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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$230.49 in August were up 11.7% from \$206.38 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$265.79), followed by Alberta (\$238.05), Ontario (\$230.91), Newfoundland (\$225.72), Quebec (\$223.65), Saskatchewan (\$218.21), Manitoba (\$214.47), New Brunswick (200.72), Nova Scotia (\$197.38) and Prince Edward Island (\$172.01).

Average weekly earnings in August (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$334.52; mining, \$314.59; forestry, \$279.86; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$265.72; manufacturing, \$242.07; finance, insurance and real estate, \$215.65; trade, \$177.89; and service, \$162.70.

Compared with August 1975, average hourly earnings were up 14.8% in manufacturing, 12.2% in mining and 11.7% in construction.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for September show that 3.1 million United States visitors entered Canada, up 10.4% from September 1975. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased by 23.6% to 172,000. (These increases may be due in part to the shifting date of Labour Day; in 1975, Labour Day was September 1, so visiting non-residents entered Canada in August, while in 1976 the holiday was on September 6, so visiting non-residents entered Canada in September).

Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 3.1 million in September, up 13.6% from September 1975. Residents of Canada returning from countries other than the U.S. increased by 9.4% to 153,000.

For the first nine months of 1976, U.S. visitors entering Canada numbered 27.0 million, down 6.3% from January-September 1975. Visitors from other countries increased by 22.1% in the latest period to 1.3 million.

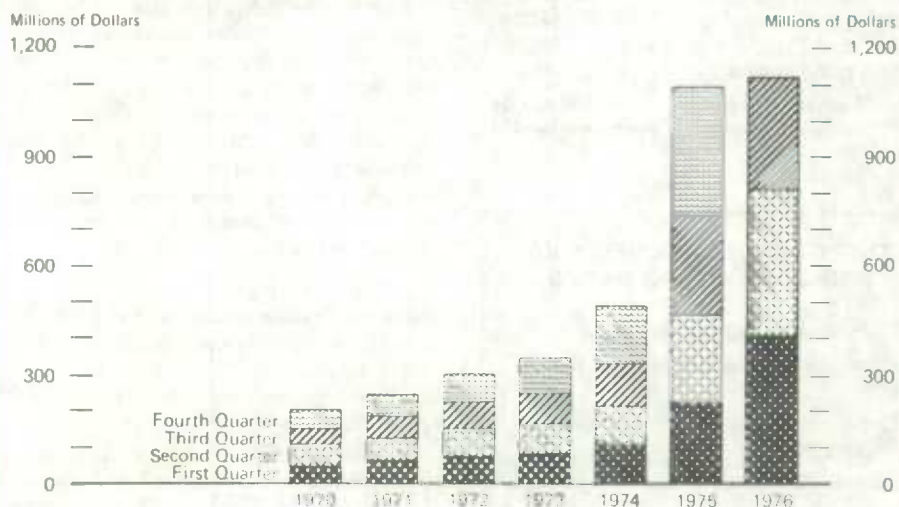
For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.*	230.49p	230.13p	11.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	8,668p	9,043p	11.3
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept.	9.69	10.06	1.9
Unemployed	Sept.	670,000	709,000	6.2
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Aug.	1,886	1,785	30.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug.	16,300p	16,185r	6.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug.	6,873	6,968	8.0
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	8,037p	7,380r	13.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	9,587p	9,521r	-7.5
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	150.7	150.0	6.5
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.*	163.3	162.4	4.4
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Aug.	513.5	517.1r	2.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug.*	964.0p	8,075.8	20.9
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug.*	16,288	136,030	34.5
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug.	2,110	17,179	-4.9
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Aug.	21.7	191.9	6.1
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	June	265.7	1,770.5	2.2
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Aug.	53.0	417.0	0.2
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	3,055	27,897	15.0
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	2,885	27,827	8.2
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Sept.*	143.8	1,239.7	21.2
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Sept.	1,182	10,668	-0.3
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	487.3	3,737.7	13.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug.	7,971p	64,335	13.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	569.0	5,252.4	12.0
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	4,679	36,199	13.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	4,083	32,924	11.9

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

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

Housing Starts

New residential construction activity slowed in August as housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over decreased 7.1% to 16,288 units from 17,530 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with August 1975 figures in brackets: Ontario, 6,468 (5,873); Quebec, 3,385 (4,764); Alberta, 2,514 (1,658); British Columbia, 1,954 (2,453); Saskatchewan, 775 (868); New Brunswick, 417 (499); Nova Scotia, 292 (228); Manitoba, 285 (747); Newfoundland, 185 (408); and Prince Edward Island, 13 (32).

