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Consumer Price Movements (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 1.5% to 184.0 in June from 181.3 in May, with higher food prices, especially for meat, accounting for over three-fifths of this increase which was the largest since May 1974.

The index for all items excluding food climbed 0.8% in the latest month, maintaining about the same rate of change experienced during the last six months.

• (It is to be noted that the gasoline excise tax increase of 10¢ per gallon imposed in the latter part of June is not reflected in this CPI. Preliminary indications are that most retail outlets had raised their gasoline prices by the end of the month and that the impact of this tax alone will increase next month's total CPI by nearly one-half of one percent.)

Over half of the 3.3% rise in the food index in the latest month was due to an 18% advance in average beef prices recorded in early June, which brought their level up to that of twelve months previous. Pork prices advanced between May and June, moving up nearly 10% to a level over 37% above a year earlier. Fresh produce prices registered increases of 10.4% for fresh vegetables and 6.0% for fresh fruit. Sugar prices continued their steady downward movement since the end of last year, decreasing 21.5% in the latest month.

Between June 1974 and June 1975 the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 10.4%.

In this period, the following component index increases were noted: food, 13.2%; tobacco and alcohol, 13.0%; health and personal care, 11.6%; recreation, education and reading, 11.0%; transportation, 9.3%; housing, 9.1%, and clothing, 5.9%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the all-items index advanced 1.4% between May and June, including a 3.1% increase in the food index and a 0.8% rise in the index for all items excluding food.

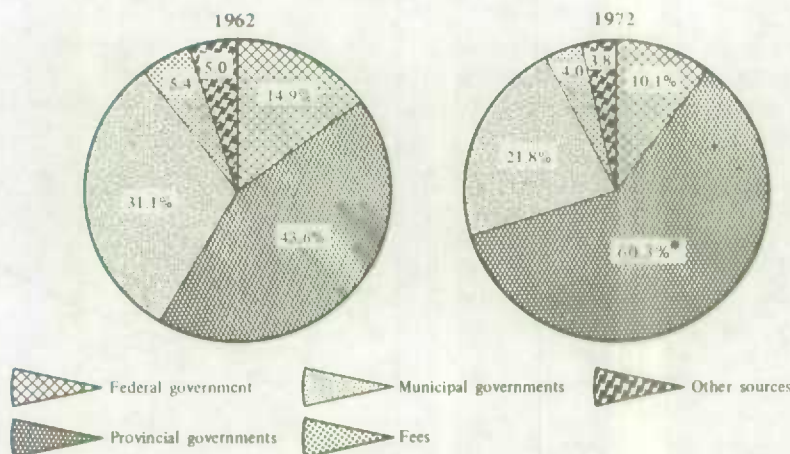
For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

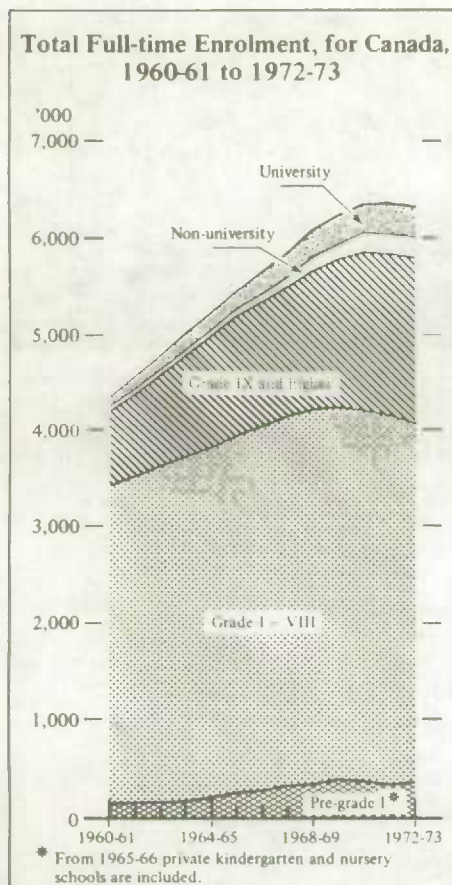
		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	198.15 ^P	195.34 ^P	14.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	6,857 ^P	6,782 ^P	14.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	9.38	9.01	2.5
Unemployed	June*	725,000	714,000	36.4
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	1,529	1,315	20.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	15,282 ^P	15,252 ^P	25.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Apr.	6,408	6,348	24.7
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May*	7,215.9 ^P	6,843.8 ^r	2.4
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May*	10,080 ^P	10,086 ^r	11.3
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	June*	184.0	181.3	11.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	May	190.6	189.1	13.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	484.8	482.9 ^r	6.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	619.8 ^P	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.	7,101 ^P	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. ^r - revised. * new this week.

Source of Funds for Education,
Canada, 1962 and 1972



* Includes federal transfers of funds to provinces for post-secondary education.



The Labour Force

The national seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 7.2% in June from 7.1% in May.

