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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$225.02 in May were up 12.3% from \$200.44 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$256.20), followed by Alberta (\$231.62), Ontario (\$225.57), Quebec (\$220.92), Newfoundland (\$217.54), Saskatchewan (\$211.67), Manitoba (\$204.52), New Brunswick (\$197.04), Nova Scotia (\$190.27) and Prince Edward Island (\$161.78).

Average weekly earnings in May (by industry division) were as follows: construction, \$325.09; mining, \$310.18; forestry, \$274.94; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$255.85; manufacturing, \$237.62; finance, insurance and real estate, \$212.46; trade, \$175.67; and service, \$158.79.

Compared with May 1975, average hourly earnings were up 17.7% in construction, 14.7% in mining and 14.2% in manufacturing.

For further information, order the May 1976 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 70¢/\$7).

The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased to 7.3% in July from 7.0% in June.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over increased to 4.4% from 4.3% in June while for women 25 and over it went up to 6.9% from 6.6%. For persons aged 15 to 24, the unemployment rate climbed to 12.8% from 12.3%.

Between June and July, the seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 15 and over included in the labour force — rose to 61.3% from 60.8%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed increased to 10.06 million from 9.86 million in June and was up from 9.84 million in July 1975.

The actual unemployment total was 775,000 or 7.2% of the 10.83 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 13.6%; Prince Edward Island, 10.1%; New Brunswick, 10.0%; Nova Scotia, 9.6%; British Columbia, 8.8%; Quebec, 8.3%; Ontario, 6.5%; Manitoba, 4.4%; Saskatchewan, 4.4%; and Alberta, 3.5%.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May* 225.02p	224.26p	12.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr. 8,268p	8,180p	14.7
Persons with Jobs (million)	July* 10.06	9.86	2.3
Unemployed	July* 775,000	702,000	9.3

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	May 1,952	2,008	33.6
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May 16,205p	16,237r	5.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	May 7,011	6,888	9.9

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May 8,237p	8,446r	9.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May 9,803p	9,966r	-7.9

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	July* 149.3	148.7	6.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	June 161.3	160.8r	5.5
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	June* 515.3	512.9r	6.6

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	May 1,084.0p	4,503.2	24.9
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	May* 22,799	75,811	59.7

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Mar. 2,676	7,684	16.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	May 23.9	126.9	6.2
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Dec. 319.1	3,444.6	0.5
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	May 52.1	254.6	-1.7

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	June 3,566	18,683	13.2
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	June 3,595	19,191	9.0

PRODUCTION

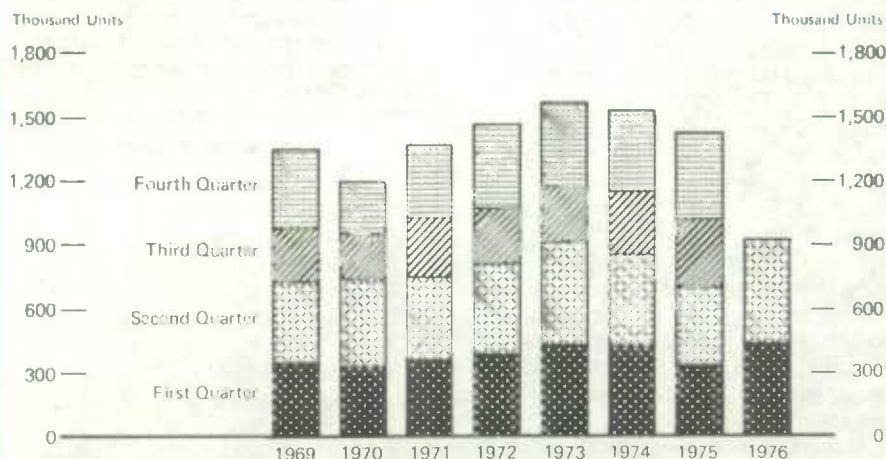
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	June 170.2	912.4	26.8
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	June 1,155	7,098	-5.3

SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May 513.8	1,704.8	13.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May 8,400p	40,042	14.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May 820.2	3,217.6	16.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May 4,966	21,618	14.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May 4,495	20,083	12.9

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

Canadian Production of Motor Vehicles



Source: Motor Vehicle Shipments (42-002)

Consumer Price Index(CPI)

(1971=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 0.4% to 149.3 in July from 148.7 in June, further extending the trend of more moderate price movements observed since the beginning of the year.

This latest relatively-small advance was again mainly attributable to an unusually-small rise for this time of year of only 0.3% in the level of food prices. Higher housing charges accounted for over two-fifths of the over-all CPI rise while the recreation and food components each contributed an additional one-fifth. The index for all items excluding food advanced 0.6% in July.

Higher pork prices, up 2.3% on average, as well as higher prices for fresh vegetables, coffee and restaurant meals were mainly responsible for the food index rise. Lower prices for beef products and for sugar partially offset these increases.

