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Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products

Canada's trade deficit in automotive products with the United States in the first quarter of 1975 was \$410 million, more than twice the deficit of \$176 million in the same period one year earlier. A decline of 5% in exports and an increase of 11% in imports caused the deterioration.

Exports of automotive products to the United States in the first quarter of 1975 stood at \$1,268 million, compared to \$1,331 million for the same period in 1974, and \$1,387 million in 1973.

Imports of automotive products, at \$1,678 million, were an all time high for a first quarter.

At \$77 million, the deficit with overseas countries also rose between the first quarter of 1974 and that of 1975.

Automobile imports declined 7 1/2% from 148,800 units in the first quarter of 1974 to 137,600 units in the same period of 1975.

The average price of U.S.-built cars was up 19 1/2%, compared with a rise of 31% for imports from West Germany. This sharper advance was attributable to changes in the foreign exchange rates and in the car-line mix.

Revised data suggest that Canada's deficit with the United States moved from \$428 million in 1973 to \$1,204 million while the deficit with overseas countries increased by about a quarter from \$336 million to \$423 million in 1974.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Asbestos

Producer's shipments of asbestos decreased to 76,709 tons from 152,347 tons in May of 1974. This brought year-to-date shipments to 470,718 tons from 752,736 in the 1974 period.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

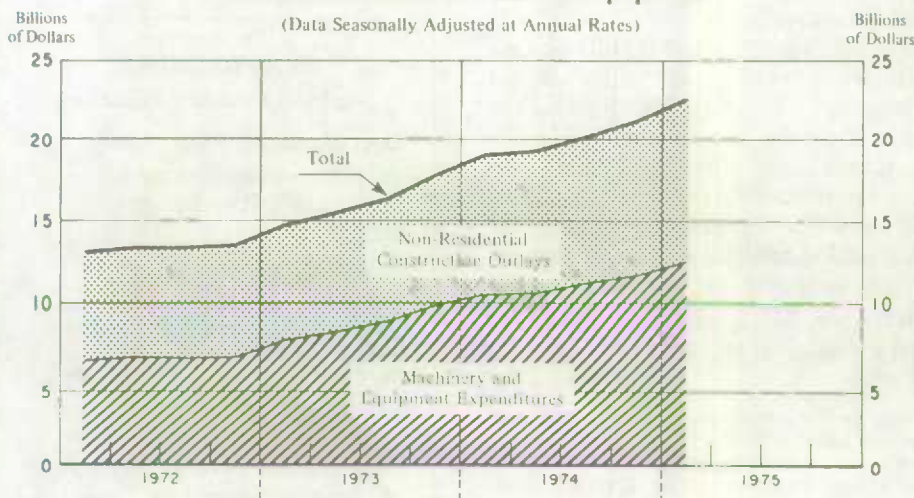
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS			Change From Year Ago %	
	Latest Month	Previous Month		
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)	May	190.6	189.1	13.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	484.8	482.9†	6.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	619.8P	Year-to-date 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.)	May	21.4	119.6	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)	May	712.3	2,759	5.7
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. † - revised. * - new this week.

Business Investment in Plant and Equipment

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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

Net Farm Income

The national estimated realized net income of farmers from farming operations (Newfoundland excepted) rose 40% in 1974, for an amount of \$3,844 million, over the 1973 revised value of \$2,746.

Realized gross income was up by an estimated 29.2% to \$9,711 over the previous year's revised figure of \$7,517.5 with a major increase of 29.4% reported in cash receipts.

Operating expenses and depreciation were about \$5,867, up 23% over the revised 1973 value of \$4,771 with interest on debts, fuel, machinery repairs, fertilizer, feed and other crop outlays accounting for a large increase in expenses.

Total farm net income which covers realized net income adjusted for inventory changes was up by 11.2% in 1974 for an estimated \$3,783 over the revised 1973 level of \$3,401.3. The value of inventory change on farms which contributed to this level of total net income is minus \$60.4 million compared to the revised 1973 estimate of plus \$654.9. The drop in the value of inventories can be traced mainly to lower farm grain stocks at the end of the year.

Total farm net income by province (in millions of dollars) with 1974 compared to 1973, was Prince Edward Island, 46.0 (29.0); Nova Scotia, 26.0 (31.0); New Brunswick, 56.2 (42.0); Quebec, 376.4 (373.0); Ontario, 792.4 (704.0); Manitoba, 337.0 (384.2); Saskatchewan, 1,203.0 (981.7); Alberta, 802.7 (704.6); British Columbia, 144.0 (152.4).

