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Industrial Corporations' Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits of \$2.28 billion in the second quarter of 1976, an increase of \$49 million (2.2%) from the corresponding period in 1975. Net income increased 15.9% for mining industries and 0.2% for manufacturing industries but other industries showed a 2.1% decline.

Industrial corporations' sales at \$57.51 billion in the second quarter of 1976 recorded an advance of \$6.04 billion (11.7%) from April-June 1975. Sales were up 23.0% for mining industries, 12.5% for manufacturing industries and 9.5% for all industries.

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), Second Quarter 1976 (61-003P, free to subscribers of the regular publication).*

Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales rose to \$522.8 million in June, up 19.8% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month, with percentage changes from June 1975 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$194.9 million (19.8%); Quebec, \$104.8 million (26.0%); British Columbia, \$77.9 million (14.1%); Alberta, \$66.8 million (20.7%); Atlantic Provinces, \$33.1 million (13.4%); Manitoba, \$30.6 million (17.1%); and Saskatchewan, \$14.7 million (26.9%).

For further information, order the *June 1976 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50 per year).*

Labour Income

Total labour income for May was estimated at \$8.81 billion, up 17.0% from May 1975.

Adjusted for seasonal variations, the May estimate of \$8.69 billion showed an increase of 3.6% from April. (The May estimate reflects the inclusion of large lump-sum payments made in anticipation of some final contract settlements). Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries were practically unchanged from the previous month but those in the service-producing industries rose 5.3%.

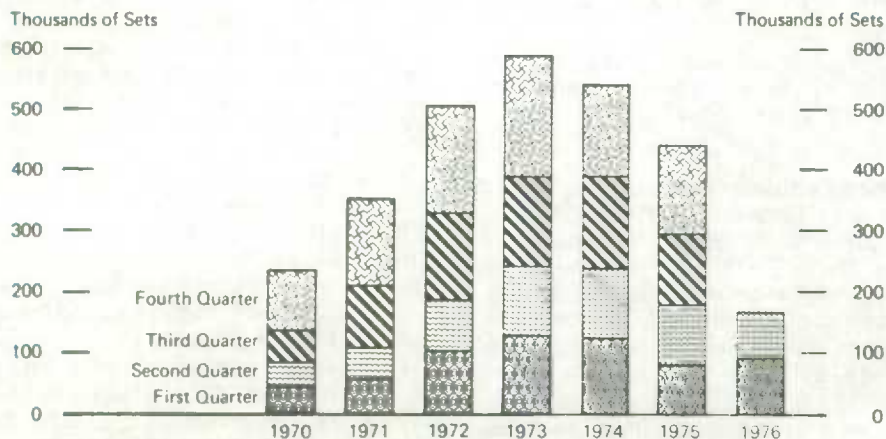
Further details will be published in the *April-June 1976 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20)*, and additional information may be obtained from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	225.02p	224.26p	12.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	May*	8,809p	8,302p	17.0
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)	June*	16,126p	16,054r	4.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	7,011	6,888	9.9
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June*	8,536p	8,356r	16.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June*	9,577p	9,838r	-7.6
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)	June*	22.2	149.1	6.6
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Dec.	319.1	3,444.6	0.5
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June*	53.5	308.1	-1.4
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)	July*	1,228	8,327	-3.1
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	513.8	1,704.8	13.8
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June*	8,796p	48,923	14.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June*	832.8	4,050.5	15.4
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.

Manufacturers' Sales of 'Made-in-Canada' Colour Television Sets



Source: Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Between June and July, consumer price indexes rose in all 14 regional cities with increases ranging from 0.1% in Winnipeg to 0.6% in Halifax and Montreal.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation was a large contributing factor to the latest advances. Seasonally-higher prices were also recorded for hotel/motel accommodation and for train fares; household help rates were also up. Food at home price movements were mixed across the country with fresh vegetable prices generally having increased.

