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LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in November rose 6.0% to 101,694 from 1978. Automobiles made in the United States and Canada rose 3.9% to 60,444 and Canadian and U.S. commercial vehicles 6.3% to 28,446.

Automobiles from overseas rose 14.2% to 11,598 from 1978 and overseas-made commercial vehicles 38.5% to 1,206. Value of the cars rose 23.2% to \$85.0 million and the commercial vehicles 49.9% to \$8.4 million. Value of U.S. and Canadian cars sold rose 15.3% to \$459.3 million; commercial vehicles 26.8% to \$323.3 million.

Sales value of all vehicles increased 20.4% to \$876.0 million, including 231 coaches and buses valued at \$8.7 million. Seasonally-adjusted sales of automobiles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. rose 3.1% from October to 65,622 and those of cars from overseas 1.2% to 13,560. Commercial vehicles fell 1.3% to 32,796.

For 11 months, sales reached 1,316,350 units (1,292,534 in 1978), value \$10,788.2 million, up 19.0% from 1978.

For further information, see the November 1979 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$2.50/\$25), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Trade

On a seasonally-adjusted balance of payments basis, November exports fell 2.7% to \$5.8 billion after falling 2.4% in October. November imports declined even more, falling 6% to \$5.27 billion after increasing 4.8% in October. As a result, the merchandise trade balance increased from a surplus of \$351 million in October to one of \$528 million.

The short-term trend cycle for exports has picked up considerably from virtually no growth last April to increases of 2.9% in July, 3.5% in August and 3.4% in September. Imports have picked up from an April increase of 0.3% to increases of 2.2% in July, 2.5% in August and 2.2% in September. The trend cycle for the balance has risen from a trough of \$186 million last May to \$246 million in July, \$309 million in August and \$380 million in September.

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

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct.	296.63p	295.51r	9.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct.	12,616.1p	12,592.2r	11.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.52	10.59	4.4
Unemployed	Nov.	771,000	743,000	-8.1

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.	2,938.3p	2,247.4p	21.6
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.	24,658.7p	24,236.2r	22.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	10,463.4p	10,338.5p	26.6

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	14,050.7p	12,890.6r	14.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	16,407.0p	16,445.5r	23.2

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.	197.8	195.9	9.4
Non-food (CPI) Component	Nov.	183.6	181.5	8.6
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Oct.*	111.5	111.4	4.0
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Oct.*	230.3	230.3	5.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.	227.4p	226.7r	14.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	1,345.7	11,841.2	7.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.	15,264	138,529	-16.9

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Oct.*	3 012.5	27 427.7	10.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Oct.*	29.4	287.5	5.5
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Sept.*	7 201.2	77 308.3	7.1
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Oct.	9.34p	93.85p	8.9

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.*	6,042.9p	59,592.2p	23.4
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Nov.*	5,862.1p	57,769.7p	26.5

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Dec.*	1 343.1p	15 860.9p	7.0
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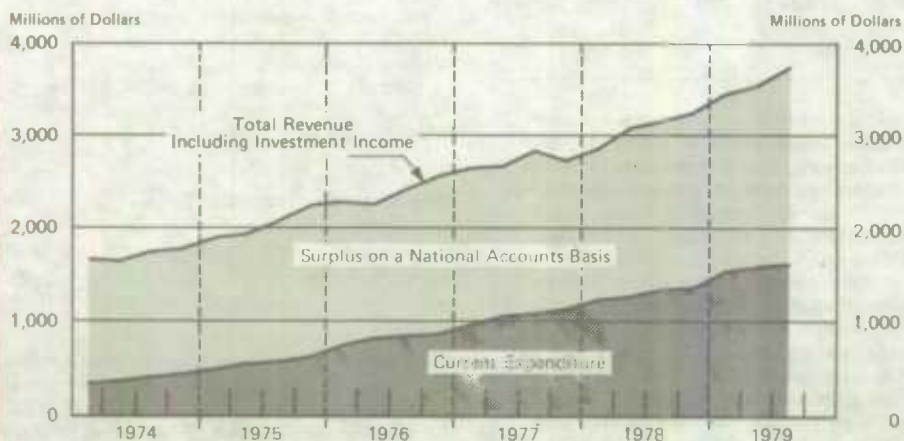
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	920.3p	7,219.2p	11.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.	14,089.2p	124,942.4p	18.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	1,145.0	9,912.2	18.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	6,674.0p	61,905.8p	12.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	6,857.1p	62,643.2p	22.0

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)

Industry Selling Price Index

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose 0.3% to 227.4 in November from revised October's level of 226.7 (14.5% up from a year earlier).

