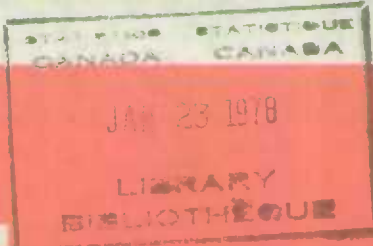


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## Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7% from 166.1 in November to 167.2 in December, with the twelve-month increase 9.5%.

Higher prices for many fresh vegetables and for beef cuts, up 10.6% and 5.2%, were largely responsible for the 1.6% increase in the food index. Higher prices for fresh milk in Ontario, other meats and for restaurant meals had impact too. Lower prices for coffee and for some fresh fruit only marginally offset these increases. The 1.8% increase in the food-at-home index brought a level 17.7% above that of December 1976, the highest 12-month rise since May 1974. December 1976 to December 1977 price movements for food categories were: dairy products (7.2%); cereal and bakery products (9.6%); fats and oils products (17.5%); beef products (31.4%); pork products (14.3%); poultry (12.9%); fish (14.5%); eggs (-3.4%); fresh fruit (42.6%); fresh vegetables (44.7%); processed fruit (13.0%); processed vegetables (6.3%); frozen foods (22.0%); coffee (73.9%).

Shelter and household operation items (with cigarettes) were largely responsible for the 0.3% rise in the index for all-items-excluding-food. Other notable factors included higher charges for dry cleaning, parking and train fares. This latest rise resulted in a 7.4% increase between December 1976 and December 1977.

In terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 1.0%; services rose 0.3%. Between December 1976 and December 1977, the price level of goods increased 10.7% and for services, 7.5%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index advanced 0.8% between November and December (1.9% rise in the food index and a 0.4% increase in the index for all-items-excluding-food).

In December, the current annual rate of change in the CPI based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period was 11.2%.

The annual average of the 1976 indexes was 148.9. The annual average of the current year's indexes was 160.8. On the basis of these annual average index levels, the increase in the CPI between 1976 and 1977 stands at 8.0%.

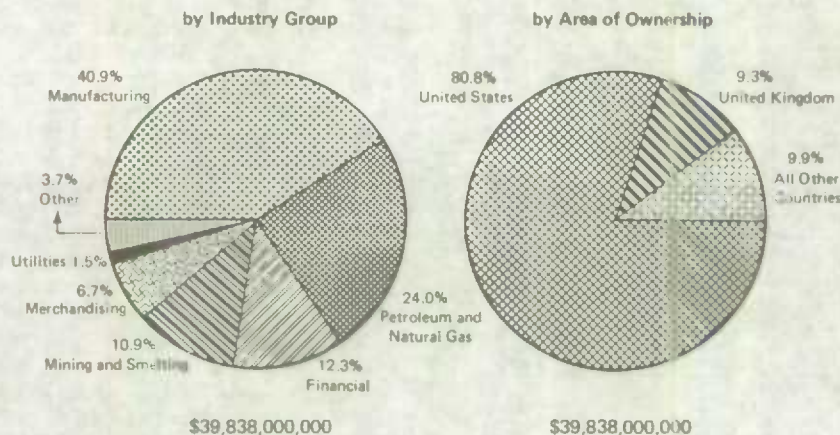
For further information, order the December 1977 issue of the Consumer Price Index (62-001, 30¢/\$3).

