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Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index, October, rose 0.7% from 194.5 in September to 195.9, the 12-month rise being 9.3%, down from 9.6% registered in the previous 12-month period. The index for all items excluding food advanced 0.8%, down from 1.1%; the food index increased 0.7%, up from 0.2%.

Higher prices for fresh vegetables — especially for lettuce and tomatoes resulting from the end of local supplies for these items — and for selected beef cuts, cereal products, sugar and coffee were largely responsible for the 0.6% increase in the food-at-home index. Dampening the impact of these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit and turkey. In October, the food-at-home index stood 12.3% above October 1978. The food-away-from-home index rose 0.9%, resulting in an increase of 12.5% over October 1978.

Increased housing charges and transportation costs together accounted for about three-fifths of the 0.8% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Within the housing component, higher owned accommodation charges were registered reflecting, among other things, increased 1979 property taxes in all provinces except Newfoundland, Alberta and British Columbia, coupled with higher rates for water and domestic gas in several cities. Within the transportation component, increases were recorded for air fares, selected new 1979 North American model cars and for gasoline. Other notable contributing factors included higher prices for seasonal outdoor recreation items, increased theatre and sports admission prices and, in several provinces, higher university tuition fees. Increased prices were also registered for selected men's and women's seasonal clothing items. Between October 1978 and October 1979 the index for all items excluding food advanced 8.4%, slightly less than the 8.6% increase registered in the previous 12-month period.

In terms of goods and services the price level for goods, including food, advanced 0.5%, that for services 0.9%. Between October 1978 and October 1979 the price level for goods advanced 10.4%, that for services 7.5%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index rose 0.6% between September and October: a 1.0% increase in the food index and a 0.5% increase in the

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.	291.9p	290.77p	9.0
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	12,130.7p	12,373r	10.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct.	10.59	10.53	4.3
Unemployed	Oct.	743,000	719,000	-5.7

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July	2,385.0p	2,227.9p	19.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept.*	24,506.5p	24,096.2r	23.2
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept.*	10,338.5p	10,282.7r	23.9

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.*	13,040.7p	12,794.7r	7.6
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.*	16,540.9p	16,574.3r	26.2

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.*	195.9	194.5	9.3
Non-food (CPI) Component	Oct.*	181.5	180.1	8.4
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Sept.	111.4	110.6	4.1
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Aug.	230.2	230.2	6.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	222.1p	218.9r	14.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.*	1,292.7	10,439.7	7.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.	12,742	107,851	-19.0

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	2 567.1	21 613.5	9.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Aug.	26.8	232.4	5.8
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	July	7 950.2	62 400.2	8.6
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.*	8.12p	84.43p	9.5

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	5,627.5p	46,574.6p	21.8
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	4,811.6p	45,849.7p	27.5

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Oct.	1 392.4p	13 101.9	5.5
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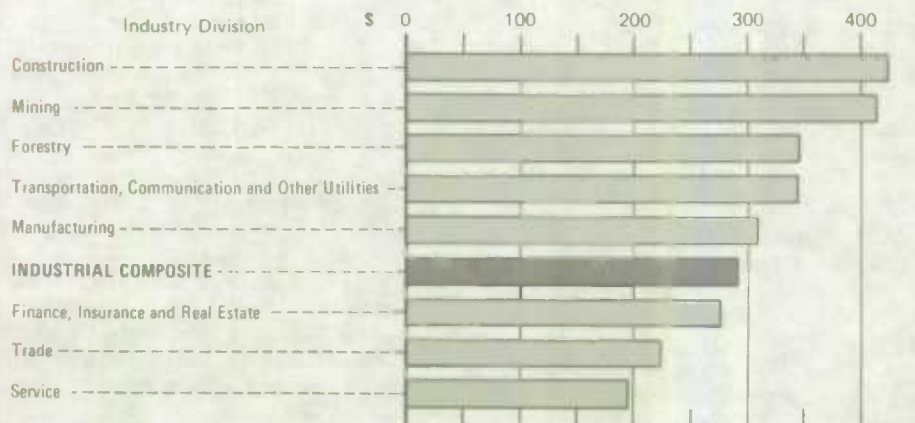
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	722.4p	5,558.5p	10.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept.*	13,111.9p	110,842.2r	18.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	830.2	8,676.1	18.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept.*	6,388.5p	55,336.5p	12.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept.*	6,679.4p	55,786.1p	21.7

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

Average Weekly Earnings in Canadian Industry

August 1979*



Source: Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

*First Estimates

index for all items excluding food.