Between July 1975 and July 1976, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Vancouver, 9.1%; Halifax, 8.5%; Thunder Bay, 8.4%; Regina, 8.4%; Winnipeg, 8.0%; St. John's, 7.9%; Calgary, 7.9%; Saskatoon, 7.6%; Edmonton, 7.1%; Ottawa, 7.0%; Saint John, 6.6%; Toronto, 6.5%; Quebec City, 6.2%; and Montreal, 6.0%.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities* (62-009, 30¢/\$3).

Security Transactions with Non-Residents

Transactions in outstanding Canadian and foreign securities resulted in a net capital inflow of \$74 million in April compared with a net inflow of \$99 million in March. Trading in Government of Canada bonds provided 77% of the total net inflow.

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Net sales of outstanding foreign securities by residents produced a net inflow of \$12 million compared with a net inflow of \$18 million in March.

For the first four months of 1976, transactions in outstanding Canadian and foreign securities led to a net capital inflow of \$310 million compared with a net outflow of \$10 million during the corresponding period in 1975.

For further information, order the April 1976 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-Residents* (67-002, 40¢/\$4).

Refined Petroleum Products

Net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 46.5 million barrels in June, down .03% from a year earlier.

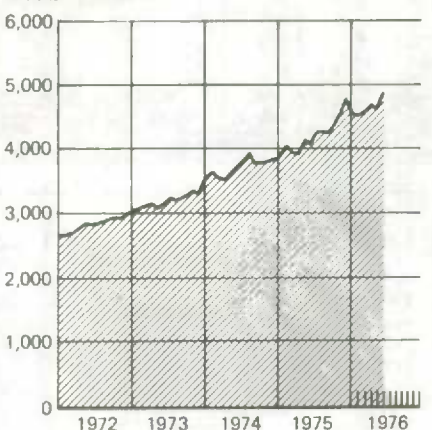
Canadian refineries produced 53.5 million barrels of refined petroleum products in the latest month, an increase of 0.3% from June 1975.

For further information, order the June 1976 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.

Retail Trade

(Seasonally Adjusted)

Millions of Dollars



Source: Retail Trade (63-005)

International Travel

Canada posted a record travel account deficit of \$933 million in the first half of 1976, up from \$664 million in the corresponding period of 1975. Receipts from all countries increased 7.9% to \$680 million while Canadians travelling abroad raised their spending by 24.7% to \$1,613 million.

In the latest period, United States residents spent \$462 million in Canada and \$218 million was spent by visitors from all other countries. Canadian resident spending abroad reached \$1,043 million in the United States and \$570 million in all other countries.

For further information, order the April-June 1976 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$1.75/\$7), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$197.4 million in June, an increase of 10.9% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

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

- Ontario, \$69.9 million (10.6%); Quebec, \$67.6 million (12.6%); British Columbia, \$20.6 million (8.7%); Alberta, \$14.8 million (9.4%); Manitoba, \$10.2 million (11.8%); Saskatchewan, \$5.4 million (12.3%); Nova Scotia, \$3.4 million (7.9%); New Brunswick, \$3.1 million (6.9%); Newfoundland, \$2.0 million (6.4%); and Prince Edward Island, \$386,000 (4.3%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first six months of 1976 totalled an estimated \$1.03 billion, up 11.8% from the corresponding period in 1975.

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

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in June were estimated at \$8.04 billion, down 1.2% from \$8.13 billion (revised) in May. New orders for durable goods decreased 0.4% to \$3.60 billion while those for non-durable goods dropped 1.8% to \$4.44 billion.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries in June, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$9.65 billion, down 1.7% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers, seasonally adjusted, was 0.5% higher at \$16.17 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments rose to 1.97:1 in June from 1.94:1 in May while the finished products — to shipments ratio increased to 0.67:1 from 0.65:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in June, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8.20 billion, a decrease of 1.3% from May.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in June at an estimated \$8.80 billion showed an increase of 15.9% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first six months of 1976 totalled \$48.92 billion, up 14.6% from \$42.68 billion in January-June 1975.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems reported net operating revenue of \$84.4 million in June, an increase of 24.3% from June 1975.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 23.0% to \$277.2 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 22.5% to \$192.8 million.

Construction expenditures of these firms at \$161.4 million in June showed an increase of 1.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 18, *Monthly Telephone Statistics*, June 1976.

