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Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales rose to \$432.1 million in April, an increase of 12.8% from \$383.0 million in April 1974.

Sales increased in 36 of the 40 departments in the latest month with the largest gains recorded by gasoline, oil, auto accessories, repairs and supplies (31.9%) and food and kindred products (29.4%).

All provinces reported increased sales over April 1974 with a high of 84.9% for Prince Edward Island. Sales rose 19.5% in Vancouver, 15.4% in Winnipeg, 13.4% in Toronto and 2.2% in Montreal.

Inventories held in April (at selling price) were valued at \$1.53 billion, up 20.7% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 1975 issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks (63-002, 404/\$4), or contact B. heriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Labour Income

Total labour income for April was estimated at \$6.86 billion, up 14.6% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the April estimate of \$6.94 billion showed an increase of 0.4% from the March level. Wages and salaries in both the goodsproducing and service-producing industries advanced at approximately the same rate.

For further information, order the April 1975 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-996-4147), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

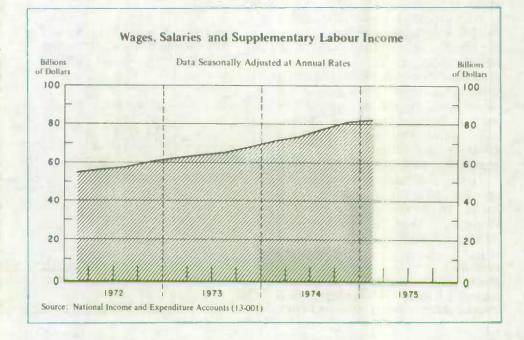
Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 25.4% in April to 2.36 million tons from 1.88 million in April 1974. Imports rose to 1.78 million tons from 1.72 million.

Industrial consumers used 1.63 million tons of coal in the latest month (down 1.8% from a year earlier) and 388,274 ons of coke (down 15.4%).

For further information, order the April 1975 issue of Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact D. Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa KIA 0V6.

| LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS | | | Previous | Change From Year Ago |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Lates | t Month | Month | % |
| EMPLOYMENT, INCOME | | | | |
| Average Weekly Earnings (\$) | Apr | 198.15P | 195.34P | 14.8 |
| Labour Income (\$ million) | | 6.857P | 6.782P | 14.6 |
| Persons with Jobs (million) | | 9.38 | 9.01 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed | | 714,000 | 795,000 | 36.3 |
| INVENTORIES | Ivada y | 114,000 | 122,000 | 0010 |
| Department Store (\$ million) | Apr * | 1.529 | 1.315 | 20.7 |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) | | 15.282P | 15.252P | 25.1 |
| Wholesale (\$ million) | | 6,408 | 6.348 | 24.7 |
| | Apr. | 0,400 | 0,340 | 24.1 |
| ORDERS Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million) | A mu | C 000D | C 040D | 2.2 |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million) | | 6,890P | 6,848P | |
| | Apr. | 10,091P | 10,302P | 11.5 |
| PRICES (10(1-100) | | 101.2 | 100.0 | |
| Consumer Price Index (1961=100) | | 181.3 | 179.8 | 10.1 |
| Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100) | | 188.9 | 187.1° | 14.0 |
| Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100) | Apr. | 483.0 | 477.8r | 6.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | Year-to-date | |
| Building Permits (\$ million) | Mar. | 619.8P | | 97 - 12.0 |
| Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) | Apr. | 11,929 | 30,29 | 96 - 41.3 |
| ENERGY | | | | |
| Coal Production (thousand tons) | | 2,313 | 6,7 | 14 10.9 |
| Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.) | | 22.8 | 98 | .2 0.1 |
| Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.) | | 278.8 | 588 | 1.1 - 2.6 |
| Petroleum Refining (million barrels) | Apr. | 52.4 | 207 | .4 - 3.6 |
| FOREIGN TRADE | | | | |
| Exports (\$ million) | May* | 2.975 | 13.14 | 44 3.3 |
| Imports (\$ million) | May* | 3.099 | 14.2 | 33 16.5 |
| PRODUCTION | | | , | |
| Motor Vehicles (thousand units) | Apr | 136.8 | 461 | 4 - 20.1 |
| Steel (ingots - thousand tons) | May* | 1.269 | | 21 2.1 |
| SALES | 11200 3 | 1,207 | 0,2. | W. I. |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) | Anr | 432.1 | 1.4 | 45 10.8 |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) | Apr | 7.101P | 26.9 | |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million) | Anr | 653.4 | 2.0 | |
| Retail Sales (\$ million) | Apr. | 3,953 | 14.0 | |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) | Apr. | 3,651 | 13,5 | |
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Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in March totalled \$619.8 million, down 25.0% from \$826.1 million a year earlier.

