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## Inventories, Shipments and Orders

in Manufacturing Industries
Manulacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in November were estimated at $\$ 8.360 .0$ million, up $6.2 \%$ from $\$ 7,873.2$ million (revised) in October. New orders for durable goods rose $10.3 \%$ to $\$ 3,822.8$ million while those for non-durable goods increased $2.9 \%$ to $\$ 4.537 .2$ million.

The backlog of unfilled orders in all manufacluring industries in November. seasonally adjusted was estimated at $\$ 9,448.2$ million, up $0.7 \%$ from the previous month.

Total inventory owned by manufacturers. seasonally adjusted, was $0.1 \%$ lower at $\$ 16.628 .6$ million.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of tolal inverntory owned - to shipments fell to $2.01: 1$ in November from 2.06:1 in October White the finished products - to shipments etio decreased to 0.69:1 from 0.70:1.
Bianufacturers' shipments in November. setbunally adjusted, were estimated at 58.290 .8 milhon, an increase of $2.8 \%$ from October.
Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in November at an estimated $\$ 8,681.0$ million showed an increase of $12.5 \%$ from a year earlier. Cumulative shipments for the first 11 months of 1976 totalled $\$ 89,829.4$ million, up $12.2 \%$ from $\$ 80.082 .8$ million in JanuaryNovember 1975.
For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001. $550 / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manulacluring and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in November were estimated at $\$ 4,382.5$ million, up 13.6\% from November 1975.

In the consumer goods trades, sales of tobacco. confectionery and soft drinks rose $37.8 \%$ from the corresponding month last year. In the industrial goods trades, the gamponent for other construction materials and zupplies including lumber showed an goretise of $20.3 \%$.
Wholesale inventories were valued at $\$ 8,750.8$ million, up $14.8 \%$ from November 1975.

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, 154/\$1.50).

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Wholesale (\$ million).

## ORDERS

Manutacturers' New Orders ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . .
Manutacturers' Unfilled Orders ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . .
PRICES
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Consumer Price Index $(1971=100) \ldots \ldots$.......
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Wholesale Price Index $(1935 \cdot 39=100) \ldots .$.
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CONSTRUCTION
Building Permits (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ocl 1.015 .20 Year-lo-date
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (unils)............ Ocl
ENERGY
Coal Production (thousand tons).................... Sept $2,264 \quad 19,443 \quad-4.5$
Electricity Generation (lerawatt hours)............... Oct $\quad 23.8$. 236.51 .8
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.) . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug 256.7 2,289.6 0.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels) ................ Nov. $\quad 53.8 \quad 566.3 \quad 0.2$
FOREIGN TRADE
Exports - Customs Basis ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . .
PRODUCTION
PRODUCTION
Motor Vehicles (thousand units) .................... Nov. Nov. $157.4 \quad 1.509 .0 \quad 15.2$
Steel (ingots - thousand tons). .

Department Store Sales (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Nov.
Manufacturers' Shipments ( $\$$ miltion) ...............................
New Motor Vehicle Sales ( $\$$ million)
Retal Sales (\$ million).
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Oct } & 869.6 & 5,557.4 & 13.1\end{array}$
Nov.
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)
Statistics are not seasonally adiusted. $p$-preliminary. $r$-revised. * new this week.

Degree of Union Organization by Indusiry, 1974
Number of Paid Workers Unionized (Thousends)


Source: Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act $\{71.2021$

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1971=100)
The Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced $0.3 \%$ 10 152.7 in December from : 52.2 in November.
Higher shelter charges accounted for approximately two-fifths of this latest moderate increase while food prices, which had generally been declining in the last four months, rose $0.4 \%$ and were responsible for un additional one-quarter of the advance. The index for all items excluding food moved up 0.3\%.

Higher prices for tresh milk, bread, processed fruit and vegetables, chocolate bars and coffee were largely responsible for the increase in the food index as were higher charges for restaurant meals. Partially offsetting these increases were lower prices for beef, pork, poultry and fresh fruit.
Higher shelter charges, particularly those reiating to home ownership, were largely responsible for the $0.3 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for tobacco products, dry-cleaning services and for irain fares.

Between December 1975 and December 1976, the All-ltems Consumer Price Index ose $5.8 \%$, a figure considerable lower than the corresponding 9.5\% increase between December 1974 and December 1975.
During the latest period the following novements were recorded in the component indexes:
-Husing. $10.0 \%$; transportation, $8.6 \%$. tobacco and alcohol, $7.7 \%$; health and personal care, $7.1 \%$; clothing, $5.6 \%$; recreation, education and reading, 5.2\%. and tood. $-0.7 \%$.
On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the alliterris index advanced 0.5\% between November and December. The current annual rate of change in the CPI , based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was $6.8 \%$, down from the $50 \%$ rate recorded the previous month.

