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### Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$215.65 in January were up 12.3% from \$192.08 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$246.22), followed by Alberta (\$222.37), Ontario (\$216.99), Quebec (\$209.05), Newfoundland (\$207.43), Saskatchewan (\$202.32), Manitoba (\$197.50), New Brunswick (\$196.70), Nova Scotia (\$183.48) and Prince Edward Island (\$168.76).

Average weekly earnings in January (by industrial division) were as follows: mining, \$306.68, construction, \$305.06, transportation, communication and other utilities, \$243.72, manufacturing, \$228.48, finance, insurance and real estate, \$204.68, trade, \$169.17, and service, \$157.87. (N.B. Data for forestry was not available.)

Compared with January 1975, average hourly earnings were up 17.9% in mining, 16.5% in construction and 13.4% in manufacturing.

For further information, order the January 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.

### Labour Income

Total labour income for January was estimated at \$7.53 billion, up 12.9% from a year earlier.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the January estimate of \$7.75 billion showed an increase of 1.1% from December. Approximately 40% of the rise was attributable to increased employer premiums for public pension and welfare plans.

Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries advanced 0.2% in January while those in the service-producing industries increased 1.0%.

For further information, order the January 1976 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

### Quarterly Estimates of Population

Canada's population as of January 1, 1976 was estimated at 22,998,000, up 339,000 from the same date last year.

Population estimates for January 1, 1976 (by province): Ontario, 8,290,000; Quebec, 6,224,000; British Columbia, 2,481,000; Alberta, 1,804,000; Manitoba, 1,023,000; Saskatchewan, 729,000; Nova Scotia, 830,000; New Brunswick, 584,000; Newfoundland, 554,000; and Prince Edward Island, 120,000.

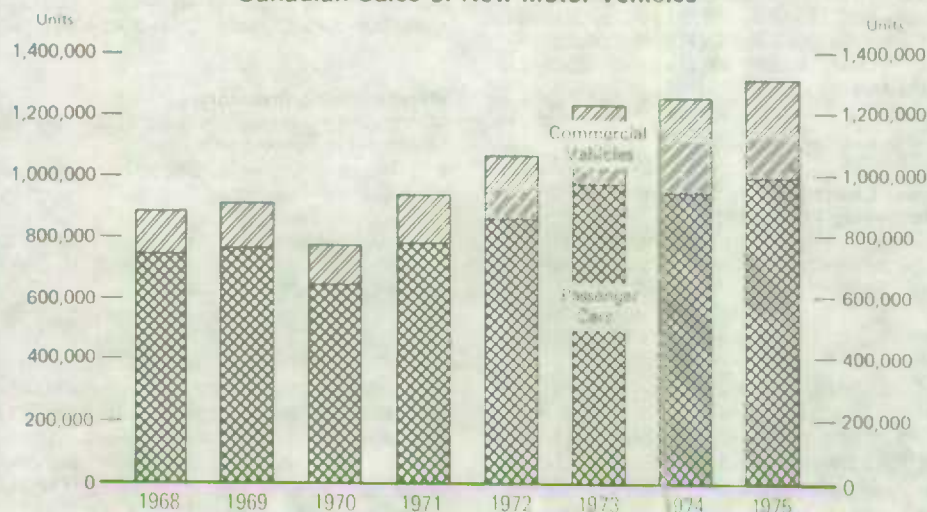
For further information, order the January 1976 issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and Provinces* (91-001, 35¢/\$1.40).

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Jan *	215.65p	211.27p	12.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	Dec.	7,398p	7,526p	9.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb.	9.18	9.15	3.2
Unemployed	Feb.	800,000	800,000	8.5
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Department Store (\$ million)	Jan *	1,431	1,338	21.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Jan.	15,541p	15,459r	3.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	Jan.	6,236	6,109	2.0
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Jan.	7,012p	7,276r	7.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Jan.	9,742p	9,780r	-6.7
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Mar *	146.2	145.6	9.0
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Jan.	157.7	157.1r	5.5
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Jan.	501.7	500.8r	3.5
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	830.4p	10,590	14.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Jan.	12,450	12,450	74.5
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Dec.	2,553	27,828	21.0
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Jan.	27.5	27.5	3.4
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Aug *	266.3	2,276.6	-0.3
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Dec.	57.5	622.0	-3.8
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Feb.	2,928	5,753	10.3
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Feb.	2,902	5,801	7.0
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Feb.	135.9	273.7	37.5
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Feb.	1,083	2,241	-7.0
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	396.1	396.1	19.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Jan.	7,050	7,050	10.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Feb *	502.5	915.4	7.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	3,946	3,946	20.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	3,465	3,465	13.3

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

### Canadian Sales of New Motor Vehicles



Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007)



### Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$2.35 billion in January-February 1976, down 5.7% from \$2.50 billion in the corresponding period of 1975.

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 the first two months of 1976, by province and with year-earlier totals in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$933.5 million (\$1.12 billion); Alberta, \$526.9 million (\$520.3 million); Ontario, \$393.4 million (\$359.5 million); Quebec, \$193.5 million (\$154.9 million); Manitoba, \$185.9 million (\$242.4 million); British Columbia, \$57.6 million (\$59.3 million); Prince Edward Island, \$22.8 million (\$10.0 million); New Brunswick, \$21.5 million (\$13.0 million); and Nova Scotia, \$19.3 million (\$16.0 million).