Lower totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$354.6 million (\$481.7 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$119.3 million (\$174.8 million) and industrial permits at \$45.8 million (\$70.7 million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental building construction increased to \$100.1 million from \$98.9 million.

Building permits taken out in March, by province and with March 1974 figures in brackets:

Ontario, \$259.0 million (\$382.0 million); Quebec, \$151.4 million (\$151.3 million); British Columbia, \$74.5 million (\$133.4 million); Alberta, \$72.3 million (\$87.8 million); Nova Scotia, \$21.3 million (\$14.6 million); Manitoba, \$17.3 million (\$28.4 million); Saskatchewan, \$16.7 million (\$14.4 million); New Brunswick, \$4.4 million (\$7.3 million); Prince Edward Island, \$1.7 million (\$243,000); and Newfoundland, \$1.2 million (\$3.6 million).

Cumulatively, building permits taken out in Canada in the first four months of 1975 totalled \$1.60 billion, down 12.0% from \$1.82 billion in January-April 1974.

For further information, order the March 1975 issue of Building Permits (64-001, 704/87).

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 141.9 in May, an increase of 2.6% from the April level and up 4.3% from a year earlier.

Price of materials used in residential building construction increased 0.4% over the twelve months from May 1974; labour costs rose 11.5%.

During this period, residential building construction input price indexes advanced in all regions of Canada, with increases recorded as follows: Quebec, 8.1%; British Columbia, 7.6%; Prairie Provinces, 5.8%; Atlantic Provinces, 3.0%; and Ontario, 1.4%.

Labour cost indexes showed the following increases (by region): British Columbia, 28.1%; Quebec, 20.3%; Prairie Provinces, 10.9%; Atlantic Provinces, 10.8%; and Ontario, 4.1%.

For further information, order the May 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.

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Consumer Price Movements, June Department Store Sales by Regions, May

General Wholesale Price Index, May Housing Starts and Completions, May

New Motor Vehicle Sales, May

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes, May

Report on Job Vacancies

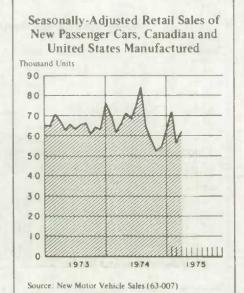
Preliminary estimates for the three months ended May 31 show an increase in the number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended February 28, 1975. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs rose to 64,800 from 60,500.

However, this increase was substantially lower than those that occurred in the corresponding periods of each of the four preceding years. And on a year-to-year basis, vacancies were down by 39,400.

Vacancies for full-time jobs numbered 57,800 at May 31, up 4% from February 28, 1975 but down 38% from May 31, 1974.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest three-month period, eight were vacant, the same as in the preceding period but down from 13 a year earlier.

For further information, order Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies (71-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.



Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada reported a total of 20.8 million tons of revenue carload freight loaded in May, a decrease of 8.6% from a year earlier. Non-carload shipments declined 24.8% to 164,401 tons.

Rail traffic received from United States connections at 2.0 million tons was down 26.6% from May 1974.

In the latest month, the more notable percentage declines in loadings were recorded for: gravel and crushed stone (-30.3%); pulpwood chips (-20.7%); and iron ore (-16.0%). Shipments of phosphate rock more than tripled and coal loadings increased 49.9%.

Cumulatively, rail loadings for the first five months of 1975 totalled 91.5 million tons, down 3.5% from January-May 1974.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 304/\$3).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 142.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in March, up 3.9% from a year earlier. Exports decreased 2.1% to 83.4 billion cubic feet.

Cumulatively, sales of natural gas for the first three months of 1975 totalled 439.3 billion cubic feet, an increase of 1.6% from January-March 1974.

For further information, order the March 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.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Canada 1975

This year's edition of Statistics Canada's annual showpiece publication has just been published, and is maintaining its traditional reputation as one of the country's most popular periodicals.

The 360-page handbook pictures recent economic, social and cultural developments in Canada in giving its complete but concise portrait of the nation in review.

Superbly-illustrated, Canada 1975 contains some 250 photographs – 150 in full colour. Work from many of the country's leading photographers and articles from recognized specialists in numerous fields are included.

