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## New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in March dropped 5.6% to 121,294 from March 1977. Automobiles made in the United States and Canada fell 5.1% to 71,595 and Canadian and U.S. commercial vehicles 4.1% to 31,663.

Automobiles from overseas fell 4.5% to 16,831 from 1977 and overseas-made commercial vehicles fell 11.7% to 1,205. Value of the cars rose 12.5% to \$94.1 million and the commercial vehicles were worth \$6.6 million, up 1.3%. Value of U.S. and Canadian cars sold fell 0.2% to \$462.0 million; commercial vehicles rose 5.2% to \$268.0 million.

Sales value of all vehicles increased 2.9% to \$830.6 million, including 249 coaches and buses valued at \$7.9 million.

Seasonally-adjusted sales of automobiles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. fell 6.3% from February to 67,586 and those of cars from overseas fell 5.4% to 16,348. Seasonally-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles fell 0.3% to 29,449.

For three months of 1978 sales reached 302,015 units (319,677 in 1977), value \$2,066.5 million, up 2.5% from 1977.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Department Store Sales

Sales in March totalled \$529.7 million, up 10.4% from a year earlier. Department store sales by regions, with percentage gains over March 1977:

- Ontario, \$194.8 million (12.2%)
- Québec, \$96.8 million (2.0%)
- British Columbia, \$85.6 million (14.7%)
- Alberta, \$72.6 million (12.5%)
- Atlantic Provinces, \$31.7 million (11.2%)
- Manitoba, \$32.1 million (9.5%)
- Saskatchewan, \$16.1 million (13.7%).

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 a year), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Radio/TV Sets

Manufacturers' March domestic sales of "Made in Canada" colour TVs: 12,044 against 22,980 a year earlier.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388).

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Feb.	258.40p	255.55p	6.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb.	9,986.3p	9,877.9p	7.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Apr.*	9.72	9.68	3.5
Unemployed	Apr.*	999,000	1,045,000	9.3

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Jan.	1,583.3	1,669.0	5.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Feb.	18,972.8p	18,703.4r	8.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	Feb.	7,784.3	7,613.5	5.6

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Feb.	9,439.5p	9,246.5r	9.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Feb.	11,154.4p	10,964.1r	9.4

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Mar.	170.8	168.9	8.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Mar.*	182.6	181.7	6.8
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Mar.*	587.7	586.7	5.9

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Jan.	497.9	497.9	3.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Mar.*	13,781	47,197	33.0

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Nov.	2,651	28,824	14.9
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Feb.	30.2	63.5	9.8
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Jan.	345.9p	345.9p	3.9
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Feb.	52.9	109.5	-2.1

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	3,938	11,511	13.4
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Mar.	3,511	10,595	6.7

### PRODUCTION

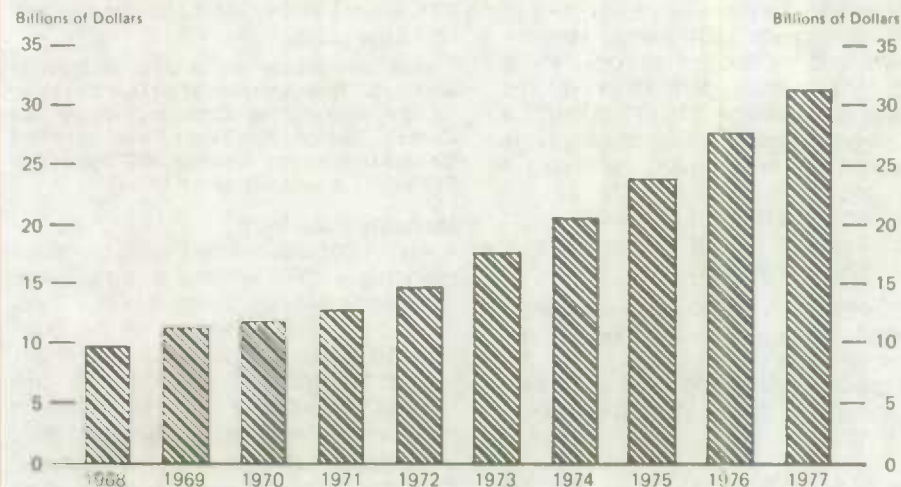
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Mar.	291.1	746.5	-7.7
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Mar.*	1,364.3	3,931.2	6.1

### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Mar.*	529.7	1,383.7	6.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Feb.	9,249.2p	18,243.4	12.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Mar.	830.6	2,066.5	2.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Feb.	4,526.5	9,014.4	11.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Feb.	4,443.6	8,610.6	14.9