All cities for which CPIs are produced saw increases, from 0.1% in Vancouver to 1.0% in Québec. A decline in property taxes resulting from an increase in provincial rebates was the principal factor accounting for the lower increase in Vancouver. In Québec, the larger than national average increase in consumer prices resulted primarily from an increase in admission prices for spectator sports. Property taxes increased in most other cities with the exception of Edmonton and Calgary where decreases were observed and in St. John's where they remained unchanged. The increase in new 1979 North American model car prices and in air fares affected all cities.

Percentage increases with annual change in brackets: St. John's 0.3% (9.3%), Charlottetown/Summerside 0.8% (8.7%), Halifax 0.5% (8.5%), Saint John 0.7% (9.4%), Québec 1.0% (10.1%), Montréal 0.8% (10.3%), Ottawa 0.6% (8.9%), Toronto 0.9% (9.3%), Thunder Bay 0.9% (9.1%), Winnipeg 0.9% (8.7%), Saskatoon 0.7% (9.6%), Regina 0.5% (9.1%), Edmonton 0.6% (8.9%), Calgary 0.5% (9.0%), and Vancouver 0.1% (7.4%).

For further information, order the October 1979 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25; outside Canada, \$3/\$30).

Census Families, 1977-1979

The estimated number of census families — 5,970,700 — continues to increase but at a slower rate. The average increase in the number of families decelerated from 1.5% in 1977-78 to 1.2% in 1978-79. At the provincial level, increases in 1977-78 ranged from 0.8% in Québec to 3.9% in Alberta and, in 1978-79, from no change in Manitoba to an increase of 3.8% in Alberta.

The smaller increase in the number of families since the last census appears to be mostly the result of a decline in the number of marriages along with a diminished volume of net international migration.

For further information, order the 1979 issue of *Estimates of Families in Canada* (91-204, \$4.50).

Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally-adjusted Index of Industrial Production increased 2.0%, 142.1 in September 1979 from 139.3 in August: mining and manufacturing contributed, utilities recorded little change.

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Tobacco Products

Production of cigarettes, October, totalled 6.0 billion against 5.5 billion a year earlier. Production, cigars: 44.6 million (41.3 million).

For further information, order the October 1979 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

1976 Census Profiles

A set of 1976 Census tables has been developed to appeal to users requiring comparative data between study areas such as provincial electoral districts, school zones, market areas and municipal planning areas. One hundred and forty-seven data elements covering population, housing, family and labour force variables are custom tabulated for user specified geographic areas. This service provides:

- Informative profile for user areas
- Highly readable, photo-composed output ready for immediate use or printing — with bilingual, English or French stub-text
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Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants throughout Canada increased their January-September receipts a total of 9.3% to \$2,223.3 million from a year earlier. Breakdown per province: Ontario \$848.3 million (9.9%), Québec \$661.0 million (8.3%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$248.1 million (11.4%), Alberta \$200.6 million (10.2%), Manitoba \$105.7 million (7.5%), Saskatchewan \$58.1 million (6.9%), New Brunswick \$38.9 million (5.1%), Nova Scotia \$40.1 million (10.6%), Newfoundland \$17.4 million (6.9%) and Prince Edward Island \$5.2 million (6.9%).

September over September 1978: Canada increased receipts 11.6% to \$283.2 million, Ontario \$103.6 million (12.6%), Québec \$89.4 million (10.1%), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories \$36.1 million (15.5%), Alberta \$20.3 million (11.4%), Manitoba \$15.9 million (11.9%), Saskatchewan \$6.6 million (6.4%), New Brunswick \$4.2 million (5.3%), Nova Scotia \$4.7 million (5.4%), Newfoundland \$1.7 million (1.2%) and Prince Edward Island \$546,000 (7.9%).

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Restaurant Receipts* (63-011, \$1.50/\$15).

