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### Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$204.27 in July were up 13.4% from \$180.07 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$231.41), followed by Alberta (\$207.54), Ontario (\$205.02), Quebec (\$200.97), Newfoundland (\$194.45), Saskatchewan (\$190.15), Manitoba (\$188.60), New Brunswick (\$182.03), Nova Scotia (\$175.29) and Prince Edward Island (\$150.82).

Average weekly earnings in July (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$291.04; mining, \$271.36; forestry, \$246.23; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$230.86; manufacturing, \$212.65; finance, insurance and real estate, \$193.77; trade, \$165.82; and service, \$144.18.

Compared with July 1974, average hourly earnings were up 18.3% in mining, 16.3% in construction and 16.2% in manufacturing.

For further information, order the July 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.

### Real Domestic Product (1961=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased 0.5% in July to 203.2 from 202.2 in June.

In the service-producing industries (up 0.7%), most of the increase was due to advances in both wholesale and retail trade output.

Retail trade increased 3.5% in July with the most significant gains registered by motor vehicle dealers and department stores. Nevertheless, for the first seven months of 1975, overall trade output was 3% below the corresponding period in 1974.

Within goods-producing industries (up 0.2% in July), the increase originated mainly with forestry and construction.

All components contributed to a 1.8% rise in construction. Residential building increased for the third month in a row following 11 consecutive monthly declines, but remained 30% below the level of the previous year.

In manufacturing, non-durable goods output dropped 2.1% while durable goods production increased 1.6%.

Strikes affected pulp and paper output in July and for the first seven months of 1975 production was down 14% from January-July 1974.

The gain in durable goods output was mainly due to increases in motor vehicles and iron and steel mills.

For further information, order the July 1975 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.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July* 204.27p	203.16p	13.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	July* 7,335p	7,403p	14.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug. 9.78	9.83	0.8
Unemployed	Aug. 623,000	653,000	39.4
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Department Store (\$ million)	June 1,310	1,463	4.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July 15,046p	15,215r	16.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	July 6,515	6,611	16.0
<b>ORDERS</b>			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July 6,802p	7,236r	2.0
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July 9,771p	9,918r	-0.6
<b>PRICES</b>			
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Aug. 141.2	139.8	11.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	July 191.8	190.3r	10.8
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	July 490.2	483.9r	5.6
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Building Permits (\$ million)	June 950.7	Year-to-date 4,473	-4.8
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	July 18,784	83,578	-22.0
<b>ENERGY</b>			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	June 2,348	13,796	23.5
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	July 20.3	160.3	-1.9
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	May 275.3	1,463.3	-1.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June 50.4	310.2	-4.1
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>			
Exports (\$ million)	July 2,619	18,870	3.6
Imports (\$ million)	July 2,646	20,149	14.2
<b>PRODUCTION</b>			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	July 93.0	812.3	-14.4
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Aug. 1,063	9,658	-0.6
<b>SALES</b>			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July 445.2	2,826	12.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July 6,450p	48,534	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July 621.6	4,122	10.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July 4,253	26,991	10.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July 4,076	25,846	3.8

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. \* - new this week.

### Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production



### Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act reached \$255 million in July, an increase of 60% from the \$159 million disbursed a year earlier. The average weekly payment advanced 13% to \$82.77 from \$73.11.

Initial and renewal claims received in July numbered 241,000, up 28% from the July 1974 total of 188,000.

For the first seven months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$2.01 billion, an increase of 43% from \$1.41 billion paid out in the corresponding period last year.

For further information, order the July 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.

### Non-Residential Building Construction Material Price Indexes (1961=100)

The non-residential building construction material price index advanced to 196.4 in June, an increase of 0.9% from the May level and up 3.6% from a year earlier.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction jumped 21.6% over the 12 months from June 1974. Other products showing large increases included: blocks, bricks and building stone, up 15.0%; paint and glass, up 14.1%; tile, up 12.0%; and miscellaneous materials, up 22.6%.

For further information, order the July 1975 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year).

### Sales Financing

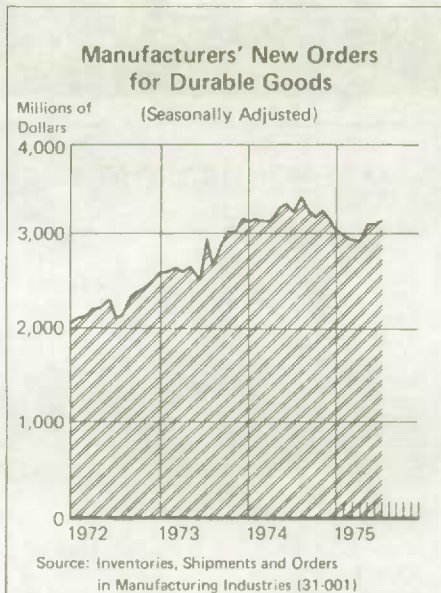
Sales finance companies purchased \$249.0 million of retail finance paper in July, an increase of 2.4% from a year earlier.

