earlier.

Full-time job vacancies declined to 56,900 from 94,000 in the preceding period and 72,400 at February 28, 1974.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the surveyed three-month period, eight jobs were vacant, down from 13 in the preceding period and from 10 a year earlier.

For further information, contact J.S. Boucek (613-992-2006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian coal production increased 11.6% in January to 2.27 million tons from 2.03 million tons in January 1974. Imports rose to 765,202 tons from 133,135 tons.

Industrial consumers used 2.26 million tons of coal in the latest month (down 11.9% from a year earlier) and 504,356 tons of coke (down 0.1%).

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$40/\$4).

### Provincial Government Employment

Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed a total of 320,038 persons in general government services during the last pay period of December 1974.

Gross payrolls for the fourth quarter of 1974 amounted to \$825.1 million.

For further information, order *Provincial Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 1974* (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact T.D. Harris (613-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Real Domestic Product

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product (1961=100) decreased 0.5% in January to 201.7 from a revised December level of 202.7.

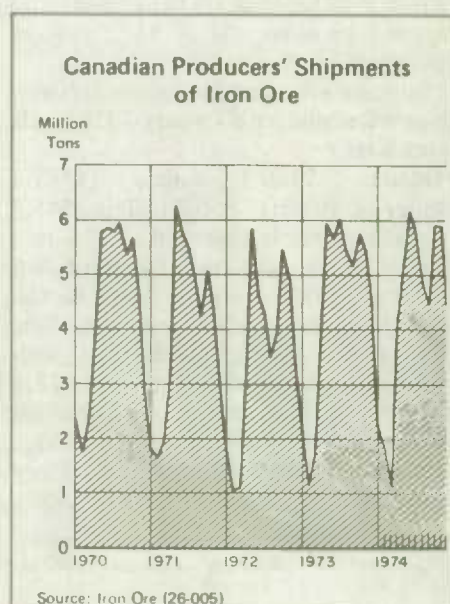
Most of the decline originated with the goods-producing industries, where output dropped 1.1% during the month. Service-producing industries' output decreased 0.1%.

Major contributors to the over-all January decline in real domestic product were manufacturing (-2.0%), mining (-3.1%), transportation (-2.0%), forestry (-6.4%) and construction (-1.3%).

Durable goods manufacturing fell 5.0% — the largest decline since September 1970. Decreases in production as well as layoffs were recorded by motor vehicle manufacturers and manufacturers of major appliances and household radio and television sets.

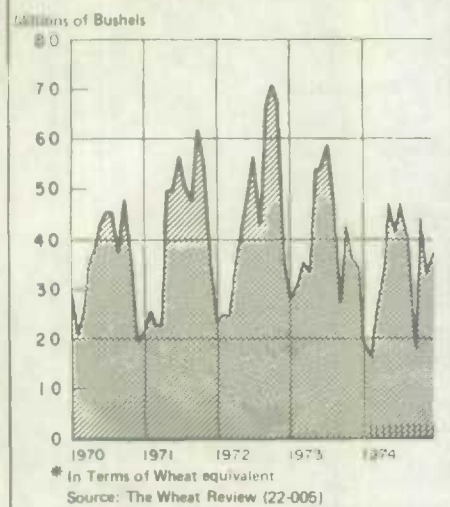
Within non-durables manufacturing, which increased 1.2%, most of the increase originated with distilleries (because of strike recovery) and manufacturers of industrial chemicals.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, \$40/\$4).





### Canadian Exports of Wheat (and wheat flour\*)



#### The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during August 1974 – January 1975 have amounted to 977.8 million bushels, down 1% from 986.5 million in the year-earlier period.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at February 1, 1975 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,561.9 million bushels, slightly below the 1,569.0 million on hand at the same date in 1974.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 699.0 (572.7); Canada, 530.1 (598.7); Australia, 294.8 (309.9); and Argentina, 38.0 (87.7).

For further information, order the February 1975 issue of *The Wheat Review* (22-005, \$54/\$5.50).

#### Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 135.7 in February, an increase of 0.8% from the January level and up 4.5% from a year earlier.

Prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 0.2% over the twelve months from February 1974; labour costs rose 12.3%.

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

- Quebec, 6.0%; Prairie Provinces, 5.2%; Atlantic Provinces, 4.3%; British Columbia, 4.1%; and Ontario, 3.5%.

