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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$212.56 in November were up 13.3% from \$187.65 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by region) were highest in British Columbia (\$240.48), followed by Alberta (\$218.95), Ontario (\$214.65), Quebec (\$207.21), Newfoundland (\$203.02), Saskatchewan (\$197.41), Manitoba (\$192.59), New Brunswick (\$189.60), Nova Scotia (\$179.90) and Prince Edward Island (\$160.48).

Average weekly earnings in November (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$309.23; mining, \$298.79; forestry, \$249.93; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$247.57; manufacturing, \$224.29; finance, insurance and real estate, \$199.62; trade, \$163.54; and service, \$150.83.

Compared with November 1974, average weekly earnings were up 16.7% in construction, 18.7% in mining and 13.5% in manufacturing.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Housing Starts

New residential construction activity remained at a high level in December with housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over more than doubling to 19,758 units from 9,358 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with December 1974 figures in brackets: Ontario, 6,469 (3,840); Quebec, 4,829 (2,285), British Columbia, 3,267 (1,331); Alberta, 2,762 (804); Nova Scotia, 709 (356); Manitoba, 604 (168), New Brunswick, 390 (143); Newfoundland, 382 (122); Saskatchewan, 340 (305); and Prince Edward Island, 6 (4).

Housing starts in urban centres totalled 181,846 units in 1975, up 7.3% from the 1974 figure of 169,437 dwelling units.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment were valued at \$990.2 million (dealers' cost) in 1975, up 38.7% from \$713.7 million in 1974.

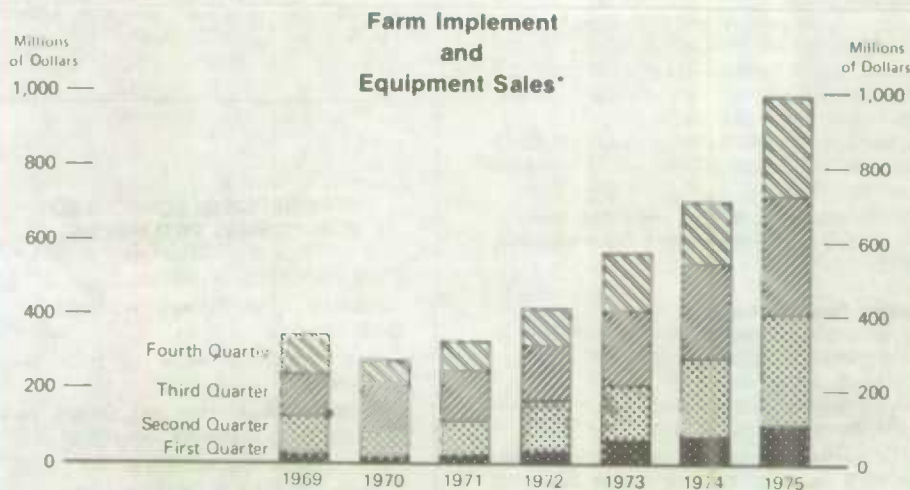
Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 28% to \$135.9 million in 1975 from \$132.2 million in 1974.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), 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 %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov.* 212.56p	212.18p	13.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct. 7,578p	7,636p	12.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Jan.* 9.15	9.40	3.5
Unemployed	Jan.* 800,000	693,000	5.4
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct. 1,619	1,386	2.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov. 15,096p	14,983r	6.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Nov.* 5,881	5,973	1.1
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)	Jan.* 145.1	144.3	9.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Oct. 195.4	194.4	8.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Dec. 501.6	500.5r	3.9
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov. 858.3p	9,705	10.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec.* 19,758	181,846	7.3
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Nov. 2,402	5,275	22.1
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Nov. 22.9	246.5	-2.9
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	June 265.1	1,731.8	-0.9
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Nov. 53.6	566.3	-3.6
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,914	32,755	1.8
Imports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,939	34,667	9.6
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov. 136.7	1,309.5	-8.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Dec. 1,171	14,120	-4.6
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 593.3	4,908	13.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov. 7,491p	7,920	5.7
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec. 648.7	7,243	22.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct. 4,640	39,970	11.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov.* 3,858	41,559	4.0

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



* Valued at dealers' cost and not including repair parts

Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

Consumer Price Index (CPI) (1971=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.6% to 145.1 in January from 144.3 in December.

This latest increase in the all-items index largely reflected higher prices for shelter and domestic utilities, as well as the return to 7% of the Ontario sales tax from its 5% level temporarily introduced last April. The food index (down 0.2%) showed a decrease for the second consecutive month while the index for all-items excluding food increased 0.8%.

Lower prices for beef and poultry were major contributing factors to the decrease in the food index. Some dairy products also moved downward in price as did all items of fats and oils.

