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## Weekly Bulletin

### Industrial Corporations' Statistics

Canadian industrial corporations recorded after-tax profits of \$2.29 billion in the second quarter of 1976, an increase of \$33 million (1.5%) from the corresponding period in 1975.

Industrial corporations' sales at \$57.6 billion in the second quarter showed an advance of \$6.1 billion (12%) from April-June 1975.

Assets of these corporations rose \$14.3 billion (10.0%) over the latest 12 months.

(Please note that these figures represent the latest data for the second quarter of 1976 and supersede preliminary figures released last month.)

For further information, order *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Second Quarter 1976* (61-003, \$1.75/\$7), or contact J.D. Wilson (613-996-2130), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T5.

### Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales reached \$509.0 million in July, an increase of 14.0% from \$446.6 million in July 1975.

Sales rose in 33 of the 40 departments in the latest month, the largest gains were recorded by food and kindred products (49.3%) and women's and misses' coats and suits (43.9%).

All provinces reported increased sales over July 1975 with a high of 22.6% for Quebec. Increases for metropolitan areas included: Montreal, 29.0%; Toronto, 8.7%; Winnipeg, 7.1%; and Vancouver, 2.0%.

Inventories held in July (at selling price) were valued at \$1.78 billion, up 31.4% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.38 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, bitumens plus and refined petroleum products in July, a decrease of 10.7% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic petroleum and products declined 9.9% to 1.98 million B/D in the latest month while imports fell 14.4% to 405,000 B/D.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3).

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

#### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June 229.00p	225.56p	12.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	June 9,053p	8,825p	16.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug 10.06	10.06	2.5
Unemployed	Aug 709,000	775,000	2.3

#### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July* 1,785	1,663	31.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June 16,126p	16,054r	4.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	July* 6,968	6,851	7.0

#### 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)	Aug 150.0	149.3	6.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	July 161.8	161.4r	5.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	July 515.8	515.6r	5.2

#### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	June 1,375.9p	6,005.0	29.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	June 23,301	99,112	53.0

#### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	June 1,446	10,812	-4.3
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	July 21.6	170.7	6.7
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Apr* 290.9	1,223.0	2.9
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June 53.5	308.1	-1.4

#### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	July 2,957	21,646	12.7
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	July 2,933	22,100	8.7

#### PRODUCTION

Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	July 71.5	984.0	21.1
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Aug* 1,185	9,513	-1.5

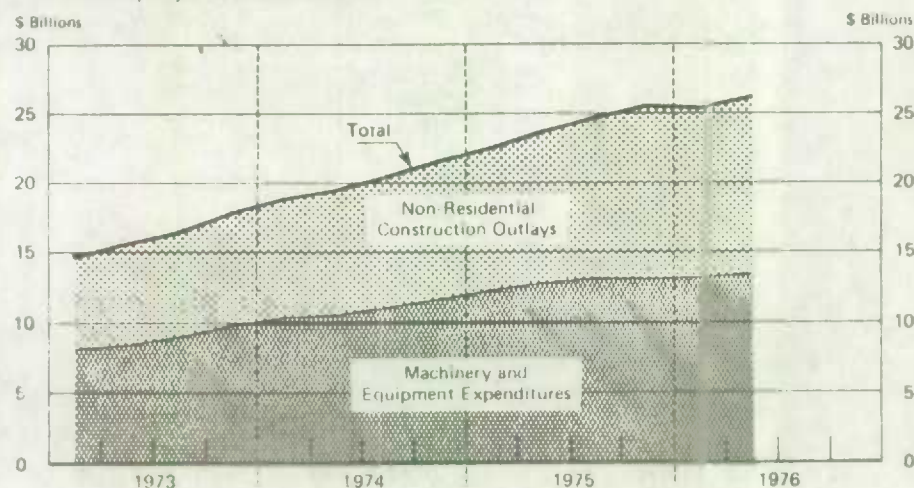
#### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July 509.0	3,250.4	14.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June 8,796p	48,923	14.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July 633.6	4,684.1	13.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July 4,931	31,540	14.0
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July* 4,208	28,841	11.6

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

### Business Investment in Plant and Equipment

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (112-001)



## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

From July to August, consumer price indexes rose in all 14 regional cities with increases ranging from 0.3% in Saint John, Toronto and Edmonton to 1.1% in Regina.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation and higher household operation expenses were important contributing factors to these advances. Higher automobile insurance premiums were recorded in most centres as well as increased charges for barber and hairdressing services. Though over-all movements in food prices varied from city to city, prices for meat and fresh vegetables declined generally.