Although the month-to-month change in the Index was the smallest in nearly two years the increases and decreases recorded by its components varied greatly:

- The paper and allied industries index rose 2.0% due mainly to an increase of 2.3% in its largest component, pulp and paper mills, with all wood pulp and newsprint commodities showing price increases
- In the chemical group most industry indexes rose, moving the group's price index up 0.7% and 16.2% from a year earlier
- The metal fabricating group index rose 0.6% (six of seven industry indexes increased) with the twelve-month increase, 11.0%
- Food and beverage rose 0.1%, slaughtering and meat processors declining 2.4% (price decreases for fresh and frozen pork and beef accounted for about half the change), the feed industry showing the other decrease (2.9%) among the food group industries, with notable increases occurring in the cane and beet sugar processors index, up 11.8%, and in the dairy products industry index, up 1.4%
- Although only two of nine industry indexes in the wood group decreased, they were the two largest and brought the group index down 4.0%, sawmills and planing mills declining 4.9% as prices of spruce, Douglas fir, jack pine, cedar and white pine fell and veneer and plywood mills decreasing 6.9% (twelve-month increase in the wood group: 6.8%, the lowest in more than three years).

For further information, order the November 1979 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Information Unit, Industrial Prices (613-995-5738), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Taxed Income, 1977 Distribution

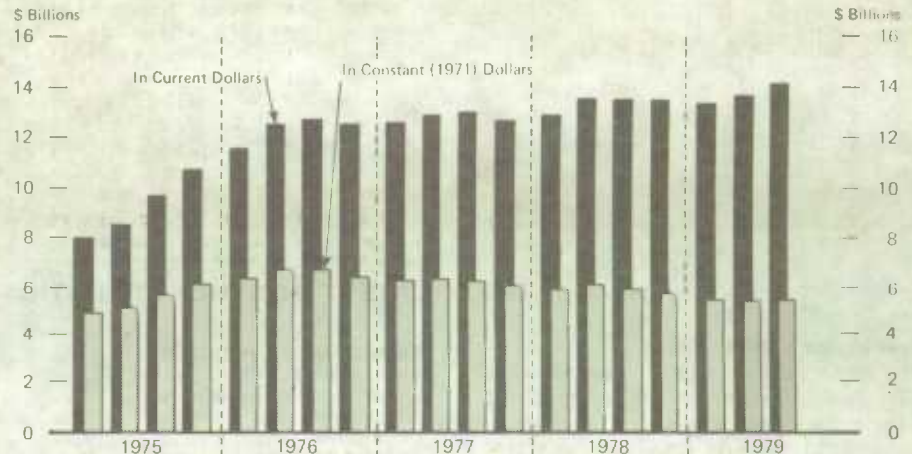
In 1977, an estimated 14.4 million persons received income totalling \$140,137 million — after income tax, \$119,825 million.

For further information, order the 1977 issue of *Income After Tax, Distributions By Size In Canada* (13-210, \$7/Other countries \$8.40).

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Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

Railway Carloadings

Railways loaded 22.6 million short tons (20.5 million t) of revenue freight in November, down 0.5% from 1978. An additional 1.8 million short tons (1.7 million t) entered from the United States.

Commodities recording notable changes include: copper-nickel ores and concentrate (up 1,515.3%), grain other than wheat (up 42.8%), coal (down 19.3%) and iron ore and concentrates (down 11.4%).

In 11 months, rail freight volume loaded increased 9.1% from 1978 and receipts from the U.S. were 0.6% higher.

For further information, order the November 1979 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact M. Vallières (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Crude Petroleum/Natural Gas

Crude petroleum production, September, averaged 251 300 cubic metres/day (1,581,400 barrels/day), up 15.7% from 217 200 (1,367,000) in 1978. Net new production of natural gas averaged 240 000 thousand cubic metres/day (8,473,600 thousand cubic feet/day), down 0.1% from 240 300 (8,483,700).

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Phonograph Records/Tapes

Manufacturers produced 9,195,529 phonograph records in October (9,432,379 a year earlier). Production of 8-track cartridges and cassettes increased to 3,084,806 from 2,644,193.