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

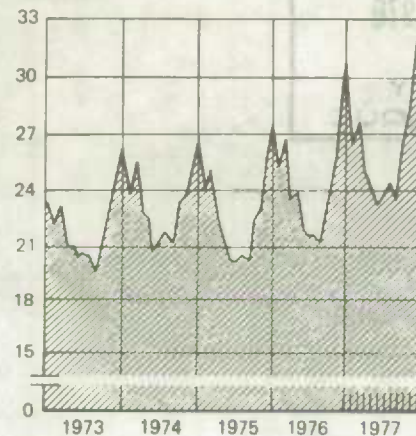
## Consumer Credit Balances Outstanding, Year Ends 1968-77



Source: Consumer Credit (61-004)

## Electric Power Generation, Canada

Terawatt hours



Source: Electric Power Statistics (57-001)

## Railway Employment 1976

Compensation paid railway employees, 1976: \$1,668.1 million, up 7.3% from \$1,554.2 million in 1975. A 3.9% decrease lowered the average number of employees from 114,541 to 110,085. Breakdown of earnings by railway function shows employees engaged directly in transportation services accounted for 43.4 cents of the average wage dollar in 1976. Equipment maintenance and road maintenance workers took 24.1 cents and 19.2 cents and personnel classified as "general" received 13.3 cents. The occupational functions averaged \$15.153 annually, an increase of \$1,584 or 11.7% from 1975. Hourly wage rates at \$6.98 represented a gain of 71 cents (11.3%).

In addition, 10,787 earned \$149.8 million in rail express, highway transport, commercial telecommunications and outside operations compared with 13,445 in 1975 earning \$167.4 million. Employees individually earned an average of \$13,884 (\$12,450 in 1975), an hourly wage of \$6.45 (\$5.69).

Canadian National averaged 64,816 railway employees, 3,694 fewer or a decline of 5.4% and the second straight year in which CN's employment dropped. The average annual wage: \$15,371 (\$13,702 a year earlier). Canadian Pacific Limited also reported lower employment, continuing a trend begun in 1965. In 1976, CP rail employed 34,521, down 777 or 2.2% from 1975. Average annual wages reached \$14,878 against \$13,299.

Employment in the railway industry declined 15.0% in the past decade and annual payrolls rose 120.0%. Over the same span, earnings per employee went from \$5,828 in 1966 to \$15,153 in 1976, a gain of 160.0%.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of *Railway Transport, Part VI, Employment Statistics* (52-212, 70¢).

## Education, Census '76

More than 37% of the population have a secondary school graduation certificate or a higher degree, certificate or diploma. (The 1976 Census for the first time inquired after non-university certificates or diplomas. A substantially — 11.1% — large proportion possesses such a qualification, in numbers to exceed all other post-secondary qualifications combined.)

The proportion of the population (not attending school full-time) with a bachelor degree rose from 2.4% in 1971 to 4.6%, a 92% increase. By contrast, the proportion with a master's degree or a doctorate increased marginally from 1.1% to 1.3%. In terms of years of university level education, 16.1% of the population 15 years of age and over had some university training compared with 11.9% in 1971. In the university level data Census '76 asked respondents to include university transfer courses of Community Colleges and CEGEPs (general) at the university level: results indicate 20.7% had some such training compared with 9.4% in 1971.

Further information with geographic detail will be published later this year in *School Attendance and Level of Schooling* (92-826, bulletin 2-7) and in *Level of Schooling by Age Groups* (92-827, bulletin 2-8). In the meantime, education characteristics for census divisions may be obtained by contacting Census Information Services (613-996-5254), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T7.

## Mobility Status, Census '76

More than 51% of the population occupied the same residence as they did in June 1971. Comparable figure from Census '71 was 52.6%, indicating a pretty stable proportion of "movers" over a 10-year period. Those not crossing a municipal boundary constituted about 23% of the movers, the same as in 1971. Those who did cross a municipal boundary (25.1%) were up 1.2%. (The proportion also changing provinces remained at 4.3% though there was an increase of more than 63,000 in absolute numbers to 915,000-plus).

Five provinces showed net migration gains in 1976 compared with three in 1971. Atlantic provinces gained. Ontario — a traditional gainer — recorded a substantial loss. Alberta and British Columbia maintained large gains.

More information will appear in *Mobility Status* (92-828) to be published later this year. Or, for data at the Census Division and Census Metropolitan Area level, contact Census Information Services (613-996-5254), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T7.

