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### Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 250.0 in May, an increase of 2.9% from the April level and up 8.7% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 3.8% over the twelve months from May 1974; labour costs increased 12.8%.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction jumped 21.3% during this period. Other increases included: electrical equipment 4.7%; steel and metal work 0.1%; plumbing, heating and other equipment 0.6%; and other materials 11.1%. Prices of lumber and lumber products dropped 9%.

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.

### Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$145.5 million in April, an increase of 10.8% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

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

- Ontario, \$51.3 million (10.5%);
- Quebec, \$45.6 million (11.0%);
- Alberta, \$14.2 million (11.5%); British Columbia, \$13.9 million (12.2%);
- Manitoba, \$6.5 million (11.4%); Saskatchewan, \$4.7 million (8.3%);
- New Brunswick, \$4.3 million (8.5%); Nova Scotia, \$3.1 million (8.8%);
- Newfoundland, \$1.5 million (10.6%); and Prince Edward Island, \$390,000 (14.0%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first four months of 1975 totalled an estimated \$580.7 million, up 10.6% from January-April 1974.

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

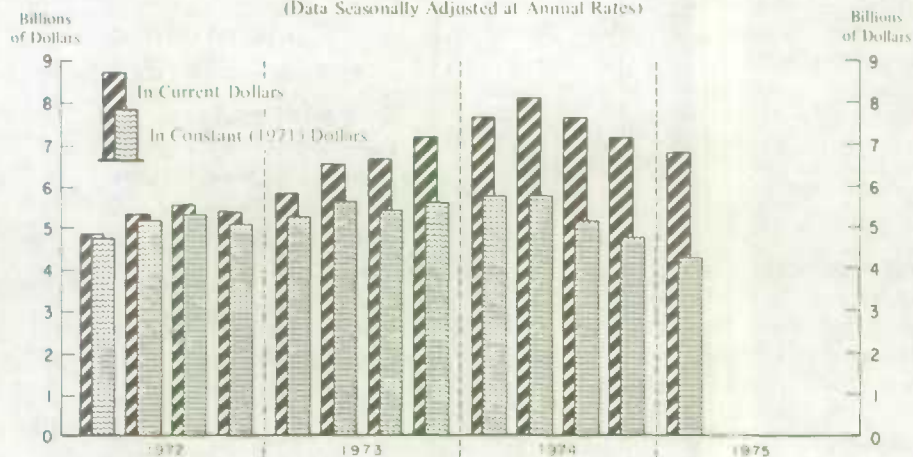
### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
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
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
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
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	6,890P	6,848P	2.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	10,091P	10,302P	11.5
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	May	181.3	179.8	10.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Apr.	188.9	187.1 <sup>r</sup>	14.0
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Apr.	483.0	477.8 <sup>r</sup>	6.4
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
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
<b>ENERGY</b>				
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
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports (\$ million)	May*	2,975	13,144	3.3
Imports (\$ million)	May*	3,099	14,233	16.5
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	136.8	461.4	-20.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	May*	1,269	6,221	2.1
<b>SALES</b>				
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.

### Residential Construction Expenditures

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)

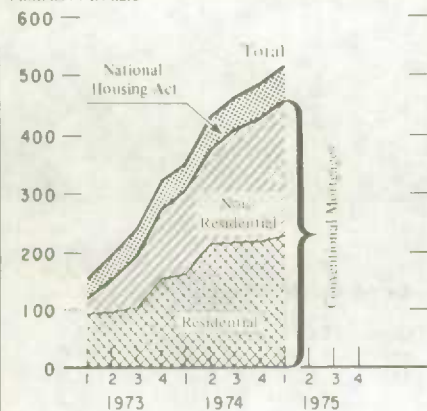


Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

### Mortgage Investment Trust Corporations

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding

Millions of Dollars



Source: Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

### New Motor Vehicle Sales

May sales of new motor vehicles reached 133,253 units, down 11.6% from the same period a year earlier. Included were 84,435 passenger cars, down 15.1%, and 31,890 commercial vehicles, down 4.2%, manufactured in Canada and the U.S.; and 15,048 passenger cars, down 7.4%, and 1,880 commercial vehicles, up 12.0%, manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 1.5% to 712.3 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for 418.4 million, down 2.4% and commercial vehicles for 219.9 million, up 7.6%.

Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 7.2% to 66.6 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 12.7% to 7.3 million.

Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 282 units of coaches and buses valued at 9.7 million.

For the first 5 months, total sales reached 521,631 units, with an accumulated value of 2,758.8 million. This represented an increase of 5.7% in value over sales for the corresponding period the previous year.

For further information, order the May issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/53), or contact M. Kwiecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for March amounted to 1.54 million barrels per day, down 25.0% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 9.96 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, a decrease of 1.5% from March 1974.

### Building Permits

A total of 11,685 permits were granted in metropolitan areas of the country in April, compared to 13,696 in April 1974.

Permits for single dwellings totalled 6,140, accounting for more than half of the permits granted. Permits for other dwellings were 3,200 for apartments, 1,401 for doubles, 813 for row housing and 131 for conversions.

By major metropolitan area, in alphabetical order, the count for this April compared to the same period last year, in brackets, was Calgary, 822 (851); Chicoutimi-Jonquiere, 134 (250); Edmonton, 787 (598); Halifax, 196, unchanged; Hamilton, 319 (558); Hull, 547 (367); Kitchener, 167 (233); London, 192 (383); Montreal, 1,809 (2,770); Ottawa, 334 (407); Quebec, 342 (247); Regina, 210 (150); St. Catharines-Niagara, 306 (513); Saint John, N.B., 96 (48); St. John's, 24 (183); Saskatoon, 152 (119); Sudbury, 106 (90); Thunder Bay, 93 (50); Toronto, 3,365 (3,004); Vancouver, 937 (1,572); Victoria, 119 (232); Windsor, 238 (185); Winnipeg, 390 (690).

