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## Labour Force

May unemployment reached 836,000 against 920,000 a year earlier. The unemployment rate: 7.5 compared with 8.4 in 1978. The participation rate was 63.4 (62.9) and the employment/population ratio was 58.7 compared with 57.6. The national employment level: 10,363,000 (9,994,000 a year ago).

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment level was 853,000 in May. down 27,000 from April. The level decreased 12,000 for men 15-24, 8,000 for women 15-24 and 6,000 for women 25 and over. The level showed little change for men 25 and over. By province, the seasonally-adjusted level declined in Nova Scotia $(5,000)$, New Brunswick $(3,000)$, Quebec $(12,000)$ and Ontario $(6,000)$. In the remaining provinces the level showed little change.
The seasonally-adjusted national unemNoyment rate: 7.7. down by 0.2 from April. The rate decreased 0.8 to 13.9 for men 15 s. 0.6 to 12.7 for women 15-24 and 0.1 to 7.2 for women 25 and over. The unemployment rate remained at 4.6 for men 25 and over. By province, the seasonally-adjusted rate declined 1.0 to 11.4 in Prince Edward Island, 1.4 to 9.4 in Nova Scotia. 1.1 to 11.0 in New Brunswick, 0.4 to 9.8 in Québec. 0.1 to 6.6 in Ontario, 0.2 to 6.1 in Manitoba and 0.2 to 4.1 in Alberta. The rate increased 0.7 to 16.4 in Newfoundland, 0.2 to 4.4 in Saskatchewan and 0.1 to 8.3 in British Columbia.

The seasonally-adjusted employment level was 10,286,000, up 13,000 from April. The level was up 11,000 for men 15-24, 9.000 for women 15-24 and 10.000 for men 25 and over. The level decreased by 17,000 for women 25 and over. Provincially, seasonally-adjusted employment increased in Nova Scotia $(4,000)$, New Brunswick $(4,000)$. Québec $(5,000)$, Alberta $(8,000)$ and British Columbia (7,000). The leve! decreased in Newfoundland $(4,000)$ and showed little or no change in the remaining provinces.

> For further information, order the May 1979 issue of The Labour Force (71-001, $556(\$ 5.50)$.

## Dairy Review

Arestimated 526802 kilolitres of milk were Leid off farms for all purposes in March, up 8:3\% from 1978.
For further information, order the April 1979 issue of the Dairy Review (23-001, 406(\$4).


Expenditures on Education, by Level and Source of Funds, Canada, 1975-76 and 1976-77


Source: Education in Canada, a Statistical Review 181 -229|

## Railway Operating Statistics

Six major railways reported a combined net loss of $\$ 19.6$ million from operations last December, a sharp contrast to the $\$ 11.3$ million gain a year earlier. Operating revenues last December rose $4.2 \%$ to $\$ 297.4$ million and expenses $15.7 \%$ to $\$ 316.9$ million.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose 20.8\%, freight train-miles 10.6\% and miles generated by freight train cars $16.7 \%$. Average revenue received per ton-mile of freight was 2.110 cents compared with 2.208 cents a year earlier.

In analyzing December 1978 statistics it should be noted that passenger revenues for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific were higher than normal due to receipts from VIA Rail for provision of services by them. Passenger related mileages, on the other hand, were lower because of VIA's takeover of the western portion of the two transcontinental passenger services at the end of October

In 1978, railway operating revenues increased $9.5 \%$ and operating expenses $9.8 \%$. Net income at $\$ 209.1$ million improved $3.6 \%$ from 1977. Cumulative ton-miles rose $2.9 \%$ and passenger-miles 2.6\%.

For further information, order the December 1979 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 304/\$3), or contact M. Vallieres (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa k1a ot6.

## Import/Export, Price/Volume Indexes

Both import and export price indexes in the first quarter continued the rapid rate of growth begun in fourth quarter 1978. The fixed-weight import price index increased $4.0 \%$ against $4.8 \%$ and the corresponding growth rates for export prices were: first quarter $4.8 \%$; fourth, $5.3 \%$.

Seasonally-adjusted import volume rose $3.8 \%$ above that of the fourth quarter: export volume declined $1.7 \%$.
For further information, order the April 1979 issue of Summary of External Trade (65001, 404/\$4).

## Phonograph Records / Tapes

Manufacturers produced 6,852,741 phonograph records in April (6,506,195 in 1978). Production of pre-recorded cartridges and cassettes increased to 1,429,578 from 1,266,661
For further information, order the April 1979 issue of Phonograph Records and Prerecorded Tapes in Canada (47-004, $154 / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact G. Elliot (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Sugar Sales

Refineries reported May sales of 103084062 kilograms ( $227,261,494 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) of all types of sugar - 89501217 kilograms (197,316,442lbs) in domestic sales and 13582845 kilograms (29,945,052lbs) exported.
For further information, conlact T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manulacturing and Primary Industrias Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Canadian Exports to Japan

(Seasonially Adjusted)


## Utilization Rates, Manufacturing

Capacity utilization in manutacturing indusIries rose to $89.6 \%$ in the first quarter, from $88.8 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 1978.

