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## Weekly Bulletin

### Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$209.89 in October were up 12.2% from \$187.10 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by region) were highest in British Columbia (\$236.94), followed by Ontario (\$211.61), Quebec (\$205.91), the Prairie Region (\$203.35) and the Atlantic Region (\$185.13).

Average weekly earnings in October (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$307.07; mining, \$288.06; forestry, \$243.46; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$234.73; manufacturing, \$222.74; finance, insurance and real estate, \$196.10; trade, \$162.84; and service, \$149.83.

Compared with October 1974, average hourly earnings were up 16.8% in mining, 15.4% in construction and 12.7% in manufacturing.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact R. Lellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

### Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 49.9 million barrels of refined petroleum products in October, down 3.8% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 47.9 million barrels showed a decrease of 8.1% from October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### International Travel

Preliminary statistics for October show that 2.3 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, down 0.6% from October 1974. Canadian residents returning from visits to the United States increased 9.8% to 2.7 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 6.3% from a year earlier to 103,000. Canadian travellers returning from abroad numbered 107,000, up 6.2% from October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 70¢/\$7), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

#### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct.* 209.89p	207.31p	12.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept. 7,642p	7,258p	12.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov. 9.33	9.41	1.6
Unemployed	Nov. 640,000	576,000	29.8

#### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Sept. 1,386	1,452	8.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept. 15,083p	15,028r	10.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept. 6,438	6,365	11.7

#### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 7,299p	6,813r	2.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept. 9,818p	9,838r	-3.8

#### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Nov. 144.1	142.8	10.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Oct. 195.4	194.4	8.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Oct. 503.5	502.2r	5.1

#### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept. 935.8p	7,614	4.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct. 23,181	143,153	-3.7

#### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Sept.* 2,293	20,349	25.7
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Oct. 22.2	223.5	-2.7
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	June 265.1	1,731.8	-0.9
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Oct.* 49.9	512.7	-4.0

#### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports (\$ million)	Nov.* 2,866	29,758	0.9
Imports (\$ million)	Nov.* 3,180	31,940	10.6

#### PRODUCTION

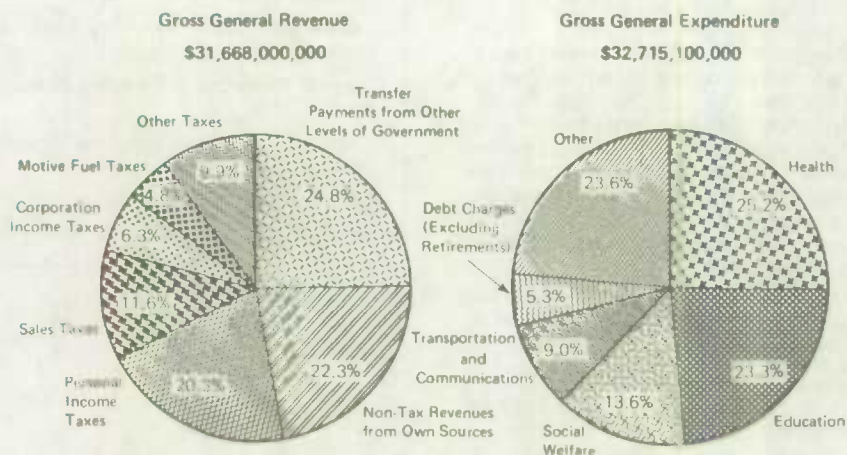
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Oct. 150.1	1,172.8	-8.8
Steel (Ingots — thousand tons)	Nov. 1,179	12,949	-4.3

#### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct. 522.3	4,315	13.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept. 7,319p	62,251	5.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct. 765.0	5,944	15.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,158	35,381	10.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,285	33,701	4.0

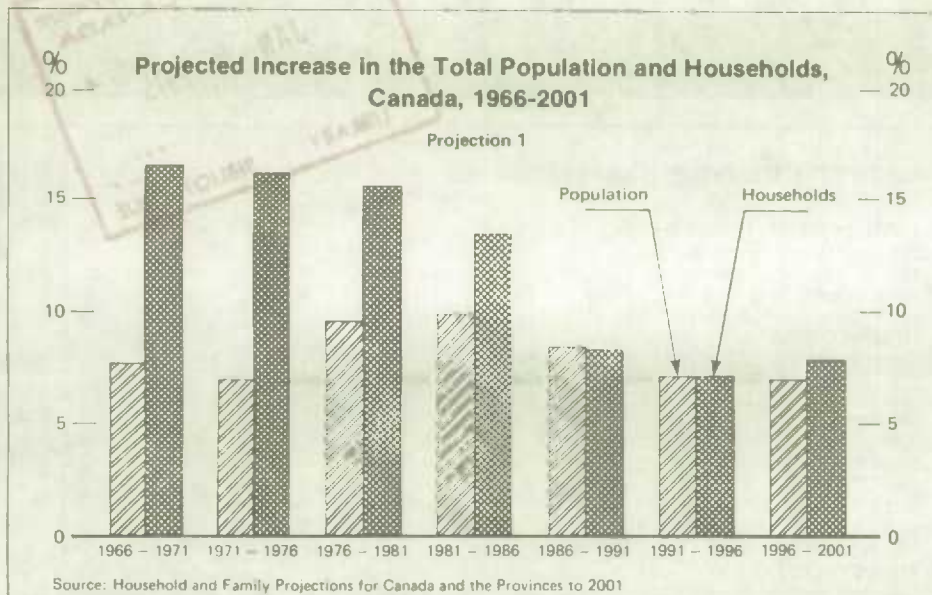
Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. \* - new this week.

