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## Unemployment Insurance Statistlcs

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act amounted to $\$ 205$ million in October, an increase of 6\% from the $\$ 193$ million disbursed a year earlier. The average weekly benefit at $\$ 94.56$ was up 9\% from October 1975.

Persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits in October totalled 555,000. up 6\% from September but down 3\% from a year earlier. Of this total, $41 \%$ resided in Quebec, $26 \%$ in Ontario, $17 \%$ in the Atlantic Provinces, $11 \%$ in British Columbia and 5\% in the Prairie Provinces.

Persons seeking benefit filed 226,000 claims in October, down $2 \%$ from September and down 7\% from last October.
For the first 10 months of 1976, net payments under the act amounted to $\$ 2.812$ million, an increase of $6 \%$ from \$. 654 million paid out in the corresponding Feriod in 1975.
For further information, order the October 1976 issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment insurance Act (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p, no charge to subscribers).

## Federal Government Employment

Including members of the Canadian Forces, the tederal government and its enterprises had 557,344 employees as of September 1976, an increase of 12,953 (2.4\%) from a year earlier.

Gross payrolls for the third quarter of 1976 (including retroactive and overtime payments) amounted to $\$ 2,046.2$ million, up $\$ 328.3$ million ( $19.1 \%$ ) from the JulySeptember period of 1975.
For further information, order Federal Government Employment, Third Quarter 1976 (72-004, 70¢ $/ \$ 2.80$ ), or contact T. Moore (613-995-0669). Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa KIA OT6.

## Provincial Government Finance

Canada's provincial and territorial governments estimate their gross general revenues for 1976-77 at $\$ 37,916.2$ million, up $17.4 \%$ from the revised 1975-76 figures. Sross general expenditures are expected o nise $12.1 \%$ to $\$ 38.602 .3$ million.
Firther information will be contained in Previncial Government Finance, Revenue 5. ${ }^{1}$ Expenditure (Estimates), 1976 (68-205, $\$ 1.40$ ), and advance details are available from G.M. Rhéaume (613-995-0718). Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

## EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)
Labour Income (\$ million).
Persons with Jobs (million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Unemployed.
INVENTORIES
Department Store (\$ million) .......................... Ocl.
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) ...............................
Wholesale (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Oct.
ORDERS


Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100) ............ Oct. 163.2 163.2r 3.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100) .............. Oct. 5107 Oct 1.1

## CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sept. 932.5p 9.217.9 19.3
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units) ............ Se. Sept. $18.849 \quad 154.879 \quad 29.1$

## ENERGY

Coal Production (ihousand lons).........................
Electricity Generation (terawall hours) . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.) . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Petroleum Refining (million barrels) . .. . . . . . . . .
Petroleum Refining
FOREIGN TRADE
Exports - Customs Basis (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Nov. N $\quad 3,362$ 34,734 15.1
Imports - Customs Basis (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . . . .
PRODUCTION
Motor Vehicles (thousand units) . . . . . . . . ............. Oct. Oct. 111.8 1,351.6 15.2
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)....................... Oct 1,179 11,884 1.0
SALES
Department Store Sales (\$ million) .................... Oct.
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Oct.
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million). .
$\begin{array}{lll}572.1 & 4,887.8 & 13.2\end{array}$
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Oct. Oct
Retail Sales (\$ million)...
$843.9 \quad 6.534 .3 \quad 9.6$
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)
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Non-Residential Construction Expenditures
(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)


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## Canadian Balance

## of International Payments

Canada's seasonally-adjusted current account deficit was $\$ 682$ million in the third quarter of 1976, the smallest quarterly delicit since the fourth quarter of 1974 and just over half the average deficit experienced in the intervening quarters.

An expansion of about $3 \%$ in the level of merchandise exports and a decline of nearly $2 \%$ in merchandise imports combined to more than treble the surplus on merchandise trade compared with the previous quarter. The third-quarter surplus of $\$ 620$ million was the largest since the first quarter of 1974. The strengthening of the merchandise trade surplús was reinforced by a small decrease in the deficit on service transactions, mainly because of higher receipts and lower payments for freight and shipping, and a small increase in the surplus on net transfers.

Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, resulted in a net capital inflow of $\$ 99$ million in the third quarter of 1976, a sharp drop from the inflow of $\$ 1,324$ million in the preceding quarter. The unadjusted current account deficit totalled $\$ 292$ million in the latest period and Canada's official monetary reserves fell by \$173 million.
For further information, order Canadian Balance of International Payments, Third Quarter 1976 (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

## Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 229.9$ million of retail finance paper in October, slightly less than the $\$ 230.0$ million purchased in the corresponding month last year.

