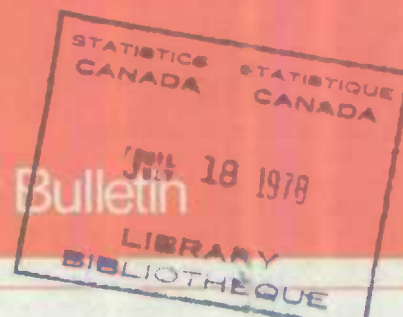


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Consumer Price Index

June's Consumer Price Index rose 0.9% from 173.6 in May to 175.1 with the twelve-month rise 9.2%. Food prices, up 2.0%, affected beef cuts, up 11.1% and largely responsible for a 2.2% increase in the food-at-home index. Though fresh fruit prices rose, especially for apples, fresh vegetable prices declined as the impact of the price increase for potatoes was more than offset by lower prices for lettuce and tomatoes. Prices increased for pork, other meat products and for dairy products in three western provinces.

Higher housing charges reflecting, primarily, increased homeownership costs were the largest contributing factors in the 0.4% rise in the index for all-items-excluding-food. Other notable factors: some North American and imported cars, selected clothing items, train and inter-city bus fares and recreational equipment. Gasoline prices and automobile insurance premiums recorded slight declines. Between June 1977 and June 1978 the index for all-items-excluding-food advanced 5.9%.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased 1.1%; services, 0.4%. Between June 1977 and June 1978 the price level of goods increased 10.7%, services 6.6%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the Index advanced 0.6% with a 1.3% increase in the food index and 0.3% in the index for all-items-excluding-food.

Current annual CPI rate of change based on seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period was 8.9%.

For further information, order the June 1978 issue of the Consumer Price Index (62-801, 30¢/\$3).

Department Store Sales

May sales totalled \$603.0 million. Increased 11.7% from a year earlier, sales were up in all regions.

Department stores by regions, with percentage changes from 1977 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$222.0 million (12.7%)
- Québec, \$119.9 million (12.5%)
- British Columbia, \$91.4 million (10.7%)
- Alberta, \$80.1 million (8.7%)
- Atlantic Provinces, \$39.7 million (14.1%)
- Manitoba, \$33.9 million (10.4%)
- Saskatchewan, \$15.9 million (10.4%)

For further information, order the May 1978 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50 a year).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	262.09p	261.01	6.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	10,499.9p	10,366.2	8.7
Persons with Jobs (million)	June*	10.4	10.12	3.5
Unemployed	June*	903,000	933,000	10.0

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Mar.	1,809.9	1,734.2	5.6
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	19,231p	19,066.9r	8.3
Wholesale (\$ million)	Apr.	8,242	8,082	8.1

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	10,824.1p	9,118.2r	18.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	11,881.0p	10,624r	11.8

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	June*	175.1	173.6	9.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	May*	186.3	185.6	7.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Apr.	599.3	588.5	6.9

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.	1,133.5	3,153.4	-3.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	May*	16,441	69,558	6.0

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Feb.	2,903.6	5,649.2	1.5
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Apr.	26.4	121.0	9.1
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Mar.	315.9p	963.8p	0.2
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	47.2	210.4	-2.3

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May	4,598	20,851	16.7
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May	4,401	19,713	12.6

PRODUCTION

Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	May	176.7	807.0	-1.6
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	May	1,423.4	6,744.7	7.8

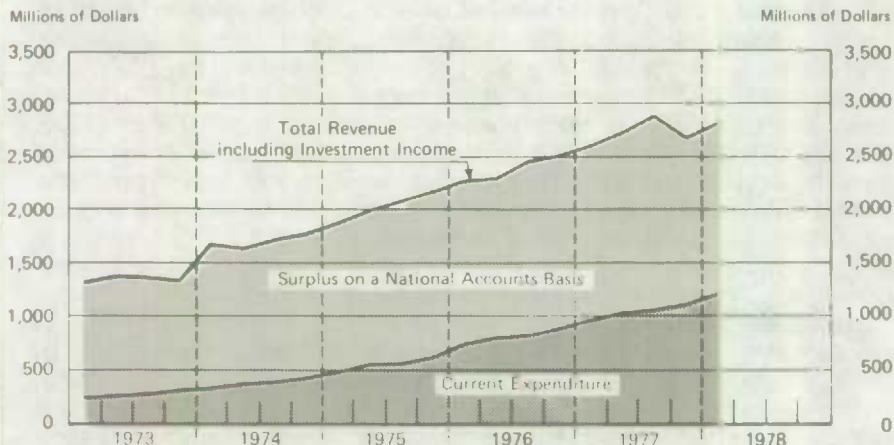
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May*	603.0p	2,548.8p	7.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	10,423.9p	39,350.5p	13.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	1,082.3	4,079.8	10.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May*	6,038.5p	25,706.9p	10.8
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	4,942.2	18,553.7	9.7

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]

Labour Force, Adjusted

June's seasonally-adjusted employment level was 10,070,000, up 47,000 from May. All major age/sex groups increased — by 5,000 for men 15-24, 10,000 for women 15-24, 24,000 for men 25 and over and 8,000 for women 24 and over. Levels increased in Ontario (24,000) and British Columbia (11,000) with little change elsewhere.

