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The Labour Force

Employment and unemployment, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, both showed increases in March, but Canada's unemployment rate rose to 8.1% from 7.9% in February. The rate in March 1976 was 6.8%.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at 9,672,000 in March, up 16,000 from February. The unemployment level was estimated at 856,000, an increase of 27,000 from February.

The increase in employment in March was entirely concentrated among female workers: 15,000 for women 25 years of age and over and 10,000 for women 15-24. The level decreased for men 25 years of age and over (-8,000), while it showed little change for men 15-24.

The adjusted unemployment level increased for men 15-24 (7,000), men 25 and over (11,000) and women 25 and over

Seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rates for the provinces, with February rates in brackets: Newfoundland 16.1% (15.1%); Prince Edward Island 9.9% (9.0%); Nova Scotia 11.7% (11.0%); New Brunswick 14.3% (13.0%); Quebec 10.0% (9.7%); Ontario 7.1% (6.8%); Manitoba 5.7% (6.0%), Saskatchewan 4.6% (3.7%); Alberta 4.5% (4.0%); and British Columbia 8.8% (8.2%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the March labour force was 10,294,000 with 9,350,000 employed and 944,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 9.2%. In February, the labour force was 10,222,000 with 9,290,000 employed and 932,000 unemployed for a rate of 9.1%. In March 1976, the labour force was 10,019,000 with 9,259,000 employed and 759,000 unemployed for a rate of 7.6%.

For further information, order the March 1977 issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55¢/\$5,50).

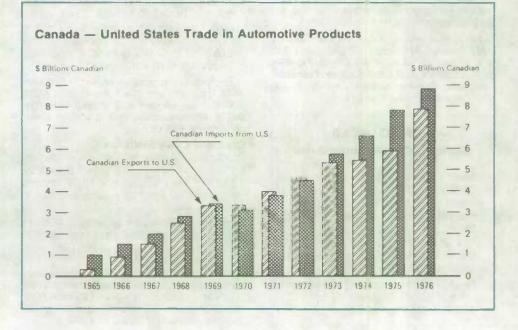
Farm Equipment Sales

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January to February 1977 were valued at \$90.3 million (dealers' cost), down 4.0% from \$94.1 million in the first two months of 1976

Siles of repair parts for farm equipment 12.9% in the latest period to \$25.1 million from \$22.2 million.

For further information, order the February 1977 issue of Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 076.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS			nge From		
	Latest Month	Previous Ye	ar Ago		
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME	ratest Mouth	MOTHE	70		
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Jan. 238.2	5p 234 49p	9.8		
Labour Income (\$ million)		7p 9.226.8p	12.9		
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb. 9.2		1.2		
Unemployed	Feb. 932,00	00 889,000	16.5		
INVENTORIES					
Department Store (\$ million)	Dec. 1,63		21.1		
Manufacturers Owned (\$ million)	Jan. 16,89		6.7		
Wholesale (\$ million)	Jan. 7,13	7,144	14.5		
ORDERS Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	0.00	0.000-	100		
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Jan. 8,36		18.0 -6.5		
PRICES	Jan. 9,42	2/p 9,20/1	-0.5		
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Mar. * 157	.0 155.4	7.4		
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Feb. 168		5.9		
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Feb 540		7.1		
CONSTRUCTION			Year-to-date		
Building Permits (\$ million)	Jan. * 469		-13.3		
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	Jan. 11,47	0 11,470	-7.9		
ENERGY					
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Jan. * 2,65		5.2		
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec 29		7.6		
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Nov. 304		0.4		
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Jan. 58	58.3	7.4		
FOREIGN TRADE	Feb. 3.16	6.272	8.0		
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Feb. 3.18		4.9		
PRODUCTION	160. 3.10	0,109	4.3		
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Feb 143	6 288.4	5.4		
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Feb. 1,16		4.0		
SALES					
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan. 430	.2 430.2	9.5		
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Jan 8,14		13.3		
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Feb. * 609		30.7		
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Feb. * 4,01		9.2		
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Jan. 3,66		5.8		
Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. * - new this week.					



Consumer Price Index (CPI) (1971=100)

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada advanced 1.0% to 157.0 in March from 155.4 in February, marking the third consecutive month in which relatively-large increases have been recorded. Higher prices for petroleum products accounted for approximately one-quarter of this increase while a rise in the food index — up for the fourth successive month — contributed an additional one-quarter. While the food index increased 0.9%, the index for all items excluding food rose by 1.0%. Between March 1976 and March 1977, the total CPI advanced 7.4%, the largest 12-month increase since mid-1976.

