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## Weekly Bulletin

### Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales rose to \$430.2 million in January, up 9.5% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month, with percentage gains over January 1976 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$166.0 (16.6%); Quebec, \$82.8 million (6.8%); British Columbia, \$67.1 million (2.2%); Alberta, \$56.5 million (4.8%); Atlantic Provinces, \$23.6 million (12.3%); Manitoba, \$22.9 million (6.3%); and Saskatchewan, \$11.3 million (2.4%).

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 per year).

### Operations of Transcontinental and Regional Air Carriers

Canada's seven major scheduled airlines reported a combined net loss of \$15.5 million in November, up from the loss of \$9.5 million recorded in November 1975.

Total operating revenues rose 10.8% to \$119.6 million in the latest month; operating expenses advanced 9.8% to \$129.8 million.

Passenger traffic — in terms of passenger-miles for both unit toll and charter services — totalled 1,085.9 million in November, little changed from the corresponding month in 1975. Goods ton-miles for all services increased 5.6% to 45.8 million.

For the first 11 months of 1976, the major scheduled air carriers showed an after-tax net loss of \$35.5 million compared with the loss of \$9.6 million posted in the January-November period of 1975.

For further information, order *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin, Vol. 9, No. 5* (51-004, \$4.20 per year).

### Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems posted net operating revenues of \$85.1 million in January, up 0.2% from January 1976.

Gross operating revenues of the 13 major telephone companies rose 12.2% in the latest month to \$283.6 million; operating expenses advanced 18.3% to \$198.5 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*.

### LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

#### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Dec.	235.26p	236.77p	11.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	Dec.	9,153.2p	9,041.7p	16.6
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)	Jan.*	166.1	165.1r	4.9
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)	Dec.*	2,998	28,083	0.9
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.	29.5	293.4	7.6
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Oct.*	294.3	2,834.4	0.3
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Dec.	58.3	624.5	0.5

#### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	3,103	3,103	8.6
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	3,006	3,006	3.7

#### PRODUCTION

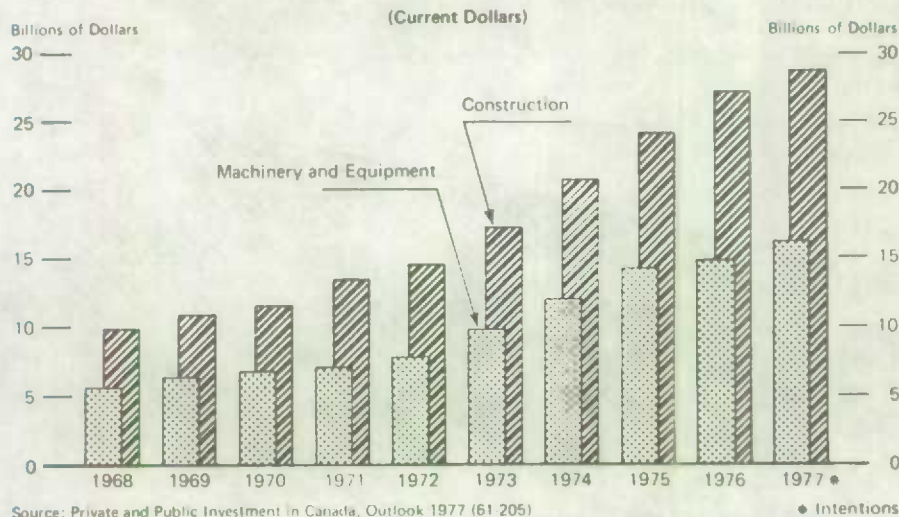
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Jan.	144.8	144.8	5.1
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Jan.	1,220	1,220	5.3

#### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	430.2	430.2	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	8,325p	98,166	12.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	598.3	598.3	42.3
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.

### Capital Expenditures, Canada, 1968-76 and Intentions 1977





## Industry Selling Price Index

(1971=100)

The Industry Selling Price Index for Manufacturing rose to 166.1 in January, an increase of 0.6% from 165.1 (revised) in December and up 4.9% from the January 1976 level of 158.4.

The January rise mostly reflected increases of 1.3% in foods and beverages and 0.7% in paper and allied products. Within the food and beverage group, there were price increases recorded for feeds (3.7%), miscellaneous food processors (2.7%), slaughtering and meat processors (0.8%) and confectionery manufacturers (7.2%). The rise in paper and allied products was largely due to a 1% increase in the index for pulp and paper mills.

Over the 12 months from January 1976, the largest price advances were recorded for the following group indexes:

- Petroleum and coal products industries, 12.9%; leather industries, 8.5%; wood industries, 8.1%, non-metallic mineral products industries, 7.5%; primary metal industries, 6.7%; paper and allied industries, 5.5%; furniture and fixture industries, 5.2%; and rubber and plastics products industries, 5.2%.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, 55¢/\$5.50).