## Mortality Rate 1976

A total of 167,000 deaths among Canadian residents in 1976 resulted in a death rate unchanged from the previous year, 7.3 per 1,000 population. Diseases of the heart (58,010) remain the leading cause of death. Accidental deaths fell from 12,341 in 1975 to 11,251, mainly due to a sharp decline in motor vehicle accident fatalities.

For further information, contact J. Silins, Chief, Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section (613-995-0864), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Labour Force

April's employed rose 3.5% to 9,752,000 from 9,425,000 a year earlier and unemployment increased 9.3% to 999,000 from 914,000. From March, unemployment dropped 46,000 from 1,045,000 for a rate of 9.3. April's rate of unemployment last year was 8.8 and March this year saw 9.7.

The seasonally-adjusted level of employment rose 12,000 from March to 9,996,000. The March seasonally-adjusted rate of unemployment of 8.6 remained the same and the level of 935,000 in April remained about the same. The rate of unemployment in April 1977 was 8.2, seasonally adjusted.

For further information, order the April 1978 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

## General Wholesale Index

March General Wholesale Index: 0.2% to 587.7 from revised February's 586.7 and 5.9% higher than 1977 (555.0).

- A decrease of 0.8% in animal products stemmed mainly from a decline of 6.8% in fresh meats
- The wood products index rose 0.4% mainly from increases of 1.1% in fir and 0.9% in cedar
- Silver, up 7.8%, contributed to a 1.0% rise in non-ferrous metals
- Iron products, up 0.4% from rolling mill products' 0.6% rise
- The textile products index rose 0.6% reflecting a 3.8% increase for raw cotton.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (61-011, \$1.40/\$5.60).

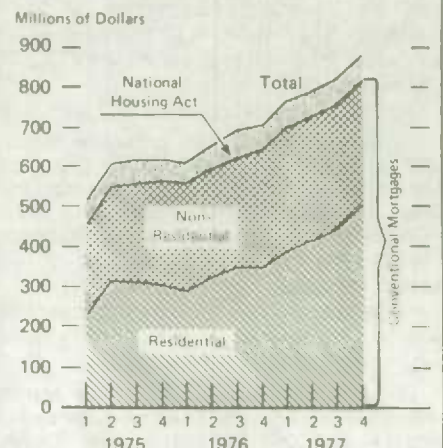
## Local Government Finance

Actual general revenue raised by local governments in 1975 from own sources rose 16.5% from 1974 to \$7,384 million. Transfers from other governments totalled \$7,338 million or 49.8% of general revenue.

For further information, order *Local Government Finance Actual 1975* (68-204, \$1.05), or contact G.A. Marr (613-995-0713), Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Real Estate Investment Trusts

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding



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

## Restaurants

Restaurants throughout Canada increased their March receipts a total of 9.6% to \$220.5 million from a year earlier. Break-down per province: Ontario \$86.5 million (2.0%), Québec \$66.5 million (5.7%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$22.1 million (13.7%), Alberta \$20.0 million (14.0%), Manitoba \$9.6 million (5.3%), Saskatchewan \$5.4 million (5.1%), New Brunswick \$4.0 million (9.2%), Nova Scotia \$3.9 million (3.8%), Newfoundland \$1.8 million (3.4%), and Prince Edward Island \$464,000 (3.3%).

Cumulative figures for 1978 rose 10.0% to \$609,005 million from January-March 1977.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Restaurant Receipts* (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).

## Industry Selling Price Index

The Industry Selling Price Index for Manufacturing rose 0.5% to 182.6 in March from revised February's 181.7 and 6.8% from 171.0 a year earlier. Food and beverage industries rose 0.8% due mainly to increases of 1.2% for slaughtering and meat processors, 3.8% for the feeds industry and 15.5% for vegetable oil mills. A 1.3% rise in the index for wood industries reflected sawmills and planing mills up 1.2% and veneer and plywood mills up 3.0%.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Industry Prices Indexes* (62-011, \$1.40/\$5.60).

## Farm Implements and Equipment

Sales of farm implements and equipment for first quarter 1978 fell 6.0% to \$153.9 million from \$163.7 million in 1977. Repair parts: \$39.1 million (\$35.3 million).

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Farm Implements and Equipment Sales* (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50).

## Stoves and Ranges

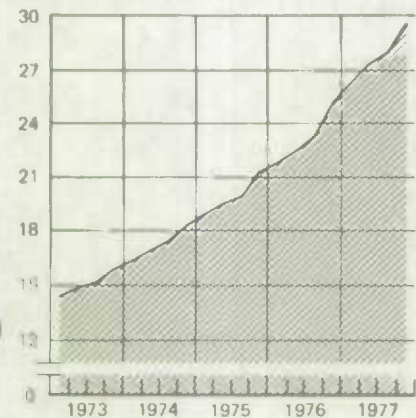
Manufacturers' March domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges fell 7.8% to 30,665 from 33,270 in 1977.