Durable manufacturing increased from $86.8 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 197810 a level of $87.5 \%$ of capacity. Non-durable manufacturing rose to $91.7 \%$ from $90.8 \%$.

The rates have been revised due to a fourth quarter revision to the production indexes and an update of capital stock estimates (which have also been adjusted for pollution abatement expenditures).

A description of the methodology used to derive the rates is given in the publication Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing (31-003, \$1.40/\$5.60). For further information, contact Ms. R. Hoyt (613-9958152), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6. Data is available on CANSIM from the first quarter of 1961 to the first quarter of 1979, by major manufacturing group according to the 1970 Standard industrial Classification, with aggregates for durables, non-durables and total manulaciuring.

## Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing, by Quarter



Source: Capacity Utilization Rates in
Canadian Manufacturing (31.003)

## Crude Petroleum/Natural Gas

Crude petroleum production, February, averaged 266200 cubic metres/day ( $1,675,000$ barrels/day), up $17.5 \%$ trum 226600 cubic metres/day $(1,425,800$ barrels/day) in 1978. Nel new productioss natural gas averaged 331000000 cturl metres/day ( $11,685,800,000$ cubic teel/ day). up $8.4 \%$ from 305400000 (10.779,500,000).

For further information, order the February 1979 issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, 30c/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manulacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Oil Plpeline Transport

Oil pipelines received $435500 \mathrm{m3D}$ of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in March, up $13.4 \%$ from $383900 \mathrm{m3D}$ received a year eaflier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased $16.3 \% \quad 10$ $391200 \mathrm{m3D}$. Imported petroleum and products receipts decreased $7.1 \%$ to $44300 \mathrm{m3D}$.
For further information, order the March 1979 issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 30c/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-9924021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Department Store Sales

Depantment store sales totalled $\$ 606.3$ million in April, up $7.8 \%$ from a year earthor. Sales rose in all regions (percendaye increases from 1978 in brackets:

- Ontario, $\$ 218.6$ million ( $5.2 \%$ );
- Québec, $\$ 114.1$ million ( $7.5 \%$ ):
- British Columbia, $\$ 98.9$ million ( $8.8 \%$ ).
- Alberta, $\$ 82.1$ million ( $10.7 \%$ ):
- Atlantic Provinces, $\$ 40.5$ million ( $16.7 \%$ )
- Manitoba, $\$ 34.9$ million ( $6.2 \%$ );
- Saskatchewan, $\$ 17.3$ million (10.9\%)

For further information, order the April 1979 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50 a year).

## Federal Government Employment

Employees of the federal government (including members of the Armed Forces) and government enterpises numbered 578,378 as March 31. 1979, a decline of 5,189 from 1978 principally due to termination of extended temporary employment under the Federal Labour Intensive Projects and a reduction in staff resulting from budget cuts in September 1978.
For further information, contact G.M. Mcilveen (613-995-9894), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Urban Transil

April saw 58 urban transit systems collect $99,731,432$ inilial passenger fares. Total distance run: $31,470,780$ miles (50 647316 km ): operating revenues. \$38,521,446.
For further information, contact the chief (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Section. Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6, or order the April 1979 issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15c/\$1.50).

## The Vending Business

A summary of the results of the 1977 survey show that a total of 622 businesses were classitied as vending machine operators; these firms reported aggregate sales of $\$ 206,478,100$ made through a maximum Suwher of 105,587 vending machines. This sales volume represented an increase of 2. 3 W over the $\$ 269,386,600$ recorded in the previous year.

Increased sales through the following principal types of machines were chiefly responsible for the above-noted advance in receipts between 1976 and 1977; cigarette machine sales, up $1.2 \%$ to $\$ 122.3$ million: coffee machine sales, up $16.1 \%$ to a total of $\$ 52.4$ million and soft drink machine sales, up $8.9 \%$ to $\$ 44.2$ million. Notable gains in sales were also recorded for: fresh food dispensing machines, up $27.2 \%$ to $\$ 20.1$ million; packaged milk (and juice) machines, with receipts up $13.4 \%$ to $\$ 10.2$ million and hot canned food and soup machines which increased sales by $2.9 \%$ (lo reach $\$ 4.6$ million) since 1976.

Abstracted from Vending Machine Operators 1977 (62-213, 70¢).

## Radlo Broadcasting

February gross national radio air-time sales rose $6.7 \%$ 10 $\$ 6.4$ million from $\$ 6.0$ million in 1978. After deduction of commissions, net national sales rose $5.9 \%$ to $\$ 5.4$ million from SE. 1 million.
Het local air-time sales were up $12.4 \%$ to 15.3 million from $\$ 14.5$ million.