### Motor Vehicle Shipments

Production of passenger cars totalled 96,272 units in May 1975 compared to 116,243 units one year ago. January to May production was 436,859 units compared to 563,259 units a year earlier.

All commercial vehicles totalled 31,708 units compared to 34,993 one year ago. Year-to-date production was 152,532 units compared to 165,310 units a year earlier.

For further information order the May 1975 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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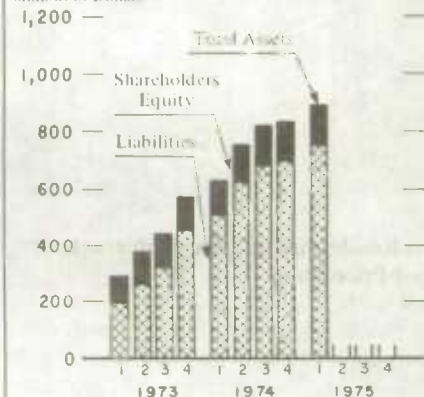
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### Mortgage Investment Trust Corporations

Quarterly Statements of Estimated Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Millions of Dollars



Source: Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

### Railway Transport: Part V, 1974

A total of 271.5 million tons of revenue freight was carried by railways in 1974, up 2.1% over 1973.

Domestic loadings (excluding traffic received from United States connections) were up 1.5% to 243.6 million tons, while receipts from U.S. railways rose 7.6% to nearly 28 million tons.

Of the seven major commodity groups, only two declined: food, feed, beverage and tobacco was at 35 million tons, down 0.3% from the previous year; and inedible crude materials, which accounted for over half of carload freight carried, dropped 0.5% to 137.6 million tons.

Live animal movements were up 49.6% to 219,374, showing the greatest gain in 1974 because of an increase in cattle movements. Non-carload freight (small shipments of less than a carload) rose 46.4% to 2.4 million tons.

Fabricated materials increased 7.6% to 75.9 million tons primarily as a result of a sharp rise in potash movements. Wood-pulp and newsprint paper haulings were up in 1974, but lumber, veneer, and refined and manufactured gases were down from the previous twelve months.

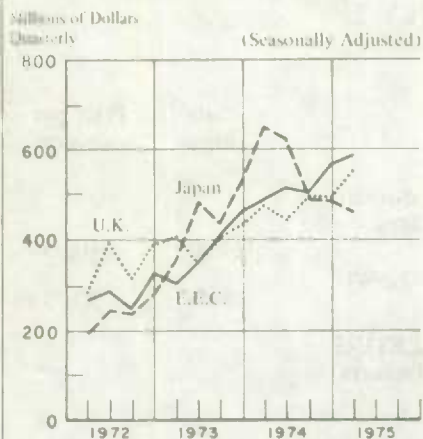
End products were up 6.1% despite declines in the movements of products such as passenger automobiles, motor vehicle engines, and accessories.

Special types of traffic such as mixed carloads and piggyback freight increased 4.6% to 9.5 million tons due mainly to a higher volume of mixed carload movements.

For further information, order the 1975 edition of *Railway Transport, Part V* (\$2.21, \$2.10), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.



### Canadian Exports to Japan, the United Kingdom and the E.E.C.\*



\* Not including United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark.  
Source: Summary of Exports (65-002)

### Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$214.4 millions of retail finance paper during April 1975, a decline of 9.0% compared with the \$235.7 million purchased in the same month last year.

The total purchases this month comprised \$64.6 million for passenger cars, \$21.7 million for other consumer goods, \$91.3 million for commercial vehicles and \$36.8 million for other commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing, undertaken by these companies during the first quarter amounted to \$1,426.4 million, an increase of 2.4% over the \$1,392.7 million financed during the corresponding quarter last year.

### Railway Operating Statistics

Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled \$223.8 million in April, up 12.3% from a year earlier. But expenses jumped 16.4% to \$225.4 million, producing a deficit for the month of \$1.6 million that contrasted with net income of \$5.7 million in April 1974.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 2.3% to 11.52 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles — the total distance travelled by railway passengers — decreased 23.9% to 102.8 million.

During the first four months of 1975, railway revenues rose 10.8% from the year-earlier period to \$815.8 million while expenses showed a sharp 17.6% increase to \$859.7 million. The net operating deficit of \$43.9 million for the latest four months compared with net income of \$5.3 million in January-April 1974.

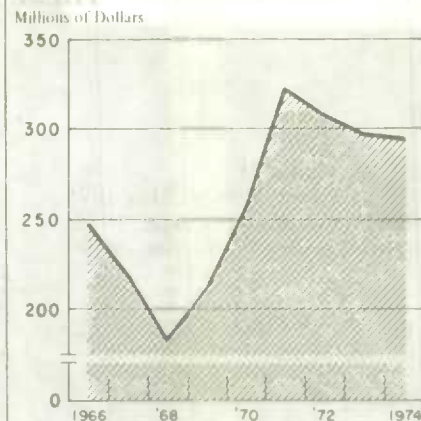
For further information, order the April 1975 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3).

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Department Store Sales by Regions, May  
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### Liabilities of Bankrupt Firms

(Under the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts)



Source: Commercial Failures (61-002)

### Production of Eggs and Poultry

Canadian egg production declined by 2.0% to 38.7 million dozen in May 1975 from 39.5 million a year earlier.

The average number of layers was down 3.9% to 24.2 million from 25.2 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased 2.0% to 1,919 from 1,882.

Farm price of eggs sold for market was down 12.2% to 51.7¢ per dozen compared with 58.9¢ per dozen.

For further information, order the May issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3).

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