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Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in November rose to \$593.3 million, up 9.0% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month, with percentage increases over November 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$223.0 million (7.5%); Quebec, \$112.2 million (14.0%); British Columbia, \$90.6 million (3.3%); Alberta, \$74.4 million (10.7%); Atlantic Provinces, \$39.8 million (11.6%); Manitoba, \$35.6 million (6.5%); and Saskatchewan, \$17.8 million (20.4%).

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 per year).

Fossil Fuel Production, 1974-75

The value of all Canadian production of fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, natural gas by-products and coal) climbed 31.8% to \$6.85 billion in 1975 from \$5.20 billion in 1974.

Over-all production of crude oil decreased 14.5% in 1975 to 525.3 million barrels, but the value of production rose 7.4% to \$3.78 billion. Domestic production of natural gas increased 1.0% to 3.07 trillion cubic feet while the total value of production jumped to \$1.73 billion from \$723.8 million. Production of natural gas by-products decreased 2.5% to 110.5 million barrels but the value of these products rose 17.5% to \$767.8 million.

Coal production rose 14.7% in 1975 to 27.0 million tons, with the total value increasing 90.1% to \$575.8 million.

For further information, order *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 1, *Fossil Production and Value, 1974-75*.

Reconciliation of Canada-United States Merchandise Trade Balance

The U.S.-Canada Trade Statistics Committee has reconciled the published figures for Canada-U.S. bilateral merchandise trade for the first half of 1975 and has established that Canada was in deficit by \$932 million.

Canadian trade statistics had indicated a first-half deficit of \$1.15 billion while the U.S. Bureau of the Census had reported that Canada had a surplus of \$23 million. These figures follow the pattern found by the committee in previous reconciliation studies in that both sets of official trade figures overstate their imports and understate their exports by comparison with the reconciled figures.

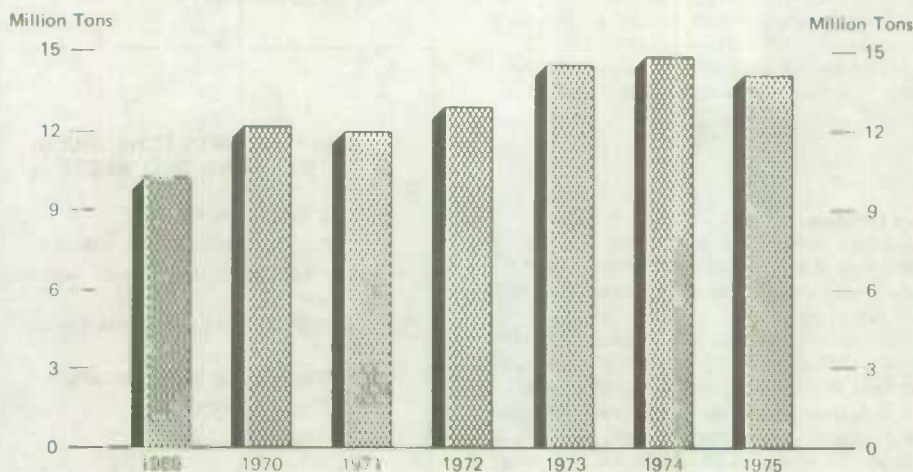
For further information, contact J.B. Salley (613-996-6247), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
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
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.	1,619	1,386	2.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov.*	15,096p	14,983r	6.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.*	5,973	6,438	1.3
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov.*	7,408p	7,874r	2.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov.*	9,780p	9,863r	-4.5
PRICES				
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
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	1,118.0p	8,847	8.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.	18,935	162,088	1.3
ENERGY				
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
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)	Nov.	136.7	1,309.5	-8.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Nov.	1,179	12,949	-4.3
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	593.3	4,908	13.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov.*	7,491p	77,920	5.7
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)	Oct.*	4,000	37,701	4.0

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

Canadian Steel Production (Ingots)



Source: Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-002)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in November were estimated at \$7.38 billion, up 0.6% from \$7.33 billion in October. New orders for non-durable goods rose 1.4% to \$3.99 billion while those for durable goods dropped 0.3% to \$3.38 billion.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries in November, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$9.92 billion, down 0.4% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 0.9% higher at \$15.24 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments dipped to 2.06:1 in November from 2.09:1 in October while the finished products — to shipments ratio edged down to 0.68:1 from 0.69:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in November, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$7.41 billion, an increase of 2.6% from October.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in November at an estimated \$7.49 billion showed a rise of 3.6% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first 11 months of 1975 totalled \$77.92 billion, up 5.7% from January-November 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H. D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio Air-Time Sales

Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM radio stations totalled \$5.7 million in September, up 18.4% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$4.9 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$11.6 million in the latest month, an increase of 1.9% from September 1974.