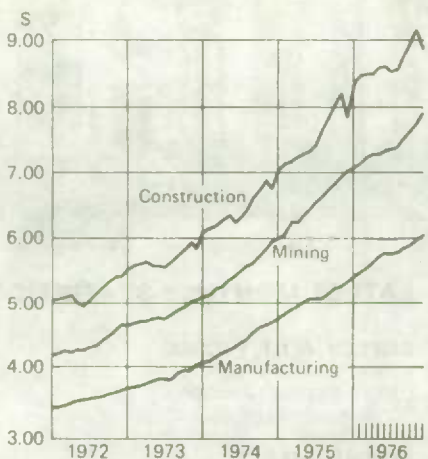
## Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 16.7% in December to 2,997,806 tons from 2,568,246 tons in December 1975. Imports decreased to 1,214,403 tons from 1,945,700 tons.

Industrial consumers used 2,648,335 tons of coal in the latest month (up 546,010 tons from a year earlier) and 485,919 tons of coke (up 6,588 tons).

For further information, order the December 1976 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Average Hourly Earnings in Canadian Industry



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

## Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$177.8 million in January, an increase of 9.1% from a year earlier. Sales increases were recorded in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Restaurant receipts for the latest month, by province and with percentage changes from January 1976 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$67.6 million (9.4%); Quebec, \$54.9 million (8.5%); Alberta, \$18.0 million (12.9%); British Columbia, \$16.4 million (10.6%); Manitoba, \$8.2 million (10.2%); Saskatchewan, \$5.1 million (8.4%); New Brunswick, \$3.7 million (0.5%); Nova Scotia, \$2.7 million (-0.9%); Newfoundland, \$881,000 (-0.7%); and Prince Edward Island, \$334,000 (2.5%).

Chain restaurants accounted for 19.5% of sales in the latest month while independents took the balance.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

## Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in December totalled \$775.5 million, down 7.5% from \$838.9 million in December 1975.

Lower totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$375.3 million (\$408.2 million in December 1975), commercial permits at \$218.1 million (\$222.4 million), institutional and government permits at \$115.3 million (\$138.7 million) and industrial permits at \$66.9 million (\$69.6 million).

Provincial totals for building permits taken out in December, with year-earlier figures in brackets: Quebec, \$240.6 million (\$153.9 million); Ontario, \$233.8 million (\$355.3 million); British Columbia, \$107.6 million (\$119.1 million); Alberta, \$103.6 million (\$117.4 million); Saskatchewan, \$29.6 million (\$23.5 million); Nova Scotia, \$26.8 million (\$33.3 million); Manitoba, \$18.2 million (\$13.0 million); New Brunswick, \$7.3 million (\$19.0 million); Newfoundland, \$4.6 million (\$2.5 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$2.5 million (\$1.9 million).

Preliminary figures for 1976 show that building permits taken out in Canada totalled \$12,096.3 million, up 14.1% from \$10,598.0 million in 1975.

For further information, order the December 1976 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 171.5 in January, an increase of 0.3% from December and up 8.1% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 3.8% over the 12 months from January 1976; labour costs rose 12.5%.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction climbed 8.0% during this period; smaller increases were recorded for: plumbing, heating and air conditioning (6.0%); lumber and lumber products (4.3%); steel and metal work (1.0%); and other materials (5.0%). Electrical equipment prices decreased 0.2%.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin* (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

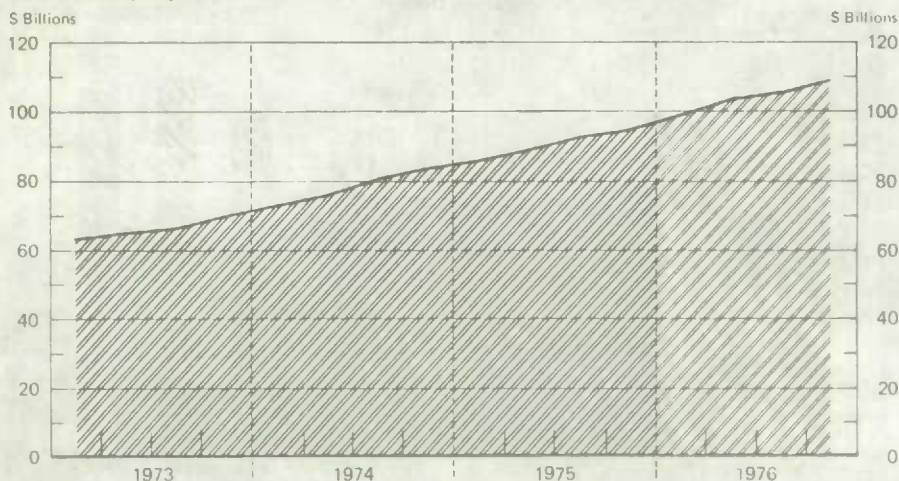
## Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 103.1 million fare passengers in January and had operating revenues amounting to \$34.8 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 29.9 million.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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



