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International Travel, 1976

Preliminary estimates show that Canada posted a record travel account deficit of \$1,182 million in 1976, up from \$727 million in 1975. Canadian resident spending abroad rose 22.9% to \$3,123 million while visitors from other countries increased their spending in Canada by 6.9% to \$1,941 million.

Travel receipts from the United States amounted to \$1,348 million while payments to the U.S. totalled \$1,958 million for an estimated deficit of \$610 million. The substantial deficit with the U.S. — the second in a row — mainly reflected a 6.8% decrease in the number of U.S. residents entering Canada combined with an 8.6% increase of Canadian residents travelling to the U.S. The statistics indicate that, for the first time, the number of Canadian residents visiting the U.S. was greater than the number of U.S. residents entering Canada.

Receipts from countries other than the U.S. reached \$593 million in 1976, up 24.1% from 1975. Payments to these countries totalled \$1,165 million, resulting in a travel deficit of \$572 million.

For further information, order the October-December 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, Financial Flows and Multi-national Enterprises Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Between December and January, consumer price indexes rose in all 14 regional cities with increases ranging from 0.1% in Saint John, N.B., to 1.1% in Calgary.

Higher prices for food and new automobiles and widespread increases in electricity rates were largely responsible for the latest advances. Other contributing factors included higher shelter charges and increased prices for movie admissions.

Between January 1976 and January 1977, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Vancouver, 8.7%; Regina, 7.9%; Quebec City, 7.0%; Edmonton, 6.9%; Calgary, 6.8%; Winnipeg, 6.6%; Montreal, 6.4%; St. John's, 6.4%; Saskatoon, 6.3%; Ottawa, 5.8%; Toronto, 5.6%; Saint John, 5.5%; Halifax, 5.2%; and Thunder Bay, 4.8%.

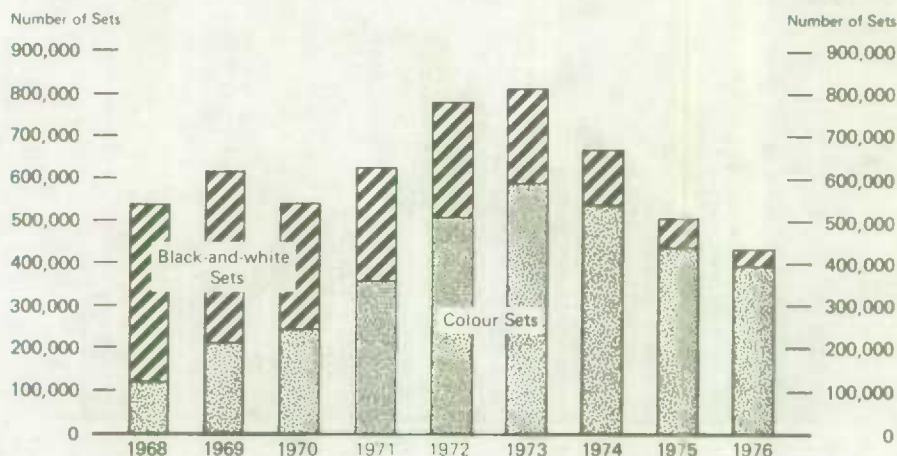
For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities* (62-009, 30¢/\$3).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov.	236.29p	234.60p	10.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Nov.	9,039.2p	9,187.6p	13.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Jan.	9.26	9.48	1.2
Unemployed	Jan.	889,000	754,000	11.1
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.	1,634	2,118	21.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	16,739p	16,544r	6.3
Wholesale (\$ million)	Dec.	7,144	6,751	16.9
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	8,330p	8,608r	12.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	9,290p	9,285r	-8.7
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Jan.	154.0	152.7	6.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.	164.9	163.7r	4.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Dec.	526.3	515.9r	4.7
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov.	933.1	11,320.8	16.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec.	17,658	209,762	15.4
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Oct.	2,686	22,123	-3.3
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.	29.5	292.6	7.3
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Sept.	249.4	2,540.2	0.1
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Dec.	59.6	625.9	0.8
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Dec.	3,238	38,028	14.8
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Dec.	3,021	37,391	7.9
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Dec.	131.1	1,640.1	15.2
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Jan.	1,220	1,220	5.3
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	982.4	6,539.8	13.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	8,325p	98,166	12.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	583.1	7,743.8	6.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	6,333p	57,183	11.6
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	3,878	49,987	10.2