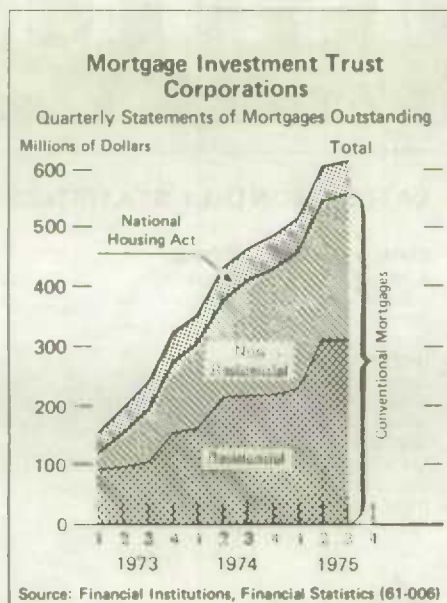
For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 98.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas in October, down 3.6% from a year earlier. Exports decreased 2.5% to 80.5 billion cubic feet.

Cumulatively, sales of natural gas in the first 10 months of 1975 totalled 1.07 trillion cubic feet, an increase of 0.8% from January-October 1974.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact R. Peacock (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported a combined net loss of \$2.29 million in October that compared with the loss of \$3.74 million posted a year earlier.

Total operating revenues rose 15.0% to \$126.8 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 11.0% to \$124.6 million.

Passenger traffic—measured in passenger-miles for all services—showed a 3.1% increase from October 1974 to 1,315.6 million. Goods ton-miles for all services rose 16.5% to 48.4 million.

For the first 10 months of 1975, Canadian transcontinental and regional air carriers reported a net loss of \$94,000; the airlines earned net profit of \$11.11 million in the January to October period of 1974.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, November
Consumer Price Movements, January
Department Store Sales and Stocks, November
Housing Starts and Completions, December
New Motor Vehicle Sales, December
Retail Trade, November
The Labour Force, January

Births, 1974

Births to Canadian residents totalled 345,604 in 1974, up fractionally from the 1973 figure of 344,368.

Canada's birth rate per 1,000 population declined marginally to 15.4 in 1974 from 15.6 in 1973. While Quebec continued to record the lowest birth rate of any of the provinces, its rate rose to 14.0 from 13.8, marking the first yearly increase since 1957.

For further information, contact D. Nagnur or J. Silins (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in October were estimated at \$4.00 billion, up 3.7% from October 1974.

One of the most notable sales changes in the consumer goods trades was registered by the motor vehicles component, showing an increase of 20.2%. In the industrial goods trades, sales of iron and steel rose 35.8% from a year earlier.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.97 billion in the latest month, up 1.3% from October of last year.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-01, 15¢/\$1.50).

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$90.6 million in November, an increase of 29.9% from November 1974.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 21.5% to \$253.3 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 17.3% to \$162.7 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$103.8 million in November showed a drop of 26.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, November 1975.

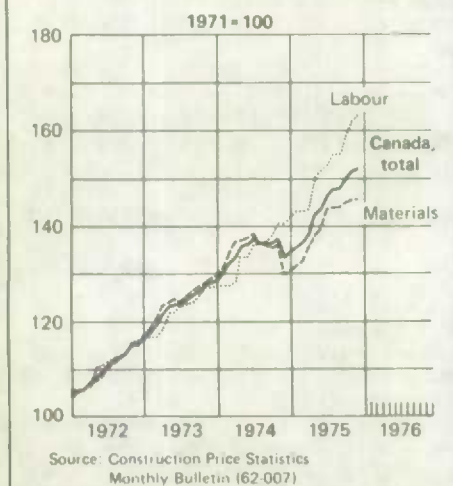
Provincial Government Finance, 1973

Canada's provincial and territorial governments had financial assets totalling \$20.85 billion at March 31, 1974, an increase of 15.8% from \$18.01 billion a year earlier.

