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Statement of Canadian Trade

Canadian exports for May, seasonally adjusted, were \$3.12 billion on a balance-of-payments basis, up 1.0% from April. Imports declined 8.5% to \$2.88 billion and the consequent merchandise trade balance was \$242 million compared to an April deficit of \$64 million.

For the three-month period from March to May, there was a trade surplus of \$151 million compared to the deficit of \$157 million for the three months from December to February.

Adjusted exports to the United States in May reached the record level of \$2.15 billion. There was a decline in shipments to overseas destinations, particularly Japan and the United Kingdom.

Disruption of freight services in British Columbia brought drops in shipments of lumber, pulp and newsprint paper. Exports of metallic ores also dipped. Wheat shipments advanced sharply. Motor vehicle exports to the U.S. declined \$15 million but those of automotive parts and engines rose \$30 million. Crude oil and natural gas deliveries to the U.S. each were up about \$15 million.

Exports for the three-month period ended in May were \$9.05 billion, about the same as the preceding three-month period. Imports for the period were \$9.17 billion, marginally down from the previous three months.

Imports from the U.S. were about unchanged but those from Japan increased and those from the European Economic Community declined. Automotive products imported from the U.S. were up some \$165 million but those of coal and organic chemicals were down. Overseas imports of crude oil and automotive goods were down, in total, about \$295 million.

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

The Dairy Review

An estimated 154.5 million quarts of fluid milk, including standard and 2% milk, were sold in April, up 3.8% over April 1975.

For further information, order the April 1976 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

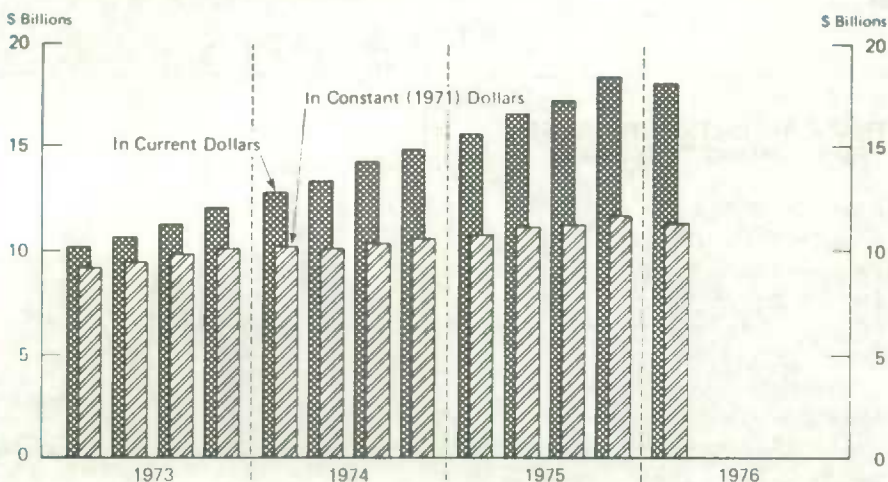
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Mar.	221.88p	219.62p	13.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	Mar.	8,191p	8,089p	15.3
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	9.58	9.31	1.8
Unemployed	May	708,000	769,000	2.9
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	2,008	1,588	31.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	16,198p	16,273r	4.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Apr.	6,888	6,777	7.5
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	8,401p	8,403r	19.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	9,952p	9,871r	-6.1
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	May	148.0	146.8	8.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Apr.	159.4	158.9r	5.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Apr.	509.2	505.2r	5.5
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.*	1,084.3p	3,343.5	30.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Mar.	12,734	36,799	100.4
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Feb.	2,490	5,008	15.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Apr.	23.6	102.8	4.7
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Sept.	260.1	2,536.6	0.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	47.5	202.5	-2.3
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May*	3,337.8	15,101.8	12.7
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May*	3,279.0	15,570.2	8.7
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	157.4	593.0	28.5
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	May	1,242	5,952	-4.6
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	523.0	1,706.6	17.4
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	8,319p	31,579	14.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	795.8	2,397.5	16.7
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	4,851	16,656	16.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	4,171	15,569	15.1