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct.	257.80p	255.42p	9.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct.	10,351.0	10,284.1	8.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Dec.	9.73	9.83	2.7
Unemployed	Dec.	882,000	840,000	17.0
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Department Store (\$ million)	Aug.	1,910	1,775	5.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.	18,131p	18,126r	9.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	7,422.8	7,267	9.6
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	9,941p	9,667r	22.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	10,747	10,563r	10.1
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.*	167.2	166.1	9.5
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.	177.1p	176.0p	8.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Nov.	571.0p	562.5p	10.9
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	980.1	10,436.4	0.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.	17,122	155,806	-9.1
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug.	2,222	21,065	22.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Aug.	24.4	205.7	7.4
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Sept.	278.0p	2,648.6p	4.3
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Nov.*	57.7	599.9	5.9
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.	3,618	40,042	15.3
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.	3,524	38,499	12.0
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Nov.	171.2	1,644.0	8.9
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Dec.	1,187.6	14,738.9	3.2
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov.	747.8	5,890.1	6.4
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.	9,757.0p	90,741.4p	11.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	704.2	8,004.1	11.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	5,664.9p	54,796.5p	7.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	4,870.6	51,179.5	11.0

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

## Foreign Direct Investment in Canada, 1975



Source: Canada's International Investment Position (67-202)



## New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in November rose 4.6% to 107,291 from 1976. Automobiles made in the United States and Canada rose 1.4% to 64,394 and Canadian and U.S. Commercial vehicles 5.7% to 27,060.

Automobiles from overseas rose 18.6% to 14,658 from 1976 and overseas-made commercial vehicles increased 7.5% to 1,179. Value of the cars rose 29.4% to \$74.8 million and the commercial vehicles were worth \$6.1 million, up 18.2%. Value of U.S. and Canadian cars sold rose 8.1% to \$405.9 million; commercial vehicles rose 15.5% to \$217.3 million.

Sales value of all vehicles increased 12.4% to \$704.2 million, including 253 coaches and buses valued at \$6.9 million. January-November figures are up 11.6% to \$8,004.1 million from 1976 with total new vehicles sold reaching 1,265,178 from 1,198,694.

Seasonally-adjusted sales of automobiles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 10.2% from October to 65,010 and those of cars from overseas rose 8.3% to 16,140. Seasonally-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles declined 5.1% to 31,520.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *New Motor Vehicles Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada.

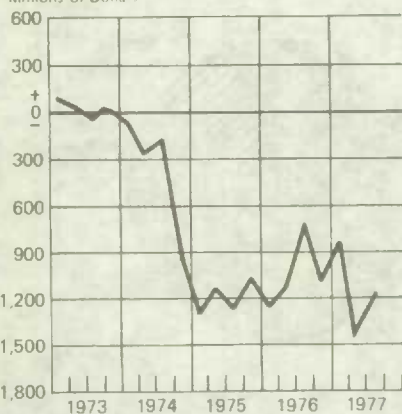
## General Wholesale Index

The General Wholesale Index rose 0.9% to 571.0 in November from its revised October level of 566.1. The Index was 10.9% higher than in November 1976 when it stood at 515.0. Vegetable products rose 1.7% due mainly to a 9.9% increase for grains. A rise of 1.8% in the animal products index was due largely to a 6.1% increase for livestock. The iron products index rose 1.4% with increases of 6.2% for castings and forgings and 1.2% for rolling mill products.

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

## Canadian Balance of International Payments

Current Account — Seasonally Adjusted  
Millions of Dollars



Source: Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001)

## TV Sets/Appliances

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of "Made in Canada" television sets in November declined to 30,820 from 41,655 a year earlier.

In the same month, Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators totalled 42,106 (38,049 a year earlier). Domestic sales of home and farm freezers increased to 21,327 from 19,998.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges decreased 13.1% to 36,455 from 41,972.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines: 31,033, down from 35,076. Conventional washing machine sales: 5,936 (6,808). Sales of electric clothes dryers: 30,595 (33,704). Figures for gas dryer sales on the domestic market are confidential this month.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of: *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50), *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact T. Raj Sehdev and J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Industry Selling Price

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose 0.5% to 177.1 in November from its revised October level of 176.3 (8.3% from November 1976's 163.3). Major groups contributing most were food and beverage industries, up 0.7%, chemical and chemical products industries, up 1.4%, and primary metal industries, up 0.5%.