Liabilities of these governments rose 12.3% in the latest year to \$21.94 billion from \$19.54 billion.

For further information, order *Provincial Government Finance, Assets, Liabilities, and Sources and Uses of Funds, 1973* (68-209, \$2.10) or contact the Public Finance Division, Provincial Government Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes, Canada



Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 265.9 in December, an increase of 0.7% from the November level and up 14.1% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 9.8% over the 12 months from December 1974; labour costs increased 17.4%.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction jumped 18.2% during this period, smaller increases were noted for: lumber and lumber products (11.4%); steel and metal work (7.6%); plumbing, heating and other equipment (6.7%); and other materials (14.3%). Electrical equipment prices declined 1.6%.

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.

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.72 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in November, an increase of 0.1% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils decreased 3.4% to 2.19 million B/D in the latest month while those of imported oils increased 17.3% to 528,000 B/D.

For further information, order the November 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.

Railway Carloadings

All railway revenue freight loaded in December totalled 18.8 million tons, down 7.8% from a year earlier. Commodity traffic from United States connections (included above) amounted to 1.8 million tons, a decrease of 16.0% from December 1974.

On a commodity basis, significant declines were noted for loadings of pulpwood and newsprint paper—no doubt reflecting continuing strikes in the forest products industry. Also down from year-earlier levels were shipments of sand, gravel and crushed stone (-31.2%) and potash (-18.7%).

Cumulatively, rail carload and non-carload traffic in 1975 aggregated 250.5 million tons, down 8.6% from the 1974 total. Freight received from U.S. connections decreased 22.8% to 22.7 million tons.

Pulpwood loadings showed the largest percentage decline in 1975, dropping 35.7%; pulpwood chips fell 29.1%; and sand, gravel and crushed stone was off 24.2%. Other notable declines occurred in loadings of sulphur, newsprint paper, potash, wood pulp, iron and steel and grain products. Coal loadings increased 28.3% to 20.5 million tons.

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

Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 5.3% in November to 2.40 million tons from 2.28 million tons in November 1974. Imports rose to 1.80 million tons from 1.65 million tons.

Industrial consumers used 1.63 million tons of coal in the latest month (down 2.6% from a year earlier) and 407,193 tons of coke (down 28.8%).

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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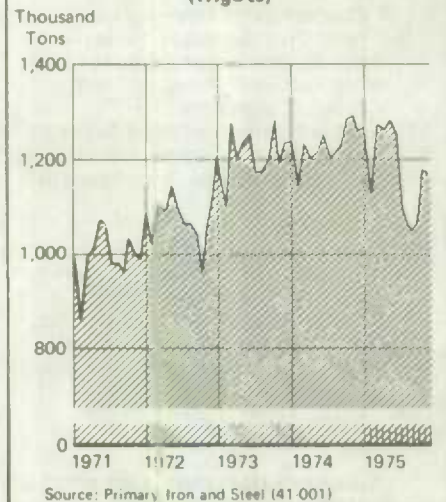
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Canadian Steel Production (Ingots)



Farm Cash Receipts (Revised)

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$8.93 billion in the January to November period of 1975, up 10.0% from \$8.11 billion in the first 11 months of 1974.

Total payments made to farmers in the latest period, by province and with year-earlier figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$2.28 billion (\$2.21 billion); Saskatchewan, \$2.25 billion (\$1.90 billion); Alberta, \$1.73 billion (\$1.57 billion); Quebec, \$1.21 billion (\$1.06 billion); Manitoba, \$833.1 million (\$771.3 million); British Columbia, \$357.7 million (\$333.8 million); Nova Scotia, \$103.4 million (\$94.8 million); New Brunswick, \$86.2 million (\$95.7 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$71.8 million (\$79.6 million).

For further information, order the January-November 1975 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$214.9 million of retail finance paper in November, an increase of 9.2% from a year earlier.

The total for the latest month comprised \$60.0 million for passenger cars, \$27.7 million for other consumer goods, \$78.6 million for commercial vehicles and \$48.6 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies in the third quarter of 1975 amounted to \$1.61 billion, up 10.4% from the corresponding period in 1974.

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



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