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

Non-Residential Construction Expenditures

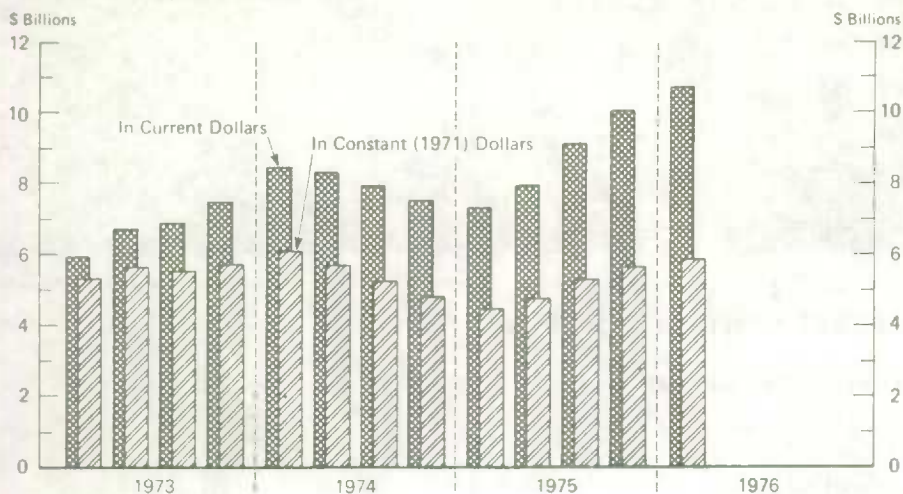
(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13 001)

Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Production of Eggs and Poultry

Canadian egg production decreased 1.4% to 37.5 million dozen in May 1976 from 38.1 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was down 4.1% to 22.9 million from 23.8 million and the number of eggs per 100 layers was up 2.8% to 1,970 from 1,917.

Farm price of eggs sold for market was up 21% to 63.0 cents a dozen from 51.9 cents.

For further information, order the May 1976 issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales

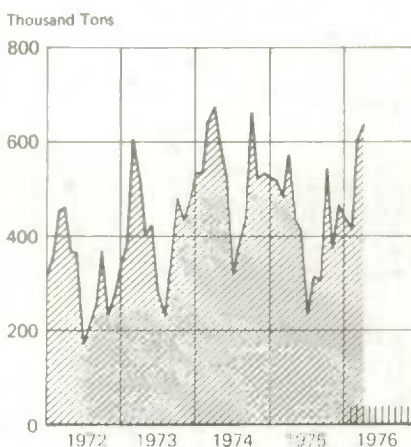
Sales of farm implements and equipment, including repair parts, for 1975 totalled \$1.1 billion, up 31.3% from \$845.9 million in 1974. New machines accounted for \$966.8 million, up 35.5% from \$713.7 million in 1974. Repair parts were valued at \$144.0 million compared to \$132.2 million in 1974.

For further information, order the 1975 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-203).

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

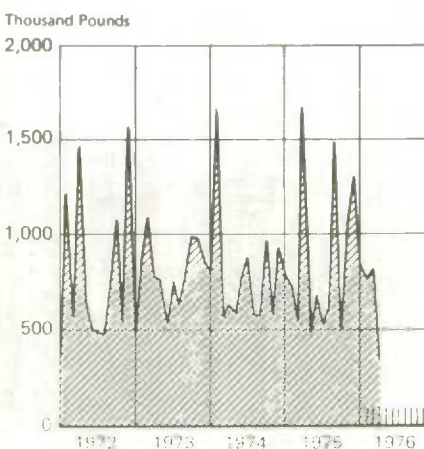
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Potash Production, Canada



Source: Production of Canada's Leading Minerals (26-007)

Uranium Production, Canada



Source: Production of Canada's Leading Minerals (26-007)

Building Permits

The value of building permits taken out in Canada in April was \$1,084.3 million, up from \$932.5 million in April 1975.

