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Federal Government Employment

Canada's federal government had 458,626 employees as of December 1975, an increase of 7,080 (1.6%) from a year earlier.

Gross payrolls for the fourth quarter of 1975 amounted to \$1.55 billion, up 11.1% from the corresponding period in 1974.

For further information, order *Federal Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 1975* (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$15.5 million in February compared with the deficit of \$11.9 million posted in February 1975. Operating revenues climbed 24.5% to \$243.7 million while operating expenses rose 9.8% to \$228.2 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 3.8% in the latest month to 10.6 billion; passenger-miles — the total distance travelled by railway passengers — showed a gain of 6.4% to 103.8 million.

For further information, order the *February 1976 issue of Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Industrial Concentration

In Manufacturing Industries, 1972

In nine manufacturing industries in Canada, the largest four enterprises accounted for more than 90% of the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture of the industry in 1972. In 20 industries, the top four enterprises were responsible for more than 80% of shipments.

Industries for which this "top four" concentration percentage exceeded 90% in 1972, excluding three for which data are confidential to protect figures of individual enterprises, were, with the corresponding concentration measure: cotton yarn and cloth mills, 97.5%; tobacco products manufacturers, 97.1%; glass manufacturers, 97.0%; breweries, 96.5%; fiber and filament yarn manufacturers, 93.8%; and cane and beet sugar refineries, 93.7%.

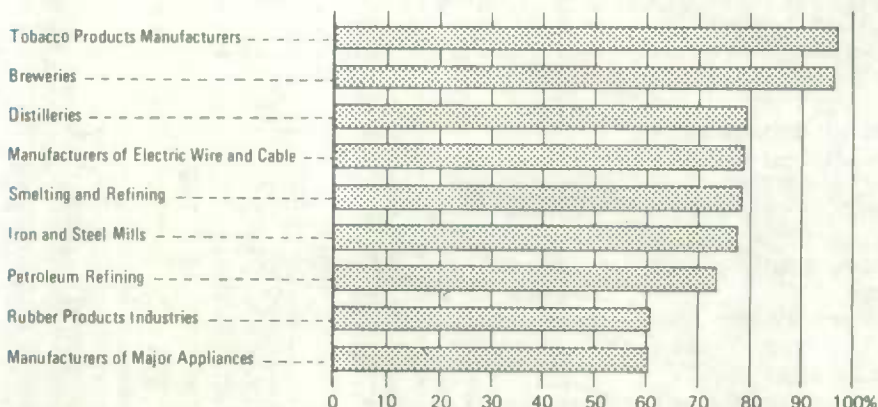
Complete data will be published later in *Industrial Organization and Concentration in the Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Industries, 1972* (31-402, price to be determined). For further information, contact H.D. Potter (613-992-9654), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Feb.	218.39p	216.18p	12.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Jan.	7,528p	7,482p	12.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Mar.	9.26	9.18	3.6
Unemployed	Mar.	759,000	800,000	2.7
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Feb.*	1,539	1,431	19.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Feb.	15,785p	15,547r	5.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	Feb.	6,469	6,236	4.2
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Feb.	7,249p	6,897r	12.9
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Feb.	9,650p	9,698r	-6.8
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Mar.	146.2	145.6	9.0
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Feb.*	157.9	157.8r	5.2
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Feb.	503.1	502.9r	4.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Jan.	512.4p	512.4	1.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Feb.	11,615	24,065	98.8
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Jan.	2,519	2,519	11.5
Electricity Generation (billion kwh.)	Feb.	25.0	52.6	4.2
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
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	2,924	8,680	13.0
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	3,245	9,118	10.2
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Mar.*	162.0	435.6	34.2
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Mar.	1,153	3,441	-6.6
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Feb.*	348.8	744.9	16.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Feb.	7,297p	14,276	10.7
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Feb.	502.5	915.4	7.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Feb.	3,731	7,605	16.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Feb.	3,596	7,060	13.3

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

Percentage of Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture Accounted for by Leading 4 Entreprises in Selected Canadian Industries, 1972



Source: Industrial Organization and Concentration in the Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Industries, 1972 (31-402)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1971=100)

The industry selling price index for total manufacturing stood at 157.9 in February, virtually unchanged from January and up 5.2% from a year earlier.

The wood industries group index moved up 0.6% in February as prices rose in shingles mills (8.1%) and sawmills and planing mills (0.6%). This increase was offset primarily by an 0.4% decrease in the foods and beverages group which reflected declines for feeds (-2.2%) and sugar (-5.1%).