Higher shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation and increased prices of items associated with running the household were mainly responsible for the 0.8% rise in the index for all-items excluding food. Transportation costs also increased, mainly in response to the re-imposition of the 7% Ontario sales tax on new automobiles and to seasonally-higher train fares.

Between January 1975 and January 1976, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 9.6%.

During this period, the following component index increases were recorded:

- Transportation, 13.3%; housing, 11.4%; health and personal care, 10.5%; food, 8.3%; recreation, education and reading, 7.9%; tobacco and alcohol, 6.4%; and clothing, 4.4%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items index rose 0.6% between December and January. The current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was 7.2%, down from the 10.0% rate recorded the previous month.

For further information, order the January 1976 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in November were estimated at \$3.86 billion, up 4.1% from November 1974.

One of the most notable sales changes in the consumer goods trades was registered by the tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks component, showing an increase of 10.2%. In the industrial goods trades, sales of other construction materials and supplies, including lumber rose 16.8% from a year earlier.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.88 billion in the latest month, up 1.1% from November 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

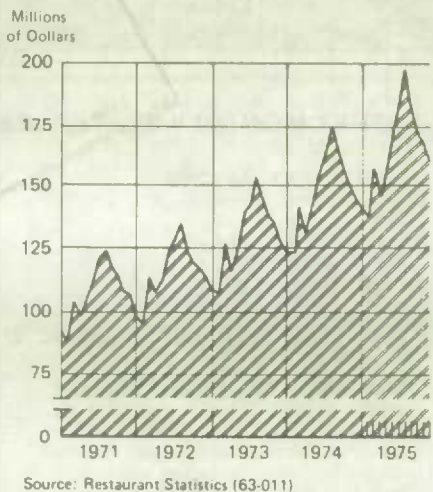
Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity increased 3.1% in December to 26.2 billion kilowatt hours from 25.4 billion kwh. a year earlier.

Hydro generation decreased 2.2% in the latest month; thermal production increased 19.6%.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Restaurant Receipts



International Travel

Preliminary statistics for December show that 1.6 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, down 2.7% from December 1974. Canadian residents returning from visits to the United States increased 4.7% to 2.1 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 8.8% from a year earlier to 68,000. Canadian travellers returning from other countries numbered 77,500, up 16.2% from December 1974.

Preliminary figures for 1975 show that 35.9 million visitors entered Canada, down 1.3% from 1974. Canadian residents returning from abroad totalled 34.5 million, an increase of 9.5% over the previous year.

For further information, order the December 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.

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Consumer Credit, December

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, January

Department Store Sales by Regions, December

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December

Real Domestic Product, December

Summary of Foreign Trade, January

The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined to 6.6% in January from 7.0% in December.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over decreased to 3.9% from 4.1% in December while for women 25 and over it dropped back to 5.7% from 6.7%. For persons aged 15 to 24, the unemployment rate decreased to 12.1% from 12.5%.

Between December and January, the seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 15 and over included in the labour force — increased to 61.3% from 61.2%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed decreased to 9.15 million in January from 9.40 million in December but was up from 8.84 million in January 1975.

The actual unemployment total was 800,000 or 8.0% of the 9.95 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 14.9%; New Brunswick, 12.2%; British Columbia, 10.0%; Nova Scotia, 9.1%; Quebec, 9.1%; Ontario, 7.1%; Manitoba, 6.7%; Alberta, 5.3%; and Saskatchewan, 4.8%.

For further information, order the January 1976 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted November retail sales increased 4.7% from October to a level of \$4.58 billion.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4.79 billion, up 17.3% from a year earlier. All provinces had sales increases over November 1974 with the largest advance in Alberta (25.5%). Sales were up 22.8% in Toronto, 17.6% in Montreal, 10.8% in Vancouver and 6.2% in Winnipeg.

Year-to-year gains were registered in 26 of the 28 trade groups with the largest increases recorded by motor vehicle dealers (37.1%) and grocery, confectionery and sundries stores (26.1%).

Revised data for October show retail sales for the month at \$4.68 billion, up 18.4% from October 1974.

For further information, order the November 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.

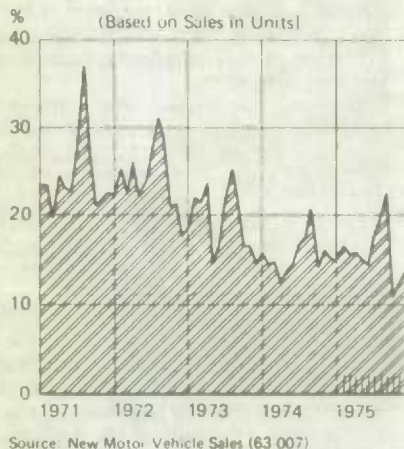
Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 4.81 million tons of iron ore in December compared with 4.34 million tons a year earlier.