Inventories/Shipments/Orders

Manufacturers' shipments, September, \$13,111.9 million, 6.9% higher than revised August's \$12,267.6 million. Shipments, nine months, \$110,842.2 million, 18.3% higher than January-September 1978 (\$93,726.2 million).

Manufacturers' shipments, seasonally adjusted, \$13,074.1 million, up 3.2% from \$12,671.1 million. Durable goods shipments rose 4.9% to \$5,965.9 million from \$5,689.2 million and non-durable goods shipments 1.8% to \$7,108.2 million from \$6,981.9 million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, rose 1.9% to \$13,040.7 million from \$12,794.7 million with durable goods new orders increasing 3.1% to \$5,971.3 million from \$5,791.4 million and non-durable goods new orders 0.9% to \$7,069.4 million from \$7,003.3 million.

Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, dropped fractionally to \$16,540.9 million from the revised August estimate (\$16,574.3 million).

Total inventory owned in September, seasonally adjusted, rose 1.7% to \$24,506.5 million from \$24,096.2 million. Total inventory held rose 1.6% to \$25,494.9 million from \$25,088.4 million with increases of 1.7%, 0.5% and 2.5% in raw materials, goods in process and finished products, respectively.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments, 1.87:1 in September against 1.90:1 for revised August (finished products to shipments ratio: 0.63:1, unchanged from August).

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales totalled \$722.4 million in September, an increase of 3.3% from \$699.6 million recorded in 1978. Sales rose in 30 of the 40 departments with the largest increases posted by girls' and teenage girls' wear (25.8%) and jewellery (21.3%). Increased sales: Alberta (11.1%), British Columbia, the Yukon and Northwest Territories (10.8%), Saskatchewan (7.0%) and Québec (1.7%). All other provinces had decreases. Sales and percentage gains for metropolitan areas: Montréal \$86.8 million (1.3%), Toronto \$109.9 million (2.7%) and Vancouver \$78.1 million (10.0%). Winnipeg, \$36.4 million, fell 6.5%.

Selling value of stocks held in September (\$2,247.4 million) rose 15.0% from 1978.

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Building Permits

Seasonally-adjusted, the value of September building construction authorized fell 4.2% to \$1,244.4 million from a record \$1,297.9 million in August but rose 11.1% from 1978 (\$1,120.0 million).

September's performance amounts to an 8.8% drop in residential permit value from \$725.5 million to \$662.0 million with a 1.7% rise in non-residential permit value from \$572.4 million to \$582.4 million. A year earlier, residential was at a seasonally-adjusted \$612.9 million and non-residential at \$507.1 million.

By category, the value of authorized residential construction decreased as a result of fewer permits applications for new single-detached homes from 9,908 units in August to 8,700. Permits for multiple dwellings also dropped but moderately — 7,563 to 7,200 units.

Industrial projects (which include a \$30 million factory in Varennes, Québec, and a \$15 million plant in Windsor, Ontario) rose to \$135.6 million (\$107.5 million in August). New commercial construction estimated at \$352.8 million in August decreased to \$318.8 million (an absence of major projects in Québec and Saskatchewan). Institutional projects (includes new hospitals in Saint John and Windsor) rose to a seasonally-adjusted \$128.0 million (\$112.5 million in August).

During nine months, municipalities issued permits for a value of \$10,440 million, up 7.4% against \$9,719 million a year earlier. In 1979, residential permits are up 1.8%, industrial permits rose 35.2% and commercial projects 16.9%. Publicly-initiated projects have fallen 2.6%.

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8215), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Seven major railways' May net income from operations: \$35.4 million, up from \$22.1 million in 1978. Operating revenues rose 26.4% to \$404.4 million, operating expenses 23.9% to \$369.0 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose 17.8%, freight train-miles 5.5% and freight car-miles 10.8%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight: 2.339 cents (2.322 in 1978). Passenger-miles fell 7.3% to 127.9 million.

For further information, order the May 1979 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$2.50/\$25), or contact M. Vallières (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Import, Export/Price, Volume Indexes

Import prices rose 2.4% and export prices 2.9% (fixed weight basis) August over July. Import volume, seasonally adjusted, increased 2.7%. Export volume fell 1.6% though remaining somewhat higher than a year earlier (percentages do not reflect forthcoming revisions affecting data on petroleum and coal product exports following disclosure of unreported shipments).

