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Labour Income

Total labour income for October was estimated at \$7.58 billion, up 12.6% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the October estimate of \$7.46 billion showed a decrease of 0.4% from the September level. (The September total was, however, significantly affected by the inclusion of lump-sum cost-of-living payments. If these payments were excluded, the October estimate would show an increase of 1.7% from the previous month).

For further information, order the October 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.

Real Domestic Product (1961=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product decreased 0.3% in October to 115.7 from 116.1 in September. Most of the decline originated with forestry, manufacturing and communication.

In manufacturing, the main contributors to the decline were motor vehicle manufacturers and strike-affected pulp and paper mills. Significant decreases were also shown by meat products manufacturers, iron and steel mills and manufacturers of household radio and television receivers. Production increases were registered by manufacturers of dairy products, major appliances and cement.

The fall in forestry output can be related to the decline in pulp and paper mills and decreased output of sawmills.

In communication, the decrease was attributable to the post office strike which commenced towards the end of October.

Mining output also decreased as a result of declines in both coal mining and crude petroleum and natural gas. Output of iron mines increased.

For further information, order the October 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.

Seasonally-Adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100)

Canada's industrial composite employment index (seasonally adjusted) stood at 111.0 in October. Employment in the service industries showed a 28.5% rise from the 1971 base period; employment in the forestry sector was down 2.5% from the 1971 level.

For further information concerning these series, contact G.L. Cohen (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

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)	Oct. 7,578p	7,636p	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

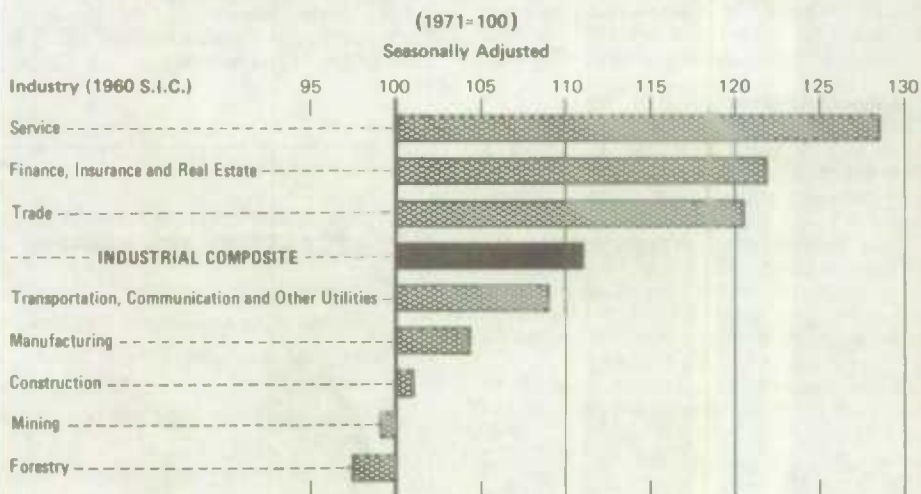
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Oct. 150.1	1,172.8	-8.8
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Nov. 1,179	12,949	-4.3

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.

Employment Indexes for Selected Canadian Industries (October 1975)



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 112,982 units in November, up 36.0% from a year earlier. Total sales value jumped 59.1% to \$649.6 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States increased 44.9% to 76,208 units while those of overseas-manufactured automobiles were up 6.0% to 10,716 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in November rose 27.9% from a year earlier to 26,058 units; included were 24,889 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 30.2%) and 1,169 manufactured overseas (down 6.6%).

For the first 11 months of 1975, total sales of new motor vehicles reached 1,201,020 units with an accumulated value of \$659 billion. This represents an increase of 1.7% in units and a rise of 18.4% in value compared with sales for January-November 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 264.0 in November, an increase of 0.8% from the October level and up 10.8% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 4.1% over the 12 months from November 1974; labour costs increased 16.2%.

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 (2.9%); steel and metal work (1.8%); plumbing, heating and other equipment (0.5%); and other materials (9.1%). Electrical equipment prices dropped 7.8%.

For further information, order the November 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.