Unemployment: 944,000, down 5,000 from May (men 15-24, down 9,000 and women 25 and over down 3,000. For men 25 and over the level increased (6,000). Women, 15-24, showed little change. Levels decreased in New Brunswick (4,000) and Québec (4,000) with little or no change elsewhere.

For the fourth consecutive month, the unemployment rate was 8.6, increasing in Alberta 0.3 to 4.7. (The rate declined 0.6 to 17.3 in Newfoundland, 0.4 to 9.7 in Prince Edward Island, 0.1 to 10.7 in Nova Scotia, 1.3 to 11.6 in New Brunswick, 0.1 to 11.4 in Québec, 0.1 to 7.4 in Ontario, 0.1 to 6.6 in Manitoba, 0.3 to 5.0 in Saskatchewan and 0.2 to 7.8 in British Columbia.

National participation rate: up by 0.1 to 62.6. The rate increased by 0.5 to 58.9 for women 15-24 but for men of the same age group it declined 0.2 to 69.4. For men 25 and over the rate increased by 0.4 to 81.3, while it showed no change for women of the same age group. Employment/population ratio: up by 0.1 to 57.2. The ratio rose by 0.2 to 58.8 for men 15-24, 0.5 to 50.6 for women 15-24 and 0.2 to 76.8 for men 25 and over. For women 25 and over, the ratio remained at 40.4.

The unadjusted level of employment in June was 10,400,000 (10,044,000 in June 1977). Unemployment: 903,000 compared with 814,000. The unemployment rate was 8.0 against 7.5. Participation rate: 64.3 against 63.0. Employment/population ratio: 59.1 (58.3).

For further information, contact Rick Baxter (613-992-9543), Henry Pold (613-996-4214) or Bruce Petrie (613-996-3990), or order the June 1978 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Retail Trade

Retail trade sales, May, reached \$6,038.5 million, up 15.9% from \$5,206.1 million in 1977. Sales increased in 26 of 28 trade groups, the most significant advances being in the food group with sales of \$1,447.1 million, up 17.5%; motor vehicle dealers with sales of \$382.1 million, up 20.1%; pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetic stores with sales of \$171.4 million, up 15.5%; and the "all other stores" group with sales of \$680.8 million, up 21.4%. Decreases: general merchandise stores, down 0.3% to \$135.6 million and furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores, 1.7% to \$40.2 million. All provinces showed sales increases from a year earlier, ranging from 10.8% for Saskatchewan to 22.9% for Prince Edward Island. Montréal sales rose 14.1%, Winnipeg 12.4%, Toronto 13.2% and Vancouver 19.0%. Revised total, April, was \$5,503.5 million, up 7.7% from \$5,106.9 million in 1977.

Seasonally adjusted, May: \$5,714.1 million, up 2.2% higher from April's \$5,591.9 million. Sales rose in 19 of 28 trade groups. Most notable gains: department stores, general stores, service stations, pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetic stores and the "all other stores" group. More significant decreases: combination (groceries and meat) stores, general merchandise stores and motor vehicle dealers. Sales advanced from April in all provinces except British Columbia.

For further information, order the May 1978 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.

Stoves/Ranges

Manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in May fell 8.2% to 34,448 from 37,539 in 1977.

For further information, order the May 1978 issue of *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants throughout Canada increased their January-May receipts a total of 10.1% to \$1,029.0 million from a year earlier. Breakdown per province: Ontario \$394.8 million (12.7%), Québec \$302.3 million (6.6%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$110.1 million (13.5%), Alberta \$98.6 million (12.5%), Manitoba \$47.1 million (5.3%), Saskatchewan \$28.2 million (6.8%), New Brunswick \$21.0 million (6.4%), Nova Scotia \$17.2 million (7.5%), Newfoundland \$7.3 million (5.2%), and Prince Edward Island \$2.4 million (11.0%).