For further details, order the 1974 issue of *Farm Net Income* (21-202, 70¢), or contact A.S. Brunst (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. Information on intercensal revisions to cash receipts can be obtained by ordering the 1974 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-201, 70¢).

Radio Air-Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were reported at \$6 million for March, 1975, up 22.4% from \$4.9 million reported for the same month in 1974.

Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$5.1 million, but was still an increase of 21.4% over the \$4.2 million reported for March last year.

Net local AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$11.2 million compared to \$10.4 million for March 1974, an increase of 7.7%.

For further information, order the *Communications' Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Communications Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, May

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, June

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, May

Real Domestic Product, May

Retail Trade, May

Summary of Foreign Trade, June

Housing Starts

New residential housing construction activity declined in May with housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over dropping 13.5% to 17,187 units from 19,880 in the same month a year earlier.

Housing starts in the latest month, by province and with the May 1974 figures in brackets, were Newfoundland, 293 (347); Prince Edward Island, 11 (32); Nova Scotia, 226 (287); New Brunswick, 385 (352); Quebec, 4,733 (5,772); Ontario, 7,354 (7,462); Manitoba, 661 (637); Saskatchewan, 525 (313); Alberta, 1,304 (1,365); British Columbia, 1,695 (3,313).

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 5,115,120 tons of iron ore in May compared to 5,279,170 tons in May 1974. This brought the five months output to 16,055,471 tons from 14,474,483 tons for the same period a year earlier.

For further information, order the May issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons, (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Industry Selling Price Index:

Manufacturing

(1961=100)

The industry selling price index, total manufacturing, rose 0.8% in May to 190.6 from the revised April index of 189.1. It was 13.1% higher than the May 1974 index of 168.5.

The more notable changes were rises in the food and beverages group (1.0%), and the slaughtering and meat packing industry (10.7%). Rises in the sawmills and planing mills industry (5.9%), moved the wood products group higher (4.0%). Smaller increases to a lesser degree were noted in paper and allied products (1.3%).

Gold Production

Production increased to 156,374 troy ounces in May from 145,496 troy ounces in May, 1974. This brought the year-to-date production to 686,635 troy ounces from 732,537 troy ounces reported last year.

For further information, order the May issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons, (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in May rose to \$497.2 million, up 12.3% from the same period in 1974. Rises were noted in all regions of the country.

Sales by region for May with the percentage increases for the same month last year in brackets were Atlantic Provinces, \$31.2 million (19.7%); Quebec, \$99.9 million (20.9%); Ontario, \$190.9 (18.7%); Manitoba, \$28.1 million (6.6%); Saskatchewan, \$12.8 million (25.7%); Alberta, \$60.4 million (18.8%) and British Columbia, \$73.9 million (12.4%).

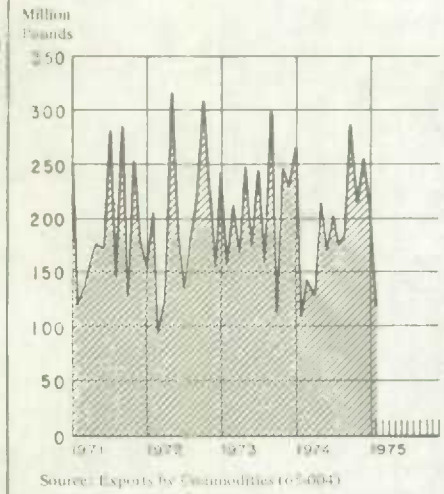
For further information, order the May issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50).

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of "Made in Canada" refrigerators were 38,407 compared to 52,042 in May 1974, and month-end stocks totalled 124,589 units up from 82,212. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers increased to 38,054 from 25,097, and month-end stocks increased to 18,594 from 6,995.

For further information, order the May issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canadian Exports of Zinc



General Wholesale Price Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale index rose 0.4% to 484.8 in May, 1975 from the revised April index of 482.9, and was 6.7% higher than a year earlier. Five of the eight major groups increased while three decreased.

