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### Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Between November and December, consumer price indexes rose in 10 regional cities, declined in two and remained unchanged over-all in two others. Price movements ranged from an 0.1% decline in both Quebec City and Regina to an 0.6% increase in Halifax.

Food prices decreased in 12 centres, mainly in response to lower prices for pork, beef and some fresh vegetables. But restaurant meal charges were generally higher.

Shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation were higher in most cities; household operation charges also increased, notably for domestic gas in Vancouver and Montreal and for appliances.

Between December 1974 and December 1975, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Winnipeg, 11.3%; Halifax, 11.2%; Saskatoon, 10.8%; Saint John, 10.6%; Calgary, 10.3%; Thunder Bay, 10.3%; St. John's, 10.2%; Regina, 9.9%; Edmonton, 9.8%; Montreal, 9.7%; Ottawa, 9.4%; Quebec City, 9.3%; Toronto, 9.0%; and Vancouver, 8.8%.

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

### Index of Industrial Production (1971=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production climbed 1.7% in November to 113.2 from 111.4 in October.

Manufacturing output rose 1.5% in the latest month; non-durable manufacturing increased 2.2% and durables manufacturing showed a gain of 1.0%.

Mining production rose 4.8% in November; utilities' output declined by 0.8%.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0579), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January to November 1975 were valued at \$911.8 million (dealers' cost), up 36.2% from \$669.7 million in the first 11 months of 1974.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 3.4% in the latest period to \$129.5 million.

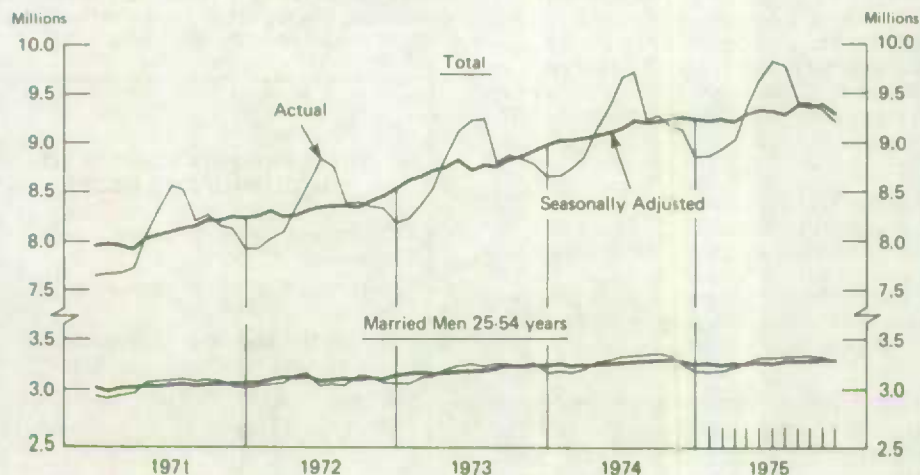
For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, \$1.50 per year), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct. 209.89p	207.31p	12.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct. 7,578p	7,636p	12.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Dec. 9.23	9.33	1.2
Unemployed	Dec. 697,000	640,000	16.8
<b>INVENTORIES</b>			
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.* 1,619	1,386	2.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct. 14,948p	15,020r	8.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept. 6,438	6,365	11.7
<b>ORDERS</b>			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct. 7,785p	7,412r	2.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct. 9,795p	9,757r	-4.5
<b>PRICES</b>			
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Dec. 144.3	144.1	9.5
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Oct. 195.4	194.4	8.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Nov.* 499.0	504.5r	1.4
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct. 1,118.0p	8,732	7.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov. 18,935	162,088	1.3
<b>ENERGY</b>			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Oct.* 2,524	22,873	24.1
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Nov.* 22.9	246.4	-2.8
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
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>			
Exports (\$ million)	Nov. 2,866	29,758	0.9
Imports (\$ million)	Nov. 3,180	31,940	10.6
<b>PRODUCTION</b>			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov. 136.7	1,309.5	-8.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Nov. 1,179	12,949	-4.3
<b>SALES</b>			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct. 522.3	4,315	13.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct. 7,747p	70,408	5.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 649.6	6,594	18.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.* 4,640	39,970	11.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept. 4,285	33,701	4.0

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

### Employment Levels, Canada



Source: The Labour Force (71-001)

### Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted October retail sales advanced 3.2% from September to a level of \$4.34 billion.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4.64 billion, up 17.4% from a year earlier. All provinces had sales increases over October 1974 with the largest advance in Alberta (25.7%). Sales were up 20.5% in Montreal, 20.4% in Toronto, 10.9% in Winnipeg and 6.5% in Vancouver.