A total of 213,100 copies (160,000 in English and 53,100 in French) have been printed for distribution in Canada an abroad. Available at selected bookstores as well as Information Canada bookshops, Canada 1975 is priced at \$2.50 per copy, \$3 outside Canada.

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade On a balance-of-payments basis, Canada's seasonally-adjusted merchandise trade balance returned to a deficit position in May as exports declined 2.5% from April and imports remained virtually unchanged. The May deficit of \$33 million stood in contrast to a modest surplus in April but still compared favourably with an average monthly deficit of \$180 million in the first quarter.

On a customs basis, exports to the United States continued to decline marginally. A drop in shipments to the European Economic Community of 9% was more than compensated for by an 18% rise in exports to Japan.

Exports were adversely affected by the longshoremen's strike in Montreal, as shipments of wheat dropped from April levels by 35% to \$158 million. Declines were also recorded for key exports to the U.S. — deliveries of passenger automobiles dropped 14% to \$230 million and deliveries of crude oil 4% to \$200 million. However, deliveries of wood pulp and newsprint rose 10% to \$179 million and \$170 million respectively.

Imports of textiles and apparel increased in May by more than a third to \$105 million and similar increases were recorded for raw sugar and cocoa. Imports of crude petroleum rose 11% to \$310 million. On the other hand, shipments of passenger automobiles dropped 10% to \$179 million and purchases of motor vehicle parts and engines declined 14% to \$313 million.

In the first five months of 1975, unadjusted exports of \$13.1 billion were 3.3% above those for the corresponding period in 1974. Exports to the U.S. rose 2.6% to \$8.7 billion. In the same period, imports rose 16.5% to \$14.2 billion, including a gain of 11.2% to \$9.5 billion for imports from the U.S.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the May issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 404/\$4).

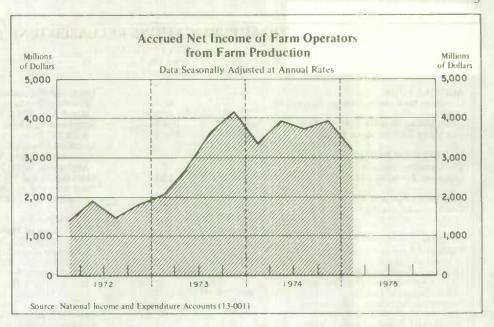
Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$62.8 million in April, a drop of 4.7% from April 1974.

Gross operating revenues of the thirteen major telephone companies rose 19.3% to \$222.2 million in the latest month; operating expenses jumped 25.4% to \$159.4 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$139.6 million in April showed an increase of 31.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 15, Monthly Telephone Statistics, April 1975.



The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during the August-April period of the current crop year amounted to 1,398.3 million bushels, up 3% from 1,362.8 million exported in the year-earlier period.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at May 1, 1975 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,153.9 million bushels, a drop of 3% from the 1,193.5 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, 460.1 (368.6); Canada, 459.4 (521.7); Australia, 219.4 (232.7); and Argentina, 15.0 (70.5).

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of The Wheat Review (22-005, 554/\$5.50).

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Farm Cash Receipts, 1974

Farmers received in 1974 an estimated \$8.84 billion in cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland, an increase of 29.4% from \$6.83 billion in 1973.

There were increases in most categories of cash receipts from crops and livestock. The most notable gains occurred in wheat, barley and rapeseed while receipts from hogs declined along with deficiency payments.

Provincial totals of farm cash receipts

for 1974, with 1973 figures in brackets:

Ontario, \$2.41 billion (\$1.97 billion);
Saskatchewan, \$2.06 billion (\$1.47 billion); Alberta, \$1.73 billion (\$1.21 billion); Quebec, \$1.16 billion (\$978.6 million); Manitoba, \$842.4 million (\$618.4 million); British Columbia, \$372.5 million (\$335.2 million); Nova Scotia, \$104.3 million (\$95.7 million); New Brunswick, \$103.6 million (\$95.5 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$84.4 million (\$71.9 million).

For further information, order Farm Cash Receipts, 1974 (21-201, 70¢), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876). Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Railway Transport: Part IV, 1974

Railways operating in Canada handled a total of 314.4 million tons of revenue freight in 1974, an increase of 2.7% over 1973.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose 6.0% to 138.7 billion.

The number of persons travelling by rail increased 21.8% to 24.1 million in the latest year and passenger-miles at 1.9 billion were up 17.5%. The average passenger journey decreased to 78 miles from 81 miles in 1973.

For further information, order Railway Transport: Part IV, 1974 (52-210, 704).

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