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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, 40¢/\$4), or contact B. Theriault (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 goods-producing 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 0.8% from a year earlier) and 388,274 tons of coke (down 15.4%).

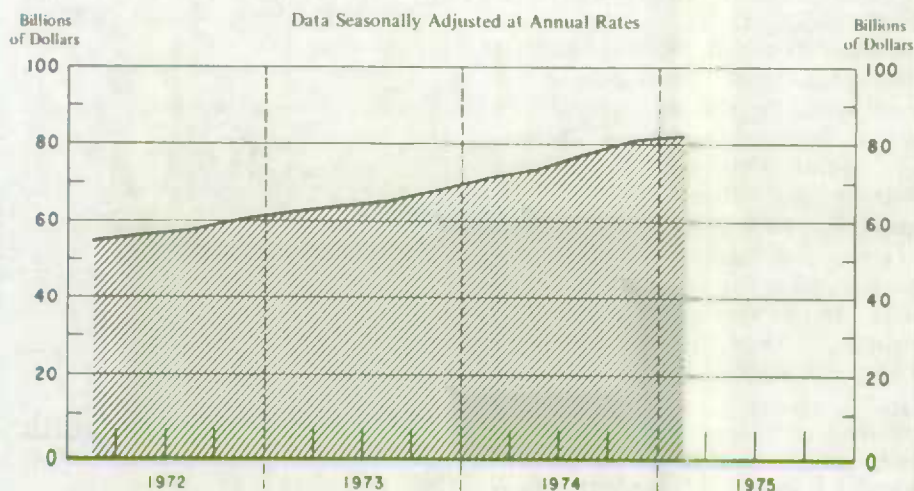
For further information, order the April 1975 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact D. Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	198.15P	195.34P	14.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.*	6,857P	6,782P	14.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	9.38	9.01	2.5
Unemployed	May	714,000	795,000	36.3
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.*	1,529	1,315	20.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	15,282P	15,252P	25.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Apr.	6,408	6,348	24.7
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	6,890P	6,848P	2.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	10,091P	10,302P	11.5
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	May	181.3	179.8	10.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Apr.	188.9	187.1 ^r	14.0
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Apr.	483.0	477.8 ^r	6.4
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	619.8P	1,597	-12.0
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Apr.	11,929	30,296	-41.3
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Mar.	2,313	6,714	10.9
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Apr.	22.8	98.2	0.1
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Feb.	278.8	588.1	-2.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	52.4	207.4	-3.6
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	May*	2,975	13,144	3.3
Imports (\$ million)	May*	3,099	14,233	16.5
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	136.8	461.4	-20.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	May*	1,269	6,221	2.1
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	432.1	1,445	10.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	7,101P	26,912	7.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	653.4	2,047	7.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,953	14,097	11.0
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	3,651	13,526	5.6

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary, ^r - revised, * - new this week.

Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income



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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, 40¢/\$4).

Telephone Industry Statistics

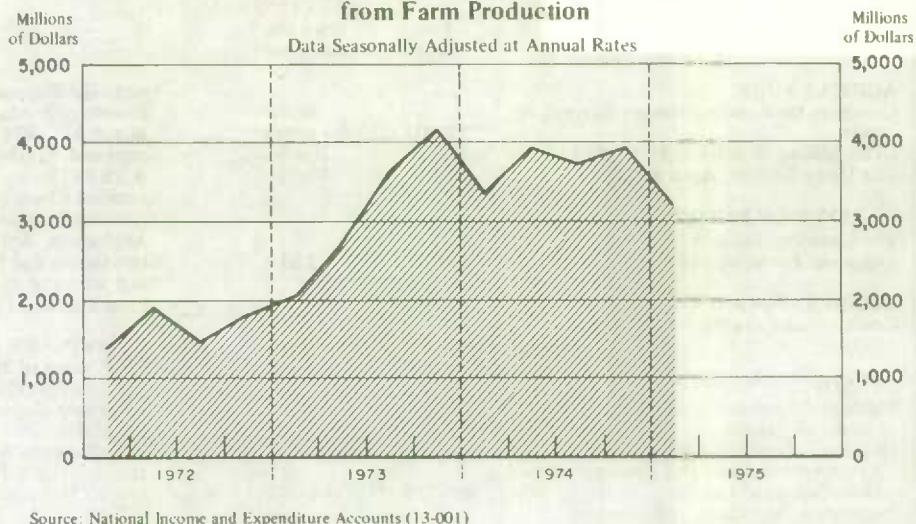
Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$62.8 million in April, a drop of 4.7% from April 1974.

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.

Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production



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, 55¢/\$5.50).

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, 70¢).

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