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

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade**  
In February, seasonally-adjusted exports declined 4.3% and imports 1.1% from January levels. Canada's merchandise trade deficit widened to \$211 million from \$120 million in January.

Exports declined to \$2.69 billion in February from \$2.81 billion the previous month with most of the decrease concentrated in shipments to countries other than the United States and the continental European Economic Community. Exports to the United Kingdom rose 20% to \$201 million.

The value of shipments to the U.S. rose 1% in February to \$1.76 billion, on a seasonally-adjusted basis. Lower deliveries of crude petroleum and some fabricated goods partly offset increased exports of automotive products. A sharp decline in wheat shipments – caused in part by a labour dispute involving grain handlers – and in exports of some crude materials and metals contributed to reduced shipments to overseas destinations.

Seasonally-adjusted imports declined 1.1% in February to \$2.90 billion, but the level of imports in the latest three months was 3.5% above that of September-November 1974.

For further information, order the February 1975 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

#### Oil Pipe Line Transport

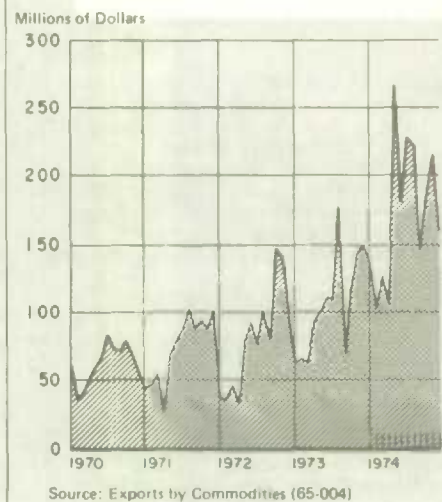
Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.83 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in January, a decrease of 8.3% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Commercial Building Permits Issued in Canada



### Canadian Exports of Wheat (and wheat flour)



#### Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 17.3 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in February, an increase of 8.6% from a year earlier. Non-carload shipments rose 34.2% to 155,613 tons.

Commodities showing notable tonnage increases in the latest month included: sulphur (up 48.5%); copper-nickel ores and concentrates (up 26.3%); iron ore (up 25.7%); coal (up 19.4%); and wheat (up 18.1%). Major tonnage declines were registered for lumber (-20.6%) and pulpwood (-9.9%).

For the first two months of 1975, total carload traffic at 35.0 million tons was up 6.3% from January-February 1974. Copper-nickel ores, sulphur, wheat, coal and iron ore haulings were all substantially higher in the latest period.

For further information, order the February 1975 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

#### Corporations

The corporate section of the annual reports for 1972 required under the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act is now available. The publication contains tables and charts on the impact of foreign ownership and control on the Canadian economy. It also provides, for the first time, a detailed balance sheet on 33 major industry groups.

For further information, order free of charge, *Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act, 1972, Part I: Corporations* (61-210).



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## E PUBLICATIONS RELEASED MARCH 20 - APRIL 2

