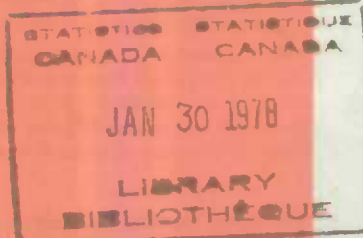


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Real Domestic Product

The seasonally-adjusted Index of Real Domestic Product rose 0.6% to 129.1 in November from 128.3 in October. The index of industrial production also increased 0.6% in November. Goods-producing industries advanced 0.2%, service-producing industries were up 0.7%.

Goods-producing industries: increases came in mining, utilities, agriculture, and fishing and trapping. In mining the increase was due to gains in mineral fuels. Metal and non-metal mines showed significant declines. The increase in utilities was due to significant gains in both electrical power output and gas distribution. Manufacturing increased only slightly. The advance resulted from increases in durable manufacturing industries. Non-durable manufacturing declined in November: the most significant increase was in transportation equipment where production of motor vehicle manufacturers increased by 5.0%. The decline in non-durable manufacturing is attributable to decreases in the output of food and beverages, rubber and plastic products and chemicals and chemical products. The declines in November in the goods-producing industries came in forestry and construction. In construction the decrease was due to lower levels of all components.

Service-producing industries recorded the second highest monthly increase (0.7%) to date in 1977, second only to a 1.1% increase in August. Transportation, storage and communication, trade, finance, insurance and real estate and community, business and personal services each recorded large gains. Public administration and defence services were unchanged from October. In transportation, storage and communication, increases were recorded in air transport, pipeline transport and communication. Railway transport declined due to lower shipments of wheat, iron ore and wood products. A decline in bus transport was caused by strikes. The most notable increase in the service-producing industries occurred in retail trade which rose 3.1%. Increases were widespread and substantial throughout the majority of store types. Department stores registered the major increase (10.0%). Motor vehicle dealers declined slightly. Wholesale trade was relatively unchanged from October. Community, business and personal service industries showed strength during the

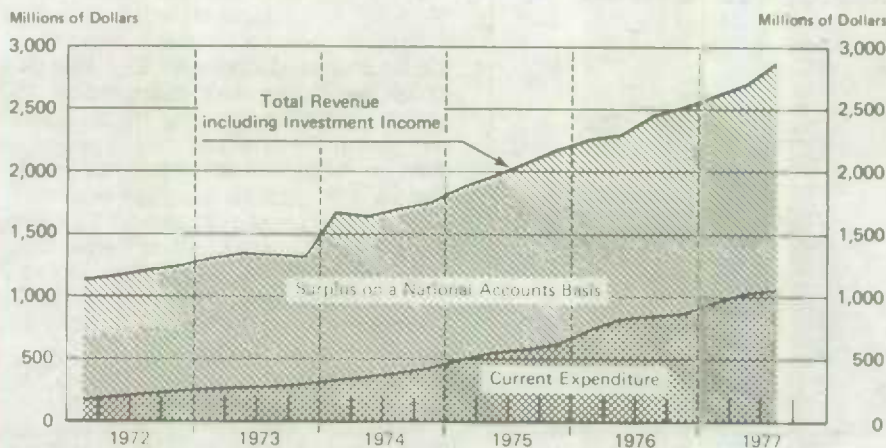
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
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
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.*	2,105.3	1,707.3	2.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov.*	18,330.5p	18,035.3	9.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	7,422.8	7,267	9.6
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov.*	9,853.7p	9,870.9r	14.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov.*	10,644.4p	10,629.8r	9.9
PRICES				
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
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	980.1	10,436.4	0.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.*	18,022	173,828	-9.5
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Aug.	2,222	21,065	22.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.*	23.6	229.3	7.8
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
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.	3,618	40,042	15.3
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.	3,524	38,499	12.0
PRODUCTION				
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
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov.	747.8	5,890.1	6.4
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov.*	9,839.1p	100,627.8p	11.4
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.

Canada Pension Plan

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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

month due mainly to increases in accommodation and food services.

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.