For further information, order the December 1976 issue of The Consumer Price Index (52-001. 306/\$31.

## Index of Industrial Production

(1971=100)
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production rose $0.8 \%$ to 119.0 in November from 118.1 in October.

Total manufacturing output increased $10 \%$ in the latest month; durables manufacturing climbed $2.8 \%$ while nonturables manulacturing was off $0.7 \%$. mining ( $0.1 \%$ ) and electric power, gas and water utilities $(-0.1 \%)$ registered only slight changes from the previous month.

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the index of industrial production), (61-005, 40屯/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-99504431 Industry Product Division. Statistics Calaca. Ortana KiA UTE.

## THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Permits. November<br>General Wholesale Price Index, December<br>Housing Starts and Completions, November<br>Motor Vehicle Production, December New Motor Vehicle Sales. December Railway Carloadings, December

## Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reparting monthly reached $\$ 21,550$ million at the end of November, an increase of $15.8 \%$ from a year earlier.

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

- Chartered banks personal loans, $\$ 15,989$ million ( $21.6 \%$ ).
- Sales finance and consumer companies' - large loans, $\$ 1.506$ million ( $-0.1 \%$ ). - small loans, \$225 million (-9.3\%). - instalment sales paper. $\$ 1,152$ million (-0.9\%).
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, $\$ 1,220$ million ( $6.2 \%$ )
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliance stores, $\$ 1.385$ million ( $3.3 \%$ ).
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, $\$ 72$ million ( $24.1 \%$ ).
For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Consumer Credit (61-004, 30¢ 1 \$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Stalistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OV6.


## Reslaurani Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of $\$ 189.2$ million in November, an increase of $10.1 \%$ from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces

Pestaurant receipts for the latest month. b; province and with percentage gains over ivovember 1975 in brackets:

- Ontario. $\$ 68.8$ million ( $9.4 \%$ ); Quebec, $\$ 63.6$ million ( $10.5 \%$ ): British Columbia. $\$ 16.3$ million ( $17.5 \%$ ); Alberta, $\$ 14.4$ million ( $9.1 \%$ ); Manitoba, $\$ 10.6$ million ( $6.4 \%$ ): Saskatchewan, $\$ 6.7$ million $(11.3 \%)$; Nova Scotia, $\$ 4.1$ million ( $2.0 \%$ ): New Brunswick, $\$ 3.0$ million ( $5.5 \%$ ), Newfoundland. $\$ 1.3$ million ( $7.4 \%$ ); and Prince Edward Island, $\$ 333.000(8.1 \%)$. Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first 11 months of 1976 totalled an estimated $\$ 2.062 .1$ million, up $11.4 \%$ from the corresponding period in 1975. Chain restaurants accounted for $18.5 \%$ of sales in the latest period while independents took the balance.

For further information, order the Novemher 1976 issue of Restaurant Statistics !63014. i50/54.501.

Department Store Sales and Stocks
Department store sales reached \$6006 million in November, an increase of $: 53 \mathrm{~A}$ from $\$ 596.3$ million in November $19: 5$

Sales rose in 38 of the 40 departr:ants the latest month; the largest gains were posted by stationery, books and magazines ( $22.5 \%$ ) and toys and games ( $19.1 \%$ )

All provinces reported increased sales over November 1975 with a high of $22.7 \%$ for New Brunswick. Increases for metropolitan areas included: Toronto. 15.8\%; Winnipeg, $13.5 \%$; Montreal, $10.2 \%$; and Vancouver, $4.1 \%$
Inventories held in November (at selling price) were valued at $\$ 2.118 .3$ million, up 22.8\% from November 1975.

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks (63-002, 406/\$4), or the contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304). Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OV4.

## Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems posted net operating revenue of $\$ 87.1$ million in November, a decrease of $11.6 \%$ from November 1975.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose $13.8 \%$ to $\$ 288.3$ million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced $30.0 \%$ to $\$ 201.3$ mit. lion.

Construction expenditures of these firmg totalled $\$ 176.2$ million in Novemba, increase of $69.8 \%$ from a year earlier.