	Catalogue	Price per issue/year		Catalogue	Price per issue/year
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
Coarse Grains Review, February 1975	22-001	\$1.05/\$4.20	Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, January 1975	32-021	15¢/\$1.50
Dairy Factory Production, February 1975	32-002	\$1.50/year	Electric Power Statistics, January 1975	57-001	30¢/\$3
Farm Cash Receipts, January 1975	21-001	30¢/\$3	Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, January 1975	43-005	15¢/\$1.50
Fluid Milk Sales, December 1974	23-002	\$1.50/year	Fish Freezings and Stocks, January 1975	24-001	40¢/\$4
Grain Milling Statistics, January 1975	32-003	30¢/\$3	Gas Utilities, September 1974	55-002	30¢/\$3
Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, January 1975	62-003	15¢/\$1.50	Gold Production, January 1975	26-004	15¢/\$1.50
Production of Eggs and Poultry, January 1975	23-003	30¢/\$3	Miscellaneous Food Preparations, Quarter Ended December 31, 1974	32-018	35¢/\$1.40
Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, July-September 1974	21-003	\$1.40/\$5.60	Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, February 1975	32-001	15¢/\$1.50
Report on Livestock Surveys - Cattle, Sheep, January 1, 1975	23-004	70¢	Particle Board, January 1975	36-003	15¢/\$1.50
Report on Livestock Surveys - Pigs, January 1, 1975	23-005	\$1.40/year	Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, January 1975	26-007	15¢/\$1.50
The Wheat Review, February 1975	22-005	55¢/\$5.50	Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, December 1974	35-003	30¢/\$3
<b>BUSINESS FINANCE</b>					
Cheques Cashed, November 1974	61-001	30¢/\$3	Products Made From Canadian Clays, January 1975	44-005	15¢/\$1.50
<b>CENSUS</b>					
Income of Individuals - Employment Income by Sex, Occupation and Class of Worker, for Canada, 1971 Census of Canada	94-765	\$1.05	Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, January 1975	25-001	15¢/\$1.50
<b>CONSUMER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>					
Urban Family Expenditure, 1972	62-541	\$2.80	Radio and Television Receiving Sets, January 1975	43-004	30¢/\$3
<b>EXTERNAL TRADE</b>					
Summary of External Trade, January 1975	65-001	40¢/\$4	Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, January 1975	33-001	30¢/\$3
<b>FINANCIAL FLOWS AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES</b>					
International Travel, January 1975	66-002	15¢/\$1.50	Refined Petroleum Products, December 1974	45-004	40¢/\$4
Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, December and Year 1974	66-001	55¢/\$5.50	Refined Petroleum Products - Vol. 11: Consumption of Petroleum Products, 1973	45-208	70¢
<b>GENERAL TIME SERIES</b>					
Canadian Statistical Review, March 1975	11-003E	70¢/\$7	Silver, Lead and Zinc Production, January 1975	26-008	15¢/\$1.50
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Canadian Hospitals and Related Facilities, 1975	83-201	\$1.40	Specified Chemicals, January 1975	46-002	15¢/\$1.50
Vital Statistics - Volume II: Marriages and Divorces, 1973	84-205	\$2.10	Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, January 1975	43-003	15¢/\$1.50
<b>INDUSTRY PRODUCT</b>					
Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, December 1974	61-005	40¢/\$4	Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January 1975	41-006	15¢/\$1.50
<b>JUDICIAL</b>					
Training Schools, 1973	85-208	\$1.05	Stoves and Furnaces, January 1975	41-005	30¢/\$3
<b>LABOUR</b>					
Employment Earnings and Hours, September 1974	72-002	55¢/\$5.50	Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics, October-December 1974	32-014	70¢/\$2.80
Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, December 1974 and Annual Supplement	73-001	40¢/\$4	<b>MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES</b>		
Trusteed Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1973	74-201	\$1.05	Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1975	63-009	15¢/\$1.50
<b>LABOUR FORCE SURVEY</b>					
The Labour Force, February 1975	71-001	55¢/\$5.50	New Motor Vehicle Sales, January 1975	63-007	30¢/\$3
<b>MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES</b>					
Biscuits and Confectionery, Quarter Ended December 31, 1974	32-016	35¢/\$1.40	Wholesale Trade, January 1975	63-008	\$1.50/year
Breweries, January 1975	32-019	15¢/\$1.50	<b>PUBLIC FINANCE</b>		
Concrete Products, January 1975	44-002	15¢/\$1.50	Government Finance in Accordance With The System of National Accounts, 1970-1973 (by quarters)	68-001	\$1.05/\$4.20
Copper and Nickel Production, January 1975	26-003	15¢/\$1.50	Local Government Employment, October-December 1974	72-009	70¢/\$2.80
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, October 1974	26-006	30¢/\$3	<b>TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, September 1974	26-006	30¢/\$3	International Air Charter Statistics, April-June 1974	51-003	\$1.05/\$4.20
			Shipping Statistics, February 1974	54-002	30¢/\$3
			Shipping Statistics, March 1974	54-002	30¢/\$3
			The Motor Vehicle, Part IV: Revenues, 1973	53-220	70¢
			<b>SERVICE BULLETINS</b>		
			Aviation Statistics Centre - Vol. 7, No. 13, International Air Charter Statistics, Passenger Origin and Destination, July 1974; Vol. 7, No. 14, Airport Activity Statistics, Third Quarter 1974; Vol. 7, No. 15, Aircraft Movement Statistics, Annual Report 1974	51-004	\$4.20 per year
			Communications - Vol. 5, No. 7, Monthly Telephone Statistics, January 1975	56-001	\$1.40 per year
			Water Transport - Vol. 5, No. 1, Containerized Freight Statistics, 1973; Vol. 5, No. 2, Cargo Loaded and Unloaded in Coastwise Shipping by Vessels of Foreign Registries, October-December 1973 and October-December 1974	54-003	\$1.40 per year