May over May 1977: Canada increased receipts 11.4% to \$212.8 million, Ontario \$79.6 million (15.5%), Québec \$62.3 million (7.7%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$27.1 million (14.4%), Alberta \$18.1 million (10.3%), Manitoba \$10.0 million (4.3%), Saskatchewan \$5.7 million (5.2%), New Brunswick \$4.1 million (7.8%), Nova Scotia \$3.7 million (10.3%), Newfoundland \$1.3 million (9.1%), and Prince Edward Island \$535,000 (15.0%).

For further information, order the May 1978 issue of *Restaurant Receipts* (63-001, 15¢/\$1.50).

Industry Selling Price Index

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose 0.4% to 186.3 in May from its revised April level of 185.6 and 7.3% from May 1977 (173.7). The food and beverage group index rose 2.3% due mainly to an increase of 9.2% for slaughtering and meat processors. Paper and allied industries declined 1.2% attributable to a fall of 1.7% for pulp and paper mills. Primary metals group declined 0.7% largely from a 3.0% decrease for smelting and refining. Iron and steel mills showed a partially-offsetting increase of 0.7%.

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

Pension Funds

Assets held by trustee pension funds in Canada rose 17.5% to \$30.9 billion at book value at March 31 from \$26.3 billion held at first quarter end a year earlier.

For further information, order the 1st Quarter 1978 issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Trustee Pension Funds* (74-001, 35¢/\$1.40), or contact Earl Hanes 613-992-2776, Pensions Section, Labour Division.

Coal/Coke Statistics, 1976

Coal production rose 0.9% to 28,083,000 tons (25 476 469 t) in 1976 from 27,843,000 (25 258 745) a year earlier.

For further information, order the 1976 annual issue of *Coal Mines* (26-209, \$1.00), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Farm Implements and Equipment

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January-May rose 19.4% to \$401.4 million from \$336.3 million in 1977. Repair parts: \$68.4 million (\$62.1 million).

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

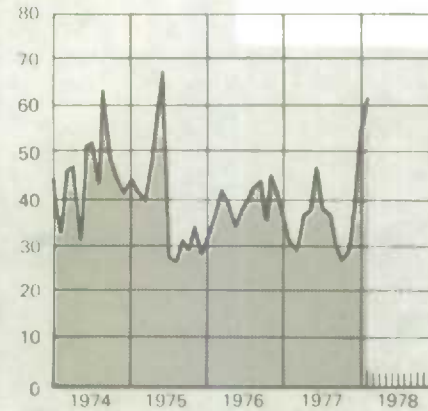
"Investment Statistics" Dissects Manufacturing Investment, '76-'78

Manufacturing investment is analyzed for 1976 (actual), 1977 (preliminary) and 1978 (intentions). Data represent a further analysis of statistics released in *Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1978* on March 15. Foreign control of investment represents almost half of all capital expenditures — 48.6% (\$3,059 million) of the total program of \$6,297 million in 1978, 49.5% (\$2,972 million) of \$6,007 million in 1977 and 45.1% (\$2,465 million) of \$5,465 million in 1976. In year-over-year terms for 1977 and 1978, there are sizeable fluctuations in the pattern of the increases of estimated capital expenditures between the Canadian- and foreign-controlled portions. In 1978, total manufacturing investment was expected to increase 4.8% (Canadian- and foreign-controlled increases: 6.7% and 2.9%), whereas in 1977 the increase was 9.9% with Canadian-controlled establishments enjoying a 1.2% increase and foreign-controlled 20.6%.

Investment Statistics, Vol.4, No.2, (61-007, \$2.80 yearly), contains for manufacturing — at the Canada level — capital and repair expenditures by country-of-control for 20 major industry groups (provincially, breakdowns by country-of-control for total manufacturing only). Inquiries on the bulletin: Duncan Lusick (613-994-9546), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Exports of Nickel*

Million Pounds



*Includes nickel in matte or speiss, oxide and fine

Source: Exports by Commodities (65 004)

Housing Starts

Residential building in May in centres of 10,000 population and above was marked by housing starts dropping 20.2% to 16,441 from 20,606 a year earlier.

Provincial figures with 1977 May totals in brackets: Ontario 5,016 (6,705), Québec 4,772 (6,211), Alberta 2,473 (2,945), British Columbia 1,848 (2,759), Manitoba 830 (520), Saskatchewan 782 (810), Nova Scotia 425 (329), New Brunswick 166 (214), Newfoundland 111 (82), Prince Edward Island 18 (22).

For further information, order the May 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.

Telephone Statistics

Thirteen major telephone systems' May revenues rose 18.5% to \$356.4 million from May 1977. Operating expenses: \$252.9 million, 17.1% over 1977. Net operating revenue: \$103.5 million, up 22.2%. Telephone toll messages: up 11.9% to 92.5 million.