The total for the latest month comprised \$76.3 million for passenger cars, \$27.5 million for other consumer goods, \$92.4 million for commercial vehicles and \$52.9 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

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

### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Movements, September  
Department Store Sales by Regions, August  
General Wholesale Price Index, August  
Housing Starts and Completions, August  
New Motor Vehicle Sales, August  
Railway Carloadings, August  
The Labour Force, September



### Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported (combined) net profit of \$3.95 million in June, down from \$4.52 million a year earlier.

Total operating revenues rose 16.1% to \$140.2 million in the latest month; operating expenses jumped 18.1% to \$126.1 million.

Passenger traffic — measured in passenger-miles for all services — showed a 1.8% increase over June 1974 to 1,594.1 million. Goods ton-miles for all services dropped 8.1% to 38.7 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 7, No. 55 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

### Labour Costs in Education, 1974

The results of the first survey of employer labour costs in education for 1974 show total compensation for the teaching and academic category amounted to \$13,450 for each regular full-time employee. For elementary and secondary schools the average was \$12,575 and for universities and colleges it was \$19,422. In the non-teaching category total compensation averaged \$7,804 for all education, \$7,542 for elementary and secondary schools and \$7,934 for universities and colleges.

(Total compensation comprises salaries or wages and those items commonly referred to as fringe benefits).

Full details of employee compensation in education are now available, in advance of the publication *Labour Costs in Canada — Education, Libraries and Museums, 1974* (72-616, \$1.40). Direct information request to Miss A. Chenier (613-995-8067), Special Surveys and Quality Control Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

### Labour Income

Total labour income for July was estimated at \$7.33 billion, up 14.8% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the July estimate of \$7.32 billion showed an increase of 2.2% from the June level. Wages and salaries in the service-producing industries jumped 4.2% while those in the goods-producing industries declined by 1.0%. (Most of the increase in the service-producing industries was due to lump sum cost-of-living payments made to provincial government employees; the drop in the goods-producing industries reflected, in part, the impact of industrial disputes in forestry and related industries).

For further information, order the July 1975 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

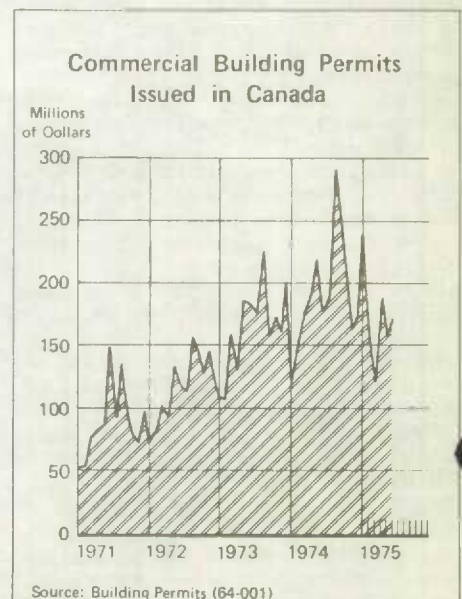
### Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$62.5 million in July, up from \$2.2 million a year earlier. Operating revenues climbed 45.4% to \$289.1 million while operating expenses rose 15.3% to \$226.6 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles declined 4.3% to 11.10 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles — the total distance travelled by railway passengers — decreased 12.6% to 193.5 million.

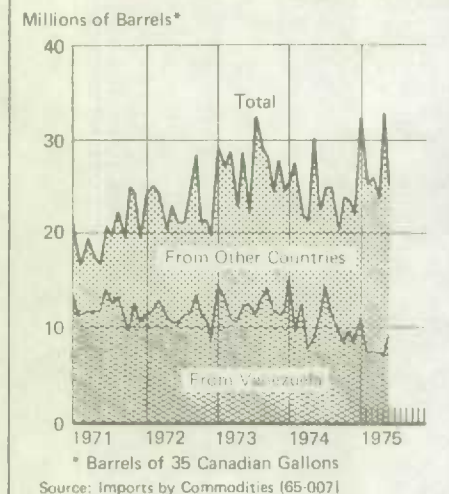
During the first seven months of 1975, railway revenues rose 15.7% while expenses increased 16.1%. Cumulative net income of \$5.2 million in the latest period was 44.0% below that of January-July 1974.

