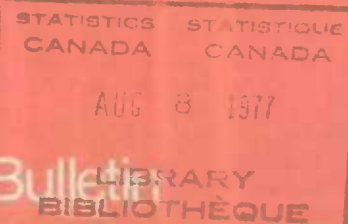


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Trusted Pension Funds

Trusted pension funds rose 5.62% to \$25.9 billion in the first quarter 1977, up \$1,379 million from December 31, 1976. In addition to quarter-to-quarter growth in assets, this exceptional increase included nearly \$400 million of accumulated assets of a new broadly-based public-sector plan. The fund for this plan had been in operation for a few years but it was not until the quarter under review that sufficient data were available to permit it to be included.

Some interesting changes in investment patterns are apparent using the net changes in the asset holdings between first quarter 1977 and last quarter 1976. Net new money placed in stocks dropped sharply from 25% to less than 10% during first quarter 1977. The shift appeared to be towards bonds and mortgages. Bonds took the lion's share — nearly 56% of new money, up 9%. Mortgages rose 3%, representing 22.6% of the net cash flow in first quarter 1977. New money retained in cash and short-term securities remained low — just over 1% — continuing the trend of placing virtually all new money into long-term securities.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Trusted Pension Funds* (74-001, 35¢/\$1.40).

Wheat Review

Wheat exports (including flour) from Canada, Australia, Argentina and the United States from August 1976 to February 1977 totalled 1,085.0 million bushels, 14% less than the August 1975-February 1976 level of 1,259.7 million and 16% more than the ten-year (1965-74) average for the same period of 935.1 million bushels. The first seven months of the 1976-77 Canadian crop-year shipments from Canada saw the United States and Australian exports drop but those from Argentina rise.

Supplies remaining in Canada, Australia, the United States and Argentina at March 1, 1977 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years totalled 2,573.4 million bushels, 43% above 1976. Increases occurred in each country — in millions of bushels, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 1,317.1 (896.6); Canada, 740.8 (479.4); Australia, 329.8 (327.8); and Argentina, 185.7 (95.9).

For further information, order the March 1977 issue of *the Wheat Review* (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50).

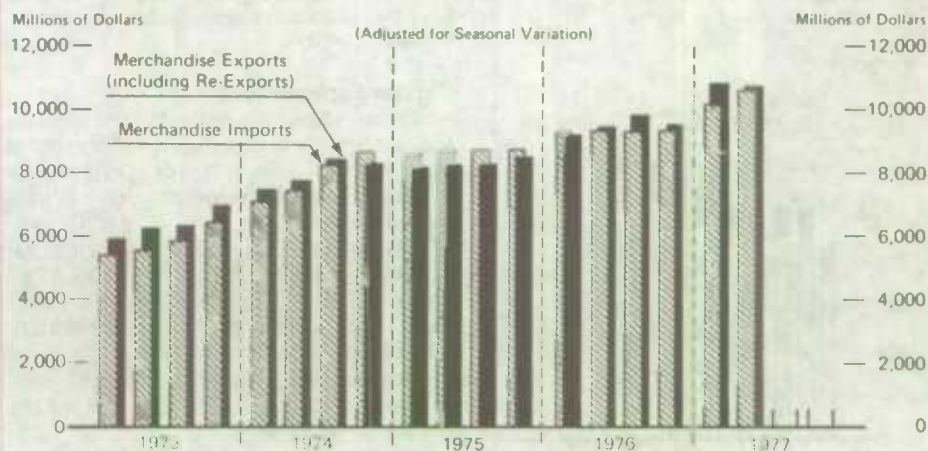
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	247.63p	246.09r	9.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	May*	9,757.3	9,499.9r	10.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	10.04	9.82	1.9
Unemployed	June	814,000	824,000	15.9
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Mar.	1,714	1,686	10.0
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May	17,710p	17,749r	9.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	7,455	7,622	6.3
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	9,330p	9,118r	11.0
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	10,613p	10,624r	2.6
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	June	160.3	159.2	7.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	May	173.1	172.4r	7.6
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	558.5	557.6r	9.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	1,214.4	4,590.7	-0.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	May	20,562	65,603	-13.4
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Apr.	2,582	11,276	13.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Apr.	25.1	110.0	6.0
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Apr.	303.1	1,265.3	3.4
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	May	55.9	272.2	7.0
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	June	4,021	21,679	14.6
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	June	3,902	21,337	11.2
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	May	171.1	820.5	10.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	June	1,234	7,373	3.9
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	539.8	2,372.7	7.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May	9,340.9p	44,096.2	9.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	875.2	3,678.0	14.0
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	5,204.8p	23,031	7.4
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	5,518	22,431.6	11.7

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

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports*

Quarter-by-Quarter Movements



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

*Customs Basis

Building Permits

The seasonally-adjusted level of building permits declined 6.6% to \$965.2 million in May from a revised \$1,032.6 million in April. It is expected late returns will fill this gap. In May 1976 the figure was \$984.0 million.