Higher shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation, as well as seasonally-higher prices for hotel/motel accommodation and train fares were largely responsible for the 0.6% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

Between July 1975 and July 1976, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 6.8%.

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

- Housing, 11.2%; transportation, 9.2%; health and personal care, 8.6%; tobacco and alcohol, 7.7%; clothing, 5.7%; recreation, education and reading, 5.4%; and food, 1.0%.

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

General Wholesale Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index advanced to 515.3 in June, an increase of 0.5% from May and up 6.6% from a year earlier. Six of the eight major groups included in the total index were higher while one declined and one remained unchanged.

The vegetable products group index rose 1.9% in June due to price increases for fresh vegetables (11.2%), fresh fruits (10.7%), vegetable oil products (9.3%) and grains (3.7%). The textile products index moved up 0.6%, reflecting increases for raw cotton (4.7%) and domestic raw wool (2.6%). The non-ferrous metals group advanced 0.5% mainly as a result of increases for silver (6.0%) and tin (5.4%).

Over the 12 months from June 1975, the following percentage changes were recorded for the major group indexes:

- Non-metallic minerals, 10.6%; textile products, 9.7%; iron products, 8.7%; non-ferrous metals including gold, 8.3%; vegetable products, 8.1%; wood products, 3.8%; animal products, 3.2%; and chemical products, 2.0%.

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

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, July

Department Store Sales and Stocks, June

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, June

Real Domestic Product, June

Summary of Foreign Trade, July

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 140,073 units in June, up 5.5% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 12.3% to \$832.8 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 3.8% to 87,342 units while those of overseas-manufactured automobiles increased 11.4% to 16,134 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in June advanced 7.3% from a year earlier to 36,597 units; included were 34,971 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 7.6%) and 1,626 manufactured overseas (up 1.0%).

For the first six months of 1976, sales of new motor vehicles reached 680,659 units with an accumulated value of \$4,050.5 million. This represents an increase of 3.8% in units and 15.4% in value compared with sales for January-June 1975.

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

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production

Crude petroleum production for February amounted to 1.38 million barrels per day, down 12.6% from a year earlier.

Natural gas production averaged 10.27 billion cubic feet per day in the latest month, an increase of 6.5% from February 1975.

For further information, order the February 1976 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted June retail sales increased 5.2% from May to a level of \$4.86 billion.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$5.07 billion, up 16.7% from a year earlier. All provinces reported increased sales over June 1975 with the largest advance in Quebec (18.8%). Sales were up 17.1% in Montreal, 16.0% in Toronto, 14.9% in Winnipeg and 11.1% in Vancouver.

Year-to-year gains were registered in all 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by book and stationery stores (33.7%) and garages (31.6%).

Revised data for May show retail sales for the month at \$4.90 billion, up 6.6% from May 1975.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Radio Air-Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales totalled \$6.7 million in April, up 8.5% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions left net national sales at \$5.6 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$13.7 million in the latest month, an increase of 16.7% from April 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.

Railway Freight Traffic

Railways in Canada hauled a total of 57.4 million tons of revenue freight in the first quarter of 1976, up slightly (0.1%) from the corresponding period in 1975.

Increased traffic was recorded in four of the seven major commodity groups during the latest period. The volume of food, feed, beverages and tobacco was up 5.1% to 6.8 million tons; crude materials rose 0.7% to 28.3 million tons; end products increased 13.7% to 2.9 million tons; and special traffic (including piggy-back and freight forwarder) showed a gain of 20.4% to 2.7 million tons.

Total rail loadings (excluding freight received from the United States) were down 0.2% to 51.8 million tons in January-March 1976. While loadings increased in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Territories, traffic losses from the year-earlier period were registered in Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Nova Scotia. Goods received from U.S. rail connections increased 2.5% to 5.6 million tons.

For further information, order *Railway Freight Traffic, First Quarter 1976* (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$4,987.6 million in the January-June period of 1976, up fractionally from \$4,975.1 million in the first six months 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 six months of 1976, by province and with year-earlier totals in brackets:

- Saskatchewan, \$1,344.6 million (\$1,548.7 million); Ontario, \$1,241.8 million (\$1,144.2 million); Alberta, \$994.5 million (\$954.4 million); Quebec, \$652.8 million (\$566.3 million); Manitoba, \$406.4 million (\$467.8 million); British Columbia, \$170.6 million (\$172.0 million); Nova Scotia, \$61.6 million (\$49.7 million); New Brunswick, \$59.6 million (\$40.4 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$55.7 million (\$31.6 million).

For further information, order the January-June 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.

Farm Implement Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January to June 1976 were valued at \$487.6 million (dealers' cost), up 23.4% from \$395.2 million in the first six months of 1975.