Last month, the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over increased from 5.5% to 5.6% and for women in the same age groups, from 4.4% to 4.6%. For persons aged 14 to 24 years, the rate rose from 12.5% to 12.6%.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 14 years and over in the labour force — was unchanged between May and June at 59.0%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed rose to 9.64 million from 9.4 million, both for last May and for June, 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 704,000 or 6.8% of 10.34 million persons in the labour force in June. By province, the actual unemployment rates were Newfoundland, 14.6%; Nova Scotia, 6.4%; New Brunswick, 8.4%; Quebec, 8.3%; Ontario, 6.5%; Manitoba, 3.2%; Saskatchewan, 1.8%; Alberta, 3.5%; British Columbia, 8.1%.

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

Education in Canada, 1974

The number of full-time teachers for the school years from 1960-61 to 1972-73 almost doubled, rising from 175,900 to 317,700, according to the latest statistical review, published annually which gives a comprehensive picture of, education in the country.

In 1960-61, 93% of full-time teachers were on staff in schools from pre-grade one to the end of high school. By 1972-73, the figure had declined to 86.7%. At the post-secondary level, the shift was from 11,900 in 1960-61 to 42,400 in 1972-73.

Between 1960-61 and 1972-73, the number of full-time students rose 44.9% from 4,367,500 to 6,329,200. In 1960-61, 78% of enrolment at the primary and secondary levels was concentrated between grades one to eight while in 1972-73, the figure dropped to 63.1%. Over the same time span, pre-grade one enrolment went from 3.5% at 145,600 to 6.6% at 386,200 of the total enrolment at the levels of pre-grade one to end of high school.

At the secondary level, the change was from 19% at 788,800 in 1960-61 to 30.2% at 1,756,800 of total enrolment at the levels from pre-grade to the end of high school.

Total expenditures for education went from \$1.7 billion in 1960, \$7.6 billion in 1970 and an estimated \$8.8 billion in 1972. Federal, provincial and municipal governments provided 90% of funds in 1970 and 92% in 1972. Fees and funds from other sources made up the remainder.

For further information, order *Education in Canada, 1974* (81-229, \$2.80), or contact Mr. Yvon Fortin (613-995-9687), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber

Production of rubber decreased to 28,260,000 pounds from the 44,467,000 pounds in May 1974. The latest month consumption of rubber increased to 46,555,000 pounds compared to the 41,968,000 pounds for the same period last year.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Production Consumption and Inventories of Rubber* (33-003, 30¢/\$3).

Radio and Television Receiving Sets

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of "Made in Canada" colour television sets were 23,531 sets in May 1975 and 5,530 black-and-white sets. For the same month a year earlier, sales were 33,270 and 8,722. Sales of record players were 1,240 this year and 3,306 one year ago.

For further information, order the May issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3).

Gas Utilities

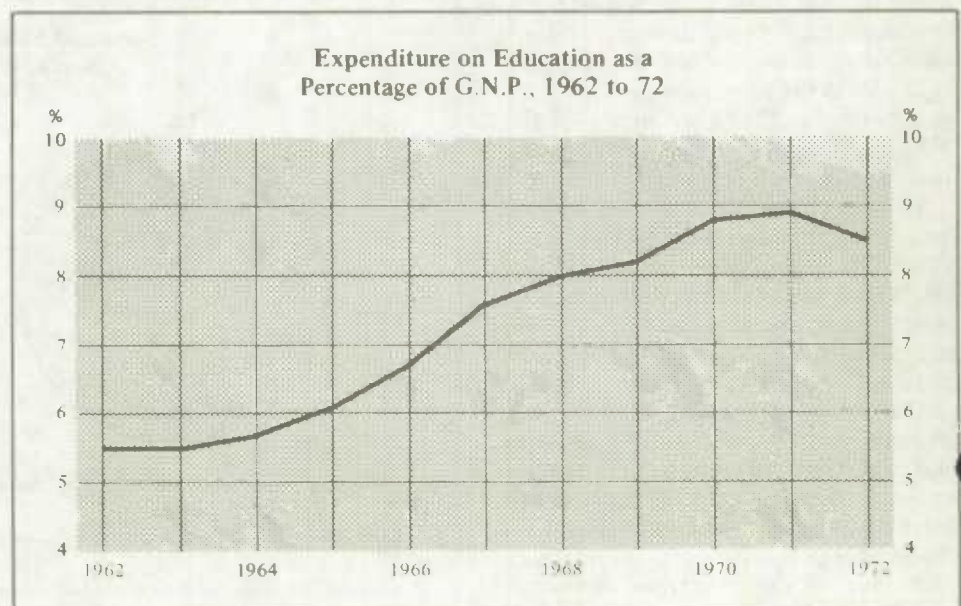
Canadian consumers purchased 132.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in April, up 9.34% from 121.1 billion cubic feet a year earlier. Exports decreased to 82.2 billion cubic feet from 83.3 billion. Cumulative sales for 1975 totalled 571.7 billion cubic feet, an increase of 5.0% from 553.4 billion cubic feet in 1974.

For further information, order the April issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3).