Food and beverage group: slaughtering and meat processors rose 2.7%, fish products 1.8% and flour and breakfast cereal products 2.6%. Cane and beet sugar processors: down 3.0%. The rise in chemical and chemical products group stemmed mainly from an increase of 4.4% in industrial chemicals (organic). Primary metal group: increases of 0.6% for iron and steel mills, 2.1% for iron foundries and 1.4% for steel pipe and tube mills. A decrease of 0.2% was recorded in smelting and refining.

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

## Industrial Production Index

Components of the 0.6% rise in November's Industrial Production Index to 125.6 from October's 124.8 (seasonally-adjusted):

- Mines (including milling), 109.1 to 111.2, up 1.9%
- Manufacturing, 124.6 to 124.8, up 0.2%
- Electricity, gas and water utilities, 147.8 to 151.6, up 2.6%

In the special industry groupings, non-durable manufacturing industries dropped 0.2% to 121.3 from 121.6 and durable manufacturing industries went to 128.3 from 127.8, up 0.4%.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales in November: \$5,445.8 million, up 4.1% from \$5,232.7 million in October. Sales were higher in 23 of 28 trade groups. Automotive parts and accessories stores (up 11.4%) and sporting goods and accessories stores (10.5%) made the best showing and general merchandise stores (6.5%) had the largest

## Passenger Origin/Destination

First quarter 1977 Canada-U.S.A. air passenger origin and destination data are now available. Contact Mrs. J.C. Tessier (613-995-9897), Aviation Statistics Centre, Statistics Canada, 275 Slater Street, Ottawa K1A 0N9.

decrease. Ten provinces posted increased sales over October ranging from 8.1% for Saskatchewan to 1.5% for Québec.

From a year earlier, retail trade (without seasonal adjustment) reached \$5,664.9 million, up 12.9%. Sales rose in 26 of 28 trade groups. Largest gains: family shoe stores (20.6%) and combination stores (19.6%). All provinces reported increased sales from 21.4% for Alberta to 5.4% for Saskatchewan. Montréal sales rose 7.9%, Toronto 11.4%, Winnipeg 14.5% and Vancouver 16.1%.

Revised October retail trade (unadjusted) reached \$5,292.4 million, up 5.0% from 1976.

For further information, order the November 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.

## International travel

November saw 1.6 million United States visitors, 1.7% over November 1976. Visitors from elsewhere rose 1.8% to 54,500. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. decreased 2.8% to 2.3 million and 83,300 residents visited other countries, down 0.4%.

For further information, order the November 1977 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 0T6.

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## Consumer Credit

November consumer credit rose 12.0% to \$24,128 million from a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: \$18,600 million, up 16.1%
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: \$68 million, up 22.2%
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,258 million, up 4.3%
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small \$202 million, down 10.2%; large \$1,460 million, down 3.0%; instalment sales paper \$1,099 million, down 3.3%
- Department, furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: \$1,420 million, up 2.5%

Credit holders reporting quarterly: \$6,406 million at end of third quarter, up 16.3% from a year earlier. (Credit unions and caisses populaires: \$4,475 million, up 18.8%).

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at end of third quarter of 1977 totalled \$30,098 million, up 13.3%.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304, telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Mineral Production

November's silver and refined lead production continued to stay ahead of last year's. November and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 production in brackets:

- Gold, 148,114 troy ounces (143,359) — 1,557,588 (1,538,418)
- Silver, 3,967,918 troy ounces (3,165,657) — 41,186,901 (38,337,893)
- Primary copper, 72,199 short tons (63,395) — 802,648 (738,318)
- Primary nickel, 20,522 short tons (21,696) — 236,241 (242,045)
- Refined lead, 19,450 short tons (17,645) — 189,199 (175,292)
- Refined zinc, 39,736 short tons (46,799) — 507,817 (467,903).