For the first eight months of 1976, housing starts in urban centres totalled 136,030 units, up 34.5% from 101,108 in the corresponding period of 1975.

For further information, order the August 1976 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in August totalled \$964.0 million, down 8.3% from \$1,051.1 million in August 1975.

Lower totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$601.5 million (\$636.1 million a year earlier), commercial permits at \$175.3 million (\$184.1 million) and institutional and government permits at \$77.0 million (\$152.8 million); permits taken out for industrial building construction rose to \$110.2 million from \$78.1 million.

Provincial totals for building permits taken out in August, with year-earlier figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$352.2 million (\$389.9 million); Quebec, \$219.9 million (\$245.2 million); British Columbia, \$176.0 million (\$148.9 million); Alberta, \$77.8 million (\$120.4 million); Manitoba, \$42.5 million (\$23.4 million); Saskatchewan, \$31.5 million (\$57.9 million); Nova Scotia, \$25.9 million (\$26.6 million); New Brunswick, \$19.1 million (\$23.2 million); Newfoundland, \$10.6 million (\$6.7 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$3.5 million (\$4.6 million).

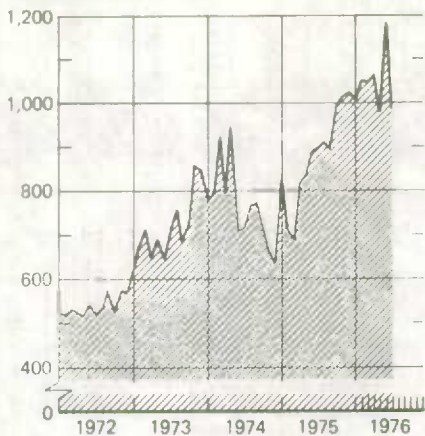
For the first eight months of 1976, building permits taken out in Canada reached \$8,075.8 million, up 20.9% from \$6,678.0 million in the corresponding period of 1975.

For further information, order the August 1976 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

Building Permits, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)

Millions of Dollars



Source: Building Permits (64-001)

Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles reached 143,808 units in September, up 14.8% from 125,224 a year earlier.

Passenger car production increased to 99,864 units in the latest month from 92,235 and production of commercial vehicles rose to 43,944 units from 32,989 in September 1975.

For the first nine months of 1976, Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 1,239,734 units, an increase of 21.2% from 1,022,703 in January-September 1975.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Both import and export prices in August remained stable, on average, as they have since the beginning of 1976.

Export volume moved sharply higher in the three-month period ending in August to stand 16.4% above the year-earlier period. Although import volume has shown little change since the early months of 1976, it remains 7.8% higher than in the three months ended August 1975.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Nursery Trades Industry, 1974-75

Canadian nurserymen operated 44,230 acres for nursery purposes in 1975. Total sales of ornamental and fruit nursery stock amounted to \$41.4 million.

Further information will be published in *Survey of Canadian Nursery Trades Industry, 1974-75* (22-203, \$1.05). Advance details are available from G.O. Code (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Industry Selling Price Index

(1971=100)

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing moved up 0.6% in September to 163.3 from 162.4 in August to stand 4.4% above the September 1975 level of 156.4. Some four-fifths of the increase was attributable to a 7.5% advance in the petroleum and coal index; virtually all petroleum products shared in the rise.

The wood index rose 0.9% in September, reflecting price increases for a wide range of lumber products. In the three months since June 1976, the wood index moved up 4.7%, spurred by increased residential construction activity in both Canada and the United States.

The metal fabricating index rose 0.6%, mainly in response to higher prices for wire products.

Over the 12 months from September 1975, the largest price increases were recorded for the following group indexes:

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 15.5%; wood industries, 10.4%; leather industries, 10.3%; non-metallic mineral products industries, 10.1%; textile industries, 6.8%; furniture and fixture industries, 6.2%; and metal fabricating industries, 5.8%.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Portfolio security transactions between residents of Canada and non-residents gave rise to a net inflow of \$14 million in July, following a \$75 million net inflow in June. The value of securities traded was down sharply from the previous month, reflecting generally less buoyant stock market conditions in North America, and some reduction from the substantial inflows in recent months of overseas investments in Government of Canada securities.

In the first seven months of 1976, transactions in outstanding Canadian and foreign securities led to a net inflow of \$585 million, up from a net inflow of \$234 million in the corresponding period in 1975.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-Residents* (67-002, 40¢/\$4).

The Dairy Review

Canadian production of milk produced for all purposes in August amounted to an estimated 1,569,637,000 pounds, a decrease of 6.7% from a year earlier.

For the first eight months of 1976, milk production reached an estimated 12,048,969,000 pounds, up 3.8% from the January-August period last year.