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3).

## Trusteed Pension Funds

Quarterly Estimates of Assets Held

Billions of Dollars



Source: Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pensions Funds (74 001)

## Housing Starts

Residential building in March in centres of 10,000 population and above was marked by housing starts advancing 43.3% to 13,781 from 9,616 a year earlier.

Provincial figures with 1977 March totals in brackets: Alberta 3,369 (1,239), Ontario 3,535 (2,761), Québec 3,069 (2,544), British Columbia 1,918 (1,223), Manitoba 1,127 (1,052), Saskatchewan 484 (585), Nova Scotia 204 (97), New Brunswick 54 (40), Newfoundland 19 (74), Prince Edward Island 0 (1).

First quarter: 47,197 starts (35,474 in 1977).

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## New Housing Price Indexes

The Canada composite of new housing price indexes covering 22 cities rose 2.1% in March to 104.9 from 102.7 in 1977. February's composite: 104.2.

Indexes, with annual percentage changes: St. John's, 101.7 (0.9%); Halifax, 102.2 (-0.1%); Québec, 115.9 (7.5%); Montréal, 105.0 (-0.4%); Ottawa-Hull, 100.9 (-2.0%); Toronto, 99.7 (0.6%); Windsor, 110.9 (6.2%); Thunder Bay, 114.7 (8.5%); Winnipeg, 110.1 (4.9%); Regina, 98.4 (-2.0%); Calgary, 114.5 (8.0%); Edmonton, 110.9 (4.9%); Vancouver, 97.9 (-2.1%); and Victoria, 95.8 (-2.0%).

For further information, order the March 1978 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, 40¢/\$4), or contact L.J. Seary (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

## Migration Statistics

Nearly 39,000 emigrated in the twelve months to June 1977. Immigrants totalled 142,156. Nearly 400,000 people changed provinces. Saskatchewan gained 6,000 and Alberta 27,500 net residents. Losses: Québec 23,300, Ontario 5,700. Provinces with highest in-and-out migrations: Ontario 193,200, Alberta 144,600, British Columbia 128,800 and Québec 86,500.

For further information, contact Mlle. G. Caron (613-994-9317), Population Estimates and Projections Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Farm Cash Receipts

January-March saw cash receipts from farming operations (excepting Newfoundland) total \$2,904.0 million compared with \$2,660.0 million in 1977. (No deduction made for production costs.)

For further information, order the January-March 1978 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Andrusiak (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Steel Ingots

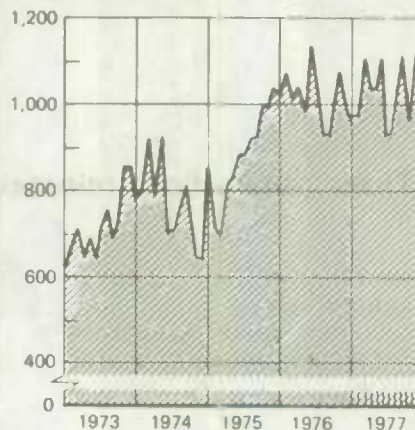
Steel ingots production, April: 1,364,256 short tons (1 237 632 t).

For further information, order the April 1978 issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-001, 15¢/\$1.40), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

## Building Permits, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)

Millions of Dollars



Source: Building Permits (64 001)

## Households, Census '76

Well over a third of Victoria's private households are composed of people living on their own — 11,805 out of 28,800. Of Edmonton's 155,490 private households, 32,105 contain one person only.

This kind of ratio becomes only one in four in many other municipalities in western and central Canada. Toronto, though, has almost a third of its private households — 71,330 to 230,395 — singly occupied. Ottawa, of 112,375 households, has 31,055 "singles" and 9,325 "doubles" — two-person households in St. John's by contrast total only 1,615 of 27,545 households.

It's the municipal area of Halifax that has one of the closest approximations of family households to total private households — 23,280 to 25,925. Etobicoke also enjoys a high family household "density" and in addition, of the total 96,935 private households, only 4,410 are two-person households.

One-person households plus two-person households in Saskatoon almost equal a third of the private households total, 44,800.

For further information, order *Dwellings and Households, Private Households by Type, Census 76* (93-806, bulletin 3.7, \$2.25).

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