For further information, order the May 1978 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.50 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Heads of Households

According to Census 1976, Canada has close to 60,000 heads of private households who are under 20 years old. Males outnumber females 32,290 to 27,110. The split in the 20 to 24 age group is some 400,000 to 127,000 with the biggest proportionate difference found in the 25 to 34 group — nearly one-and-a-half million males to just over 221,000 females. To age 44, male heads of private households stand 1,845,000 to the females' 154,000; to age 54, 1,116,000 to 190,000; age 64, 841,000/238,000; 69, 299,000/133,000; over 70, 421,000/325,000.

Totals rounded and compiled from Table 35. *Private Households by Age and Sex of Head, Canada and Provinces, Urban Size Groups, Rural Non-farm and Rural Farm, included in Dwellings and Households* (93-808-3.9, \$3), published July 1978.

Railway Operating Statistics

Six major railways' April net income rose 1.1% to \$22.1 million from 1977. Operating revenues: up 6.1% to \$301.9 million. Operating expenses: up 6.5% to \$279.7 million. Freight ton-miles increased 1.2%, freight train-miles 1.9% and freight car-miles 1.6%. Passenger-miles fell 16.7%. First four months, 1978, operating revenues 8.0% higher than 1977 with expenses up 7.1%, yielding a 25.7% increase in net income. Cumulative ton-miles rose 1.9%, passenger miles 6.6%.

For further information, order the April 1978 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Travel

May: 2.6 million United States visitors, down 4.9% from 1977. Residents returning from the U.S.: 3.1 million, down 6.8%. Visitors from other than the U.S.: 145,700, up 15.5%. Residents returning from these countries: down 1.8% to 121,800. On a year-to-date basis: 8.6 million U.S. visitors, down 3.2% from 1977; residents returning from the U.S. decreased 2.2% to 13.7 million; visitors from other countries increased 9.8% to 358,900; residents returning totalled 834,800, an increase of 4.5%.

For further information, order the May 1978 issue of *International Travel* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

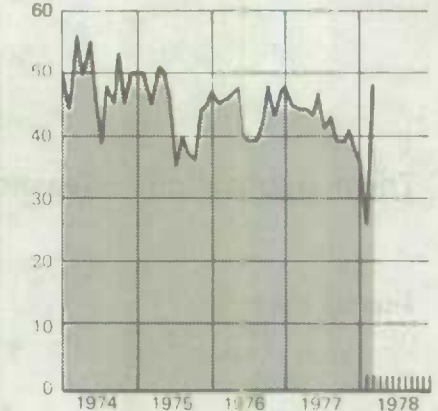
Provincial Government

Provincial and territorial government (bar British Columbia) gross payrolls, first quarter 1978, rose 0.1% to \$1,74.0 million from \$1,273.0 million reported for October-December 1977. Employees reported totalled 351,496, up 0.7% from 1977.

For further information, order the first quarter 1978 issue of *Provincial Government Employment* (72-007, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact Mrs. M.C. Roberts (613-995-0676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Nickel* Production, Canada

Million Pounds



* Refined nickel and nickel oxide produced plus recoverable nickel in matte exported

Source: Copper and Nickel Production (26 003)

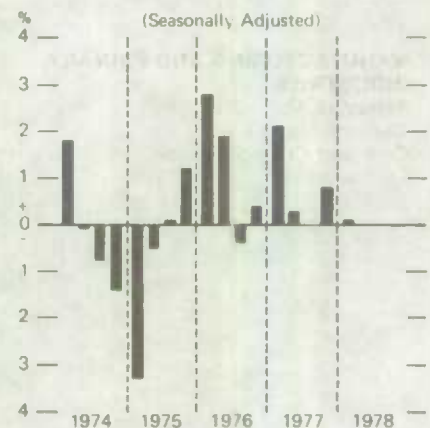
Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from January-May farming operations totalled \$4,613.9 million compared with \$4,038.9 million in 1977. Receipts from farming operations by province, January-May, with 1977 comparisons in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$41.2 million (\$45.9 million), Nova Scotia \$52.3 million (48.1 million), New Brunswick \$46.6 million (50.5 million), Québec \$594.0 million (\$511.4 million), Ontario \$1,268.2 million (\$1,031.7 million), Manitoba \$400.5 million (\$320.9 million), Saskatchewan \$1,081.8 million (\$977.3 million), Alberta \$937.9 million (\$880.9 million), British Columbia \$191.4 million (\$172.2 million).

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

Index of Industrial Production

Quarter-to-Quarter Percentage Change



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