Over the 12 months from February 1975, the largest price advances were shown by the following group indexes:

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 17.0%; wood industries, 16.6%; leather industries, 8.8%; non-metallic mineral products industries, 8.7%; metal fabricating industries, 7.0%; textile industries, 6.9%; machinery industries, 6.4%; and furniture and fixtures industries, 6.3%.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Residential Building Construction Input Price Index (1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada advanced to 155.1 in March, an increase of 0.7% from February and up 13.5% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction increased 13.4% over the 12 months from March 1975; labour costs rose 13.8%.

During this period, residential building construction input price indexes advanced in all regions of Canada with increases recorded as follows:

- Prairie Provinces, 17.5%; Quebec, 14.1%; British Columbia, 14.0%; Atlantic Provinces, 12.5%; and Ontario, 11.9%.

Labour cost indexes showed the following increases (by region): Prairie Provinces, 21.2%; Atlantic Provinces, 13.7%; Ontario, 12.4%; Quebec, 12.1%; and British Columbia, 12.1%.

For further information, order the March 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.

Radio Air-Time Sales

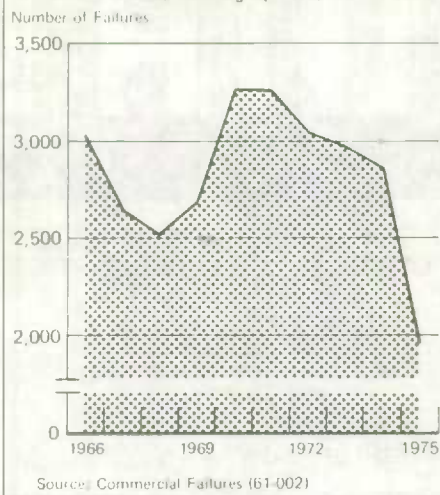
Sales of advertising to national advertisers on AM and FM radio stations totalled \$3.2 million in January, a decrease of 9.5% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to \$2.7 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$10.3 million in the latest month, up 5.1% from January 1975.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Commercial Failures

(Under the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts)



Commercial Failures

Business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts declined to 1,967 in 1975 from 2,853 in 1974. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms declined to \$311.3 million from \$325.6 million.

For further information, order *Commercial Failures, Fourth Quarter 1975* (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80).

Sales Financing

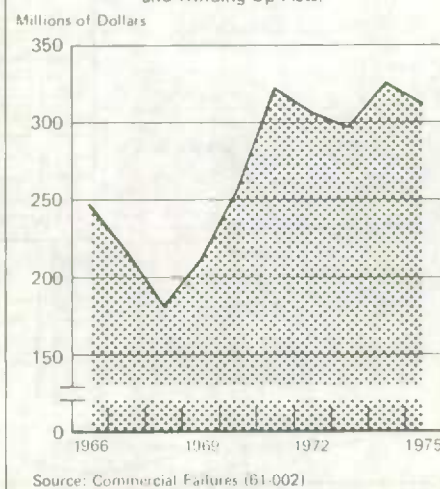
Sales finance companies purchased \$180.8 million of retail finance paper in February, an increase of 14.8% from a year earlier.

The total for the latest month comprised \$45.6 million for passenger cars, \$23.4 million for other consumer goods, \$72.0 million for commercial vehicles and \$39.8 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3).

Liabilities of Bankrupt Firms

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Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$155.0 million in February, an increase of 12.5% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurants receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage gains over February 1975 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$57.6 million (11.1%); Quebec, \$48.3 million (11.3%); British Columbia, \$16.1 million (15.1%); Alberta, \$13.6 million (19.9%); Manitoba, \$7.6 million (15.2%); Saskatchewan, \$4.5 million (10.1%); New Brunswick, \$2.8 million (10.6%); Nova Scotia, \$2.5 million (7.6%); Newfoundland, \$1.6 million (6.3%); and Prince Edward Island, \$518,000 (72.7%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first two months of 1976 totalled an estimated \$311.9 million, up 12.3% from January-February 1975.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

Motor Vehicle Production (Revised)

Canadian production of motor vehicles reached 161,966 units in March, up 29.0% from 125,580 a year earlier.

Passenger car production increased to 113,298 units in the latest month from 96,553 and production of commercial vehicles rose to 48,668 units from 29,027 in March 1975.

For the first three months of 1976, production of motor vehicles totalled 435,649 units, an increase of 34.2% from the January-March 1975 figure of 324,651.

For further information, order the March 1976 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.

Railway Carloadings

Railways operating in Canada carried a total of 20.8 million tons of revenue freight in March, up 9.0% from a year earlier. Rail shipments received from United States connections (included above) rose 6.0% to 2.1 million tons.