The Wheat Review

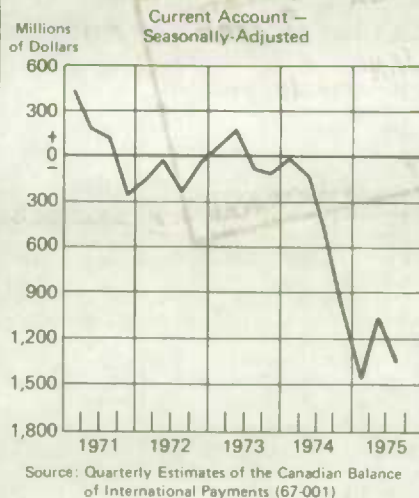
Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during August-October 1975 have amounted to 477.5 million bushels, up 2% from the year-earlier level of 466.7 million bushels.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at November 1, 1975 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 2,085.9 million bushels, an increase of 22% from the 1,716.6 million bushels on hand at the same date in 1974.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,379.4 (993.3); Canada, 585.1 (578.8); Australia, 85.4 (94.0); and Argentina, 36.0 (50.5).

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *The Wheat Review* (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50).

Canadian Balance of International Payments



Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported (combined) net profit of \$1.09 million in September, down from \$4.82 million a year earlier.

Total operating revenues rose 9.6% to \$136.9 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 16.1% to \$127.3 million.

Passenger traffic — measured in passenger-miles for all services — showed a 1.1% decrease from September 1974 to 1,522.5 million. Goods ton-miles for all services increased 5.9% to 43.2 million.

For the first nine months of 1975, the transcontinental and regional air carriers earned net profit of \$2.33 million, down from \$14.88 million in January-September 1974.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin Vol. 7, No. 75* (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, November
Consumer Price Movements, December
General Wholesale Price Index, November
Housing Starts and Completions, November
Major Appliance Sales, November
The Labour Force, December

Farm Cash Receipts

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 3.0% from \$8.67 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 (\$2.29 billion); Alberta, \$1.73 billion (\$1.69 billion); Quebec, \$1.21 billion (\$1.06 billion); Manitoba, \$833.1 million (\$818.0 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.

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade

Measured on a balance-of-payments basis, Canada's seasonally-adjusted merchandise trade balance shifted to a deficit of \$189 million in November from a surplus of \$7 million in October. Imports showed a rise of 10% in the month while exports increased by 3%.

Seasonally-adjusted exports, on a customs basis, increased fractionally in November to a level of \$2.79 billion. Increases were recorded in exports of metallic ores, crude oil, pulp and petroleum products. But shipments of wheat, newsprint paper and automotive and related products were lower.

Seasonally-adjusted imports rose 9% to \$3.14 billion. Higher imports were recorded for automotive products, crude oil, sugar and consumer goods. Imports of industrial machinery and office equipment were lower.

In the first 11 months of 1975, unadjusted exports of \$29.76 billion were \$267 million (0.9%) above those for the corresponding period in 1974. Natural gas deliveries rose \$530 million and exports of automotive and related products increased \$480 million. But crude oil shipments to the United States dropped \$325 million, and shipments of lumber and non-ferrous ores and metals to all markets declined \$315 million, \$275 million and \$295 million, respectively.

Canadian imports increased \$3.0 billion (10.6%) from \$28.89 billion in the first 11 months of 1974 to \$31.94 billion in January-November 1975. Higher imports of automotive and related products, machinery, crude oil and coal accounted for about 85% of the total rise.

The year-to-date merchandise trade deficit of \$2.2 billion in 1975 contrasted with a surplus of \$0.6 billion recorded in the first 11 months of 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Summary of Foreign Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act reached \$193 million in October, an increase of 35% from the \$144 million disbursed a year earlier. The average weekly payment advanced 15% to \$86.60 from \$75.59.

Initial and renewal claims received in October numbered 245,000, up 9% from the October 1974 total of 224,000.

For the first 10 months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$2.66 billion, an increase of 46% from \$1.82 billion paid out in the corresponding period last year.

For further information, order the October 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.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 151.3 in November, an increase of 0.8% from the October level and up 9.9% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction increased 7.0% over the 12 months from November 1974; labour costs rose 14.8%.

