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## Weekly Bulletin

### Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits (before extraordinary items) of \$2.40 billion in the fourth quarter of 1975, an increase of \$70 million (3.0%) from the corresponding period in 1974.

Net income of manufacturing industries declined 2.8% in the latest quarter but mining corporations showed a 1.1% profit rise and net income of other industries increased 14.3%.

Industrial corporations' sales in the fourth quarter of 1975 reached an estimated \$55.64 billion, up 10.5% from October-December 1974.

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), Fourth Quarter 1975 (61-003, free to regular subscribers)*.

### Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all 14 regional cities in January with movements ranging from 1.1% in both Quebec City and Montreal to 1.3% in Thunder Bay.

Although the food index declined slightly at the national level, food prices increased in nine cities and decreased in only five. Prices were generally lower for beef and poultry products while being higher for pork and restaurant meals.

Shelter charges were higher for both owned and rented accommodation while numerous increases for domestic gas, electricity and telephone rates contributed to an advance in the household operation component.

The re-imposition of the Ontario sales tax to 7% from 5% (to 7% from 0% for new automobiles) had a considerable impact on price index levels in cities within this province. Seasonally-higher train fares were also reported.

Between January 1975 and January 1976, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Winnipeg, 11.5%; Thunder Bay, 11.0%; Halifax, 10.9%; Calgary, 10.6%; Regina, 10.3%; St. John's, 10.3%; Saskatoon, 10.3%; Ottawa, 9.9%; Saint John, 9.9%; Edmonton, 9.8%; Toronto, 9.4%; Montreal, 9.1%; Vancouver, 9.0%; Quebec City, 8.4%.

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

### Marriages, 1974

Preliminary data show there were 198,824 marriages in Canada in 1974, down from 199,280 in 1973 and the record high of 200,470 in 1972.

The marriage rate per 1,000 population declined to 8.9 in 1974 from 9.0 in 1973 and 9.2 in 1972.

Further information will be contained in the quarterly publication *Vital Statistics (84-001, 35¢/\$1.40)*.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

#### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov.	212.66p	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

			Year-to-date	
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov.	858.3p	9,725	11.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec.	19,758	181,846	7.3

#### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Nov.	2,402	25,275	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

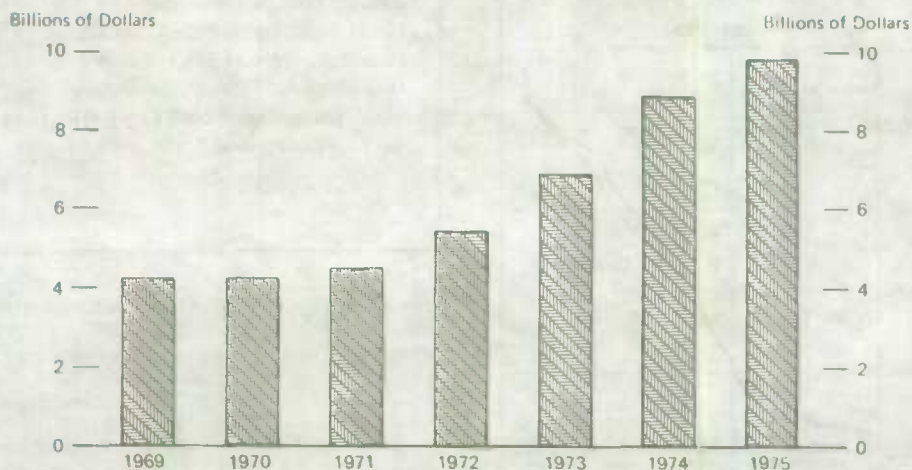
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov.	136.7	1,309.5	-8.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Jan.*	1,150	1,150	-9.8

#### 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)	Dec.	648.7	7,243	22.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	4,791	44,802	12.0
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov.	3,858	41,559	4.0

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

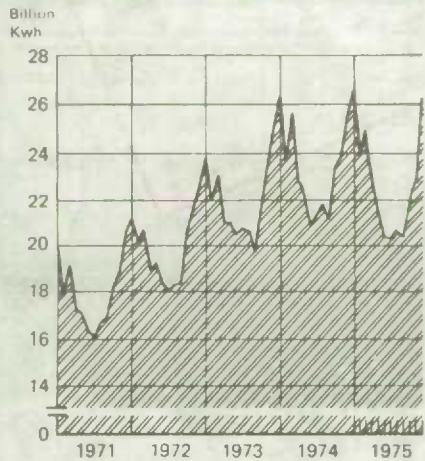
### Farm Cash Receipts, Canada



Source: Farm Cash Receipts (21-001)



### Electric Power Generation, Canada



### Wholesale Trade

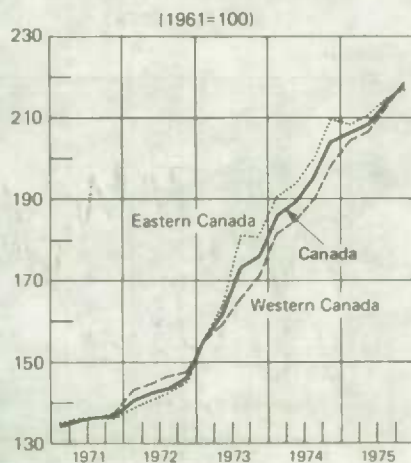
Wholesale merchants' sales in December were estimated at \$3.82 billion, up 17.7% from December 1974.

One of the most notable sales changes in the consumer goods trades was registered by the groceries and food specialties component, showing an increase of 22.7%. In the industrial goods trades, sales of other construction materials and supplies, including lumber rose 40.1% from a year earlier.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6.11 billion in the latest month, up 2.9% from December 1974.