The 0.9% increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for fresh fruit, fresh milk, coffee, bakery products and restaurant meals. Following a year of relative price stability in 1976, the index for food consumed at home (up 0.8% in the latest month) has now increased 4.7% in the three-month period between December 1976 and March 1977.

Higher prices for both gasoline and fuel oil were a large contributing factor to the 1.0% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for many seasonal clothing items, plane fares, postage, cigarettes and, in some urban centres, for electricity and local transit fares.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the allitems index advanced 1.1% between February and March. The current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement since three months earlier was 12.0%, up from the 9.2% rate recorded the previous month.

For further information, order the March 1977 issue of The Consumer Price Index (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

Urban Transit

Urban transit systems carried 101.7 million fare passengers in February and had operating revenues amounting to \$33.3 million. Revenue vehicle-miles run totalled 28.3 million.

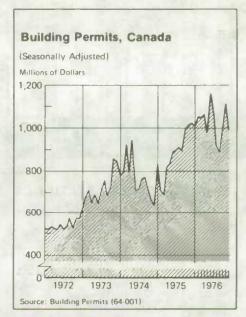
For further information, order the February 1977 issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled an estimated \$1,973.2 million in the January to February period of 1977, down 18.7% from \$2,426.9 million in the first two months of 1976.

These estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

Total payments made to farmers in the latest period, by province and with January-February 1976 payments in brackets:

Saskatchewan, \$676.4 million (\$975.6 million); Alberta, \$430.1 million (\$517.5 million); Ontario, \$405.1 million (\$409.0 million); Quebec, \$174.4 million (\$192.2 million); Manitoba, \$164.1 million (\$205.7 million); British Columbia, \$64.4 million (\$66.4 million); Nova Scotia, \$19.7 million (\$18.7 million); Prince Edward Island, \$19.6 million (\$22.0 million); and New Brunswick, \$19.4 million (\$19.8 million).

For further information, order the February 1977 issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Coal and Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 5.2% in January to 2,650,446 tons from 2,518,517 tons in January 1976. Imports decreased to 236,290 tons from 344,530 tons.

Industrial consumers used 3,166,541 tons of coal in the latest month (up 546,273 tons from a year earlier) and 485,196 tons of coke (up 8.133 tons).

For further information, order the January 1977 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 076.

Building Permits

Building permits, seasonally adjusted decreased 8.0% to \$916 million in January from \$996 million in December 1976 Permits for all categories of building construction were lower; residential at \$549 million (\$598 million in December); industrial at \$75 million (\$86 million); commercial at \$186 million (\$203 million); and institutional at \$107 million (\$108 million).

Residential permits (which are indicative of potential housing starts) confirmed in January the downturn observed in December with 210,000 units, seasonally adjusted at an annual rate. In December 1976, residential permits were at a rate of 248,000 units while in November the rate was 267,200.

Among non-residential categories, industrial projects showed the largest decrease in January, 13.2%, followed by commercial projects, which dropped 8.8%.

For further information, order the January 1977 issue of Building Permits (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles reached 97,389 units in February, up 18% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 21.1% to \$609.4 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States rose 22.3% to 60,199 units while those of overseasmanufactured automobiles were up 17.2% to 10,823 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in February advanced 9.4% from a year earlier to 26,367 units; included were 25,478 produced in Canada and the U.S. (up 9.8%) and 889 manufactured overseas (down 0.1%).

For the first two months of 1977, sales of new motor vehicles totalled 191,149 units with an accumulated value of \$1,207.6 million. This represents an increase of 25.1% in units and 30.7% in value compared with sales for January-February 1976.

For further information, order the February 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.

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The non-residential building construction input price index for Canada rose to 172.5 in February, an increase of 0.2% from January and up 8.8% from a year earlier.

The materials component of the total index advanced 5.1% over the 12 months from February 1976; labour costs rose 12.5%.

Prices of concrete products used in non-residential building construction climbed 9.0% during this period; smaller increases were recorded for: plumbing, heating an air conditioning (7.1%); electrical equipment (5.5%); lumber and lumber products (2.8%); steel and metal work (1.6%); and other materials (4.9%).

For further information, order the February 1977 issue of Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year).

International Travei

Preliminary statistics for February show that 1.3 million. United States visitors entered Canada, down 10.2% from February 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, up 5.4% from last year.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased by 4.9% in February to 34,200. Canadian travellers returning from these countries totalled 141,500, up 13.1% from February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of International Travel — Advance Information (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact M. W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 076.