Total output for 1975 at 49.32 million tons showed a drop of 4.4% from 51.57 million tons in 1974.

For further information, order the December 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.

Share of Canadian Passenger Car Market Held by Overseas Manufacturers



Farm Input Price Index (1961=100)

The Farm Input Price Index for Canada rose 2.0% in the fourth quarter of 1975, moving to 218.0 from the revised third-quarter level of 213.8. On a regional basis, the eastern index increased 1.4% while the western index advanced 2.8%.

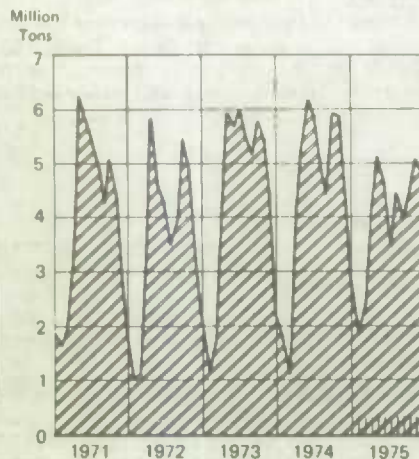
Higher prices of hired farm labour, petroleum products, machinery and customer work were responsible for most of the latest rise in the index.

Over the 12 months from December 1974, the Canada index showed an increase of 6.8%. During this period, production costs increased 4.2% for farmers in Eastern Canada and 10.0% for western farmers.

A comparison of 1975 and 1974 indexes shows the following increases: Canada, 8.6%; Eastern Region, 6.9%; Western Region, 10.5%.

For further information, order *Farm Input Price Indexes, Fourth Quarter 1975* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40).

Canadian Producers' Shipments of Iron Ore



Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$9.79 billion in 1975, up 10.8% from the 1974 total of \$8.84 billion.

These estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

Total payments made to farmers in 1975, by province and with 1974 figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$2.53 billion (\$2.41 billion); Saskatchewan, \$2.39 billion (\$2.05 billion); Alberta, \$1.93 billion (\$1.70 billion); Quebec, \$1.34 billion (\$1.16 billion); Manitoba, \$906.0 million (\$842.4 million); British Columbia, \$399.1 million (\$371.0 million); Nova Scotia, \$115.8 million (\$104.3 million); New Brunswick, \$99.1 million (\$103.6 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$81.9 million (\$84.4 million).

For further information, order the *January-December 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*.

Vital Statistics

The number of live births registered in Canada increased 3.3% to 357,712 in 1975 from 346,168 in 1974. The birth rate per 1,000 population rose to 15.7 from 15.4.

There were 190,187 marriages recorded in 1975, a drop of 7.4% from the 1974 total. The estimated rate per 1,000 population fell to 8.3 from 9.1.

A total of 166,220 deaths occurred in 1975, down 0.8% from 1974. The death rate declined to 7.3 per 1,000 population from 7.5 the previous year.

For further information, order *Vital Statistics, October-December 1975* (84-001, 35¢/\$1.40).

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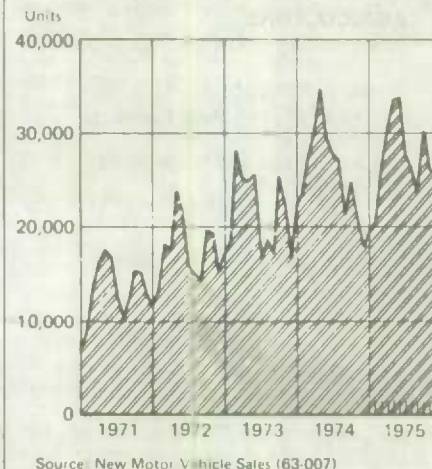
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Sales of New Commercial Vehicles



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Further information will be contained in *Police Administration Statistics, 1973-74* (85-204, \$1.40).

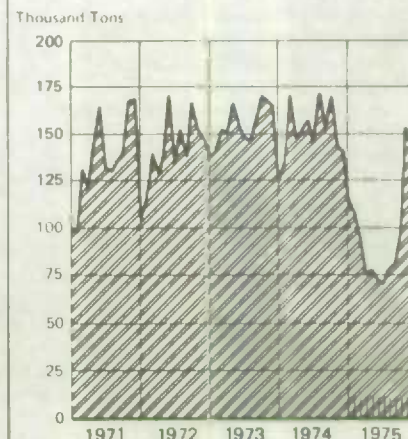
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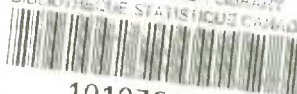
Canadian producers' shipments of asbestos decreased to 140,103 tons in December from 140,702 tons a year earlier.

During 1975 producers' shipments of asbestos amounted to 1.16 million tons, down 35.7% from 1.81 million tons in 1974.

For further information, order the *December 1975 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*.

Canadian Producers' Shipments of Asbestos





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