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

### Farm Input Price Indexes



### Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in December were estimated at \$7.54 billion, up 2.9% from \$7.32 billion (revised) in November. New orders for durable goods rose 2.2% to \$3.44 billion while those for non-durable goods were up 3.5% to \$4.10 billion.

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

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 1.8% higher at \$15.51 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments dipped to 2.06:1 in December from the revised November ratio of 2.07:1, while the finished products — to shipments ratio remained at 0.69:1 in both months.

Manufacturers' shipments in December, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$7.54 billion, an increase of 2.5% from November.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in December at an estimated \$7.24 billion showed a rise of 9.9% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the year 1975 totalled \$85.10 billion, up 6.0% from the 1974 total of \$80.29 billion.

For further information, order the December 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*.

### THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits, December  
General Wholesale Price Index, January  
New Motor Vehicle Sales, January  
Real Domestic Product, December  
Retail Trade, December  
Summary of Foreign Trade, January

### Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$18.70 billion at the end of December, an increase of 15.4% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from December 31, 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$13.15 billion (21.6%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies'
  - small loans, \$252 million (-14.9%);
  - large loans, \$1.50 billion (0.1%);
  - retail instalment sales paper, \$1.15 billion (-1.6%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.16 billion (8.5%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, \$1.42 billion (8.4%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$58 million (31.8%).

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), *Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

### Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 114,547 units in December, up 20.9% from 94,740 a year earlier.

Passenger car production increased to 82,042 units from 70,050 and production of commercial vehicles rose to 32,505 units from 24,690 in December 1974.

Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 1,424,006 units in 1975, down 6.6% from the 1974 total of 1,524,874 units.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6*.

### Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act reached \$209 million in November, an increase of 50% from the \$139 million disbursed a year earlier. The average weekly benefit at \$88.01 was up 14% from November 1974.

A total of 615,000 persons was receiving unemployment insurance benefits in the latest month.

For the first 11 months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$2.87 billion, an increase of 47% from \$1.95 billion paid out in the January-November 1974 period.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or *Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001-P, free to subscribers), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### Mineral Production

Canadian production of primary metals in December and 1975 to date with comparable 1974 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 133,961 troy ounces (138,514) — 1,620,742 troy ounces (1,698,392).
- Silver, 3,951,695 troy ounces (3,350,958) — 40,004,155 troy ounces (42,809,721).
- Copper, 66,763 tons (88,104) — 785,805 tons (905,418).
- Nickel, 22,602 tons (25,365) — 267,566 tons (296,599).
- Refined Lead, 20,595 tons (16,640) — 189,064 tons (139,398).
- Refined Zinc, 44,857 tons (40,630) — 470,622 tons (469,884).

For further information, order the December 1975 issues of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

### The Wheat Review

Canadian production of wheat in 1975 is now estimated at 627.5 million bushels, up 28% from the 1974 total of 488.5 million bushels.

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during August-November 1975 have amounted to 847.3 million bushels, an increase of 28% from the August-November 1974 level of 639.4 million bushels.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at December 1, 1975 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years plus the year-end (November 30) carryover stocks in Australia and Argentina amounted to 1,850.0 million bushels, up 20% from the same date in 1974.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with the previous year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 1,151.3 (891.2); Canada, 559.9 (545.5); Australia, 84.6 (69.3); and Argentina, 54.2 (37.7).

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

### Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.80 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in December, a decrease of 2.9% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils dropped 4.9% to 2.30 million B/D in the latest month while those of imported oils rose 7.6% to 494,000 B/D.

For further information, order the December 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.

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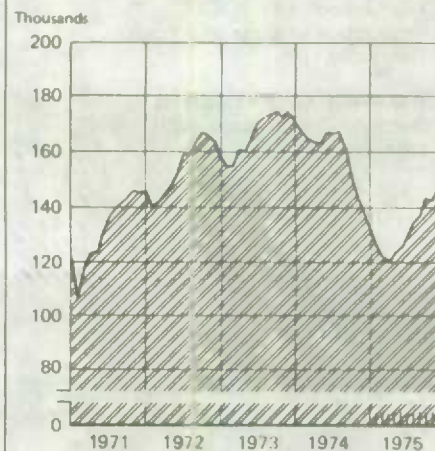
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(in centres 10,000 population and over)



Source: Housing Starts and Completions (64-002)

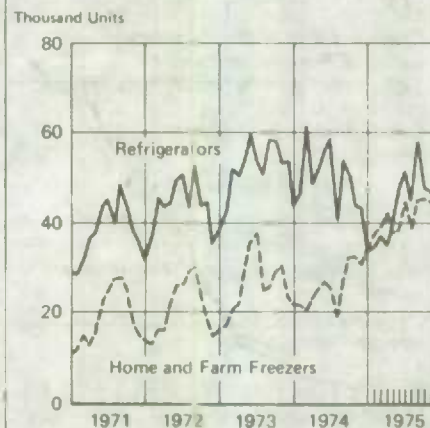
### Motion Picture Theatres, 1974

Receipts from paid admissions (excluding amusement taxes) of 1,423 regular and drive-in motion picture theatres in 1974 amounted to \$172.7 million. Paid admissions numbered 90.4 million persons.

These theatres had revenues from all other sources — sale of refreshments, rental revenue from concessions and vending machines, revenue from showing advertisements — totalling \$39.8 million in 1974. Amusement taxes collected amounted to \$12.8 million.

For further information, order *Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors, 1974* (63-207, 70¢), or contact S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trades Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Canadian Producers' Sales of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers



Source: Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001)





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