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

Manufacturers' Sales of 'Made-In-Canada' Television Sets



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

Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977

Advance estimates show that capital spending in Canada by all sectors of the economy during 1977 is expected to reach \$44,967 million, an increase of 7.1% over the 1976 level of \$41,986 million. (These estimates are in current dollars without any adjustment for price increases developing between the two years.)

Capital expenditure for new construction in 1977 is estimated at \$28,821 million, an increase of 7% over the 1976 total of \$27,036 million. In the construction program, residential construction is estimated at \$9,642 million (down 1% from \$9,764 million in 1976) on the basis of 235,000 starts projected for 1977 and reflecting carry-over of work from the higher rate of starts in 1976. The remainder of the program, represented by non-residential construction, is expected to total \$19,179 million, up 11% from last year's figure of \$17,272 million.

Capital outlays for the acquisition of new machinery and equipment are expected to rise 8%, to \$16,146 million in 1977 from \$14,951 million in 1976.

Capital spending intentions of the business group in 1977 are shown at \$28,194 million, up 10% from the 1976 total of \$25,610 million. Outlays on social capital by institutions and governments are expected to reach \$7,131 million, up 8% from \$6,612 million in 1976.

In the business sector, utilities contribute the largest advance in value for 1977 with a 16% rise to \$9,667 million from \$8,349 million, mainly because of increases for electric power, telephones, pipelines, urban transport and water transport and related services.

Trade and finance will record a small increase in 1977 for capital spending but the total for the commercial services group will decline by 11% — in large part reflecting the completion of installations for the Olympic games in 1976.

Manufacturing is expected to record a 13% increase in total capital spending to \$5,938 million after a decrease of 5% from 1975 to 1976. Most notable gains for 1977 will be in the manufacture of chemical products (including heavy water), paper and allied products, and transportation equipment and in petroleum refining and primary metal processing.

The mining group will show significant growth in the new 1977 level of \$4,105 million (up 19% from \$3,450 million in 1976) primarily because of the program for petroleum and natural gas. Capital spending on iron mining and coal mining will show the largest increases in the metal and non-metal mining groups.

The 8% rise in 1977 capital outlays of the social capital group follows upon an increase of only 2% between 1975 and 1976. Capital expenditures of municipal governments will rise \$241 million (13%), followed by provincial departments at \$175 million (8%) and federal departments at \$93 million (9%). In the institutions group, increases expected for schools and hospitals will be virtually offset by a decrease for universities, churches and other institutions.

As advance totals, the estimates above are subject to revision during the detailed provincial compilations now under way, but the current information is considered adequate to indicate emerging patterns for 1977. Data for the provinces on repair expenditures charged to operating expenses and other special tables will appear in the publication Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 (61-205, \$1.05) to be released in April.

New Publication

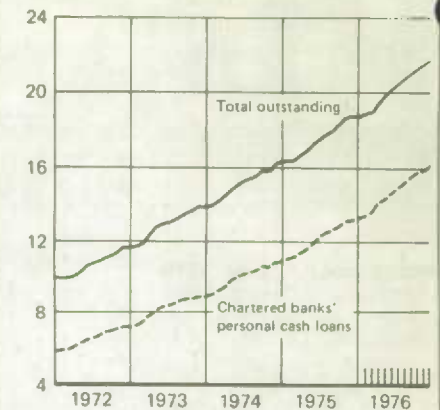
The first edition of the bulletin *Salary Scales for Teachers at Canadian Universities, 1976-77* is now available.