Gess radio air-time sales to date total $\$ 44.3$ million against $\$ 41.2$ million in 1978 , (w) $7.5 \%$. Net sales: up $7.2 \%$ to $\$ 41.3$ million from $\$ 38.5$ million.

For further information, order the February 1979 issue of Radio Broadcasting (56-003, 30c/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-9969271). Transportation and Communications Division, Stalistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Electric Power Statistics

In March, net generation increased to 31.5TW.h from 30.8TW.h in 1978. Hydro generation increased $4.9 \%$, thermal production decreased $3.0 \%$. Year-to-date total generation: 98.1 TW.h, up $3.9 \%$ from a year earlier.

For further information, order the March 1979 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57001, 30¢ / \$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manulacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Telephone Statistics

Thirteen major telephone systems' April revenues: $\$ 415.1$ million, up $20.8 \%$ from a year earlier. Operating expenses increased $16.6 \%$ to $\$ 272.3$ million. Net operating revenue at $\$ 142.8$ million rose $29.8 \%$. elephone toll messages: up $12.7 \%$ to 96.5 hiliton.
For further information, order the April issue of Telephone Statistics (56-002, \$1.50 a year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Cenada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

## Foreign Direct investment in Canada

(Year-ends 1967.3976)


Source: Canada's International Invesiment Position (67.202)

## Industry Selling Price Index

The industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose $0.8 \%$ to 210.8 in Aprilfrom the revised March level of 209.1 and 12.6\% above its value of 187.2 a year earlier. Major groups most affected (in descending order of impact): primary metal industries (up $3.0 \%$ ). paper and allied industries (up 1.5\%), food and beverage industries (down 0.4\%), chemical and chemical products industries (up 1.5\%) and metal fabricating industries (up 1.1\%).
The major groups with most influence on the movement of the Index from April 1978 to April 1979 were food and beverage industries (up 13.1\%), primary metal industries ( $21.1 \%$ ), paper and allied industries $(15.1 \%)$, wood industries ( $18.5 \%$ ), metal fabricating industries ( $12.0 \%$ ) and chemical and chemical products industries ( $10.3 \%$ ).
During the past twelve months the food and beverage group has been accounting for about one quarter of the change in the Index from the same month of the previous year. Impact of the group from April 1978 to 1979 is the smallest in a year. The proportion of the change accounted for by the primary metal industries group has nearly doubled in a year.
For further information, order the April 1979 issue of Industry Price Indexes (62-011, $55(\$ 5.50)$, or contact the Information Unit, Industrial Prices (613-995-5738 or 995-5739).

## Railway Freight, 1978

Railways hauled 262.9 million short tons ( 238.5 million t) of revenue freight in 1978, a decrease of $3.4 \%$ from 1977. The total included 241.4 million short tons (219.0 million t) loaded domestically (down 3.7\% from the previous year) and 21.4 million short tons ( 19.4 million 1) received from the United States (a decline of 0.6\%).

On the basis of commodity groups. increased traffic was recorded for: live animals (up 14.4\%); food, feed, beverages and tobacco (up $1.8 \%$ ); fabricated materials (up 4.4\%) and special traffic (up 3.5\%). The crude materials category declined $9.2 \%$, end products decreased $3.4 \%$ and noncarload freight was down $14.4 \%$ from 1977.

A geographic breakdown of freight loaded showed volume decreases in Newfoundland ( $-33.3 \%$ ), Prince Edward Island $(-7.6 \%)$. New Brunswick ( $-0.6 \%$ ), Québec ( $-9.3 \%$ ) Ontario ( $-5.4 \%$ ) and the Territories $(-2.6 \%)$. Manitoba recorded the largest percentage increase in traffic, up $14.1 \%$ over 1977. Nova Scotia loadings were $9.4 \%$ higher; British Columbia followed with a gain of $8.1 \%$. Saskatchewan with $4.5 \%$ and Alberta with $3.4 \%$.
for further information, order the 1978 issue of Railway Freight Traffic (52-205, $\$ 2.80$ ), or contact M. Vallieres (613-9969271). Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Compendium on the Economy Now Ready

The Market Research Handbook, 1979 (Catalogue 63-224, $\$ 9.00$ in Canada, $\$ 10.80$ elsewhere) is now available. The 653-page Handbook, with 201 tables, provides the most comprehensive array of Canadian marketing information published in a single volume. Key economic data are supplied on the nation, the provinces and territories, 23 metro areas and 35 other population centres.

Sections include: selected economic indicators; government revenue, expenditure and employment (federal, provincial and local); merchandising and services; population characteristics; personal income and expenditure; housing; motor vehicles; household facilities and equipment; metropolitan area data; and census agglomeration data
For further information, conlact David Van Luven (613-995-4198), Analysis and Development Section. Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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