For further information, order the November 1977 issues of: *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50); *Silver, Lead and Zinc Production* (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50), and *Copper and Nickel Production* (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Wholesale Trade

November sales by wholesale: \$4,870,644,000, up 11.1% from \$4,382,505,000 in 1976. Wholesale inventories, valued at \$7,493,475,000, rose 11.0% from \$6,750,762,000.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of the *Wholesale Trade Report* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

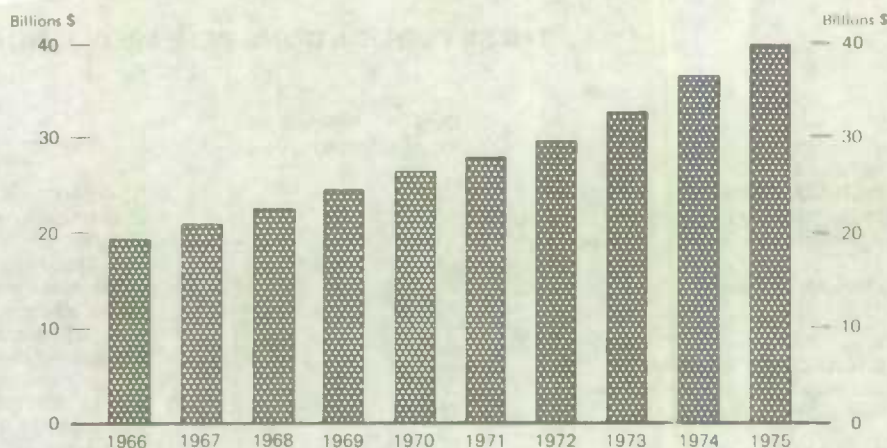
## Sugar Sales

December saw refineries' domestic sales total 69 960 911 kilograms (154 237,432lbs.) and export sales 14 476 627 kilograms (31,915,504lbs.).

For further information, contact T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Foreign Direct Investment in Canada

(Year-ends 1966-1975)



Source: Canada's International Investment Position (67-202)

## Provincial Government Finance

The 1977-78 gross general revenue of provincial and territorial governments is estimated at \$42,574.6 million, up 11.4% from 1976-77 revised figures. Estimated gross general expenditure: up 10.1% to \$43,597.0 million.

Further information will be contained in *Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure (Estimates) 1977* (68-205, \$1.40). For further details, contact G.M. Rheume (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Telephone Statistics

Thirteen telephone systems' November revenues rose 17.0% to \$337.4 million from 1976. Operating expenses: \$230.1 million, up 14.3%. Net operating revenue: \$107.3 million (23.2%). Telephone toll messages increased 7.7% (84.8 million).

For further information, order *Telephone Statistics, November 1977* (56-002, \$1.50), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Iron Ore

Mines shipped 6,499,166 short tons of iron ore in November (5,796,432 a year earlier). The 11 months output: 54,462,807 short tons from 57,526,419.

For further information, order the November 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.

## Mechanical Contracting

Results of a census of the mechanical contracting industry show 8,345 establishments in 1975 had total operating revenues of \$2,572 million.

For further information, contact R. Dubeau (613-994-9756).

## Refined Petroleum

Refineries produced 57,711,000 barrels of petroleum products in November, up 7.2% from 53,827,000 a year earlier. Net sales declined 4.8% to 51,835,000 barrels from 54,473,000.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Electric Power Statistics

August net generation increased to 24.4 TWh from 21. TWh in 1976. Hydro generation increased 7.9%, thermal production: 25.6%.

For further information, order the August 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.

## Paints/Varnishes/Lacquers

Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$33,910,949 in November (\$27,559,496 a year earlier.)

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers* (46-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Steel Ingots

December steel ingots reached 1,187,554 short tons (1 077 331 t).

For further information, order the December 1977 issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

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This fourth edition (66-202, \$2.80), presents 1975-76 data on Canadian travel, tourism and recreation produced in Statistics Canada and elsewhere. New items this year include a preliminary Travel Price Index for Canada and a selected bibliography of statistical sources outside Statistics Canada. For further information, contact R.A. Chadwick, Chief, Travel, Tourism and Recreation Section (613-995-9689), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.





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