Between August 1975 and August 1976, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Vancouver, 8.9%; Regina, 8.4%; Thunder Bay, 8.1%; Halifax, 7.9%; Winnipeg, 7.6%; Saskatoon, 7.4%; Calgary, 6.8%; Ottawa, 6.6%; Toronto, 6.1%; Edmonton, 6.0%; St. John's, 6.0%; Montreal, 5.3%; Quebec City, 4.9%; and Saint John, 4.7%.

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

## Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$246.1 million of retail finance paper in July, a decrease of 1.3% from a year earlier.

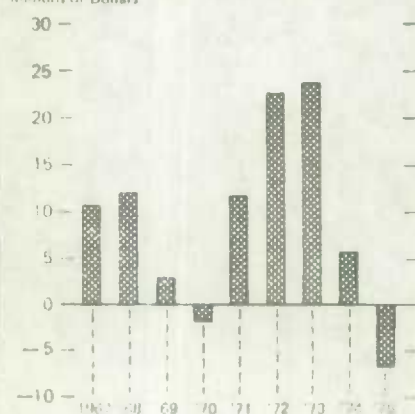
The latest month's total comprised \$68.6 million for passenger cars, \$29.0 million for other consumer goods, \$88.9 million for commercial vehicles and \$59.6 million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the second quarter of 1976 amounted to \$1,962.8 million, a decrease of 1.0% from \$1,982.4 million in the corresponding period last year.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Net Income After Taxes — Air Carriers of All Financial Levels

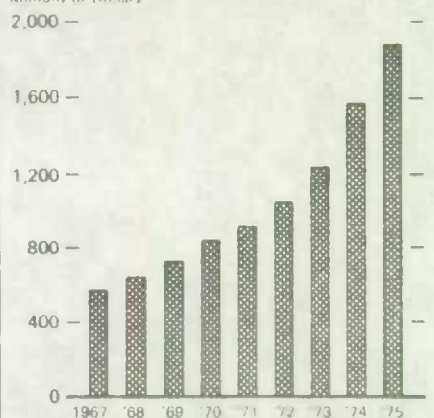
Millions of Dollars



Source: Air Carrier Financial Statements (51-206)

## Operating Revenues — Air Carriers of All Financial Levels

Millions of Dollars



Source: Air Carrier Financial Statements (51-206)

## Air Carrier Financial Statements, 1975

Canadian commercial air carriers reported total operating revenues of \$1,891 million in 1975, up 18.4% from \$1,598 million in 1974. Total operating expenses advanced 19.5% over the same period, to \$1,823 million from \$1,525 million.

The industry recorded an after-tax net loss of \$6.8 million in 1975 in contrast to the net income of \$5.6 million posted in 1974. The seven major Canadian scheduled airlines showed a net loss of \$19.6 million in 1975 while Air Canada reported an after-tax net loss of \$12.5 million.

For further information, order *Air Carrier Financial Statements, 1975* (51-206, \$1.05).

## Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in July were estimated at \$4,207.7 million, up 3.2% from July 1975.

In the consumer goods trades, sales of tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks rose 48.2% from the corresponding month in 1975. In the industrial goods trades, the component for other construction materials and supplies, including lumber showed an increase of 13.5%.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6,968.4 million in July, up 7.0% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 1976 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

## THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, July

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Department Store Sales by Regions, August

Employment, Earnings and Hours, July

Estimates of Labour Income, July

Motor Vehicle Production, August

New Motor Vehicle Sales, August

## Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in July were estimated at \$8.04 billion, virtually unchanged from the June total. New orders for durable goods decreased 0.6% to \$3.60 billion while those for non-durable goods rose 0.4% to \$4.44 billion.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries in July, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$9.59 billion, down 0.8% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers, seasonally adjusted, was 1.4% higher at \$16.33 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments rose to 201.1 in July from 1.96.1 in June while the finished products — to shipments ratio increased to 0.69.1 from 0.66.1.

Manufacturers' shipments in July, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$8.12 billion, a decrease of 1.0% from June.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in July at an estimated \$7.55 billion showed an increase of 7.7% from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first seven months of 1976 totalled \$56.47 billion, up 13.6% from \$49.70 billion in the January to July 1975 period.

For further information, order the July 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.

## Major Appliances

Sales of laundry equipment increased in July, 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 July 1975 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 46,959 (-8.0%); home and farm freezers, 34,821 (-21.2%);
- Stoves and ranges (electric), 33,758 (-4.9%);
- Automatic washing machines, 35,733 (12.7%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 27,203 (14.1%);
- Television sets, 27,972 (-15.9%)

Manufacturers' sales in July of 25,152 Canadian-made colour television sets represented a decrease of 8.1% from a year earlier, black-and-white set sales dropped 52.2% to 2,820 units.

For further information, order the July 1976 issues of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), *Stoves and Freezers* (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.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS

*Retail Commodity Survey, 1974* is an 80-page tabular report resulting from an extensive survey conducted in 1974 embracing all chain and department stores in the country and a random sampling of the other retail outlets.