For more information, please contact Patty Brady (613-995-1105), Post-secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Credit

Outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly

Billions \$



Source: Consumer Credit (61-004)

Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$235.26 in December were up 11.8% from \$210.43 a year earlier.

First estimates show that (unadjusted) average weekly earnings (by province) were highest in British Columbia (\$264.89), followed by Alberta (\$243.15), Ontario (\$235.20), Quebec (\$230.81), Newfoundland (\$229.70), Saskatchewan (\$225.61), Manitoba (\$216.31), New Brunswick (\$212.61), Nova Scotia (\$199.41) and Prince Edward Island (\$181.47).

Average weekly earnings in December (by industry division) were as follows: mining, \$332.57; construction, \$314.42; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$273.12; forestry, \$264.43; manufacturing, \$251.80; finance, insurance and real estate, \$219.54; trade, \$185.35; and service, \$167.45.

Compared with December 1975, average hourly earnings were up 13.3% in manufacturing, 13.0% in mining and 9.3% in construction.

For further information, order the December 1976 issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70¢/\$7), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

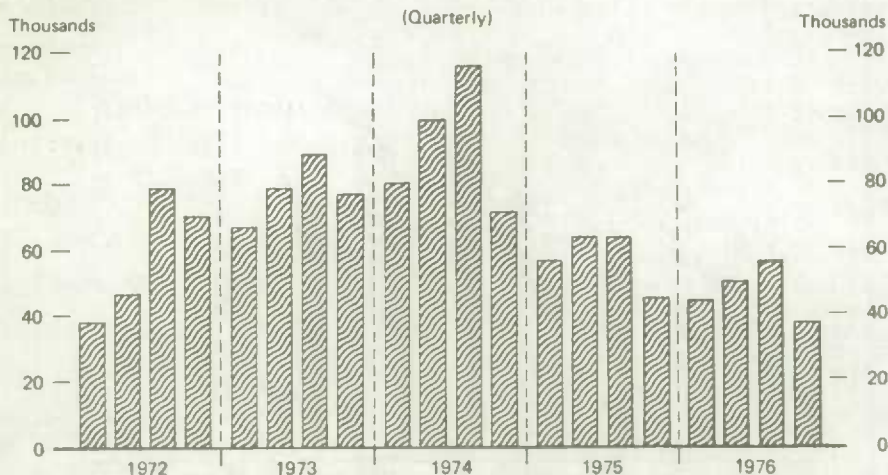
Sales Financing

Sales finance companies purchased \$225.6 million of retail finance paper in December, down 2.4% from \$231.1 million in December 1975.

The total for the latest month comprised \$48.2 million for passenger cars (\$56.3 million a year earlier), \$36.1 million for other consumer goods (\$32.5 million), \$77.4 million for commercial vehicles (\$86.4 million) and \$63.9 million for other commercial and industrial goods (\$55.8 million).

For further information, order the December 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.

Full-Time Job Vacancies, Canada



Source: Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies (71-002)

Report on Job Vacancies

Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended January 31 show a decrease in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended October 31. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs declined 31% to 37,800 from 55,100. The number of vacancies this year is 20% lower than during the corresponding period in 1976.

Vacancies for full-time jobs decreased 30% from the preceding period to 33,700 while the number of longer-term vacancies — jobs unfilled for more than four weeks — declined 26% to 12,700.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the three months ended January 31, four were vacant, a decrease of two from both the preceding period and the corresponding period a year earlier. The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (11 per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (six per 1,000) while the lowest rate was recorded in Nova Scotia (two per 1,000).

For further information, contact J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio Air-Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales totalled \$5.6 million in September, down 1.8% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions left net national sales at \$4.8 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$13.8 million in the latest month, an increase of 18.9% from September 1975.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada increased 12.6% in December to 29.5 terawatt hours from 26.2 TW.h a year earlier.

