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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$201.18 in May were up 14.7% from \$175.41 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$227.54), followed by Alberta (\$203.42), Ontario (\$202.40), Quebec (\$196.87), Newfoundland (\$193.30), Saskatchewan (\$185.64), New Brunswick (\$183.02), Manitoba (\$182.74), Nova Scotia (\$170.00) and Prince Edward Island (\$147.36).

Average weekly earnings in May (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$282.94; mining, \$276.20; forestry, \$252.98; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$230.09; manufacturing, \$210.26; finance, insurance and real estate, \$190.59; trade, \$158.50; and service, \$142.55.

Compared with May 1974, average hourly earnings were up 19.5% in mining, 17.6% in manufacturing and 15.1% in construction.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the second quarter of 1975 show an increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the previous quarter. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs increased to 71,000 from 61,000.

However, on a year-to-year basis, vacancies were down by 38,000 (35%).

Vacancies for full-time jobs numbered 63,000 at June 30, up 12% from March 31, 1975 but down 36% from June 30, 1974.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the last quarter, nine were vacant, up from eight in the previous quarter but down from 14 a year earlier.

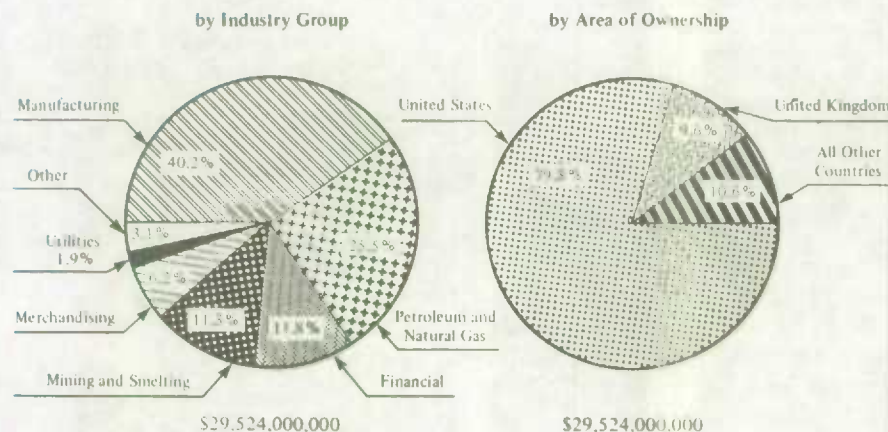
For further information, order *Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies, Second Quarter 1975* (71-002, \$1.05/\$4.20).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS				Change From Year Ago %
		Latest Month	Previous Month	
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May*	201.18P	198.65P	14.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	6,857P	6,782P	14.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	June*	9.64	9.38	2.5
Unemployed	June*	704,000	714,000	50.1
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	1,529	1,315	20.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May*	15,192P	15,259P	22.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	May*	6,380	6,408	18.9
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	7,216P	6,844P	- 1.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	10,071P	10,086P	8.2
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	June	184.0	181.3	10.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	May	190.6	189.1P	13.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	484.8	482.9P	6.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.*	721.1P	Year-to-date 2,338 - 13.7	
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	May*	17,187	47,483 - 33.6	
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	May*	2,323	11,447	18.5
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	May	21.4	119.6	- 1.2
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Mar.*	308.8	896.3	- 2.3
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	May*	52.4	259.8	- 2.7
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)	May*	128.0	589.4	- 19.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	June*	1,205	7,426	1.7
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	432.1	1,445	10.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May*	7,231P	34,104	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	712.3	2,759	5.7
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May*	4,471	18,544	10.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May*	4,271	17,797	3.7

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

Foreign Direct Investment in Canada, 1972



Source: Canada's International Investment Position (67-202)

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in April totalled \$721.1 million, down 19.2% from \$892.7 million a year earlier.

Lower totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$434.7 million (\$534.1 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$141.2 million (\$188.9 million) and industrial permits at \$68.5 million (\$103.6 million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental building construction increased to \$76.7 million from \$66.0 million.

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

- Ontario, \$338.5 million (\$374.6 million); Quebec, \$135.1 million (\$189.8 million); Alberta, \$68.5 million (\$88.6 million); British Columbia, \$46.6 million (\$131.0 million); Nova Scotia, \$43.7 million (\$24.6 million); Saskatchewan, \$31.6 million (\$22.6 million); Manitoba, \$30.6 million (\$31.7 million); New Brunswick, \$11.6 million (\$22.2 million); Newfoundland, \$6.0 million (\$5.8 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$4.6 million (\$1.4 million).