Sales of repair parts for farm equipment rose 5.5% to \$75.5 million in the latest period.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Farm Implement and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50 per year), or contact Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

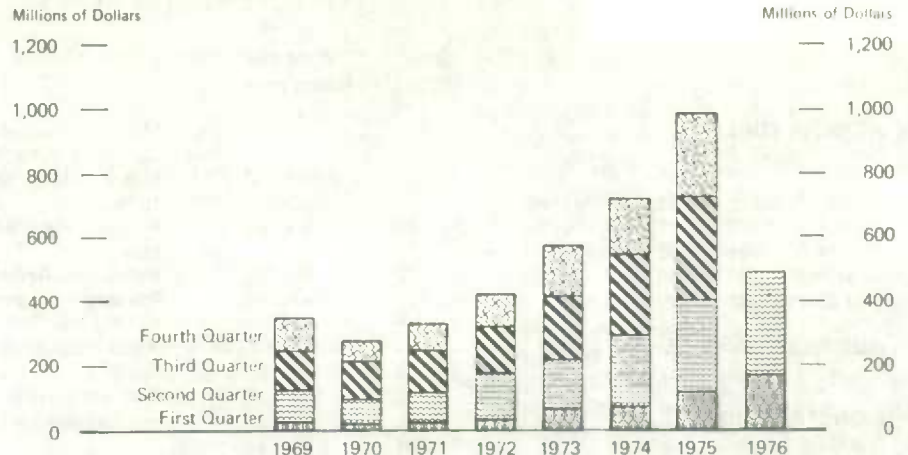
Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

Provincial government revenues from sales of alcoholic beverages rose 11.7% in the 1974 fiscal year to \$921 million while those of the federal government were up 10.7% to \$614 million.

Sales of alcoholic beverages reached \$2.98 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975, an increase of \$379 million (14.6%) from the previous year. Sales volume increased to 490 million gallons from 475 million.

Further information will be contained in *Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada, 1974* (63-202, 70¢). Advance details may be obtained from Miss M.E. Lindsay (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales*



* Valued at dealers' cost and not including repair parts

Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

Housing Starts

New residential construction activity showed continued strength in May with housing starts in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over increasing 32.7% to 22,799 units from 17,187 a year earlier.

Housing starts recorded in the latest month, by province and with May 1975 figures in brackets: Ontario, 7,587 (7,354); Quebec, 7,456 (4,733); British Columbia, 3,145 (1,695); Alberta, 2,299 (1,304); New Brunswick, 651 (385); Saskatchewan, 649 (325); Manitoba, 559 (661); Nova Scotia, 294 (226); Newfoundland, 118 (293); and Prince Edward Island, 41 (11).

For the first five months of 1976, housing starts in urban centres totalled 75,811 units, up 59.7% from 47,483 in January-May 1975.

For further information, order the May 1976 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Mineral Production

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

- Gold, 143,357 troy ounces (118,952) — 843,167 troy ounces (803,501);
- Silver, 3,605,269 troy ounces (2,460,209) — 21,708,329 troy ounces (18,867,234);
- Copper, 62,884 short tons (64,837) — 395,980 short tons (393,558);
- Nickel, 20,131 short tons (22,757) — 136,936 short tons (148,933);
- Refined lead, 17,970 short tons (10,765) — 109,263 short tons (98,402);
- Refined zinc, 47,413 short tons (35,365) — 260,409 short tons (255,523).

For further information, order the June 1976 issue 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.

Railway Transport, Part II, 1975

Railway operating revenues rose 6.4% to \$2,733.8 million in 1975 while operating expenses more than kept pace with an 11.5% increase to \$2,802.0 million. As a result, the industry reported an operating deficit of \$68.2 million for 1975, contrasting with the net revenue of \$56.1 million posted in 1974.

Due primarily to rate increases, freight revenues were up 5.7% and provided 82.8% of total operating revenues in 1975. Federal government payments to the railways increased by \$20.8 million to \$237.4 million and passenger fares contributed \$83.8 million, a small increase from 1974.

Railway operating costs were generally higher in 1975. Road and equipment outlays advanced 11.0% to \$1,046.8 million, accounting for more than one-third of total expenses; transportation costs amounted to \$1,119.3 million, nearly 40% of the operating bill.

The retained income balance at the close of 1975 stood at \$791.1 million, a fractional decline from the end of 1974. Total assets of railways rose by \$779.8 million in the latest year to \$12,722.8 million.

For further information, order *Railway Transport, Part II, 1975* (52-208, \$1.05), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Power Survey of Capability and Load, 1975

Total net capability for 1975 at the time of Canada's non-coincident firm power peak load was 57,706 megawatts, while the peak load itself was 46,187 Mw., allowing for a reserve of 11,519 Mw. Anticipated figures for 1980 are 79,208 Mw., 66,025 Mw. and 13,183 Mw., respectively.

For further information, order *Annual Electric Power Survey of Capability and Load, 1975* (57-204, \$1.05), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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