Year-to-year gains were registered in 27 of the 28 trade groups with the largest increases recorded by motor vehicle dealers (29.9%) and all other food stores (26.5%).

Revised data for September show retail sales for the month at \$4.11 billion, up 12.7% from September 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact B. Thériault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 152.0 in December, an increase of 0.4% from the November level and up 13.6% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction increased 12.2% over the 12 months from December 1974; labour costs rose 15.9%.

During this period, residential building construction input price indexes advanced in all regions of Canada, with increases recorded as follows:

- Quebec, 17.3%; Prairie Provinces, 16.2%; British Columbia, 13.3%; Atlantic Provinces, 11.7%; and Ontario, 11.5%.

Labour cost indexes showed the following increases (by region): Quebec, 22.9%; Prairie Provinces, 22.2%; Atlantic Provinces, 13.3%; Ontario, 12.4%; and British Columbia, 12.1%.

For further information, order the December 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.

### Iron Ore

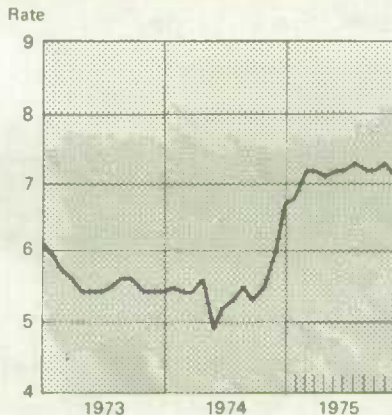
Canadian mines shipped 5.05 million tons of iron ore in November compared with 5.88 million tons a year earlier.

Cumulative output for the first 11 months of 1975 at 44.51 million tons was down 14.2% from 47.63 million tons in the corresponding period of 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Unemployment Rate, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: The Labour Force (71-001)

### Mineral Production

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

- Copper, 69,374 tons (71,202) — 719,042 tons (823,234);
- Nickel, 21,846 tons (22,246) — 244,964 tons (264,335);
- Silver, 2,887,855 troy ounces (2,777,789) — 35,332,460 troy ounces (38,788,820);
- Gold, 118,211 troy ounces (138,063) — 1,486,781 troy ounces (1,540,425);
- Refined lead, 16,254 tons (4,053) — 168,469 tons (122,758);
- Refined zinc, 41,074 tons (37,188) — 425,765 tons (429,254).

For further information, order the November 1975 issues of: *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50).

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Department Store Sales by Regions, November

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### Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$18.57 billion at the end of November, an increase of 17.1% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from November 30, 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$13.11 billion (24.2%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
  - small loans, \$248 million (-15.6%);
  - large loans, \$1.51 billion (0.5%);
  - retail instalment sales paper, \$1.16 billion (-2.5%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.14 billion (9.0%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, \$1.34 billion (10.4%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$58 million (31.8%).

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales reached \$522.3 million in October, an increase of 17.5% from \$444.5 million in October 1974.

Sales rose in 39 of the 40 departments in the latest month; the largest gains were recorded by food and kindred products (32.8%) and photographic equipment and supplies (31.6%).

All provinces reported increased sales over October 1974 with a high of 29.5% for Prince Edward Island. Sales were up 21.5% in Montreal, 16.2% in Vancouver, 12.8% in Winnipeg and 9.6% in Toronto.

Inventories held in October (at selling price) were valued at \$1.62 billion, up 2.7% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4).

### International Travel

Preliminary statistics for November show that 1.9 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, up 1.2% from November 1974. Canadian residents returning from visits to the United States increased 24.7% to 2.5 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 1.1% from a year earlier to 53,400. Canadian travellers returning from abroad numbered 84,600, up 12.8% from November 1974.

For further information, order the November 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 0T6.



### General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index declined 1.1% in November to 499.0 from 504.5 (revised) in October to stand 1.4% higher than the November 1974 level of 492.0. Four of the eight major groups included in the total index decreased while three increased and one remained unchanged.

The animal products group index decreased 2.6% in November due mainly to lower prices recorded for livestock (-6.1%), fresh meats (-5.9%), and cured meats (-4.3%). The vegetable products group declined 2.1% reflecting price drops for vegetable oil products (-9.3%), grains (-4.7%), sugar and its products (-2.9%) and livestock and poultry feeds (-2.7%). The wood products group showed a decline of 1.5% due to decreases for cedar (-9.4%), fir (-1.5%) and newsprint and wrapping paper (-1.3%).

