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New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 112,658 units in December, up 66.0% from a year earlier. Total sales value jumped 85.9% to \$648.7 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States increased 76.2% to 74,692 units while those of overseas-manufactured automobiles were up 57.9% to 12,089 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in December rose 45.1% from a year earlier to 25,877 units; included were 24,444 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 45.3%) and 1,433 manufactured overseas (up 42.0%).

Total sales of new motor vehicles in 1975 reached 1,313,678 units with an accumulated value of \$7.24 billion. This represented an increase of 5.2% in units and a gain of 22.4% in value compared with sales in 1974.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (43-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Major Appliance Sales

Sales of television sets and electric stoves declined, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales in November of other major appliances ran well above year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from November 1974 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 47,049 (up 7.9%); home and farm freezers, 44,661 (up 38.8%);
- Stoves and ranges (electric), 33,614 (-6.2%);
- Automatic washing machines, 34,965 (up 55.9%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 33,278 (up 35.1%);
- Television sets, 52,260 (-16.2%).

Manufacturers' sales in November of 46,258 colour television sets represented a decrease of 13.0% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped 34.9% to 6,002 units.

For further information, order the November 1975 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.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 102.7 million fare passengers in December and had operating revenues amounting to \$30.1 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 30.0 million.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

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)	Dec. 9.23	9.33	1.2
Unemployed	Dec. 697,000	640,000	16.8

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Oct. 1,619	1,386	2.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov. 15,096p	14,983r	6.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct. 5,973	6,438	1.3

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)	Dec. 144.3	144.1	9.5
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)	Nov. 18,935	162,088	1.3

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

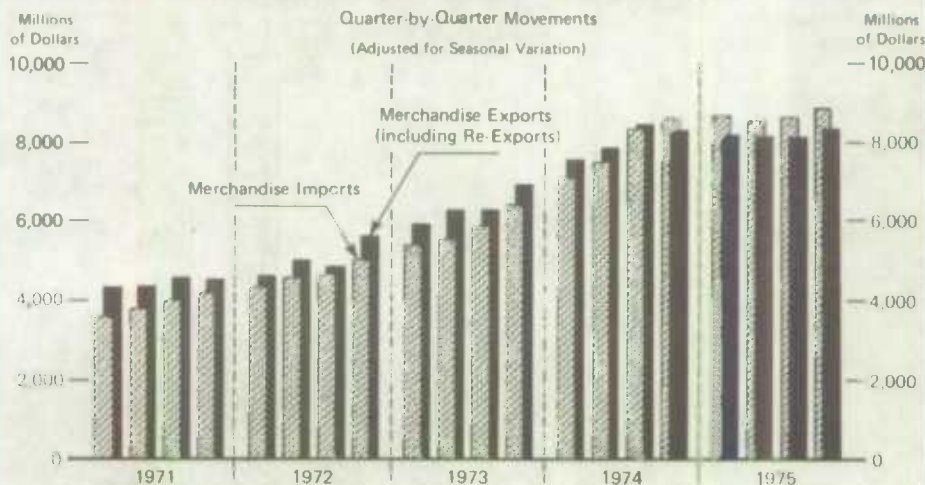
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov. 136.7	1,309.5	-8.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Dec. 1,171	14,120	-4.6

SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 593.3	4,908	13.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov. 7,491p	77,920	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)	Oct. 4,000	37,701	4.0

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

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

Real Domestic Product (1971=100)

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product rose 0.6% in November to 116.2 from 115.5 in October. Most of the increase was due to substantial gains in mining, manufacturing and construction.

Output of iron ore mines, other metal mines and asbestos mines showed significant gains, due mainly to resumption of production following scattered strikes in each of the three areas.

Non-durable manufacturing advanced 2.2% in November — the increase due in part to a 5.5% gain in paper and allied industries as some 13,000 pulp and paper workers, mostly in British Columbia, returned to work. Output of industrial chemical manufacturers also increased strongly as a result of strike recovery.

Durables manufacturing rose 1.0%, reflecting production increases recorded by motor vehicle manufacturers and manufacturers of major appliances.

Among other goods-producing industries, construction and agriculture registered strong increases of 0.3% and 1.5%, respectively. For the seventh consecutive month, the strength within construction was mainly due to the continued growth of residential construction.

Output of transportation, storage and communication industries was down 1.3% in November. Although air and rail transport showed slight increases, the communication component dropped 4.5% as a result of the national postal strike which began in October and continued through November.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Credit, December

Consumer Price Movements, January

Housing Starts and Completions, December

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December

The Labour Force, January

Labour Force Survey

During the past three years, Statistics Canada has completed a major revision of the labour force survey, the source of monthly employment and unemployment estimates.

The revision of the survey, which has remained relatively unchanged since its introduction in 1945, is designed to provide a far more comprehensive range of information to assist in the analysis of current and future labour market conditions. The revised survey will provide a more precise picture of the composition and characteristics of the Canadian labour force and, in future, will enable the development of more detailed estimates for both national and provincial data.