Value of new residential construction dropped to \$570.5 million in May from \$631.0 million in April. The number of proposed dwellings remained practically unchanged at an annual rate of 239,400 units compared with 241,000 in April. Single-detached houses fell to an annual rate of 109,000 (118,700 in April) but multiple dwellings rose to a rate of 130,400 (122,300).

Industrial projects fell to \$62.8 million from \$92.1 million in April but commercial projects rose slightly to \$218.7 million (\$214.4 million) and publicly-initiated projects increased to \$113.2 million (\$95.0 million).

The \$4,590.7 million in value of permits issued during the first five months of 1977 shows little change from \$4,616.9 million in 1976. Moderate increases in residential construction and government-sponsored construction were offset by declines in the industrial and commercial sectors.

For further information, order the May 1977 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 70¢/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A

Motor Vehicle Shipments

Production of automobiles rose 8.34% to 129,940 units in June from 119,929 in June 1976. January to June production rose 7.3% to 687,070 units from 640,525 a year earlier.

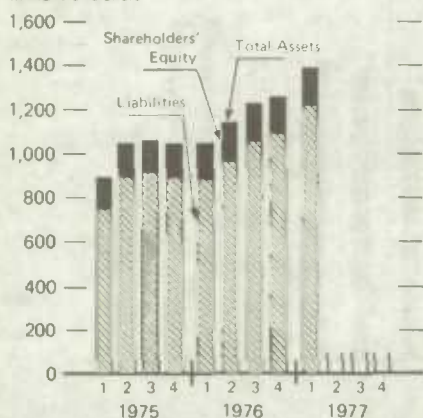
Commercial vehicle production in June totalled 57,801 units from 50,288, up 15.0%, and year-to-date production rose 18.14% to 321,210 units from 271,881.

For further information, order the June 1977 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

Quarterly Statements of Estimated Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

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Source: Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

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Estimates of Labour Income

Total labour income for May rose 10.8% to \$9,757.3 million from \$8,810.0 million in May 1976. The revised total for April 1977 is \$9,499.9 million.

Preliminary estimates for May wages and salaries were: service, \$2,246.2 million; manufacturing, \$2,043.9 million; trade, \$1,201.6 million; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$947.4 million; public administration and defence, \$824.5 million; construction, \$772.6 million; finance, insurance and real estate, \$567.3 million; mining, \$237.2 million; forestry, \$91.3 million; and agriculture, \$79.7 million.

Supplementary labour income for May reached \$739.4 million.

For further information, order the April-June issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V2.

Capital Expenditures

Additional data supplied by the utilities sector have led to an upward revision in the current dollar amount forecast in the 1977 mid-year review (*Infomat*, July 22) of capital expenditures.

New figures put the intended-capital expenditure total at \$46,509 million, \$242 million above the earlier mid-year forecast and 10.5% above the 1976 preliminary actual total of \$42,073 million.

Additional data revise the Québec utilities sector figure to \$10,782 million, 14.3% above the 1976 level.

For further information, contact Jim Cain or Duncan Lusick (613-994-9546), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Average Incomes, 1975

Nationally, the average income rose 11% to \$13,805 in 1975 from \$12,437 the previous year. Average family income reached \$16,613, up 12.0%, for individual males \$10,865 (11%) and for females, \$4,788 (13%).

One in 10 males surveyed reported government transfer payments as the main source of income compared with one in four females. Only 39% females reported working 50 weeks of the year against 60% of males.

Of both males and females, those at the lower end of the scale received a 2.5% share of the aggregate income of all individuals and those at the highest received a 47.9% share. Males made up the bulk of high income recipients (91.2%) and females were predominant in the low bracket (68.8%).

Families living on low incomes in Canada in 1975 rose to 11.8% of all families surveyed. Low income families headed by males increased to 9.2% but the proportion of families headed by females falling below the low income cut-offs decreased from 41% to 40%.

For further information, order *Income Distributions by Size* (13-207, \$2.10), or contact Mrs. A. Paoliello (613-992-4742), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Eggs

Egg production rose 5.6% to 37.5 million dozen in June from 35.5 million in June 1976. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 6.4% to 67.9¢ per dozen from 63.8¢ a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1977 issue of *Production of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.H. Dickson (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Manufacturers' Guidebook

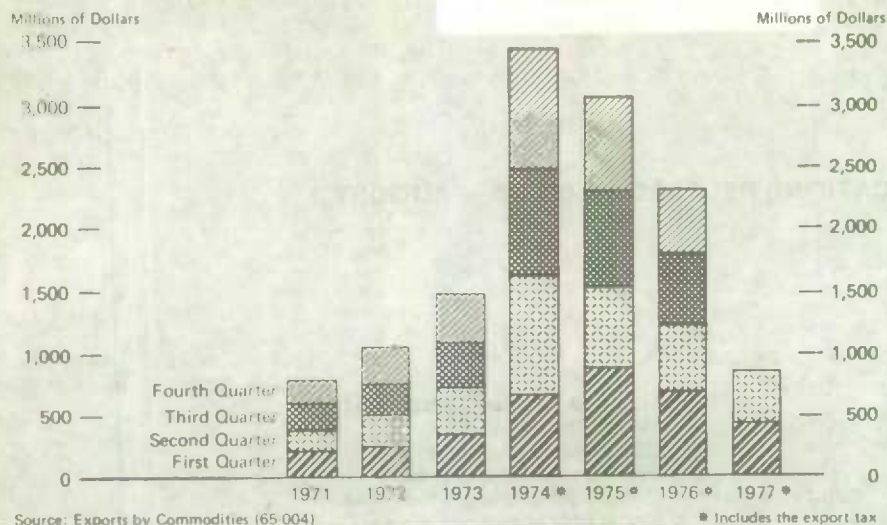
How a Manufacturer Can Profit From Facts shows when statistics may be used to advantage in marketing, comparing costs with those of other firms, keeping track of employment trends, monitoring various levels of price changes and for additional purposes.