Over the 12 months from November 1974, the following percentage changes were recorded for the major group indexes:

- Non-metallic minerals, 14.8%; wood products, 13.5%; iron products, 11.9%; animal products, 9.9%; chemical products, 9.4%; non-ferrous metals, 0.3%; textile products, -1.3%; and vegetable products, -19.6%.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$1.50).

### Charitable Organizations

Charitable organizations in Canada had total revenues of \$912.0 million in 1973, up 27.1% from \$717.7 million in 1972.

Total expenditures of the 8,772 establishments operated by the charitable organizations amounted to \$810.9 million in 1973, an increase of 19.4% from \$678.9 million in 1972.

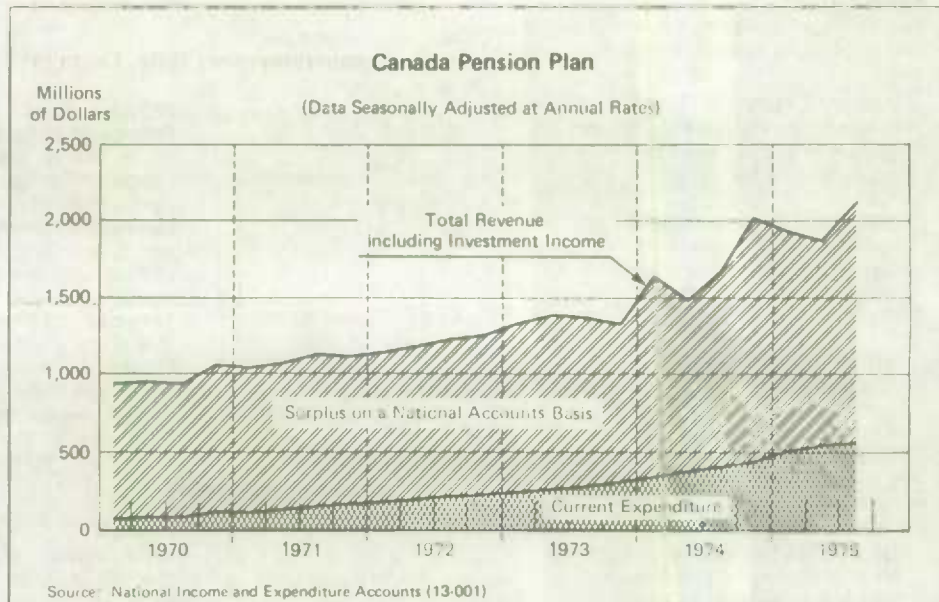
For further information, order *Selected Financial Statistics of Charitable Organizations, 1973 and 1972* (61-212, \$2.10), or contact E. Yablonski (613-996-9301), Commercial Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Religious Organizations

Religious organizations in Canada had revenues totalling \$688.5 million in 1973, an increase of 10.8% over the 1972 total of \$621.6 million.

Total expenditures of the 21,695 establishments operated by religious organizations increased 11.2% to \$589.6 million in 1973 from \$530.2 million in 1972.

For further information, order *Selected Financial Statistics of Religious Organizations, 1973 and 1972* (61-211, \$1.05), or contact E. Yablonski (613-996-9301), Commercial Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.



### Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$8.3 million in November, up from \$1.2 million a year earlier. Operating revenues rose 19.3% to \$238.0 million while operating expenses increased 15.9% to \$229.7 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles decreased 4.5% to 11.42 billion in the latest month; passenger-miles fell 14.1% to 97.2 million.

During the first 11 months of 1975, railway revenues rose 17.1% from the year-earlier period while expenses increased 15.6%. Cumulative net income at \$51.1 million was more than triple that reported for January-November 1974.

For further information, order the November 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.

### The Motor Vehicle — Part IV, Revenues, 1974

Canada's provincial and territorial governments derived motor-vehicle-related revenues of \$1.98 billion in the 1974 registration year, up from \$1.92 billion in 1973.

The revenue total for the latest year was comprised as follows: motive fuel taxes, \$1.44 billion; operator and vehicle licences, \$489 million; public service fees, \$10.8 million; and miscellaneous revenues, \$45.8 million.

For further information, contact K.J. Enright (613-996-9774), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

### Provincial Government Finance, 1973-74

Canada's provincial and territorial governments had gross general revenues of \$22.44 billion in 1973-74, an increase of 18.7% from the previous year.

Gross general expenditures rose 15.6% in the latest year to \$22.04 billion.

Further information, including complete provincial breakdowns of revenue and expenditure, will be contained in *Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1973* (68-207, \$2.10). For advance information, contact G.M. Rhéaume (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 12.7% in October to 2.52 million tons from 2.24 million tons a year earlier. Imports rose to 2.07 million tons from 1.91 million tons.

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

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