Trusted Pension Funds

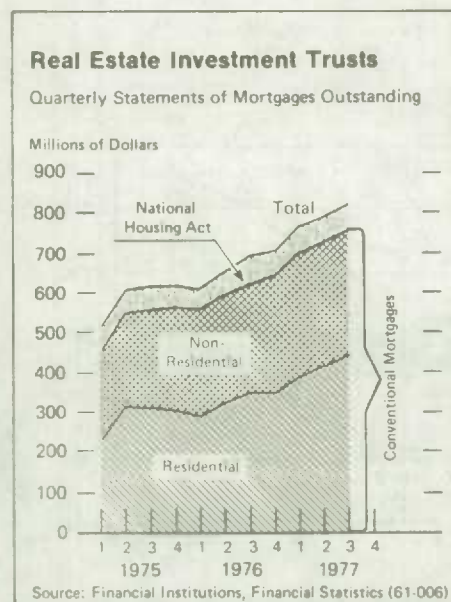
Employee and employer contributions into trustee pension funds during the third quarter amounted to \$838 million, an increase of some \$150 million from a year earlier.

Total income made up of contributions, investment income, net profit on sales of securities and other income sources totalled \$1.3 billion. Expenditures totalled \$407 million, leaving a net cash flow of \$896 million.

Net changes in the asset holdings between the second and third quarters were an indication of how the new money was allocated. Bond and mortgage investments remained virtually the same over the two quarters, accounting for 48.9% and 17.8% of the net cash flow. Equity investments jumped from 2% in the second quarter to 13.2%. The proportion of new money held in cash and short term securities remained high at 10% but this was a considerable drop from the 27% recorded for the previous quarter.

Total assets of trustee pension funds were estimated to be \$28.1 billion at book value as of September 30, 1977, up 20% from \$23.4 billion a year earlier. Aggregate portfolios held 47.8% in bonds, 22.9% in stocks and 13.4% in mortgages, little changed from the previous quarter. The \$2.3 billion in "miscellaneous" was largely made up of cash, guaranteed investment certificates and other short term investments and, as in the previous quarter, represented 8.1% of total assets.

For further information, order the third quarter 1977 issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Trusted Pension Funds* (74-001, 30¢/\$1.40).



Inventories/Shipments/Orders

Manufacturers' shipments in November were estimated at \$9,839.1 million, up 0.4% from the revised October value of \$9,804.2 million. Shipments for 11 months were estimated at \$100,627.8 million, up 11.4% from \$90,304.3 million a year earlier.

Manufacturers' shipments, seasonally adjusted, declined to a level of \$9,316.6 million, 2.5% below the revised October level of \$9,555.1 million. Durable goods shipments: \$4,296.4 million, 3.2% below the revised October level of \$4,436.9 million. Non-durable goods shipments, \$5,020.2 million, declined 1.9% from \$5,118.2 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries (seasonally adjusted) were estimated at \$9,343.8 million, 2.3% below the revised October level of \$9,567.9 million. Durable goods new orders dropped 4.1% to \$4,292.4 million from \$4,476.1 million. Non-durable goods new orders: \$5,051.4 million, down 0.8% from \$5,091.8 million.

Seasonally-adjusted unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries were estimated at \$10,675.9 million, 0.3% higher than the revised October level of \$10,648.7 million. Total inventory owned was estimated at \$18,514.1 million, 1.4% higher (\$18,255.6 million). Total inventory held rose 1.4% to \$19,629.2 million from \$19,351.5 million with increases of 1.1% in raw materials and goods-in-process and a rise of 2.1% in finished products.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.99:1 against the revised October ratio of 1.91:1. The finished products to shipments ratio was 0.70:1 compared with 0.67:1.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Broadcasting 1976

Radio revenues for the year ended August 31, 1976 rose 17% from a year earlier to \$244 million. Profit before tax: \$35 million, up 17%. Television revenues rose 21% to \$282 million. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 14% to \$209 million. Depreciation: \$12 million. Interest expense: \$7 million. Other adjustments produced income of \$5 million. Net profit before tax was estimated at \$59 million, up \$20 million over 1975. Cablevision company revenues for the year rose 23% to \$199 million from \$162 million. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses increased 25.5% to \$108 million from \$86 million. Depreciation was estimated at \$40 million, interest expense: \$18 million. Other income: \$2 million. Profit before tax: \$35 million (\$31 million), a 13% increase.