Sugar Sales

Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 207,379,013 pounds of all types of sugar for June, 1975, of which 175,191,857 pounds were in domestic sales and 32,187,156 pounds in export sales.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, 15¢/\$1.50).



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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, June
Department Store Sales by Regions, June
Employment, Earnings and Hours, May
New Motor Vehicle Sales, June
Railway Carloadings, June
Summary of Foreign Trade, June

Retail Trade

Retail trade reached \$4.47 billion in May, 1975, an increase of 10.4% from the same month a year earlier.

Sales increased in 25 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by family shoe stores (25.3%) and used car dealers (24.6%).

The only sales decreases were registered by furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores (-14.7%), book and stationery stores (-5.5%) and garages (-4.2%).

Six of the ten provinces recorded increases in sales over April 1975, ranging from 10.9% for Prince Edward Island to 0.8% for Quebec. Newfoundland (-9.4%), Manitoba (-4.1%), British Columbia (-3.0%) and New Brunswick (-0.7%) recorded decreases in sales over April 1975.

All provinces recorded increases in sales over May 1974, ranging from 16.8% for Prince Edward Island to 6.2% for Manitoba. Sales rose in Montreal, 12.7%; Toronto, 8.2%; Winnipeg, 6.2%; and 9.5% in Vancouver.

Revised data for April 1975 show retail sales at \$3.93 billion, up 9.9% from April 1974.

For further information, order the May issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production decreased 0.5% in May to 208.9 from the upward-revised level of 210.0 in April.

Mining, manufacturing and utilities declined.

Total manufacturing output was down 0.2% in the latest month; durable manufacturing dropped 0.4%; non-durable manufacturing was unchanged.

Mining production decreased 1.8% and utilities' output by 1.1%.

For further information, order the May issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled \$222.1 million in May, up 5.8% over May 1974. Expenses increased 13.2% to \$232.7 million, producing a net deficit of \$10.6 million for the month compared to an income of \$4.3 million in May 1974.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose to 12.18 billion, 0.5% above May 1974, while passenger miles dropped 14.9% to 127.2 million with both commuter and non-commuter services below the 1974 levels.

The railways reported a five-month net operating deficit for 1975 of \$54.5 million compared to a net income of \$9.6 million in 1974.

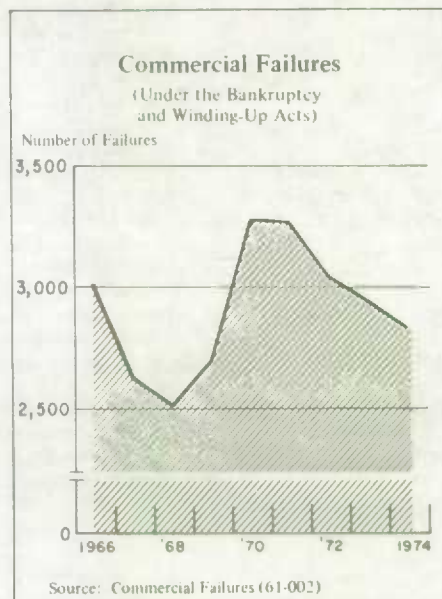
For further information, order the May issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3).

New Publication

Input-Output Study of the Atlantic Provinces, 1965, Vol. I: Social Accounting Matrix and Models (15-503, \$6), the first volume of a special monograph prepared by Professor Kari Levitt of McGill University, Montreal, is now available, according to the Input-Output Division of Statistics Canada.

The publication contains a description of the social accounting framework for a provincial economy including input-output accounts, some input-output models based on these accounts and the input-output tables for each of the four Atlantic provinces as well as consolidated table for the region as a whole.

Volume II: Data Sources and Structural Analysis (15-504, \$6) is scheduled for release in September of this year. It includes a description of sources and methods, and completes the publication of analytical tables.



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Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in May were estimated at \$6.92 billion, up 4.0% from the revised April value of \$6.65 billion. New orders for durable goods rose 5.5% to \$3.07 billion from \$2.91 billion, while those for non-durable goods rose 2.9% to \$3.85 billion from \$3.74 billion.

Total unfilled orders, seasonally adjusted, were at \$10 billion, a 0.1% drop from April.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 0.3% higher in May at \$15.2 billion. The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was down to 2.20:1 in May from 2.21:1 (revised) in April. The finished products of shipments ratio at 0.75:1 was down slightly from the revised April ratio of 76:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$6.93 billion, up 1.1% from the revised April value of \$6.85 billion.

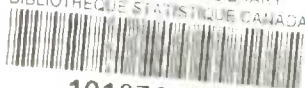
Non-adjusted for seasonal variation manufacturers' shipments in May, were estimated at \$7.23 billion, up 2.4% from the revised April value of \$7.06. Shipments for the five months of 1975 were estimated at \$34.1 billion, up 6.0% from \$32.2 billion for the same period in 1974.

For further information, order the May, 1975, issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at July 1, 1975 amounted to 70.2 million pounds compared to the July 1, 1974 total of 81.7 million pounds.

For further information, order the July issue of *Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products* (32-009, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.



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