General Wholesale Price Index

(1935-39=100)

The general wholesale price index increased 1.4% in February to 540.9 from 533.6 (revised) in January to stand 7.1% higher than the February 1976 level of 505.1. Increases were shown for all eight major

groups.

The vegetable products group index rose 2.9% in February due to price increases recorded for fresh vegetables (46.8%). fresh fruits (12.0%), dried fruits (10.7%), tea, coffee and cocoa (9.0%), grains (3.6%) and potatoes (3.3%). Increases in solder (15.6%), tin (9.7%), lead and its products (5.7%), silver (4.9%) and copper (2.5%) were mainly responsible for a 1.7% increase in the non-ferrous metals index. Animal products rose 1.6% in February, due increases in furs (19.7%), fish (3.5%), cured meats (3.0%), and eggs (2.2%) Increases in hemlock (2.2%), spruce (1.8%), fir (1.4%), newsprint and wrapping paper (1.1%) and hardwoods (1.0%) advanced the wood products index 1.0%. Smaller increases were noted for: iron products 0.7: chemical products 0.6%; textile products 0.5%; and non-metallic minerals 0.2%.

Over the 12 months from February 1976, the major group indexes showed the

following percentage changes:

 Non-ferrous metals including gold, 13.7%; wood products, 13.0%; textile products, 10.4%; non-metallic minerals, 8.1%; iron products, 6.4%; vegetable products, 5.0%; chemical products, 4.7%; and animal products, -1.1%.

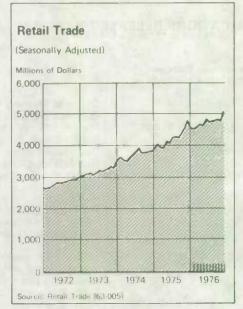
For further information, order the February 1977 issue of Industry Price Indexes (62-011, 55¢/\$5.50).

Oil Pipeline Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.51 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in January, a decrease of 5.0% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased 0.5% to 2.17 million B/D in the latest month while imports fell 29.4% to 341,000 B/D.

For further information, order the January issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 168.0 in February, up 0.7% from the revised January level of 166.9 and 5.9% higher than the February 1976 index of 158.6. Price increases in food and beverage industries, primary metal industries and non-metallic mineral products industries contributed most to the over-all February rise.

The food and beverage index rose 1.2% in February, reflecting higher prices for miscellaneous food processors (4.7%), slaughtering and meat processors (1.1%) and feeds (1.5%). Primary metal industries increased 1.4% as indexes rose 1.6% for iron and steel mills and 1.4% for smelting and refining. The index for non-metallic mineral products rose 2.2%, due mainly to price increases of 5.6% for glass and glass products manufacturers and 3.3% for cement manufacturers.

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

 Petroleum and coal products industries, 13.1%; primary metal industries, 9.5%; non-metallic mineral products industries, 9.4%; leather industries, 8.0%; wood industries, 8.0%; paper and allied industries, 6.1%; and furniture and fixture industries, 5.1%.

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

Radio Air-Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales totalled \$7.4 million in November, up 13.8% from a year earlier. Agency and other commissions left net national sales at \$6.3 million.

Net local air-time sales were reported at \$15.8 million in the latest month, an increase of 18.8% from November 1976.

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 076.

Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjuilted February retail sales decreased 0.2% from January to a level of \$5,008.4 million.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4,012.6 million in February, up 9.2% from a year earlier. All provinces reported increased sales over February 1976 with the largest advance in Ontario (11.4%). Sales were up 15.3% in Vancouver, 13.5% in Toronto, 7.5% in Montreal and 2.8% in Winnipeg.

Year-to-year increases were registered in 24 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains posted by specialty shoe stores (31.2%) and book and stationery stores (26.0%).

Revised data for January show retail sales for the month at \$4,093.6 million, up 9.2% from January 1976.

For lurther information, order the February 1977 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Labour Income

Total labour income for January was estimated at \$8,987.7 million, up 12.9% from January 19.6.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, the January estimate of \$9.151.0 million showed a decrease of 3.1% from December. The decrease noted mainly resulted from retroactive payments of \$318 million made during Decembe; if the estimates were adjusted for these special payments, they would show a slight increase in January

For further information, order the January-March 1977 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20). Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 1,046,253 short tons of iron ore in February compared with 1,377,217 short tons a year earlier.

Output for the first two months of 1977 at 3,888,216 short tons was up 18.9% from 3,268,784 short tons in January-February 1976

For further information, order the February 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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