For further information, order the July 1975 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.





### Canadian Imports of Crude Petroleum



### Provincial Government Employment

Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed a total of 346,166 persons (full-time and part-time) during the last pay period of June 1975.

Gross payrolls for the second quarter of 1975 amounted to \$822.2 million.

For further information, order *Provincial Government Employment, Second Quarter 1975* (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact T.D. Harris (613-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$62.5 million in July, a decrease of 3.1% from July 1974.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 15.0% to \$230.1 million in the latest month; operating expenses jumped 23.6% to \$167.6 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$151.3 million in July showed an increase of 28.2% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 23, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, July 1975.

### Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1974

Sales of new construction machinery and equipment to end-users amounted to \$1.32 billion in 1974, up 23.2% from 1973.

Used machinery and equipment sales were valued at \$211.9 million in 1974, while rental revenue for all types of machinery totalled \$115.3 million.

Further information will be contained in *Construction Machinery and Equipment Sales, 1974* (63-220, \$1.05), and advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Shopping Centres, 1973

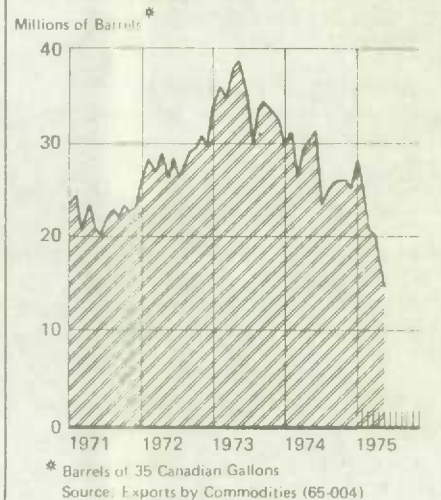
Shopping centres in Canada reported total sales and receipts of \$7.01 billion in 1973. There were 664 regular shopping centres in operation, containing 14,187 outlets (10,910 retail and 3,277 service outlets).

Retail sales, excluding service receipts, amounted to \$6.74 billion, up 23.2% from 1972. Receipts in service outlets in shopping centres increased 19.5% to \$270.5 million in 1973 from \$226.5 million in 1972.

Both grocery and combination stores and department stores took a major share of shopping centre sales in 1973, each accounting for \$2.23 billion or 33.1%.

For further information, order *Shopping Centres in Canada, 1973* (63-214, 70¢), or contact Ms. Sharon Boyer (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



### Railway Transport: Part III, 1974

Consumption of diesel oil by Canadian railways totalled 508.3 million gallons in 1974, up 5.5% over 1973. The amount of crude oil used as a fuel increased to 27.0 million gallons from 17.1 million gallons a year earlier. The average unit cost of these fuels rose 10.55 cents and 8.17 cents, respectively.

There were 190,892 owned and leased freight cars in service on common carrier railway lines in Canada at the end of 1974, an addition of 4,239 from the previous year-end. The average capacity of these cars increased to 62.1 tons from 61.1 tons.

Miles of railway line in Canada totalled 44,265.8 as 1974 ended, an increase of 33.8 miles over the preceding year.

For further information, order *Railway Transport: Part III, 1974* (52-209, 70¢).

### Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the three months ended August 31 show an increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended May 31, 1975. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs increased to 72,600 from 67,800.

However, on a year-to-year basis, vacancies declined by 48,300 (40%).

Vacancies for full-time jobs numbered 65,800 at July 31, up 8.2% from May 31, 1975 but down 39% from July 31, 1974.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest three-month period, nine were vacant, the same as in the preceding period but down from 14 a year earlier.

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

### Direct Selling in Canada, 1974

Direct selling to household consumers by manufacturers and specialist direct-sellers in 1974 amounted to \$1.23 billion, up 17.6% from \$1.04 billion (revised) in 1973. These sales represented 2.8% of the \$44.57 billion in retail sales reported in Canada in 1974.

Door-to-door canvassing accounted for 62.1% of 1974 direct sales; mail order sales for 15.8%; counter sales at manufacturing premises for 17.9%; and the remaining 4.2% was through other channels.

Further details will be published in *Direct Selling in Canada, 1974* (63-218, 70¢). Additional advance information is available on request from the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9278), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

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