For further information, order the October 1979 issue of *Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Seven major railways' July net income from operations reached \$33.9 million against \$13.0 million a year earlier. Operating revenues rose 33.7% to \$385.6 million, operating expenses increased 27.7% to \$351.8 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles rose 16.3%, freight train-miles 3.5% and freight car-miles 8.3%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight: 2.218 cents against 2.034 cents in 1978. Passenger-miles fell 14.9% to 193.7 million.

For further information, order the July 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 0V1.

Average Hourly Wages/Farm Help

As of November 15, 1979: Maritimes (P.E.I., N.S., N.B.) \$3.57, Québec \$3.75, Ontario \$3.89, Manitoba \$4.52, Saskatchewan \$4.44, Alberta \$4.46 and British Columbia \$4.66.

The *Farm Wages in Canada* series provides estimates of average cash wages. For further information, order *Farm Wages in Canada* (Catalogue 21-002, \$2.50/\$10), or contact Michael Trant (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Manufacturing Sub-provincial Areas '77

Value of all shipments of goods of own manufacture reported by manufacturing establishments, 1977, rose 10.8% to \$108.9 billion from 1976's \$98.3 billion. Among the economic regions, central Ontario rose 10.3% to \$37.4 billion, Montréal 5.1% to \$19.2 billion, southwestern Ontario 12.5% to \$11.8 billion and the lower mainland region of British Columbia 15.6% to \$5.2 billion.

Tables ready show data by economic region and major industry group, county and component municipalities for the total of all industries and publishable municipalities for the total of all industries. Contact R. Staveley or G. Welsh (613-992-7328), Special Projects and Regional Statistics Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturing Industries of Canada: Sub-provincial Areas, 1977* (31-209, \$20).

Motion Pictures, 1977-78

Receipts from paid admissions to 1,079 motion picture theatres and 295 drive-ins operating in 1978 reached \$251.9 million. Revenue from all other sources totalled \$63.3 million with amusement taxes collected, \$11.0 million. The 91 film distributors reported \$197.2 million total revenue with \$195.1 million derived from sale/rental of film/videotape productions.

In 1977, 292 film and videotape producers and 22 motion picture laboratories received total revenue of \$94.0 million. In 1978, for 276 film and videotape producers and 22 motion picture laboratories, revenue reached \$113.3 million.

For further information, contact Ms Shirley Beyer (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Oil Pipeline Transport

Oil pipelines received 276 834 m3D of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in August, up 1.8% from 271 856 m3D a year earlier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased 7.8% to 245 236 m3D and imported petroleum/products receipts decreased 28.9% to 31 598 m3D.

For further information, order the August 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.

Telecommunications Statistics

Telelobe Canada, Canadian National Telecommunications and Canadian Pacific (Telecommunications Branch) revenues rose 7.9% to \$95.2 million in third quarter 1978 from third quarter 1977. Operating expenses rose 4.9% to \$71.3 million and net operating revenue reached \$23.9 million from \$20.3 million.

For further information, order *Communications Service Bulletin, Telecommunications Statistics, Third Quarter, 1979* (56-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

A raw materials price index, published monthly, has been designed, showing the price movement of unprocessed goods (domestically produced and imported) bought in Canada. The 1977-100 base-weighted series uses purchase prices or proxies derived from a variety of published and unpublished sources. Prices or indexes within commodities are equally weighted. Commodity weights were derived from the 1974 input/output table values adjusted to 1977 price levels. Indexes for the total and the eight major groups are published in *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$3.50/\$35) and are available on CANSIM. For further information, contact the Goods and Service Producing Industries Prices Section, Prices Division (613-995-5761), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Radio Broadcasting

Gross national radio air-time sales rose 33.3% to \$10.0 million in September from \$7.5 million in 1978. After commissions, net national sales amounted to \$8.5 million, up 32.8% from \$6.4 million. Net local sales: up 12.1% to \$21.3 million from \$19.0 million.

Gross year-to-date sales: \$264.4 million (\$231.5 million, 14.2%). Net sales rose 14.0% to \$245.7 million from \$215.5 million.

