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Building Permits (Seasonally Adjusted)

Value of second quarter permits issued rose 8.5% over the first quarter but the level of new construction authorized during both quarters (\$6,015 million) showed little change from 1977 (\$6,010 million). Value of residential permits fell 4.2% and new dwellings decreased 17.7%. Non-residential permits (\$2,257 million, first half 1977) rose 7.2% to \$2,420 million. Industrial and commercial projects associated with the business sector improved; industrial projects rose 2.1% and commercial projects 18.1% higher. Government initiated projects (\$635 million) fell 7.2% from 1977 (\$685 million).

Based on nearly complete results, permits in June totalled \$1,051 million (revised \$1,072 million in May). June 1977 saw \$1,085 million. Residential permits totalling \$590 million (\$629 million in May) were issued for 8,829 single-detached homes (8,796 in May) and 8,256 multiple dwellings (9,144). New industrial installations reached \$100 million (\$77 million) and commercial projects \$229 million (\$265 million). Publicly-initiated projects including schools, hospitals, and welfare buildings rose from \$101 million in May to \$132 million in June.

For further information, order the June 1978 issue of Building Permits (64-001, 70c/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8215), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Washing Machines/Clothes Dryers

Manufacturers' July domestic sales of automatic washing machines: 34,904, compared with 33,136 in 1977. Conventional washing machines sales: 4,192 compared with 4,760 (revised). Electric clothes dryers: 27,243 (27,213).

For further information, order the July 1978 issue of Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43-002, 15c/\$1.50), or contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Electric Power Statistics

June net generation increased to 24.1 TWh from 23.3 TWh in 1977. Hydro generation rose 7.5%, thermal production dropped 5.3%.

For further information, order the June 1978 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57-001, 30c/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June	268.80p	264.21r	6.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	June	11,273.5p	10,873.0r	9.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug*	10.64	10.64	3.7
Unemployed	Aug*	892,000	927,000	6.4

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	May	2,042.8	2,020.1	3.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June	19,649.8p	19,510.4r	9.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	June	8,130.4	7,299.8	11.4

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June	11,739.6p	11,422.7r	15.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June	11,830.9p	11,739.6r	12.4

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Aug*	177.8	177.7	9.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	June	187.0	186.2	7.5
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	July*	603.4	604.7	7.0

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	June	1,305.8	5,942.7	0.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	July	16,388	102,160	-4.7

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	June*	2,476.6	16,474.8	0.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	June*	24.1	169.9	7.9
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	May	270.4	1,524.6	-2.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June	58.0	316.8	-3.8

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	July	3,782.8	29,197.2	14.3
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	July	3,836.2	27,919.1	13.1

PRODUCTION

Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	June	182.6	989.6	-1.0
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Aug*	1,189.8	10,607.2	7.2

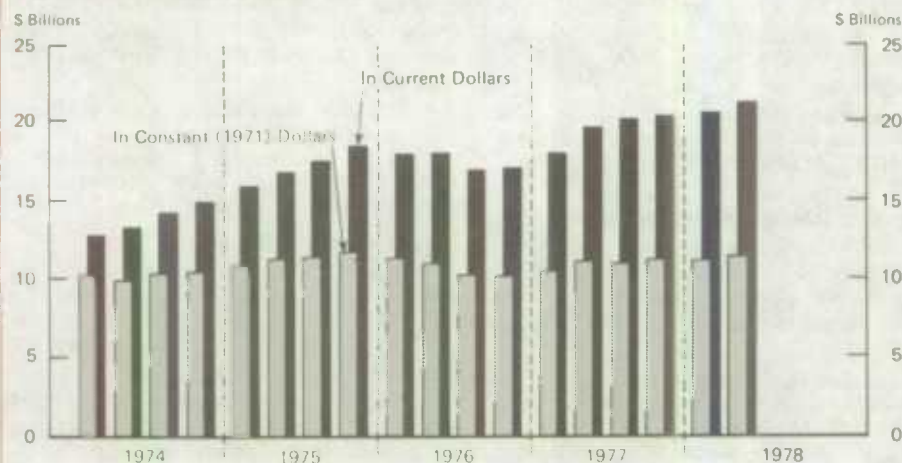
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	550.4p	3,699.4p	8.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June	11,648.3p	62,176.3p	14.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July	812.1	5,918.6	13.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July*	5,691.0p	37,547.0p	11.5
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	June	5,708.5	30,090.9	9.0