For further information, order the 1976 issues of *Radio and Television Broadcasting* (56-204, 70¢) and *Cable Television* (56-205, 70¢), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Social Concepts Directory Assists Statistical Research

Social Concepts for Statistical Surveys is a directory produced by the Standards Division of Statistics Canada to serve as a subject matter reference guide providing recommended usage for social survey concepts, questions and classifications. The directory tries to provide a useful set of instructions. If questions and classes as presented will meet the information needs of the survey, be understood by respondents and be meaningful to respondents they should be used. The advantage of this form of standardization lies in the ease of comparing results with other surveys and the potential for secondary exploitation of survey information.

After an introduction, the directory consists of five chapters: methodology, demographic concepts, socio-economic concepts, housing and household concepts and culture and education. The methodology chapter presents an overview of methodological issues that should be considered before proceeding with a survey.

Remaining chapters are presented in a uniform manner: concept, question(s) and classes with the addition of definitions, notes and comments as appropriate.

The directory has been produced in a three-ring binder (loose-leaf) format to allow for modification and/or extension of the manual as a result of user experiences and demand.

For a copy (no charge), contact: Harry Freedman (996-7825), Social Concepts Unit, Standards Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Electric Power Statistics

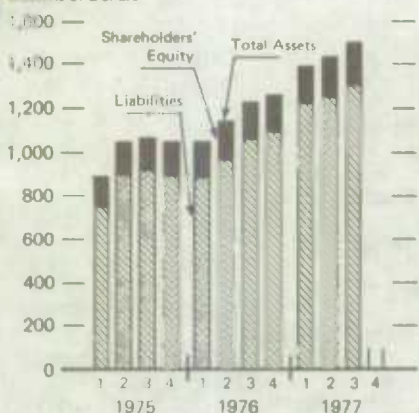
In September, net generation increased to 23.6 TW.h from 21.5 TW.h a year earlier. Hydro generation rose 7.3%, thermal production: 14.8%.

For further information, order the September 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.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

Quarterly Statements of Estimated Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Millions of Dollars



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

Sales Financing

Companies bought \$267.2 million of retail finance paper during November, up 14.7% from \$233.0 million in the same month last year.

Purchases comprised \$53.3 million for passenger cars, \$35.8 million for other consumer goods, \$96.0 million for commercial vehicles and \$82.1 million for other commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the third quarter amounted to \$1,706.8 million, 13.2% over the \$1,507.2 million of the corresponding quarter last year.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Sales Financing* (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304, telex 053-3585).

Housing Starts

Residential building in November in centres of 10,000 population and above was set back by housing starts declining 13.2% to 18,022 from 20,754 a year earlier. Over 11 months starts totalled 173,828, down 9.5% from 192,104 in 1976.

Provincial figures with 1976 November totals in brackets: Ontario, 5,826 (6,683); Québec, 3,959 (5,758); Alberta, 3,377 (2,813); British Columbia, 2,614 (2,524); Saskatchewan, 952 (1,581); Manitoba, 562 (828); Nova Scotia, 383 (225); Newfoundland, 210 (94); New Brunswick, 130 (244); Prince Edward Island, 9 (4).

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Pension Plans

Participation in private pension plans increased to a record level of over 3.9 million workers at the start of 1976, up significantly from 3.4 million two years previously. Employer/employee contributions reached a record level of nearly \$4.6 billion for the calendar year 1975, almost three times the amount of five years earlier.

Detailed information on the characteristics of pension plans will be published in March in *Pension Plans in Canada, 1976*, catalogue 74-201 biennial.

Regional Consumer Price Indexes

From November to December indexes rose in all regional cities, increases ranging from 0.2% in Québec to 1.0% in Montréal. Higher prices for beef and fresh vegetables with increased shelter and household operation charges were mainly responsible. Other important contributing factors were higher prices for cigarettes, dry cleaning and parking.

Regionally, with increases from a year earlier in brackets: St. John's, up 0.8% (8.1%); Halifax, 0.6% (9.2%); Saint John, 0.5% (8.5%); Québec, 0.2% (9.1%); Montréal, 1.0% (9.6%); Ottawa, 0.7% (9.3%); Toronto, 0.6% (9.5%); Thunder Bay, 0.5% (10.0%); Winnipeg, 0.3% (9.1%); Saskatoon, 0.3% (9.8%); Regina, 0.3% (10.8%); Edmonton, 0.6% (10.4%); Calgary, 0.5% (9.3%); Vancouver, 0.7% (7.7%).