For further information, order the September 1979 issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-003, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

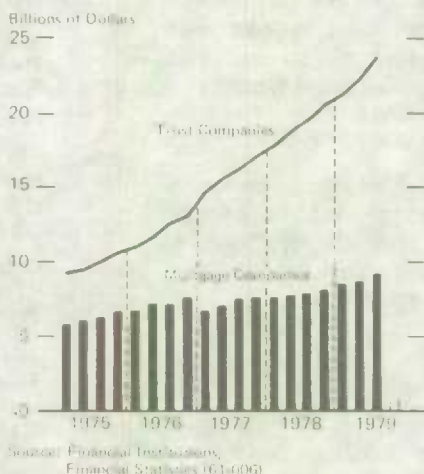
Tobacco Products

Production of cigarettes, November: 6.6 billion against 5.8 billion a year earlier.

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

Trust and Mortgage Companies

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding



StatCan Study Team Named

The Hon. Sinclair Stevens, Minister responsible for Statistics Canada, has announced that Sir Claus Moser, recently retired Head of the Central Statistical Office in the United Kingdom, and four colleagues of similar renown from the United States will conduct a study of the methodology used in the production of certain key statistical series published by Statistics Canada.

The review is to address the statistical practices of Statistics Canada in relation to appropriate international standards. The scope of the study is to include the System of National Accounts and its various inputs, international trade statistics, the consumer price index and labour force statistics. The review will be concluded with a report on the matters addressed to be submitted by mid-February 1980.

Sir Claus Moser is to initiate, direct and conclude the study while the other team members are each to address specific areas of concern. Dr. Richard Ruggles, Professor Emeritus in Economics at Yale University, will be concentrating on the system of National Accounts with particular reference to the difficulties experienced in estimating labour income in the 1970s. Mr. Joel Popkin, who was Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics in charge of price statistics, as well as a senior staff member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and the National Bureau of Economic Research, will focus on the Consumer Price Index. Dr. Margaret Martin, currently President of the American Statistical Association, who for much of her career was the Co-ordinator of Labor Statistics within the entire U.S. statistical system, will examine and address issues relating to statistics on the labour force, those produced through both the employment surveys and the household labour force survey. Mr. Joe Waksberg, past Associate Director of the Bureau of Census, in charge of all survey design and methodological work, will review import and export statistics and serve as an adviser on methodology.

Mr. Stevens reiterated earlier statements that although many of Statistics Canada's alleged problems appeared to be concerned with human relationships and attitudes and not with the basic methodologies used by the agency, a full and constructive review is necessary at this time to ensure that users can continue to have the faith and confidence in the agency's products that are critical to so many programs and decisions throughout Canada.

Marriages, 1977-78

Marriages solemnized in 1978 totalled 185,523, down 0.7% from 1977. The rate per 1,000 population, 7.9, declined 1.2%. The rates of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia rose.

Detailed tabulations will appear in *Vital Statistics, Volume II, Marriages and Divorces* (84-205, \$6). For further information, contact D. Nagnur (613-995-9593), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.



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Farm Cash Receipts, January to October 1979
Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, October 1979

Catalogue No.	In Canada: Price per issue/year	Elsewhere: Price per issue/year
21-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
23-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Third Quarter 1979

67-001	\$6/\$24	\$7.20/\$28.80
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CENSUS

The Demand for Housing in Canada by Marion Steele, 1979

99-763E	\$2.80	
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EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE**SERVICE BULLETIN**

Culture Statistics, Vol. 2, No. 12, Book Publishing: An Industry Analysis, 1978

87-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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EXTERNAL TRADE

Exports by Commodities, October 1979
Imports by Commodities, September 1979

65-004	\$5/\$50	\$6/\$60
65-007	\$5/\$50	\$6/\$60

FINANCIAL FLOWS AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

Financial Flow Accounts, Second Quarter 1979

13-002	\$7.50/\$30	\$9/\$36
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GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Third Quarter 1979

13-001	\$6/\$24	\$7.20/\$28.80
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MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Electric Lamps (Light Sources), November 1979
Gas Utilities, September 1979
Hardboard (Wood Fibre), November 1979
Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder, November 1979
Production and Shipments of Floor Tiles, November 1979
Refined Petroleum Products, August 1979
Sales of Toilet Preparations in Canada, 1978
Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, December 1979

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46-221	\$3	\$3.60
32-012	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Railway Operating Statistics, June 1979

52-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
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Railway Transport, Vol. 9, No. 9, Railway Carloadings, October 1979; Railway Operating Statistics, June 1979

52-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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