The latest month's total comprised \$63.6 million for passenger cars, $\$ 30.0$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 76.3$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 60.1$ million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies in the third quarter of 1976 amounted to $\$ 1,309.1$ million, down $21.0 \%$ from the same period in 1975.
For further information, order the October 1976 issue of Sales Financing (63-013, $306 / \$ 3$ ), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, October
Department Store Sales by Regions, November
Employment, Earnings and Hours, October
Estimates of Labour Income, October Housing Starts and Completions, October
Motor Vehicle Production, November New Motor Vehicle Sales, November


## Provincial Govermment Employment

Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) employed a total of 349,062 persons (full-time and other) in general government services during the last pay period of September, an increase of 972 ( $0.3 \%$ ) from a year earlier.

Gross payrolls for the third quarter of 1976 amounted to $\$ 1,092.1$ million, up $10.3 \%$ from $\$ 990.1$ million in JulySeptember 1975
For further information, order Provincial Government Employment, Third Quarter 1976 (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contace T.D. Harris (613-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ollawa K1A OT6.

## Commercial Fallures

Business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Upacts numbered 593 in the third quarter of 1976, up from 550 in the corresponding period of 1975. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms reached $\$ 87.4$ million compared with $\$ 86.7$ million in JulySeptember 1975
For further information, order Commercial Failures, Third Quarter 1976 (61-002, 706/\$2.80).

## Capacity Utilization Rates In Canadian Manufacturing

Capacity utilization rates are now available by quarters for the period 1961-1976 (third quarter). The rates cover Canadian manufacturing by major group according to the Standard Industrial Classification, with aggregates for durable, non-durable and total manufacturing. A description of the methodology used to derive the rates is given in the publication.
To order, specily Capacity Ufilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing (31-003, $\$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$ ). For further information, contact S. Bernard (613-994-5601), Consiruction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Major Appliances

In October Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of major appliances ran well below year-earlier levels
Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month whith percentage changes from October 1975 in brackets

- Refrigerators, 39,026 (-17.8\%); home and farm freezers, 27,791 (-39.3\%).
- Stoves and ranges (electric), 33,534 (-12.5\%)
- Aulomatic washing machines, 36,528 $(-3.2 \%)$; electric and gas clothes dryers, 36,132 (-2.9\%)
- Television sets, 44,432 (-22.5\%).

Canadian manufacturers sold 41,362 colour television sets in October, a decrease of $21.2 \%$ from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped $36.6 \%$ to 3,070 units.
For further information, order the Oclober 1976 issues of: Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, 154/\$1.50); Stoves and Furnaces (41-005, 304/\$3); Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43-002, 154 (\$1.50); and Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004, 30¢/\$3); or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawa K1A OV6.

## Operations of Transcontinental and Reglonal Alr Carrlers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported combined net income of $\$ 42$ million in September, up from $\$ 1.1$ million ir September 1975
Total operating revenues rose $14.2 \%$ to $\$ 156.3$ million in the latesimonth; operating expenses advanced $13.1 \%$ to $\$ 143.9$ million.

Passenger traffic - in terms of passenger-miles for both unit toll and chartér services - totalled $1,683.8$ milion in September, up $10.6 \%$ from $1,522.5$ million in the corresponding month in 1975. Goods ton-miles for all services increased 1.5\% to 43.8 million.

For the first nine months of 1976, the major scheduled airlines showed a net loss of $\$ 13.7$ million that contrasted with the profit of $\$ 2.3$ million posted in the JanuarySeptember period of 1975

For further information, order Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin, Vol. 8, No. 65 (51-004, \$4.20 per year)

## Refined Petroleum Products

Net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 48.9 million barrels in October, up $1.5 \%$ from a year earlier.
Canadian refineries produced 49.0 million barrels of refined petroleum products in the latest month, a decrease of $1.8 \%$ from October 1975.
For further information, order the October 1976 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 OVE.

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Between October and November, consuper price indexes rose in 12 regional cities nd yeclined in Vancouver and Thunder Bay. Movements ranged from a $0.2 \%$ decline in Vancouver to a $0.9 \%$ increase in Edmonton.

Higher shelter charges, increased new car prices and higher automobile insurance and repair charges were largely responsible for these advances. Other contributing factors included higher prices for selected clothing items and for barber and hairdresser services. Prices for food at home generally declined, notably those for pork and fresh fruit
Between November 1975 and November 1976. consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Vancouver, $8.6 \%$; Regina, 7.5\%; Calgary, 6.5\%; Edmonton, $6.5 \%$; Thunder Bay, 6.4\%; Winnipeg, 6.3\%; Saskatoon. 5.9\%; St. John's, 5.9\%; Ottawa, 5.8\%; Halifax, $5.6 \%$ : Quebec City, $5.6 \%$; Toronto, 5.5\%; Saint John, $5.3 \%$, and Montreal, $5.1 \%$.

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (62-009, 30¢/\$3).

## Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the three-month natiod ended November 30 show a derease in the average number of vacant ons from the three-month period ended August 31. Vacancies for full-time, parttime and casual jobs declined $20 \%$ to 49,800 from 61,900 . The number of vacancies this year is $15 \%$ lower than during the corresponding period in 1975

Vacancies for full-time jobs decreased $20 \%$ from the preceding period to 44,000 while the number of longer-ferm vacancies - jobs unfilled for more than four weeks declined 16\% to 16,300.
For every 1,000 existing jobs in the three months ended November 30, six were vacant, one less than in the preceding period and in the comparable period a year earlier. The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta and Saskatchewan while the lowest rates were recorded in Newfoundland. Nova Scotia and British Columbia

For further information, contact J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

## Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada increased $7.2 \%$ in October to 23.8 terawatt hours from 22.2 TW.h a year earlier
Hydro generation increased 3.3\% in the atest month; thermal production rose 7.5\%

For lurther information, order the October 1976 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57001. 306/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OV6.

Trust and Mortgage Companies


## Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales reached \$572.1 million in October, an increase ol $9.1 \%$ from $\$ 524.2$ million in October 1975.

Sales rose in 27 of the 40 departments in the latest month; the largest gains were reported by boys' clothing and furnishings (41.4\%) and women's and misses' coats and suits ( $32.4 \%$ ).

All provinces reported increased sales over October 1975 with a high of $16.1 \%$ for New Brunswick. Increases for metropolitan areas included: Montreal, 14.0\%; Winnipeg, 12.8\%; Toronto, 8.3\%; and Vancouver, $0.3 \%$.

Inventories held in October (at selling price) were valued at $\$ 2,160.6$ million, up 32.9\% from October 1975.

For turther information, order the October 1976 issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks ( $63-002,404 / \$ 4$ ), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Otlawa K1A OT6.

## Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of $\$ 19.9$ million in October, an increase of $26.0 \%$ from $\$ 15.8$ million in October 1975. Total operating revenues rose $2.7 \%$ to $\$ 266.9$ million while operating expenses advanced $1.2 \%$ to $\$ 247.0$ million.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased $0.3 \%$ in the latest month to 12.29 billion: passenger-miles - the total distance travelled by railway passengers - were up $6.9 \%$ to 112.7 million.

During the first 10 months of 1976. cumulative net operating income of the railways amounted to $\$ 75.5$ million, up $71.7 \%$ from the January-October 1975 period.

For further information, order the October 1976 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 304/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Telephone Industry Statistics
Canadian telephone systems posted net operating revenue of $\$ 94.3$ million in October, an increase of 3.5\% from October 1975.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose $13.6 \%$ to $\$ 285.9$ million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced $19.3 \%$ to $\$ 191.6$ million.
Construction expenditures of these firms totalled $\$ 129.4$ million in October, a decrease of $1.4 \%$ from a year earlier.
During the first 10 months of 1976 operating revenues of the telephone companies increased 19.4\% while operating expenses were up $17.4 \%$. Cumulative net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 854.6$ million, up $24.0 \%$ from $\$ 689.4$ million in the January to October period of 1975.
For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin ( 56 -001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6. No. 28, Monthly Telephone Statistics, October 1976.

## Motor Carriers - Freight, 1975

Preliminary results from the Motor Carriers - Freight survey indicate that while a total of 3,193 carriers grossed $\$ 100,000$ or more from for-hire trucking in 1974, only 2.657 of these carriers were still in business in 1975. (This excludes household goods movers)

Although there was a $17 \%$ decrease in the number of carriers, gross operating revenues of Class 1,2 and 3 carriers remained relatively unchanged from 1974 at $\$ 2,620$ million in 1975.

For lurther information on this survey, contact the Chief (613-996-9271). Surface Transport Section. Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Househoid Goods Movers, 1975

Preliminary results from the Household Goods Movers survey show that there were 225 carriers in Canada earning $\$ 100,000$ or more in 1975. Gross revenues of these carriers amounted to $\$ 124$ million
For further information on this survey, contact the Chief (613-996-9271). Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division. Stalistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

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1976

| 1976 | $32-015$ | $35 ¢ / \$ 1.40$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Breweries, October 1976 | $32-019$ | $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ |
| Cement, October 1976 | $44-001$ | $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ |
| Copper and Nickel Production, | $26-003$ | $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ |
| October 1976 <br> Distilled Beverage Spirits and <br> Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, October |  |  |
| 1976 | $32-021$ | $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ |
| Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, <br> October 1976 <br> Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes <br> Dryers, October 1976 | $43-001$ | $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ |
|  | $43-002$ | $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ |

Dryers, October 1976

| $65-007$ | $80 \uparrow / \$ 8$ |
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| $65-001$ | $40 \uparrow / \$ 4$ |
| $65-001$ |  |
| Supplement | $\$ 1.40$ |

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| $22-003$ | $40 \uparrow / \$ 3$ |
| $62-003$ | $150 / \$ 1.50$ |
| $22-006$ | $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ |
| $23-003$ | $30 \$ / \$ 3$ |
| $21-003$ | $\$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$ |
| $23-001$ | $40 \$ / \$ 4$ |

$31-003 \$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$

Supplement \$1.40

| $66-002$ | $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ |
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| $66-001$ | $\$ 1.75 / \$ 7$ |

83-001 $\$ 1.75 / \$ 7$

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| 73.001 | $40 ¢ / \$ 4$ |


[^0]:    Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13001)