For further information, order the August 1976 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L7.

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Major Appliances

Sales of laundry equipment and stoves and ranges increased in August, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of other major appliances ran below year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from August 1975 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 40,489 (-10.2%); home and farm freezers, 25,032 (-35.6%).
- Stoves and ranges (electric), 36,455 (10.5%).
- Automatic washing machines, 36,102 (27.6%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 32,024 (28.0%).
- Television sets, 35,534 (-5.8%).

Manufacturers' sales in August of 32,312 Canadian-made colour television sets represented a decrease of 6.4% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales increased 1.0% to 3,222 units.

For further information, order the August 1976 issues of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3); or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 100.5 million fare passengers in September and had operating revenues amounting to \$30.7 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 28.9 million.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9276), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Asbestos

Canadian producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 158,860 short tons in September from 80,592 short tons a year earlier.

Cumulative shipments for the first nine months of 1976 at 1,242,371 short tons were up 60.8% from 772,579 short tons in the corresponding period of 1975.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Asbestos* (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

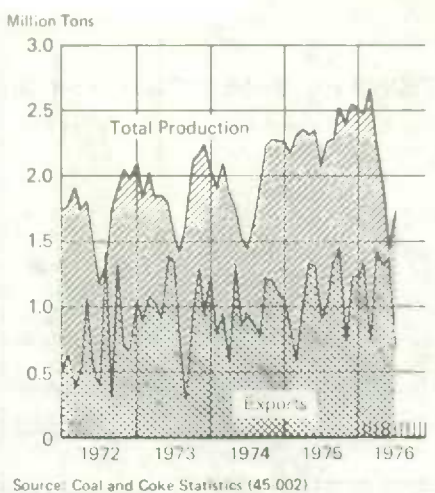
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for July amounted to 1.39 million barrels per day, down 14.6% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 8.46 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, a decrease of 5.8% from July 1975.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal Production, Canada and Exports



Railway Carloadings

Canadian railways carried a total of 23.9 million tons of revenue freight in September, an increase of 13.1% from a year earlier. Traffic received from United States connections (included above) declined 3.5% to 1.9 million tons.

September loadings on a commodity basis showed unusual year-over-year fluctuations for alumina and various forest products. Gains in the latter category were largely due to depressed shipments in September 1975 as a result of labour problems in that industry. The extreme reduction in alumina shipments in the latest month was attributable to a three-month old strike at the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Cumulatively, rail freight traffic in the first nine months of 1976 totalled 196.9 million tons, up 5.0% from January-September 1975. Notably higher in the latest period were loadings of pulpwood chips, iron ore, copper-nickel ores, lumber and potash. Declines were registered for shipments of alumina, sulphur and coal.

For further information, order the September 1976 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slatery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada decreased 7.2% in August to 2,109,986 tons from 2,273,525 tons in August 1975. Imports decreased to 1,426,252 tons from 1,664,317 tons.

Industrial consumers used 1,536,328 tons of coal in the latest month (up 165,936 tons from a year earlier) and 475,075 tons of coke (up 784 tons).

For further information, order the August 1976 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 0T6.

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported (combined) net income of \$19.6 million in July, up from \$9.0 million in July 1975.

Total operating revenues rose 10.8% to \$176.9 million in the latest period; operating expenses advanced 9.1% to \$147.1 million.

Passenger traffic — in terms of passenger-miles for both unit toll and charter services — totalled 2,096.3 million in July, up 9.1% from 1,921.2 million in the corresponding month in 1975. Goods ton-miles for all services increased 2.2% to 41.5 million.

For the first seven months of 1976, the major scheduled airlines showed a combined net loss of \$38.7 million that compared with the loss of \$12.3 million reported in the January-July period of 1975.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 8, No. 56 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

Railway Freight Traffic

Railways in Canada hauled a total of 67.9 million tons of revenue freight in the second quarter of 1976, an increase of 2.9% over the corresponding period in 1975.

Traffic increases were recorded in four of the seven major freight groupings in the latest period. The volume of crude materials — which accounted for more than half the commodities hauled — rose 3.0%; fabricated materials were up 2.4% to 17.1 million tons; end products increased 5.5%; and special traffic (due to sharp rise in container movements) was 22.7% above the 1975 level.

Total rail loadings (excluding receipts from United States connections) were up 2.3% to 61.8 million tons in April-June 1976. Loadings increased in Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba and declined in the other provinces. Goods received from U.S. connections increased 9.5% to 6.0 million tons.

In the first half of 1976, rail revenue freight aggregated 125.3 million tons, up 1.6% over the January to June 1975 period.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, Second Quarter 1976* (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slatery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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