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

Non-Residential Construction Expenditures

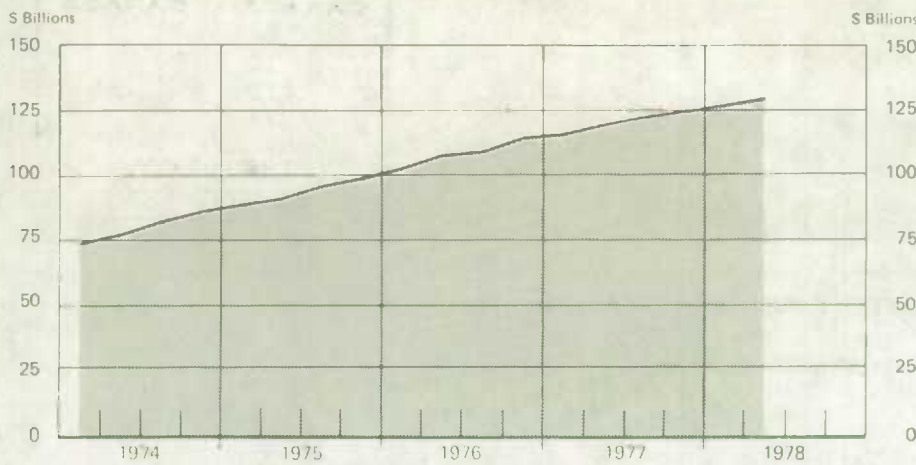
Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

Labour Force

August employment reached 10,635,000 against 10,260,000 a year earlier. The 392,000 unemployed rose 6.4% from 338,000 a year earlier, with an unemployment rate of 7.7 against 7.5.

The seasonally-adjusted level of employment reached 10,145,000, marking the ninth consecutive month of increase. For men and women 25 and over the levels increased by 12,000 and 11,000. Levels decreased by 2,000 and 8,000 for men and for women 15 to 24.

The seasonally-adjusted level of unemployment was 941,000, up 14,000 from July. The level increased by 4,000 for men 15 to 24 and by 10,000 for men 25 and over. The level increased by 7,000 for women 15 to 24 and decreased by 7,000 for women 25 and over. The level decreased in Ontario (6,000) and increased in Québec (15,000) and British Columbia (9,000). It showed little or no change in the remaining provinces.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 8.5 in August, up 0.1 over July. On a provincial basis, rates decreased 0.2 to 16.5 in Newfoundland, 0.3 to 8.8 in Prince Edward Island, 0.5 to 10.4 in Nova Scotia and 0.2 to 7.1 in Ontario. The rate increased 0.7 to 13.6 in New Brunswick, 0.5 to 11.0 in Québec, 0.7 to 4.6 in Saskatchewan, 0.1 to 4.9 in Alberta and 0.7 to 8.4 in British Columbia. The rate remained at 6.7 in Manitoba.

For further information, order the August 1978 issue of the *Labour Force* (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact Rick Baxter (613-992-9543).

Domestic Refrigerators/Freezers

Manufacturers' July domestic sales of refrigerators: 50,587 compared with 48,262 a year earlier. Domestic sales of homes and farm freezers increased to 35,418 from 29,084.

For further information, order the July 1978 issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

Claimants receiving unemployment insurance benefits for the week of June 11 reached 713,000, down 16% from May but up 9% from 1977; 38% were under 25. Benefits totalled \$334 million, down 26% from May but up 18% from a year earlier. Six months' payments rose 21% to \$2,669 million over 1977 and — based on year-to-date figures — the average weekly benefit rose 9% to \$109.57.

Claims filed in June by persons seeking benefit: 191,000, down 11% from May and 4% from 1977. Claims received, year-to-date: 1,342,000, up 5%.

For further information, order the June 1978 issue of *Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001P, 40¢/\$4), or *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, Quarterly, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Radio Broadcasting

Gross April radio air-time sales: \$8.9 million, up 27.1% from \$7.0 million in 1977. After deduction of agency and other commissions: \$7.5 million, up 25.0% from \$6.0 million. Net local air-time sales rose 13.0% to \$18.2 million from \$16.1 million.

Gross radio air-time sales to date: \$93.5 million (\$81.3 million in 1977), up 15.0%. Net sales rose 14.3% to \$87.0 million from \$76.1 million.