For further information, order the January-February 1976 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

### Mineral Production

Canadian production of primary metals in February and 1976 to date with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 133,463 troy ounces (133,288) — 282,410 troy ounces (262,686);
- Silver, 3,149,195 troy ounces (3,125,330) — 6,592,396 troy ounces (6,255,987);
- Copper, 54,693 short tons (67,509) — 130,296 short tons (123,341);
- Nickel, 20,740 short tons (24,761) — 43,456 short tons (49,802);
- Refined lead, 17,846 short tons (17,119) — 37,216 short tons (36,656);
- Refined zinc, 10,228 short tons (8,139) — 19,716 short tons (18,279).

For further information, order the February 1976 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); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

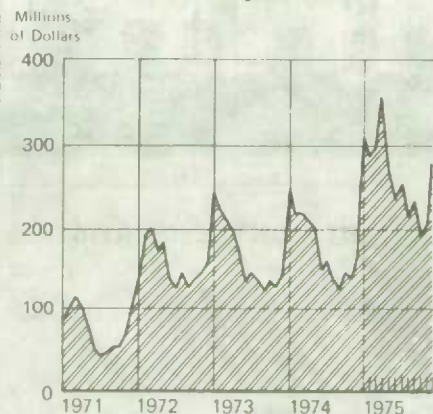
### Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1974

Power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants in Canada had receipts of \$321.8 million in 1974, up 13.9% from \$282.4 million in 1973.

There were 2,643 of these establishments operating in 1974 and the number of persons employed full-time totalled 22,811.

For further information, order *Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1974* (63-205, 70¢/\$4), or contact S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trades Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Unemployment Insurance Commission Benefit Payments



Source: Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001)

### Dairy Statistics, 1975

The farm value of all milk produced in Canada in 1975 amounted to \$1.46 billion, an increase of 25.6% over the 1974 total.

Milk production in 1975 was estimated at 17.7 billion pounds, up 5.1% over 1974.

For further information, order *Dairy Statistics, 1975* (23-201, 70¢), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

### Census of Forestry, 1974

In 1974 the logging industries in Canada shipped forest products valued at \$2.73 billion, an increase of 9.6% from 1973. A total of 48.7 million cunits of roundwood was produced in 1974, down 4.1% from the previous year.

The value added by logging activity increased by 12.1%, to \$1.22 billion in 1974 from \$1.09 billion in 1973.

Employment rose to 59,489 in the latest year from 57,586 and salaries and wages increased 18.4% to \$717 million in 1974.

For a more complete range of preliminary data on this industry, please contact C.F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Forestry Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Merchandising Inventories

Merchandising inventories held in January by selected groups were as follows:

- Wholesale merchants, \$6,235.6 million (up 2.1% from December and up 2.0% from January 1975);
- Department stores, \$1,430.8 million (up 6.9% from December and up 21.2% from January 1975);
- Retail chain stores, \$2,009.3 million (down 3.3% from December but up 11.1% from January 1975).

For further information, order the January 1976 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, 40¢/\$4), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1971=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.4% to 146.2 in March from 145.6 in February, marking the fourth consecutive month in which moderately-low increases have been registered.

Higher charges for housing and transportation were to a large extent responsible for the rise in the latest month. The food index declined for the fourth consecutive month, decreasing 0.7%, while the index for all-items excluding food rose 0.8%.

The March decline in the food index was again spurred by lower meat prices, with beef dropping 6.1% and pork products 1.9%. Fresh vegetable prices were also down as were those for soft drinks for home consumption. Partially offsetting these declines were higher prices for poultry, fresh fruit and restaurant meals.

Higher charges for both owned and rented accommodation and increased electricity rates in some Ontario centres were notable contributing factors to the 0.8% rise in the all-items excluding food index, as were higher prices for appliances and appliance repairs. Increased automobile insurance rates in some Western provinces and higher local transit fares in many Ontario cities also had a very large impact.

Between March 1975 and March 1976, the All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 9.0%.

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

- Transportation, 13.3%; housing, 11.2%; health and personal care, 9.8%; recreation, education and reading, 7.0%; food, 6.7%; tobacco and alcohol, 5.6%; and clothing, 4.9%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items index rose 0.5% between February and March. The current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was 5.7%, up from the 4.5% rate recorded the previous month.

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

### Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 93.1 million fare passengers in February and had operating revenues amounting to \$28.9 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 26.2 million.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

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### New Motor Vehicle Sales

Total sales of new motor vehicles totalled 82,546 units in February, down 9.6% from a year earlier. However, total sales value increased 4.6% to \$502.5 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States dropped 15.9% to 49,234 units and those of overseas-manufactured automobiles fell 20.9% to 9,235 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in February rose 14.3% from a year earlier to 24,077 units; included were 23,187 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 16.1%) and 890 manufactured overseas (down 18.6%).