The revision came into effect with the January 1976 survey, which took place during the week ending January 24, and the results of the revision will be incorporated in the estimates published in the February 13 edition of *Infomat*.

For further information, write to the Labour Force Survey Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or telephone Bruce Petrie (613-996-3990), Rick Baxter (992-9543), or Ian Macredie (996-4150).

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index rose 0.2% in December to 501.6 from 500.5 (revised) in November to stand 3.9% higher than the December 1974 level of 483.0. Six of the eight major groups included in the total index showed an increase while one decreased and one remained unchanged.

The non-metallic minerals group index increased 1.4% in December, reflecting price hikes for asbestos and its products (17.3%), window glass (6.7%) and plate glass (4.3%). The wood products group rose 1.3% due to increases for spruce (6.6%), fir (4.1%), cedar (3.6%) and hemlock (2.1%). Textile products advanced 1.2% as a result of price jumps for raw cotton (13.4%) and wool (8.5%).

The vegetable products group index decreased 1.8% with declines for potatoes (-12.4%) and grains (-6.1%).

Over the 12 months from December 1974, the following percentage changes were recorded for the major group indexes:

- Non-metallic minerals, 16.4%; wood products, 15.2%; iron products, 12.1%; animal products, 10.6%; chemical products, 7.6%; textile products, 4.3%; non-ferrous metals, 2.3%; and vegetable products, -15.8%.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Prices and Price Index* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$160.5 million in December, an increase of 11.2% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over December 1974 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$60.3 million (9.9%); Quebec, \$52.0 million (8.4%); British Columbia, \$13.8 million (12.1%); Alberta, \$12.7 million (22.8%); Manitoba, \$8.1 million (20.5%); Saskatchewan, \$5.1 million (12.1%); Nova Scotia, \$3.6 million (10.2%); New Brunswick, \$3.0 million (16.0%); Newfoundland, \$1.4 million (7.5%); and Prince Edward Island, \$396,000 (18.6%).

Restaurant receipts in 1975 totalled an estimated \$1.98 billion, up 11.0% from the 1974 figure. Chain restaurants accounted for 16.1% of total sales in 1975 while independent restaurants took the balance.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

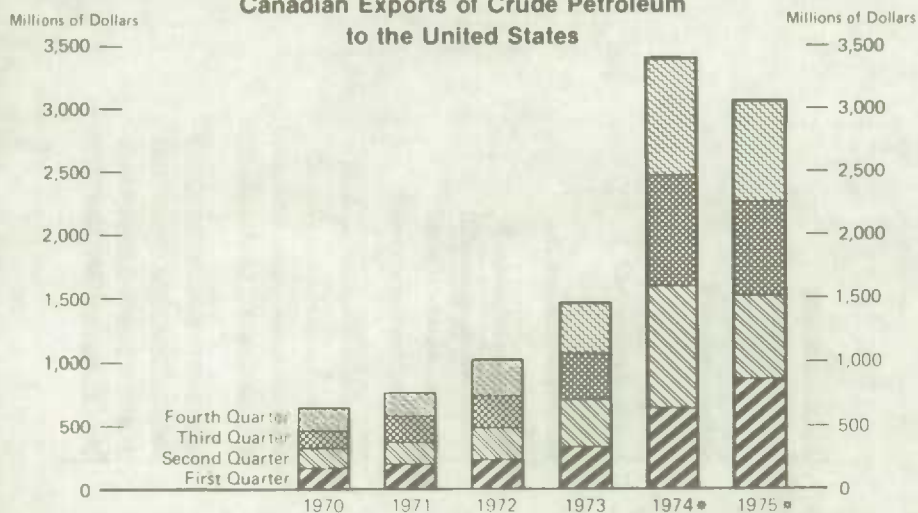
Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 53.6 million barrels of refined petroleum products in November, down 0.01% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at \$4.3 million barrels in the latest month showed a drop of 9.9% from November 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 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 0V6.

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum
to the United States



Source: Exports by Commodities (65-004)

* Includes the export tax

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade

Measured on a balance-of-payments basis, Canada's merchandise exports and imports each reached record levels in 1975, exports increasing 2% to \$33.11 billion while imports rose 10% to \$33.90 billion. The merchandise trade balance swung to a deficit of \$795 million in 1975 from a surplus of \$1.52 billion in 1974.

In December seasonally-adjusted merchandise imports rose 2.3% to \$2.95 billion while exports declined marginally to \$2.86 billion. Canada's trade deficit widened to \$91 million from \$3 million in November.

Seasonally-adjusted exports, on a customs basis, increased 2.1% to a level of \$2.84 billion. A decline of 3.5% to \$1.86 billion in exports to the United States was outweighed by a rise of 14% to \$983 million in the value of shipments to other countries.

Seasonally-adjusted imports, on a customs basis, rose 1.8% to \$3.00 billion in December. Imports from the U.S. declined 6% to \$2.01 billion while those from other countries increased 22% from the low November level to \$993 million.