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

Private Households

In 1976, Canada's private households totalled 7.1 million of which 5.6 million (78.6%) were family households and 1.5 million (21.4%) were non-family households. Within the category of family households the overwhelming majority were one-family households and less than 2% were multiple-family households. Among non-family households about 80% were one-person households and only some 20% were households with two or more persons.

Variations in the proportion of family and non-family households can be observed among the provinces. The percentage of non-family households ranged from 9.9% in Newfoundland to 25.3% in British Columbia.

Data with geographic detail will be published early this year in catalogue 93-806, bulletin 3.7.

Persons Per Household

Canada saw an increase of 1.1 million private households and 1.4 million persons in households between 1971 and 1976. Average number of persons per household dropped from 3.5 persons to 3.1 persons.

The same pattern of increases in private households and persons in households and a slight decrease in the average number of persons per household can be observed in all the provinces except Saskatchewan, where the number of persons in households dropped by 2,395 and the number of private households increased by 2,359.

Data with geographic detail will be published early this year in catalogue 93-805, bulletin 3.6. In the meantime, information on private household counts by type for census divisions can be obtained by contacting the *Census Information Services* (613-996-5254).

Catalogue Supplement

The supplement presents abstracts for new publications issued between July 1976 and June 1977 and also lists title changes, other changes and discontinued publications. For *Infomat* subscribers' information, the "discontinued" list is reproduced below:

Federal Government Activities in Natural Sciences. Last issue, 1975-1977.
Industrial Research and Development Expenditures in Canada. Last issue, 1974-1976.
Federal Government Activities in the Human Sciences. Last issue, 1975-1977.
Expenditures of Provincial Non-profit Industrial Research Institutes. Last issue, 1975.
Research and Development Expenditures in Canada. Last issue, 1963-1973.
Grain Trade of Canada. Last issue, 1974-75.
Information available from the Canadian Grain Commission.
The Motor Vehicle, Part I: Rates and Regulations. Last issue, 1971.
Moving and Storage, Household Goods. Last issue, 1974. See 53-222.
Communications Service Bulletin. Last issue, March, 1977. See 56-002, 56-003.
Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin. Last issue, February, 1976. See 62-010.
Quarterly Report on Job Vacancies. Last issue, First Quarter, 1977.
Statistics of Private Trade Schools and Business Colleges. Last issue, 1972-73.
Instructional Media in Universities in Ontario. Last issue, 1972. Data no longer collected.
Federal and Provincial Student Aid in Canada. Last issue, 1972.
Pupil Transportation in Canada. Last issue, 1970-71. Data no longer collected.
A Short Guide to Canadian Universities and Colleges. Last issue, 1974.
A Guide to Canadian Community Colleges. Last issue, 1975.
Health Manpower — Physicians and Surgeons. Last issue, 1973-1974.

Local Government Finance

Estimates indicate local government revenue in 1977 rose to \$18.3 billion, 9.5% over 1976. Expenditures rose 10.1% to over \$19.5 billion.

Pending publication of *Local Government Finance — Preliminary 1976 and Estimates 1977* (68-203), principal revenue and expenditure tables are available from G. A. Marr, Chief, Local Government Section, Public Finance Division (613-995-0713).

Cheques Cashed

Value of cheques cashed in 50 clearing centres in November totalled \$237,242 million, up 7.8% from a year earlier. Turnover ratio of current deposits (compiled on an annual basis) reached 175.87 (184.52 a year earlier). Savings accounts: 1.50 against 1.49.

For further information, order the November 1977 issue of *Cheques Cashed* (61-001, 30¢/\$3).

CENSUS OF POPULATION/HOUSING OFFERS FINDINGS ON TAPE/FILM

Selected tabulations, 1976 Census, recorded on microfiche and magnetic tape, are available. Additional tables to be issued as produced. Microfiche supplied as negative copies on vesicular film (reduction ratio: 48). Tabulations available for Enumeration Areas, Census Tracts and Census Subdivisions. Data for Provincial Census Tracts, Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Divisions included in the appropriate tables. Contact: *Census Information Services* (613-996-5254), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T7. CANSIM users can obtain listing of tables available on microfiche or summary tape by using the command CEN.



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