### New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 93,760 units in January, up 33.5% from a year earlier. Total sales value jumped 42.3% to \$598.3 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 42.3% to 59,590 units and those of overseas-manufactured automobiles increased 7.8% to 8,836 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in January rose 25.6% from a year earlier to 25,334 units; included were 24,446 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 26.7%) and 888 manufactured overseas (up 0.2%).

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

### Railway Carloadings

Revenue rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 17.0 million short tons in January, an increase of 3.4% from a year earlier. Traffic received from the United States was up 1.9%.

On a commodity basis, January loadings of major forest products rose 42.3% (labour problems were experienced in the industry in January 1976). Containerized freight movements increased by 27.5% and loadings of copper-nickel ores showed a 23.1% gain. Notably lower in the latest month were haulings of alumina (due to a strike in the industry), phosphate rock, grains other than wheat and sulphur.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), *Transportation and Communications Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 2,841,963 short tons of iron ore in January, up 50.2% from 1,891,567 short tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January 1977 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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*Social Security (National Programs) 1976*, the first of an annual series, will be of interest, not only to researchers, administrators and government policy-makers, but also to the concerned public.

Here, Statistics Canada has assembled much of the data available on all major and a number of smaller federal social security programs. The report, covering thirty years from 1946 to 1975, focusses on persons and payments, and deals with plans that are national in scope. Payments under these programs (including federal and Quebec Pension Plan payments) reached \$12 billion in 1974-75, equivalent in amount to 8.6% of Gross National Product.

Data is examined in relation to socio-economic variables such as labour force, population, Gross National Product, personal income, average wages and salaries. Major programs are covered for the country as a whole in Chapter 1 and for the provinces and regions in Chapter 2. Other programs are covered in Chapter 3.

Each of the following programs is described:

- Health insurance (medical care insurance, hospital insurance)
- Social insurance (unemployment insurance, Canada and Quebec Pension plans)
- Demogrants and supplement (family allowances, old age security, guaranteed income supplement)
- Social allowances and services (old age pensions and assistance, allowances for blind persons, allowances for and rehabilitation of disabled persons, unemployment assistance, Canada assistance plan)
- Other programs (veterans' and civilian war disability pensions and allowances, Indian social welfare, new horizons, family planning, national welfare grants).

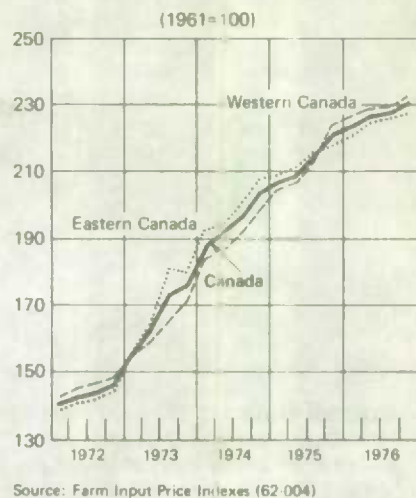
For further information, order *Social Security (National Programs), 1976* (catalogue 86-201, price \$8.25, 797 pages).

### Fur Production, 1975-76

Value of pelts sold in the 1975-76 season amounted to \$53.9 million, up 29% from the previous season. Wildlife pelts brought in \$34.2 million or 63% of the total. Fur farm production totalled \$19.8 million, up from \$16.6 million.

For further information, order *Fur Production, 1975-76* (23-207, 70¢), or contact P. Beerstecher (613-994-9974), *Agriculture Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

### Farm Input Price Indexes



### Refined Petroleum Products, 1975

In 1975, sales of kerosene and stove oil, light, heavy and diesel fuel oil, motor gasoline, lubricating oils and greases, aviation gasoline and turbo fuel, and asphalt amounted to \$48.2 million barrels, a decrease of 0.8% from 1974.

For further information, order *Refined Petroleum Products (Consumption of Petroleum Products), 1975* (45-208, 70¢), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

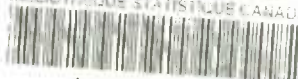
### Wineries, 1975

The wine industry in Canada shipped \$79.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.1% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 22.0% to \$44.3 million, the number of employees decreased 7.9% to 1,198 and total salaries and wages increased 0.6% to \$13.2 million.

For further information, contact T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in *Wineries, 1975* (32-207, 70¢).

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