Hydro generation increased 4.0% in the latest month; thermal production rose 35.2%.

For further information, order the December 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 0V6.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions, January

Estimates of Labour Income, December

Gross National Product, Fourth Quarter 1976

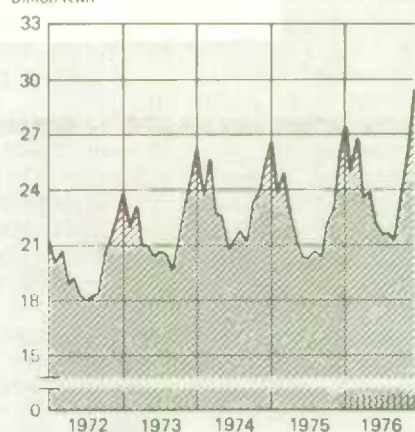
Industry Selling Price Index, January

Motor Vehicle Production, January

New Motor Vehicle Sales, January

Electric Power Generation, Canada

Billion Kwh



Source: Electric Power Statistics (57-001)

Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales reached \$982.4 million in December, an increase of 13.7% from \$863.8 million in December 1975.

Sales rose in all 40 departments in the latest month; the largest gains were posted by china and glassware (22.5%), housewares and small electrical appliances (20.6%) and women's and girls' hosiery (18.6%).

All provinces reported increased sales over December 1975 with a high of 24.7% for Prince Edward Island. Increases for metropolitan areas included: Toronto, 13.9%; Montreal, 13.4%; Winnipeg, 10.1%; and Vancouver, 8.4%.

Inventories held in December (at selling price) were valued at \$1,633.9 million, up 21.1% from December 1975.

For further information, order the December 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.

Road Motor Vehicles — Registrations, 1975

Passenger automobile registrations in Canada during the 1975 licence year totalled 8,870,307, up 4.7% from the 1974 licence year. Registrations of trucks and buses rose 6.4% from the previous year to 2,156,976 while motorcycle registrations increased 3.2% to 331,347.

There were 11.9 million drivers licences in force during the 1975 licence year, an increase of 9.8% from the previous year.

For further information, order *Road Motor Vehicles — Registrations, 1975* (53-219, 70¢) or *Road Transport Service Bulletin* (53-006, \$2.80 per year), or contact R. Stavely (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems posted net operating revenues of \$1,020.7 million in 1976, up 19.5% from \$854.2 million in 1975.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 18.2% last year to \$3,296.2 million; operating expenses advanced 17.6% to \$2,275.5 million.

In December, the telephone companies reported net operating revenues of \$79.0 million, a decrease of 3.7% from December 1975. Operating revenues increased 11.9% from the previous year to \$291.0 million while operating expenses were up 19.1% to \$211.9 million.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Corporation Financial Statistics, 1974

The strong economic growth generated in previous years carried into 1974, and is reflected in the financial characteristics reported by corporations. Total assets for all industries increased 19% to \$427 billion from \$360 billion, following a gain of 16% in the previous year.

Non-financial corporations reported a 27% increase in total revenue, up from \$202 billion reported in 1973. The largest increases occurred in the petroleum and coal products industry (54%) and in mineral fuels (51%), reflecting the jump in the world price of oil.

After-tax profits of non-financial corporations rose \$2.5 billion (25%) after a 50% increase in 1973. Wood industries showed a decline of 65% in profits, while paper and allied industries reported an increase of 47% compared with a nine-fold jump in the previous 12 months. Profits in metal mining decreased 5% from 1973 after quadrupling in the previous year. There were some notable gains in 1974, with services to business management reporting an increase of 134% and profits in chemicals and chemical products up 82%.

Additional details on a 182-industry basis, including key corporate financial ratios, are available in *Corporation Financial Statistics, 1974* (61-207, \$2.80). Further information may be obtained from A. Dorland (613-996-5980), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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