Cumulatively, building permits taken out in Canada in the first four months of 1975 totalled \$2.34 billion, down 13.7% from \$2.71 billion in January-April 1974.

For further information, order the April 1975 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 34.6% in May to 2.32 million tons from 1.73 million tons in May 1974. Imports declined to 1.69 million tons from 1.87 million tons.

Industrial consumers used 1.21 million tons of coal in the latest month (up 16.0% from a year earlier) and 416,514 tons of coke (down 13.5%).

For further information, order the May 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.

Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$257.7 million of retail finance paper in May, a decrease of 8.5% from a year earlier.

The total for the latest month comprised \$112.8 million for commercial vehicles, \$51.8 million for other commercial and industrial goods, \$70.3 million for passenger cars and \$22.8 million for other consumer goods.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Region, June

Estimates of Labour Income, May

General Wholesale Price Index, June

New Motor Vehicle Sales, June

Summary of Foreign Trade, June

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$16.88 billion at the end of May, an increase of 13.6% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from May 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$11.62 billion (up 18.4%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
 - small loans, \$267 million (-16.3%);
 - large loans, \$1.50 billion (up 1.3%);
 - retail instalment sales paper, \$1.13 billion (-4.6%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.10 billion (up 17.6%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliances stores, \$1.21 billion (up 11.7%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$50 million (up 25.0%).

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Consumer Credit Section (613-996-9278 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities in June with increases ranging from 0.9% in St. John's to 1.8% in Montreal and Edmonton.

Generally higher prices for meat, especially beef and pork, fresh produce and dairy products contributed to a rise in the food index in all centres. Other factors which contributed to advances in the all-items indexes were the higher cost for shelter, both owned and rented accommodation as well as increased prices for items associated with the operation of the household including appliances. There were also higher charges for dry cleaning and laundry services, inter-city transportation fares for air, rail and bus, and recreation equipment.

Between June 1974 and June 1975, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities: St. John's, 10.2%; Halifax, 8.7%; Saint John, 10.8%; Quebec, 9.4%; Montreal, 10.5%; Ottawa, 8.8%; Toronto, 10.2%; Thunder Bay, 10.8%; Winnipeg, 12.0%; Saskatoon, 10.1%; Regina, 9.5%; Edmonton, 10.0%; Calgary, 11.1%; and Vancouver, 10.6%.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Real Domestic Product

(1961=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product was unchanged in May at 201.8 from the upwardly-revised April level. The index of industrial production fell 0.5%, the 11th monthly decline in the last 13 months.

Output of goods-producing industries decreased 0.6% in the latest month with forestry and mining showing major drops. Forestry output declined because of a lower domestic demand from the pulp and paper industry and reduced export demand. In mining, decreases were in crude petroleum and natural gas — due to lower exports to the U.S. market — and most of the metal mines.

Total manufacturing production declined slightly with non-durable goods output unchanged and durable goods showing a decrease of 0.4%.

The construction output index rose 1.5% but was still below the January 1975 level.

Output of service-producing industries increased 0.5% in May with trade, transportation, storage and communication the main contributors to the advance.

In retail trade (up 1.0%), gains were widespread. Wholesale trade rose 1.9% with increased sales of automotive parts and accessories, household electrical appliances and grain.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act reached \$271 million in May, an increase of 34% from \$202 million a year earlier.

Initial and renewal claims received in May numbered 197,000, up 15% from the May 1974 total of 172,000.

For the first five months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$1.52 billion, an increase of 38% from the \$1.10 billion disbursed in January-May 1974.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Restaurant Statistics

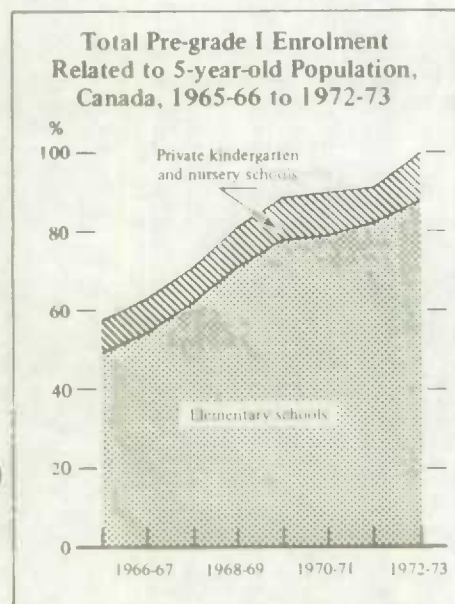
Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$158.9 million in May, an increase of 10.0% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over May 1974 in brackets:

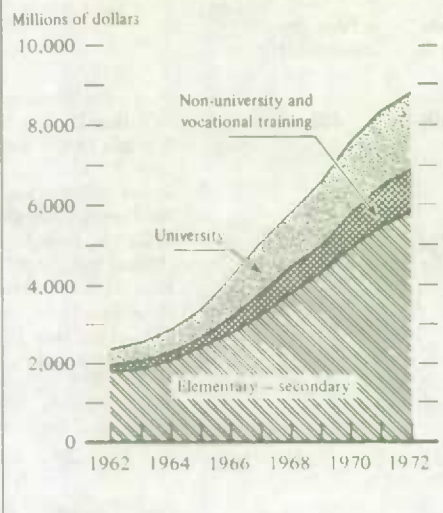
- Ontario, \$59.3 million (9.7%); Quebec, \$49.9 million (8.5%); British Columbia, \$18.6 million (10.3%); Alberta, \$12.1 million (20.0%); Manitoba, \$7.1 million (10.1%); Saskatchewan, \$4.4 million (7.6%); New Brunswick, \$3.0 million (8.4%); Nova Scotia, \$2.9 million (7.0%); Newfoundland, \$1.2 million (9.6%); and Prince Edward Island, \$346,000 (13.8%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first five months of 1975 totalled an estimated \$739.6 million, up 10.5% from January-May 1974.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).



Total Expenditure on Education, Canada, 1962 to 1972



Help-Wanted Index

(1969=100)

The seasonally-adjusted Help-Wanted Index rose to 166 in the second quarter of 1975, up 5% from the previous quarter. Advances of about 10% were shown in the Atlantic and Prairie provinces and Quebec while Ontario and British Columbia recorded small declines.

Compared with the second quarter of 1974, the index was down 20%. The largest decreases occurred in Ontario and British Columbia.

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment, including repair parts, Jan.-May, 1975 were valued at \$353.6 million, an increase of 37.5% above the January to May 1974 figure of \$257.1 million.

Repair parts for the same period had a value of \$53.9 million.

For further information, order the May issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in May were estimated at \$4.27 billion, down 1.8% from May 1974.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6.38 billion in the latest month, reflecting an increase of 18.9% over May of last year.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported a combined net loss of \$7.5 million in February compared with a net loss of \$5.1 million a year earlier.

Total operating revenues rose 20.8% to \$102.7 million in the latest month; operating expenses increased 21.9% to \$110.7 million.

Passenger traffic — measured in passenger-miles for all services — showed a 5.1% increase over February 1974 to 1,200.0 million. Goods ton-miles for all services were up 3.1% to 37.9 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 7, No. 38 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 52.4 million barrels of refined petroleum products in May, up 1.0% from a year earlier.

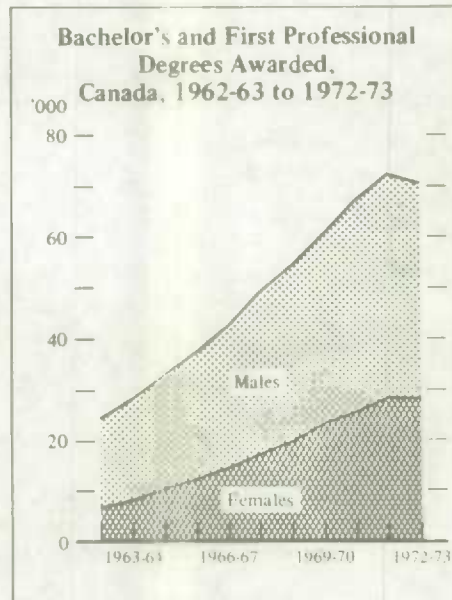
Net sales of refined petroleum products at 47.1 million barrels in the latest month showed a decrease of 3.2% from May 1974.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 per year).

Industry R&D Expenses

Preliminary data indicate that industry spent \$558 million in 1973 on research and development, an increase of 11% over the previous year. Estimated outlays for 1974 are \$647 million and, for 1975, \$718 million.

For further information, order *Industrial Research and Development Expenditures in Canada* (13-203, \$1.40), or contact Mr. Jim Topham (613-995-9692), Science Statistics, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.





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