The present report is a follow-up to the first such survey in 1968 and features the addition of more than 100 commodity items as well as improved methodology. The survey requested commodity information on 227 items. From the 94 kinds of business in the retail trade universe, three were excluded — government liquor stores, brewers' warehouse stores and wine stores. All of the remaining 91 kinds of business were included in the sample frame, and were then re-arranged for purpose of publication into 56 kinds of business.

Table 1 gives total sales by kinds of business and major business groups for Canada and the provinces, and shows the grouping of the 94 kind-of-business classification into 56. Table 2 presents detailed data on kinds of business by commodity for Canada and the provinces, while Table 3 details commodity distribution nationally and provincially.

For further information, order *Retail Commodity Survey, 1974* (63-526, \$2.80).

## NEW . . . NOW AVAILABLE

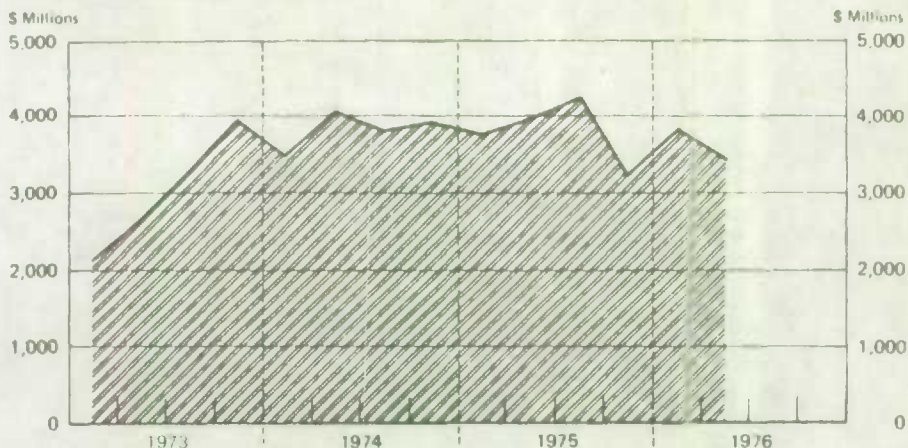
*Shopping Centres in Canada, 1951 to 1973* is the first in a series of research papers to be published in the coming years that will focus on institutions which are primarily engaged in distributional and service activities. The information could be of special interest to merchants in shopping centres or those planning to open outlets in shopping centres, market researchers, shopping centre developers, and students in business schools.

This paper examines shopping centres from several aspects: historical background, impact on national retailing as represented by corporate chains, department and independent stores, their effect on regional retailing, the size of various centres and their growth possibilities. The text of some 60 pages is accompanied by about 40 tables.

For further information, order *Shopping Centres in Canada, 1951 to 1973* (63-527, \$1.40), or contact David Van Loven (613-996-9304), Distribution Analysis Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

## Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of \$2.0 million in July, down from \$61.7 million in July 1975. Operating revenues declined 13.9% to \$248.4 million while operating expenses increased 8.7% to \$246.4 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles increased 3.0% in the latest month, freight train-miles were up 0.9% and freight car-miles rose by 2.3%. However, revenue passenger-miles were down 17.1% from July 1975 and passenger car-miles were off 10.6%.

During the first seven months of 1976, railway operating revenues rose 11.4% from the year-earlier period while expenses increased 10.8%. Cumulative net income at \$19.6 million was up from \$9.2 million in January-July 1975.

For further information, order the July 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.

## New Publications

Statistics on Canadian education for 1972-73 to 1974-75 are assembled in the third annual edition of *Education in Canada* a publication designed to provide in one volume a review of major educational statistics for Canada and the provinces.

Detailed breakdowns are shown for institutions, teachers, enrolment, graduates and expenditures. As well as basic numerical counts and cross-tabulations, data are given on such topics as teachers' salaries and qualifications, enrolment ratios and retention rates, citizenship of graduate students, fields of specialization in which degrees are granted, continuing education and education expenditures in relation to other socio-economic indicators.

Retrospective summary tables display time series of the most important variables since 1961-62.

For further information, order *Education in Canada, A Statistical Review for 1972-73 and 1973-74* (81-229, \$3.50).

## Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$20.59 billion at the end of July, an increase of 17.4% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from July 31, 1975:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$15.17 billion (23.7%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies' — small loans, \$230 million (-11.5%); — large loans, \$1.52 billion (0.1%); — retail instalment sales paper, \$1.16 billion (0.4%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.20 billion (7.1%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, \$1.26 billion (5.9%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$69 million (27.8%).

Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of \$5.25 billion at the end of the second quarter of 1976. Including these reporters, consumer credit outstanding at June 30 totalled \$25.50 billion, up 16.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 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.

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