### Provincial Government Finance 1975-76\*



\*Canada's Provincial and Territorial Governments for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1976

Source: Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure (Estimates) 1975-76 (68-205)



### Household and Family Projections to 2001

The Statistics Canada Household and Family Projections Model (SCPM) has recently been developed in order to produce projections for each of the provinces and territories. These output are given by age, sex and marital status of the household and family heads.

By varying the input assumptions, various alternate projection series can be produced. The results from four series have been published in detail. At the national level, Projections 1 and 4 represent the high and low series respectively.

The average annual rate of growth in households is anticipated to remain around 3% in the period 1971-1981 and to fall gradually to a rate between 1.0% and 1.6% in the 1990's. It is also noted that, during the period 1971-1986, household growth is expected to be considerably higher than the rate of population growth.

Further details on methodology, assumptions and results are available in *Household and Family Projections for Canada and the Provinces to 2001* (91-517, \$2.80).

### Federal Government Employment

Canada's federal government had 474,351 employees on June 30, 1975, an increase of 11,487 (2.5%) from a year earlier.

Gross payrolls for the second quarter of 1975 amounted to \$1.46 billion, up 18.2% from the corresponding period in 1974.

For further information, order *Federal Government Employment, Second Quarter 1975* (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80).

### Railway Carloadings

The volume of revenue carload freight loaded in Canada in November was down 10.4% from a year earlier to 19.6 million tons. Rail shipments received from U.S. connections dropped 17.1% to 2.0 million tons.

On a commodity basis, significant declines were noted for loadings of pulpwood, pulpwood chips, wood pulp and newsprint paper — no doubt reflecting continuing strikes in the forest products industry. Also down from October 1974 levels were shipments of: potash (-28.2%); copper-nickel ores and concentrates (-22.6%); sand, gravel and crushed stone (-18.9%); and wheat (-12.0%).

Cumulatively, carload revenue freight loaded in the first 11 months of 1975 totalled 210.4 million tons, down 7.1% from January-November 1974. Pulpwood loadings registered the largest percentage decline, dropping 32.5%; pulpwood chips were down 30.8%; and sand, gravel and crushed stone was off 23.8%.

For further information, order the *November 1975 issue of Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3).

### Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 19.5% in September to 2.29 million tons from 1.92 million tons in September 1974. Imports rose to 1.13 million tons from 188,134 tons.

For further information, order the *September 1975 issue of Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4).

### Domestic Mobile Homes

Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 4,121 single units in the third quarter of 1975 from 5,976 in July-September 1974. Shipments of double-wide units dropped to 1,090 from 1,399.

For further information, order *Fabricated Metal Products Service Bulletin* (41-009, \$2.80 per year), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

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### Residential Building Permits

There were building permits taken out in metropolitan areas of Canada in October 1975, 15,429 dwelling units, an increase of 75.2% from 8,808 a year earlier.

The tally for the latest month was as follows, by metropolitan area and with October 1974 figures in brackets: Calgary, 1,323 (473); Chicoutimi-Jonquiere, 337 (56); Edmonton, 1,848 (427); Halifax, 226 (231); Hamilton, 132 (200); Hull, 64 (69); Kitchener, 308 (319); London, 321 (251); Montreal, 2,823 (1,651); Ottawa, 292 (294); Quebec City, 453 (180); Regina, 402 (126); St. Catharines-Niagara, 195 (299); Saint John, 197 (39); St. John's, 54 (15); Saskatoon, 430 (105); Sudbury, 103 (30); Thunder Bay, 65 (77); Toronto, 3,448 (2,106); Vancouver, 1,102 (623); Victoria, 363 (221); Windsor, 120 (270); and Winnipeg, 823 (746).

For further information, order the *October 1975 issue of Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).



### Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in 13 regional cities in November and remained unchanged in Vancouver. Increases ranged from 0.6% in Quebec City to 1.6% in Winnipeg.