Permit activity in April decreased from March in all but the government sector, which was spurred by a \$50 million post office project in St. Laurent, Que.

Provincial totals for building permits taken out in April, with year-earlier figures in brackets:

Ontario \$368.5 million (\$375.4 million); Quebec \$269.8 million (\$148.4 million); Alberta \$163.6 million (\$97.2 million); British Columbia \$108.0 million (\$168.1 million); Manitoba \$56.5 million (\$30.7 million); Saskatchewan \$46.4 million (\$32.5 million); New Brunswick \$36.5 million (\$14.1 million); Nova Scotia \$20.9 million (\$43.7 million); Newfoundland \$9.0 million (\$13.7 million); Prince Edward Island \$4.4 million (\$4.6 million).

For the first four months of the year, the value of permits issued was \$3.43 billion, up 30.7% from the first four months of 1975.

For further information, order the April 1976 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for May show 2.7 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, down 8.7% from May 1975. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. totalled 3.1 million, an increase of 13.4% over May 1975.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased by 12.4% to 132,500. Canadian travellers coming back from countries other than the U.S. totalled 119,000, an increase of 11.7% over May 1975.

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

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Canada 1976

This year's edition of Statistics Canada's annual showpiece publication has just been published and is maintaining its traditional reputation as one of the country's most popular periodicals.

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Superbly-illustrated, *Canada 1976* contains some 300 photographs — 250 in full colour. Work from many of the country's leading photographers are included along with articles from recognized specialists in a number of different fields.

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Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 7,023,368 tons of iron ore in May, up from 5,652,846 tons in May 1975. This brought 1976 output to date to 17,311,778 tons from 16,806,512 tons in 1975.

For further information, order the May 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.

Railway Employees

Employment in the Canadian railway industry in 1975, excluding persons engaged in rail express, highway transport, telecommunications and other non-rail activities, averaged 114,541 employees, down 3,815 or 3.2% from 1974.

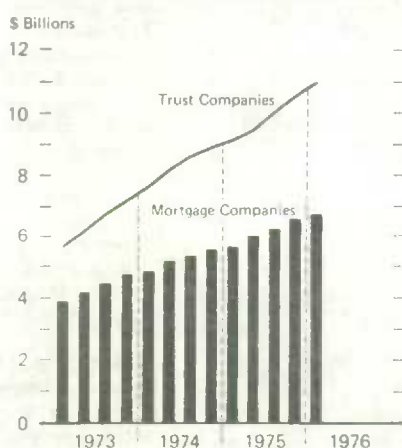
Compensation totalled \$1.55 billion, an increase from \$1.44 billion paid in 1974.

Employee salaries averaged \$13,569, an increase of \$1,380 or 11.3% from 1974. Hourly wage rates at an average \$6.27 were up 75 cents.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part VI, 1975* (52-212, 70¢), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Trust and Mortgage Companies

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding



Source: Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

Railway Transport, Part V, 1975

Canadian railways hauled a total of 249.1 million tons of revenue freight in 1975, a decrease of 8.3% from 1974. The decline reflected adverse economic conditions, labour problems, strikes at ports and in certain Canadian industries and a poor market supply of some commodities.

Domestic loadings were down 6.5% in 1975 to 227.7 million tons. Rail shipments received from United States connections dropped 23.3% to 21.4 million tons.

Only one of the seven major commodity categories, live animals, showed a traffic increase in 1975. Receipts in this group rose 9.5% reflecting a 28,000 ton increase in cattle shipments.

The heaviest losses last year were recorded in the crude and fabricated materials classes; this was due to lower movements of forest and allied products resulting from prolonged strikes in the industry. Loadings of iron ore, sulphur and potash were also down from year-earlier levels while coal shipments increased 29.1% to 5.0 million tons.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part V, 1975* (52-211, \$2.10), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Asbestos

Shipments of asbestos by producers in May 1976 increased to 142,531 tons from 76,709 short tons in May of 1975. This brought shipments in 1976 to date to 688,849 tons, up from 470,718 tons in the similar period a year earlier.

For further information, order the May 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.

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