For further information, order the April 1978 issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact P. T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Shorn Wool Production

The 1978 wool clip is estimated at 2,034,100 lbs., down 2% from 1977's 2,068,900. Sheep shorn: 293,300 against 1977's 292,800. Average fleece weight: 6.9 lbs., down 3% from 7.1.

For further information, order the 1978 report on *Shorn Wool Production* (23-204, 35¢), or contact Elizabeth Leckie (613-995-4853), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.1% from 177.7 in July to 177.8 in August. This smallest recorded monthly increase since December 1975 brought the twelve-month rise to 9.4%, down from 9.8% registered in July. The food index declined 1.4%, the all-items-excluding-food index increased 0.7% and lower prices for fresh vegetables and beef (down 19.4% and 4.3%) were largely responsible for the 2.0% decline in the food-at-home index. Impact of these decreases was countered by higher prices for selected pork products, wieners and canned salmon as well as a 2.0% rise in the food-away-from-home index.

Higher gasoline prices and rent charges were the largest contributing factors in the 0.7% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. Other notable increases included higher homeownership costs, increased telephone rates — especially in Québec and Ontario — higher automobile insurance premiums, increased prices for selected imported model cars, higher prices for many clothing items, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing services. Between August 1977 and August 1978 the index for all-items-excluding-food advanced 6.2%.

Viewed in terms of goods and services the price level of goods, including food, declined 0.3%, that for services was up 0.6%. August 1977 to August 1978, goods increased 10.9%, services 6.7%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis the Consumer Price Index showed no change between July and August with a 1.0% decline in the food index and a 0.4% increase in the index for all-items-excluding-food. The current annual rate of change based on seasonally-adjusted movements in the latest three-month period: 7.6%.

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

Federal Government Employment

Including armed forces, the federal government and its enterprises had 596,616 employees as of June, up 16,594 from 1977 (departments hired some 13,000 more employees for Federal Labour Intensive Projects). Payroll including overtime and retroactive payments, second quarter 1978: \$2,292.8 million, up \$33.3 million from 1977.

For further information, order the second quarter issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Iron Ore

Mines shipped 3,087,851 short tons of iron ore in July (5,874,130 a year earlier). Seven months output: 14,151,384 short tons from 28,096,543.

For further information, order the July 1978 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.

Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from January-July farming operations totalled \$6,656.2 million compared with \$5,738.5 million in 1977. Receipts from farming operations by province with 1977 comparisons in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$57.8 million (\$57.6 million), Nova Scotia \$73.9 million (\$68.7 million), New Brunswick \$66.6 million (\$66.5 million), Québec \$902.7 million (\$778.0 million), Ontario \$1,782.6 million (\$1,498.3 million), Manitoba \$610.7 million (\$471.2 million), Saskatchewan \$1,612.0 million (\$1,322.0 million), Alberta \$1,263.1 million (\$1,213.1 million), British Columbia \$285.8 million (\$263.1 million).

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

Department Store Sales

July sales totalled \$550.4 million. Increased 8.0% from a year earlier, sales were up in all regions.

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

- Ontario, \$203.2 million (6.4%)
- Québec, \$103.9 million (4.9%)
- British Columbia, \$86.9 million (12.0%)
- Alberta, \$73.5 million (12.2%)
- Atlantic Provinces, \$36.2 million (7.2%)
- Manitoba, \$31.6 million (10.7%)
- Saskatchewan, \$15.1 million (4.7%).

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

Coal/Coke Statistics

June coal production increased 2.6% to 2,476,759 tons (2,246,878 metric tonnes) from 2,541,325 (2,305,451) a year earlier. Imports decreased to 1,839,318 tons (1,668,601 metric tonnes) from 2,044,510 (1,854,748). Industrial consumers used 1,473,621 tons (1,336,846 metric tonnes) of coal, down 3,203 (2,906) and 456,354 tons (413,997 metric tonnes) of coke, up 1,735 (1,573).

For further information, order the June 1978 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Phonograph Records/Tapes

Manufacturers produced 6,384,209 phonograph records in July (5,038,873 in 1977). Production of pre-recorded 8-track cartridges and cassettes increased to 1,420,722 from 1,248,807.