During the first 11 months of 13,13 , operating revenues of the telephone companies increased $18.9 \%$ while operating expenses were up $18.0 \%$. Cumulative net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 941.7$ million, up $20.7 \%$ from $\$ 780.0$ million in the January to November period of 1975.

For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin ( $56-001, \$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 7. No. 1. Monthly Telephone Statistics, November 1976.

## Mineral Production

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

- Gold, 143,359 troy ounces (118,211) $1,538,418$ troy ounces (1,486,867).
- Silver, $3,165,657$ troy ounces $(3,100,855)$ - 38,337,893 troy ounces $(36,052,460)$.
- Copper, 65,395 short tons $(69,374)$ 738,318 short tons (719.042).
- Nickel, 21,696 short tons $(21,846)-$ 242,045 short tons $(244,964)$.
- Refined lead. 17,645 short tons $(16,254)$ - 175,292 short tons $(168,469)$.
- Refined zinc, 46,799 shor1 tons (41.074) - 467.903 short tons (425,765).

For further information, order November 1976 issue of: Gold Production (26-004, 156/\$1.50): Silver. Lead and Zinc Production (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50); and Copper and Nickel Production (26-003, 154/\$1.50): or contact Aft Symons (613-992-0491). Mamulacturing and Primary industries Divi-


## Union Membership in Canada

A! the end of 1974, total Canadian mimbership of reporting labour organizations stood at 2,682,832 persons, an increase of $102.720(4.0 \%)$ from the end of 1973. This total was comprised of: 1. 136.638 members ( $55.4 \%$ ) in 81 internalional unions; 798,943 members (29.8\%) in 63 national unions; and 397,251 union members ( $14.8 \%$ ) in tederal and provincial government service
The manufacturing indusitry was the major contributor to union membership and local union organization in Canada, making up $32.1 \%$ of the total membership, even though it was not the most highly organized industry. The second largest component was service industries with $18.0 \%$ of the union members in Canada. Public administration (15.5\%) and transportation ( $14.7 \%$ ) came next, followed by the construction industry ( $10.7 \%$ ). In contrast to this, mines and quarries, trade, forestry and finance together had only $7.3 \%$ of the total Canadian union membership, even though they had more paid workers $(2,036,000)$ than transportation and public administration combined.

The estimated number of wage and salary workers in manufacturing industries in Canada in 1974 was 1,966,000 and of this number 860,572 ( $43.8 \%$ ) were members of raooting labour organizations. In the irensportation industry, 394.346 ( $49.5 \%$ ) of an estimated 797.000 workers were unionized; in public administration, 415,420 ( $76.4 \%$ ) of an estimated 590,000 workers: in construction, $285,802(62.9 \%)$ of an estimated 454,000 workers: and in the service industries. $483,607(22.1 \%)$ of an estimated $2,184,000$ workers, were members of reporting labour organizations.

For further information, order Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act: Part II Labour Unions, Report for 1974 ( 71 -202, no charge).


## Relined Petroieum Products

Net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 54.0 million barrels in November, up $14.2 \%$ from a year earlier.
Canadian refineries produced 53.8 million barrels of refined petroleum products in the latest month, an increase of 0.5\% from November 1975.

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of Relined Petroleum Products (45-004, 404/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Indusiries Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped $5,796,432$ short tons of iron ore in November compared with $5,049.869$ short tons a year earlier

Output for the first 11 months of 1976 at 57.526 .419 short tons was up $29.2 \%$ from $44,536,585$ short tons in the corresponding period of 1975

For further information, order the November 1976 issue of tron Ore (26-005, 154: \$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-9920491), Manulacturing and Primary Industries Division. Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OV6.

Percentage Distribution of Union Membership, 1974


Source. Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act 171.202 )

## Labour Income

Total labour incomes for October was estimated at \$9,1141 million, up $14.8 \%$ from October 1975.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, the October estimate of $\$ 8,958.4$ million showed an increase of $2.2 \%$ from September The major part of the gain was due to large retroactive payments made to Quebec hospital employees.

For further information, order the OctoberDecember 1976 issue of Estimates of Labour income (72-005, $\$ 1.05 \$ 4.20$ ). Advance details are avallable fron: Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Di ision. Statislics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

## Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipelint s received 2.41 inilion barrels per day of crude oit, condensate. pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in October, a decrease of $7.4 \%$ from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic petroleum and products decreased $4.8 \%$ to 2.10 million $B / D$ in the latest month while imports fell $21.5 \%$ to $318,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$.

For further information, order the Ocfober 1976 issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001. 304/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-9924021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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