Food indexes rose in all but two centres, mainly in response to higher prices for fresh vegetables, coffee and restaurant meals. Other notable contributors to the all-items advances included higher shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation, increased new car prices, higher gasoline and fuel oil prices — in the case of Ontario cities — and increased automobile repair labour rates.

Between November 1974 and November 1975, consumer price indexes advanced in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Winnipeg, 12.0%; Saskatoon, 11.4%; Halifax, 11.3%; Saint John, 11.3%; Regina, 11.0%; Montreal, 10.9%; Thunder Bay, 10.9%; Calgary, 10.9%; St. John's, 10.7%; Edmonton, 10.7%; Ottawa, 10.1%; Vancouver, 10.0%; Quebec City, 9.8%; and Toronto, 9.8%.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities* (62-009, 30¢/\$3).

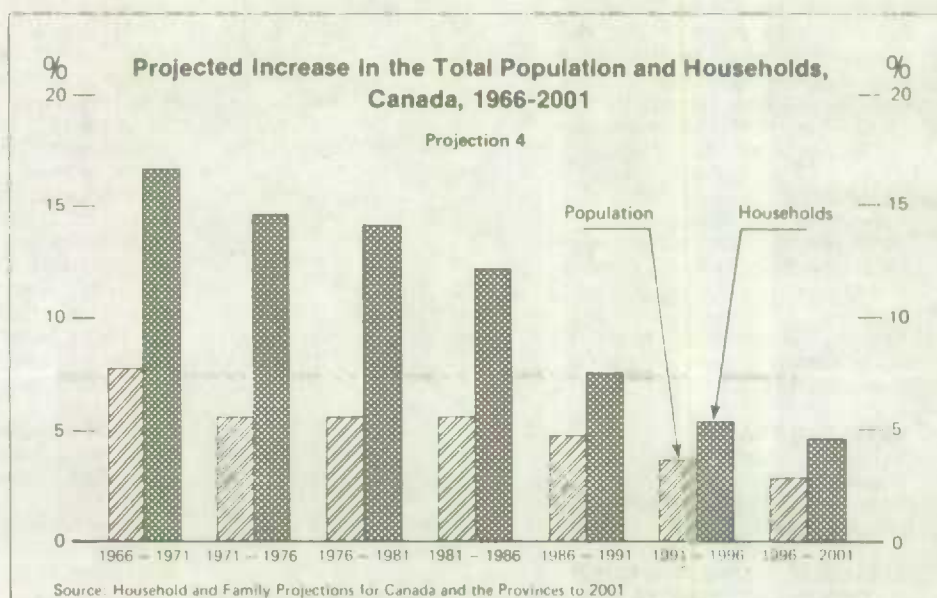
### Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$16.8 million in October that contrasted with the deficit of \$311,936 posted in October 1974. Operating revenues jumped 24.6% to \$263.2 million while operating expenses increased 16.4% to \$246.3 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 3.6% to 12.19 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles dropped 21.4% to 96.6 million.

During the first 10 months of 1975, railway revenues rose 16.9% from the year-earlier period while expenses increased 15.5%. Cumulative net income at \$42.7 million was up 189.4% from January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 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 0T6*.



### Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.61 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in October, a decrease of 6.2% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils dropped 4.3% to 2.20 million B/D in the latest month while those of imported oils fell 15.1% to 405,000 B/D.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

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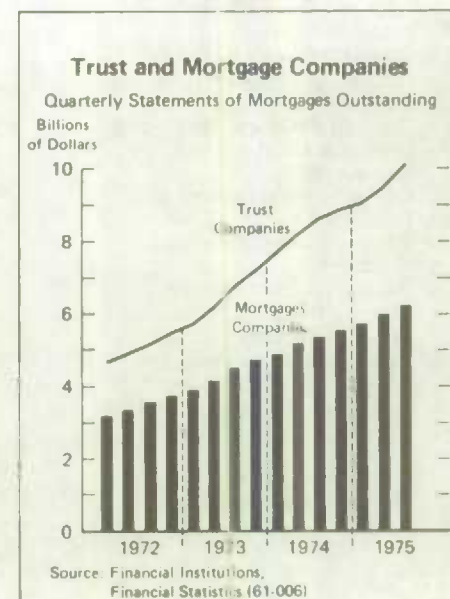
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### Mineral Production

Canadian production of primary metals in October and 1975 to date with comparable 1974 figures in brackets:

- Copper, 58,536 tons (91,852) — 649,668 tons (752,032);
- Nickel, 18,043 tons (26,237) — 223,118 tons (242,089);
- Silver, 3,384,367 troy ounces (2,999,153) — 32,444,605 troy ounces (36,011,031);
- Refined zinc, 38,294 tons (27,263) — 384,691 tons (392,066);
- Refined lead, 15,680 tons (573) — 152,215 tons (118,705).

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50) and *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50).





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