For further information, order the July 1978 issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact R. Ralph (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

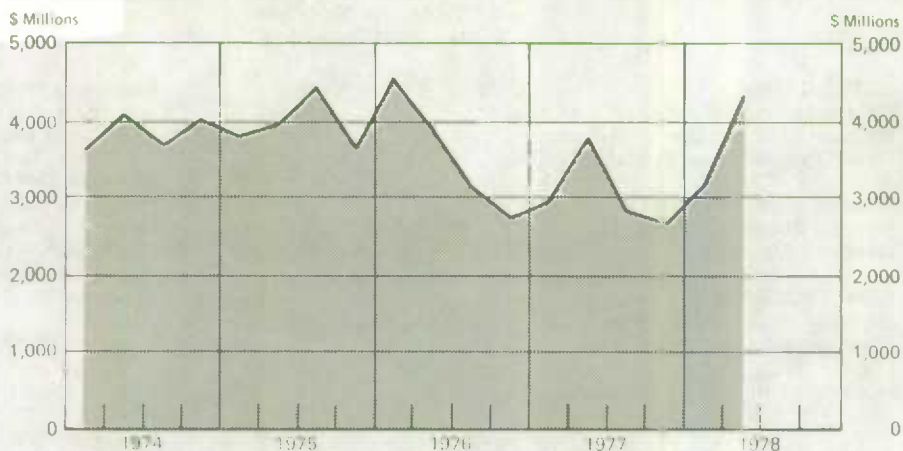
Tobacco Products

Production of cigarettes, July: 1.9 billion (2.0 billion a year earlier). Cigars: 11.8 million (13.4 million).

For further information, order the July 1978 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, 15¢/\$1.50).

Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

Telecommunication Statistics

Teleglobe Canada, Canadian National Telecommunications and Canadian Pacific (Telecommunications Branch) second quarter revenues reached \$80.4 million, up 11.4% from 1977. Operating expenses: \$68.9 million, up 10.4%. Net operating revenue: \$11.5 million, up 17.9%.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin, Telecommunications Statistics, Second Quarter, 1978* (56-001, \$1.40) or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Statistics

Thirteen systems' revenues reached \$356.8 million in July, up 12.7% from 1977. Operating expenses: \$243.7 million, up 13.9%. Net operating revenue rose 10.2% to \$113.1 million. Telephone toll messages increased 12.9% to 90.9 million.

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

Farm Products Index

The Farm Products Index, July: 203.6, down 2.5% from June.

For further information, order the August issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$1.40/\$5.60), or contact Mrs. A.J. Sprott (613-995-5761), Statistics Canada, Prices Division, Ottawa.

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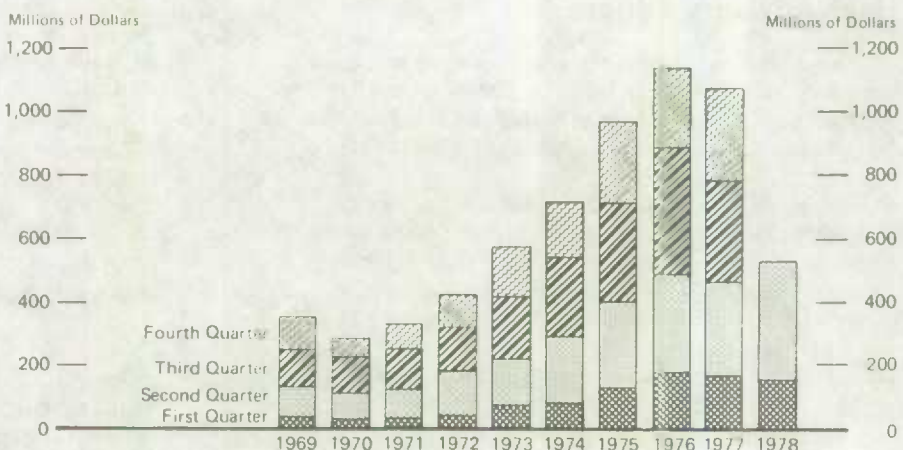
Statistics Canada is examining its publications program in light of expenditure reductions planned in the 1979-80 fiscal year and expects to announce in two weeks or so the publications affected. It appears some publications will have to be dropped, others curtailed.

Farm Implements and Equipment

Sales of farm implements and equipment for January-July rose 11.6% to \$656.8 million from \$588.6 million in 1977. Repair parts: 12.6%, \$108.4 million (\$96.3 million).

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

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales*



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Source: Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009)

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Security Transactions with Non- residents, May 1978	67-002	40¢/\$4	Domestic and Farm Water Systems, July 1978	41-015	15¢/\$1.50
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Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing, Second Quarter 1978	31-003	\$1.40/\$5.60	Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, July 1978	32-021	15¢/\$1.50
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