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

- Quebec, 14.5%; Prairie Provinces, 11.6%; British Columbia, 9.5%; Ontario, 7.8%; and Atlantic Provinces, 5.9%.

Labour cost indexes showed the following increases (by region): Quebec, 22.9%; Prairie Provinces, 19.2%; British Columbia, 12.1%; Ontario, 11.8%; and Atlantic Provinces, 8.0%.

For further information, order the November 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.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes (1971=100)

Measured in terms of fixed 1971 prices, seasonally-adjusted import volume declined slightly in October to a level 43.1% above 1971. Export volume registered a sharp 10.5% drop and stood only 1.1% above 1971.

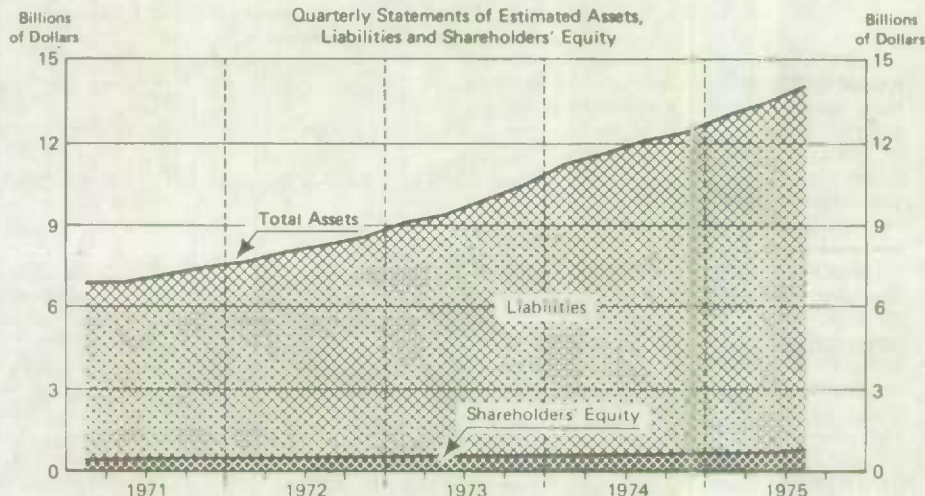
However, on a three-month, moving-average basis, import and export volumes in October were 5.5% and 11.1%, respectively, below year-earlier levels.

Both import and export prices declined in October. But import prices increased 9.6% and export prices were up 5.8% from the same period in 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Trust Companies

Quarterly Statements of Estimated Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity



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

Index of Industrial Production (1971=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined 0.5% in October to 111.0 from 111.6 (revised) in September.

Total manufacturing output decreased 0.4% in the latest month; non-durables manufacturing fell 0.9% while durables manufacturing showed no change from the September level.

Mining production dropped 1.8% in October; utilities' output increased 0.3%.

For further information, order the October 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4).

The Dairy Review

Milk production in Canada in November totalled 1.3 billion pounds, an increase of 12.5% from a year earlier. This brought production for the first 11 months of 1975 to 16.2 billion pounds, up 4.8% from the January-November period in 1974.

Passenger Bus Statistics

Inter-city passenger bus companies, with gross annual operating revenues of \$100,000 and over in 1972, had total operating revenues of \$148.1 million in 1974. Net operating revenues amounted to \$12.6 million.

These carriers employed 5,531 persons in 1974 and operated 1,914 buses.

For further information, contact the Chief, Surface Transport Section (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit Statistics

Urban transit companies, with gross annual operating revenues of \$100,000 and over in 1972, had total operating revenues of \$321.0 million in 1974. Their operations produced a \$73.2 million deficit in the latest year.

These companies employed 24,770 persons in 1974 and operated 8,737 buses, trolley coaches, streetcars and subway cars.

For further information, contact the Chief, Surface Transport Section (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Book Publishing Survey, 1974

Canadian book publishers reported total 1974 sales of \$241.5 million with \$144.5 million from sales of their own books. Government subsidies to the book publishing industry amounted to \$1.8 million in 1974.

The Education, Science and Culture Division has recently completed a survey covering 592 book publishers and is still analysing the data for a forthcoming publication. Further information may be obtained from Roch Bacon (613-995-9682), Fine Arts and Media Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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