The animal products group index jumped 7% in May to 534.5 from the revised April index of 499.4 due mainly to higher prices for livestock, 19.8%; fresh meats, 16.8%; eggs, 7.2%; dressed fowl, 4.8% and cured meats, 2.7%. The wood products group index rose 3.4% to 657.5 from the revised April index of 636.0, with increases in spruce 8.6%; fir, 7.8%; cedar, 7.7%; hemlock, 5.8%, and newsprint and wrapping paper 2%. The non-ferrous metals group index increased 0.9% due to a 8.9% increase in silver and a 1.2% increase in nickel. The textile products increased 0.8% due to a rise in the price of raw wool (imported) 9.3%, raw wool (domestic) 5.2% and raw cotton 3.3%. The non-metallic minerals group index rose 0.5%.

The vegetable products group declined of 6.9% in May to 439.9 from the revised April index of 472.5, due to lower prices for sugar and its products, 24.6%, grains, 10.8%, and fresh fruits, 10.1%. The iron products group index dropped 0.4%.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather

Packers, dealers and tanners held 277,468 cattle hides, up from 240,787 in May, 1974, and 123,219 calf and kip skins up from 80,346. Cattle hide receipts increased to 207,486 from 197,138 and wettings increased to 212,469 from 208,211.

Silver, Lead and Zinc Production

Production of silver increased to 4,605,540 troy ounces from 3,758,736 troy ounces in May 1974. This brought the five months output to 16,234,133 from 20,070,073 troy ounces a year earlier.

Production of refined lead decreased to 16,503 tons from 18,773 tons for the same period a year earlier. This brought the five months output to 87,637 from 90,183 tons a year earlier.

Production of refined zinc decreased to 37,380 tons from 39,443 tons in May, 1974. This brought the five months output to 220,158 from 229,700 tons a year earlier.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Control and Sale of

Alcoholic Beverages in Canada

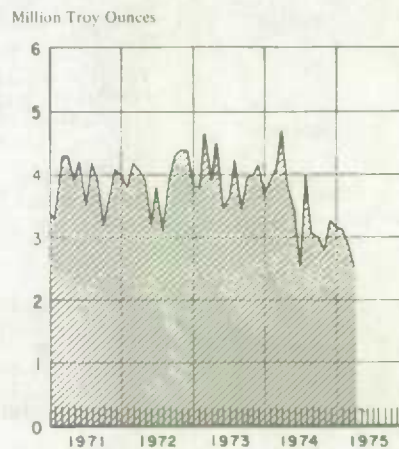
Sales of alcoholic beverages reached \$2,601 million in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1974, a rise of \$263 million or 11.2% more than the previous year. Sales volume increased to 475 million gallons from 449 million.

Imports increased to \$126 million from \$93 million and exports to \$240 million from \$225 million.

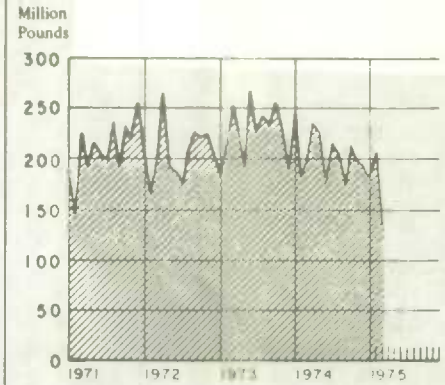
Provincial government revenues from the sales rose 10.8% to \$825 million, and those of the federal government were up 10.9% to \$554 million.

Further information will be contained in the *Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada 1973* (63-202, 75¢). Advance details can be obtained from Miss M.E. Lindsay (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Silver Production, Canada



Zinc* Production, Canada



Electric Power Statistics

Net generation declined to 21.4 billion kwh. from 22.6 billion kwh. in May 1974, with the largest decreases in Quebec, 15.2%, and Ontario, 9.3%.

There were increases in Newfoundland, 25.7%, Prince Edward Island, 11.2%, New Brunswick, 0.8%, Alberta, 5.2%, and the Yukon Territory, 50.1%.

Hydro generation decreased 7.3% and thermal production was up 3.4%.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact Dave Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

Preliminary statistics for May show that three million United States visitors entered Canada, up 5.6% from May, 1974. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.8 million, an increase of 13.9% over May 1974. Canadians travelers returning from countries other than the U.S. rose by 16.7% to 107,000. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 16.1% to 118,000.

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

Export Information

Details on commodity-country export trade for May are now available in advance of the regular monthly publication *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



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