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30).

International Travel

Nine months saw earnings of \$2,380 million from international travel, up 18.8% from 1978. Canadians travelling abroad spent 4.7% less — \$3,214 million — resulting in an international travel account deficit of \$834 million, down sharply from 1977 and 1978.

After two consecutive years of deficits third quarter 1979 brought an estimated surplus of \$306 million. Preliminary data indicate a moderate increase in receipts from the United States to \$904 million. Receipts from countries other than the U.S. jumped substantially to \$481 million. Payments by Canadian travellers dropped 13.9% to the U.S. (\$600 million) and 3.4% to other countries (\$479 million).

Larger than normal revisions followed second quarter preliminary figures due to rapid changes in tourism — a combination of exchange rate changes, energy shortages, price increases and Customs exemption increases for U.S. residents.

For further information, order the July-September 1979 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$7.50/\$30), or contact M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Oil Pipeline Transport

Oil pipelines received 410 604 cubic metres daily of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in July, up 17.9% from 348 188 m3D a year earlier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased 22.1% to 371 277 m3D, those of imported petroleum and products decreased 10.6% to 39 327 m3D.

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data, September, show that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 8 124.7 thousand cubic metres, up 6.9% from 1978's 7 598.1 thousand cubic metres.

Refineries produced 8 488.2 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products, up 7.9% from 7 859.9 cubic metres.

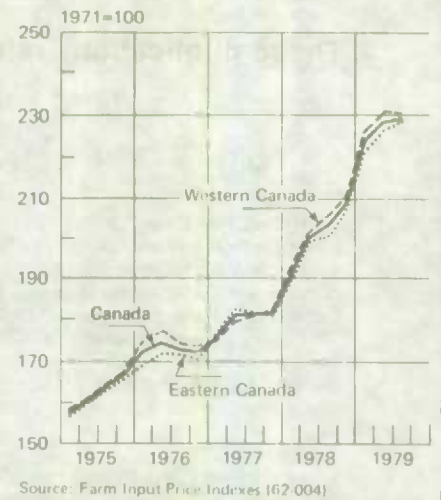
For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale sales, September: \$6,679,417,000, up 21.7% from \$5,488,078,000 in 1978. Wholesale inventories: \$10,338,483,000, an increase of 23.9% from stocks of \$8,346,407,000 a year earlier.

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the Wholesale Trade Section (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Farm Input Price Indexes



Trade — Trading Partner Analysis

Total exports (seasonally adjusted, Customs basis) to the United States increased 1.3% or \$50 million in September to \$3.77 billion, following a 5.3% increase in August. Exports to the United Kingdom were up 47% to \$299 million following a decline in August and exports to "Other EEC" rose 8.3% to \$441 million. Exports to Japan advanced 87% to \$491 million after a decline of more than 30% in the previous month and exports to "Other OECD" rose 70% to \$200 million following an 11% decline in August. Exports to "Other America" were up 24% to \$286 million.

The trend cycle for exports to the U.S. rose 1.5% in July, following increases of 1.1% in June and 0.4% in May. As well, the trend cycles for each of the other major geographic areas showed increasing strength over the May-July period. The trend cycles in July rose 9.5% to the U.K., 4.8% to "Other EEC", 3.6% to Japan, 4.4% to "Other OECD" and 4.1% to "Other America".

Total imports (seasonally adjusted, Customs basis) from the U.S. decreased 3.6% or \$144 million in September to \$3.83 billion following a 7.3% increase in August. Imports from the U.K. declined 5.9% to \$181 million and imports from "Other EEC" 1.9% to \$297 million. Imports from Japan rose 5.6% to \$200 million and imports from "Other OECD" advanced 15% to \$169 million. Imports from "Other America" fell 6.2% to \$286 million.

The trend cycle for imports from the U.S. increased 1.5% in July following increases of 0.9% in June and 0.2% in May. The trend cycle rose in July for the U.K. by 2.8% (following growth rates of over 3% in May and June) and by 1.1% for Japan following negative growth in the previous two months.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the September 1979 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30).



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Report on Livestock Surveys, October 1, 1979	23-008	\$4/\$16	\$4.80/\$19.20
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