For the full year 1975, Canadian exports at \$32.75 billion showed a rise of only 1.8% from 1974 (compared with the 27% increase recorded in the preceding year). There were substantial and largely offsetting changes in a number of major export commodities. The value of natural gas shipments to the U.S. increased nearly \$600 million. Exports of automotive and related products rose \$608 million, and machinery shipments were \$295 million higher in 1975. But exports of crude oil fell \$355 million and those of copper ores, lumber and non-ferrous metals were each lower by approximately \$300 million.

Imports reached \$34.67 billion in 1975, up 9.6% from 1974. Imports of automotive and related products were up more than \$1.0 billion. Machinery imports increased \$845 million. The value of crude oil imports rose \$650 million and coal imports increased \$275 million.

Export prices are estimated to have risen about 10.5% in 1975 while the volume of exports declined by 8%. There was an even-larger increase of about 16% in average import prices but real imports fell by some 5%.

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

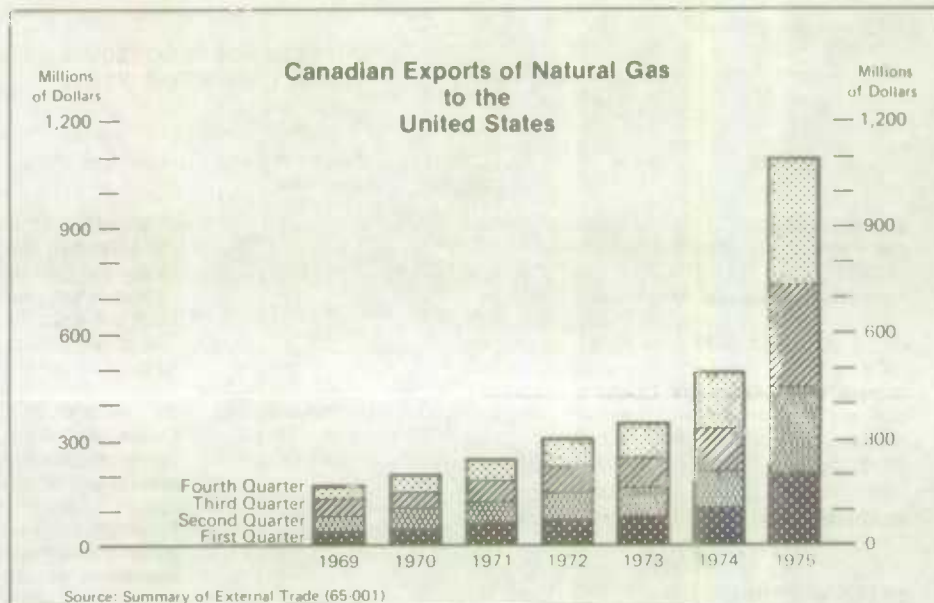
Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes (1971=100)

Measured in terms of fixed 1971 prices, seasonally-adjusted import volume increased 1.1% in November to a level 44.5% above 1971. Export volume registered a 4.9% gain and stood 5.7% above 1971.

However, on a three-month, moving-average basis, import and export volumes in November were down 3.1% and 7.3%, respectively, from year-earlier levels.

Both import and export prices increased slightly in November. Import prices showed a rise of 5.5% and export prices were up 6.1% from the same period in 1974.

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



Customs vs Balance-of-Payments Basis

Figures given on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts which are explained in the publication *Summary of External Trade*.

The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. These adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment, deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs purposes to values which reflect transaction prices.

For more information about these adjustments, please refer to *Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments* (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in November totalled \$858.3 million, up 41.5% from \$606.6 million a year earlier.

The value of residential building permits jumped to \$505.0 million from \$275.1 million; commercial permits increased to \$174.9 million from \$163.8 million; institutional and governmental permits advanced to \$113.0 million from \$103.4 million; and industrial permits moved to \$65.4 million from \$64.3 million.

Building permits taken out in November, by province and with year-earlier figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$321.8 million (\$236.9 million); Quebec, \$199.3 million (\$132.9 million); Alberta, \$123.8 million (\$71.0 million); British Columbia, \$95.9 million (\$103.7 million); Saskatchewan, \$52.1 million (\$14.7 million); Nova Scotia, \$21.4 million (\$15.4 million); Manitoba, \$21.3 million (\$14.5 million); New Brunswick, \$18.0 million (\$6.9 million); Newfoundland, \$2.4 million (\$2.7 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$2.2 million (\$7.9 million).

Cumulatively, building permits taken out in Canada in the first 11 months of 1975 totalled \$9.71 billion, up 10.7% from \$8.77 billion in January-November 1974.

For further information, order the November 1975 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

The Dairy Review

Milk production in Canada in December totalled 1.3 billion pounds, an increase of 14.0% from a year earlier.

Milk production in 1975 amounted to 17.5 billion pounds, up 4.4% from the 1974 total.

For further information, order the December 1975 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

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