For the first two months of 1976, total sales of new motor vehicles reached 152,787 units with an accumulated value of \$915.4 million. This represents a decrease of 7.4% in units but an increase of 7.4% in value compared with sales for January-February 1975.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9304), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Summer School Directory

A directory of inter-session and summer school courses offered in 1976 by 53 Canadian universities has been compiled by Statistics Canada in co-operation with the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education. The directory provides starting dates and length and costs of available courses, cross-indexed by subject matter and by institution. Also included is a list of universities that offer correspondence courses.

Copies of the directory are being sent to all participating institutions and may also be obtained from the Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 1.38 million short tons of iron ore in February compared with 1.89 million short tons a year earlier.

Output for the first two months of 1976 at 2.16 million short tons was down 23.4% from 2.82 million short tons in January-February 1975.

For further information, order the February 1976 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.

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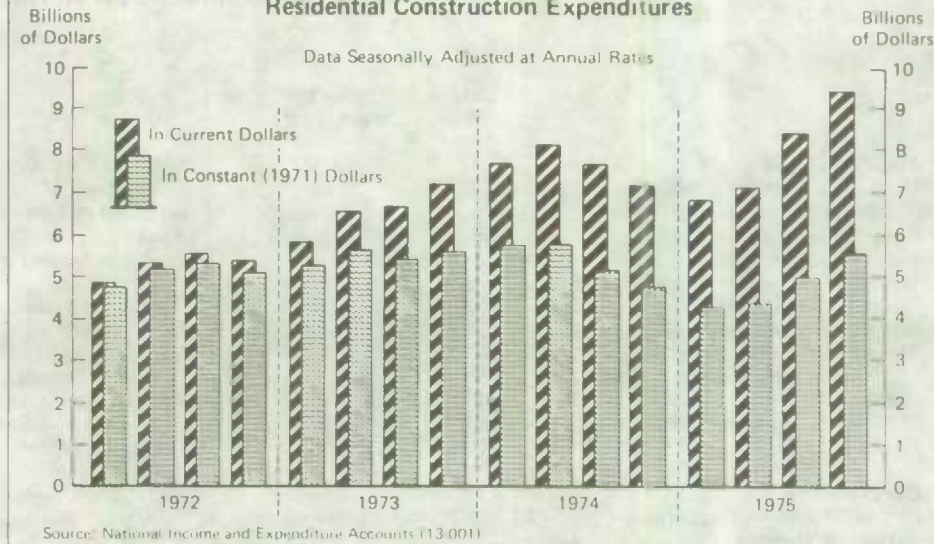
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### Residential Construction Expenditures



### Local Government Finance, 1973

Local governments in Canada had total general revenues of \$10.50 billion in 1973, up by \$922 million (9.6%) from 1972.

Actual general revenue raised by these governments from their own sources — real property and other taxes, sales of service, licences, permits and other charges — rose 9.5% from the previous year to \$5.13 billion in 1973. Transfers from other levels of government amounted to \$4.88 billion, or 46.6% of total general revenue. The significant portions of these transfers were the specific purpose transfers from provincial and territorial governments amounting to \$4.30 billion (up 5.4% from 1972).

General expenditure of Canadian local governments at \$11.25 billion in 1973 showed an increase of 9.6% over 1972. Education expenditure at \$4.73 billion was up 2.6% from the previous year and represented 42.0% of total 1973 expenditure. Smaller proportions went for: transportation and communications (12.0%); fiscal services (9.2%); environment (8.0%); protection of persons and property (8.0%); and other functions.

Further details of these and other financial management statistics of local governments will be published in *Local Government Finance Actual, 1973* (68-204, \$1.05). Pending release of the publication, further information may be obtained from G.A. Marr (613-995-0713), Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Asbestos

Canadian producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 127,188 short tons in February from 108,202 short tons a year earlier.

Cumulative shipments for the first two months of 1976 at 249,375 short tons were up 12.1% from January-February 1975.

For further information, order the February 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.

### Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1961=100)

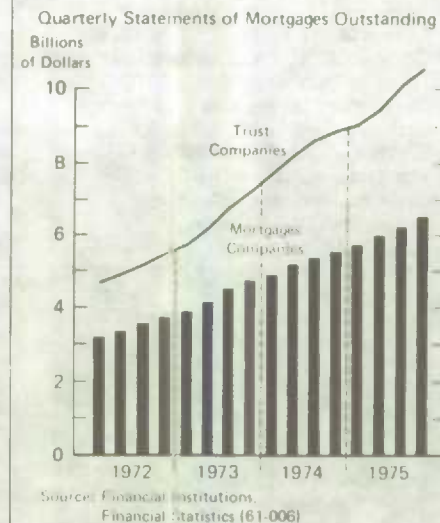
The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 267.5 in February, an increase of 0.1% from January and up 12.0% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 7.1% over the 12 months from February 1975, labour costs increased 14.1%.

Prices of lumber and lumber products used in non-residential building construction jumped 13.5% during this period, smaller increases were noted for concrete products (10.6%); steel and metal work (4.1%); plumbing, heating and other equipment (3.8%); and other materials (11.1%). Electrical equipment prices declined 1.6%.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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