On a commodity basis, significant increases were noted in loadings of: wheat and other grain (up 96.4% to 1.2 million tons); coal (up 37.3% to 1.4 million tons); and potash (up 20.3% to 771,187 tons). Movements of sulphur declined by 32.5%.

Cumulatively, rail freight traffic aggregated 57.8 million tons in the first three months of 1976, an increase of 0.1% from January-March 1975. Notably higher in the latest period were movements of coal, other grain and lumber while declines were recorded for pulpwood, newsprint paper, logs and iron and steel.

For further information, order the March 1976 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J. R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for March show that 1.5 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 14.4% from March 1975. Canadian resident travellers returning from visits to the United States decreased by 3.4% to 2.5 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the United States decreased by 9.9% to 51,000; Canadian travellers returning from these countries numbered 193,000, up 4.4% from March 1975.

For further information, order the March 1976 issue of *International Travel* — *Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

The Dairy Review

Total production of milk for all purposes in February amounted to 1,129,567,000 pounds and brought \$104,616,000 in cash receipts to Canadian dairy farmers.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4).

University Financing

Data for the forthcoming publication *Canadian Universities, Income and Expenditures* (81-212, \$1.05), covering the academic years 1971-72 to 1974-75, are now available, in advance of regular publication. They show sources of university financial support and the nature of university financial expenditure for both capital and current purposes. Data in most tables are classified by province and by region.

For further information, contact R. Frank or Miss C. Desjardins (613-995-9799), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for September amounted to 1.70 million barrels per day, down 3.3% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 8.67 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, an increase of 2.5% from September 1974.

For further information, order the September 1975 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3).

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Goal for Women

Opportunity for Choice: A Goal for Women in Canada, a book produced on behalf of Statistics Canada by the C.D. Howe Research Institute, had its origins during International Women's Year as a continuing contribution to the role of women in Canadian Society. It is designed to broaden understanding of the role of women, both for the general reader concerned with the place of women in society and for professionals in the disciplines of demography, economics, law, sociology and statistics.

The publication contains a presentation of Statistics Canada data on women's participation in the family, educational institutions and the labour force and a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the evidence. It presents an examination of the effectiveness of existing policies and proposes new ones relevant to the role of women. As the title indicates, a theme of the book is the extent to which women, and men, have opportunities to make choices concerning their roles.

This publication (catalogue IC23-15/1976) is available at a cost of \$3.75 from Printing and Publishing, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa K1A 0S9.

Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 108.5 million fare passengers in March and had operating revenues amounting to \$34.7 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 29.4 million.

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

Railway Freight Traffic

Railways operating in Canada carried a total of 62.9 million tons of revenue freight during the fourth quarter of 1975, a decrease of 9.1% from October-December 1974. Loadings in Canada at 57.7 million tons were down 7.9% from the year-earlier period and traffic received from United States connections dropped 20.7% to 5.3 million tons.

On a geographic basis, loadings increased in Newfoundland (20.1%), Saskatchewan (1.5%), British Columbia (0.5%) and The Territories (5.6%), while declines occurred in the remaining provinces, ranging from 2.4% in Alberta to 24.9% in Nova Scotia.

Of the seven major commodity groups, shipments were down in all except live animals and food, feed, beverages and tobacco.

Total revenue freight carried by railways in 1975 amounted to 248.9 million tons, down 8.1% from 1974.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, Fourth Quarter 1975* (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 268.3 in March, an increase of 0.3% from February and up 11.2% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 7.7% over the 12 months from March 1975; labour costs increased 13.9%.

Prices of lumber and lumber products jumped 16.2% during this period; smaller increases were noted for: concrete products (11.5%); steel and metal work (5.2%); plumbing, heating and other equipment (4.8%); and other materials (9.6%). Electrical equipment prices declined 1.3%.

For further information, order the March 1976 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year).

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Seasonally-adjusted import and export volumes increased in February. In the case of import volume, the increase over the previous year (0.8%), although slight, was the first positive change for 12 months. For export volume, the gain (6.6%) was more substantial and, following an increase in the previous month, may be evidence of a change from the declining trend which began nearly three years ago.

Both import and export current weighted price indexes decreased in February compared with January. On a three-month, moving-average basis, import prices were up 4.9% and export prices stood 4.3% above their year-earlier levels.

For further information, order the March 1976 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 147.9 billion cubic feet of natural gas in February, up 0.3% from a year earlier. Exports increased 4.7% to 78.0 billion cubic.

Cumulatively, sales of natural gas in the first two months of 1976 totalled 314.8 billion cubic feet, an increase of 6.0% from January-February 1975.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3).

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