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Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined 0.8% to 119.1 in June from 120.0 in May.

Manufacturing output fell 1.0% in the latest month; durables manufacturing decreased 1.6% and non-durables manufacturing was off 0.4%. Mining production decreased 0.4% while output of electric power, gas and water utilities rose 0.5%.

During the second quarter of 1976, the index of industrial production registered an increase of 1.8%. Gains were recorded in manufacturing (2.2%) and utilities (3.2%) while mining output decreased 2.3%.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (including the index of industrial production), (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported a combined net loss of \$5.87 million in April, down from a loss of \$6.98 million in April 1975.

Total operating revenues rose 16.7% to \$130.4 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 12.6% to \$134.5 million.

Passenger traffic — in terms of passenger-miles for both unit toll and charter services — totalled 1,458.9 million in April of this year, up 14.6% over the 1,273.1 million recorded in the comparable month in 1975. Goods ton-miles for all services rose 7.0% to 48.5 million from 45.4 million.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin*, Vol. 8, No. 37 (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity increased 8.8% in June to 22.2 terawatt hours from 20.4 TW.h a year earlier.

Hydro generation rose 3.7% in the latest month; thermal production increased 27.4%.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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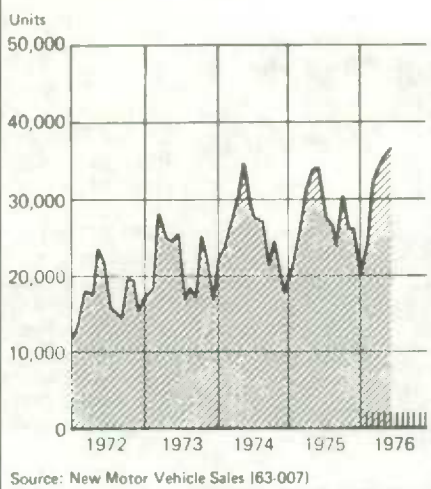
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Sales of New Commercial Vehicles



Major Appliances

Sales of laundry equipment and electric stoves increased in June, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of other major appliances ran below year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from June 1975 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 47,646 (-0.1%); home and farm freezers, 34,269 (-10.8%);
- Stoves and ranges (electric), 39,147 (7.6%);
- Automatic washing machines, 31,698 (12.3%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 22,634 (12.0%);
- Television sets, 35,827 (-16.0%).

Manufacturers' sales in June of 32,763 Canadian-made colour television sets represented a decrease of 9.6% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales dropped 48.1% to 3,064 units.

For further information, order the June 1976 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 Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Asbestos

Canadian producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 139,311 short tons in June from 72,627 short tons a year earlier.

Cumulative shipments for the first six months of 1976 at 828,160 short tons were more than double the 343,345 short tons shipped in the corresponding period of 1975.

For further information, order the June 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.

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$20.26 billion at the end of June, an increase of 17.3% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from June 30, 1975:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$14.84 billion (23.7%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies' — small loans, \$232 million (-11.8%); — large loans, \$1.53 billion (1.1%); — retail instalment sales paper, \$1.14 billion (0.4%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.19 billion (6.8%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, \$1.27 billion (6.0%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$67 million (28.8%).

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$3.2 million in June that contrasted with the deficit of \$4.7 million posted in June 1975. Operating revenue climbed 17.8% to \$258.6 million while operating expenses rose 13.9% to \$255.4 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles declined 2.9% in the latest month, freight train-miles were down 2.8% and freight car-miles decreased 2.6%. However, revenue passenger-miles showed a sharp 21.6% rise from June 1975 to 202 million — the gain due entirely to an increase in miles run in inter-city (commuter) travel.

During the first six months of 1976, railway operating revenues rose 17.1% from the year-earlier period while expenses increased 11.1%. Cumulative net income totalled \$17.6 million compared with a deficit of \$52.5 million in January-June 1975.

For further information, order the June 1976 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 7,073,788 short tons of iron ore in June compared with 5,175,201 short tons a year earlier.

Output for the first six months of 1976 at 24,385,566 short tons was up 10.9% from January-June 1975.

For further information, order the June 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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