Five case studies cover locating a new business, introducing a new product line, considering plant expansion, checking costs and escalating industrial contracts. There are also sections on where to get statistics and the dos and don'ts of using statistics.

A free copy of the guide may be ordered from User Advisory Services, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or from any of the division's eight regional offices.

For further information, contact Ellis Drover (613-996-5841), Director, User Advisory Services, or the regional offices.

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



Source: Exports by Commodities (65-004)

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Total jobless drawing unemployment insurance benefits in May rose 3.0% from a year earlier to 725,000. Benefits paid reached \$361 million, up 28.0%, and 38.0% of recipients were 24 or less.

The first five months of 1977 recorded \$1,914 million paid out compared with \$1,676 million in 1976, a rise of 14.0% — 9.0% in the average weekly benefit and 5.0% in the number of weeks of benefit paid.

Claims received by U.I.C. offices totalled 201,000, up 9.0% from a year earlier. Claims filed to May increased 3.0% from 1976 to 1,078,000.

Electric Power Statistics

April net generation at 25.0 Twh. equalled April 1976. Hydro generation rose 1.1%; thermal production declined 3.0%.

For further information, order the April 1977 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.

Dairy Review

May milk production dropped 4.1% to 1,647,900,000 lbs. from May 1976. January-May production totalled 6,513,700,000 lbs., down 7.1% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1977 issue of the *Dairy Review* (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Intercity and Rural Buses

Intercity and rural buses carried 2,715,248 fare-paying passengers in June. Revenue earned totalled \$10,596,027 and distance run covered 10,110,310 miles (16 270 966 kms.).

For further information, contact Section Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings

Railways loaded 23.3 million short tons (21.2 million t) of revenue freight in June, up 8.8% from a year earlier. Traffic received from the United States dropped 4.4% to 1.9 million short tons (1.7 million t).

June saw increased loadings of alumina (up 776.5%), coal (101.4%), potash (49.4%) and wheat (28.8%). The sharp increase in alumina movements resulted primarily from a curtailment in mining operations in June last year.

In the first six months of 1977 rail freight loadings rose 7.6% from the preceding year, but receipts from connections declined 4.2%.

Commodity gains during the cumulative period were recorded for vegetable oils (85.8%), fertilizers, other than potash (67.1%), sulphur (57.0%), gypsum (23.5%), lumber (23.4%), wheat (22.5%), coal (19.4%) and potash (15.5%). Phosphate rock was down 47.1%.

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

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Crime Statistics

Proportionate to increases in population, the rate of crimes involving violence dropped 0.2% in 1976. The actual number was 137,359, with drug offences recorded at 63,166, a 12.1% rate increase from a year earlier, and crimes against property totalled 1,112,377, up 5.1% on the previous rate.

Canada's incidence of juveniles in conflict with the law has been the subject of a recent survey by Statistics Canada in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the Solicitor General's Office.

Nearly two-thirds of the juveniles in this survey were held for property crimes, 4.0% for violent offences against persons and 7.0% for traffic infractions. One in five of those surveyed had previously been charged with some offence and found delinquent by a court. Girls were markedly less likely to have had any previous contact with police.

Action by police in the cases studied varied substantially across the country. The proportion of juveniles formally charged

Statistical Review

June's *Review* contains first quarter National Income and Expenditure Accounts.

Sections include selected economic indicators; population statistics; system of national accounts; labour; prices; manufacturing; fuel, power, mining; construction; food and agriculture; domestic trade; external trade; transportation; and finance.

The final chapter deals with financial activity in Canada during 1976.

For further information, order the June 1977 issue of the *Canadian Statistical Review* (11-003E, 70¢/\$7).

was double the national average in Newfoundland (67%), New Brunswick (66%) and Québec (67%). The giving of warnings is highest in Ontario (65%) compared with below 3.0% in Manitoba. Even within provinces practice differs: Ottawa police, for example, are less likely to lay charges than is typical for Ontario.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of *Law Enforcement, Judicial and Correctional Statistics Service Bulletin* (85-001, no charge) and the May 1977 issue of the same *Service Bulletin* (Vol. 5, No. 2), or contact Robert Allen (613-995-0855), Judicial Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit

Passenger fares collected by 38 urban transit systems in June totalled 99,288,434. Operating revenues reached \$34,352,912 and distance run was 29,990,533 miles (48 265 083 kms.).

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



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