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Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade

From preliminary results, it is estimated that on a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, merchandise exports increased 5.1% or \$307 million to \$6,342 million in August 1980 after increasing 1.4% in July and 3.2% in June. Imports decreased 6.1% or \$343 million in August to \$5,301 million after increasing 10.7% in July and decreasing 1.7% in June. As a result of the \$307 million increase in exports and \$343 million drop in imports, the merchandise trade surplus increased \$650 million from \$391 million in July to \$1,041 million in August. This brings the merchandise trade surplus for the first eight months of 1980 to \$4,472 million compared with \$1,931 million for the January-August 1979 period.

On a domestic exports basis, the largest increases in value in August — mostly following decreases in July — were for aircraft and other transportation equipment (up \$170 million to \$295 million), trucks and other motor vehicles (up \$85 million to \$225 million), wheat (up \$85 million to \$360 million) and motor vehicle parts (up \$65 million to \$285 million). The largest decreases in value were for petroleum and coal products (down \$115 million to \$140 million), fabricated non-ferrous metals (down \$85 million to \$415 million), crude metal ores (down \$60 million to \$285 million) and passenger cars (down \$60 million to \$310 million).

For imports, most major commodity groups showed declines in August. The largest declines in value were for imports of crude petroleum (down \$110 million to \$440 million), chemicals (down \$55 million to \$220 million) and metal ores (down \$45 million to \$115 million). End product imports were down 1.7% or \$55 million to \$3,240 million. Fabricated materials were down 2.5% or \$25 million to \$950 million. Crude materials (including crude petroleum and metal ores) were down \$195 million to \$695 million and food, feed, beverages and tobacco declined \$55 million to \$375 million.

Exports to the United States (seasonally adjusted on a customs basis) increased 9.9% to \$355 million to \$3,965 million in August. Exports to "Other America" increased 15% to \$350 million. Exports to all other major trading areas declined, the largest decreases in value being a decrease of 33% or \$220 million to \$450 million in

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June	316.49p	312.47r	9.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	July*	13,462.3p	13,627.9p	9.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	11.11	11.11	1.8
Unemployed	Aug.	833,000	852,000	7.9

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July	2,629.9	2,379.3	10.3
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July	28,068.5p	28,178.5r	19.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	July	13,852.0p	14,121.0p	21.5

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July	13,211.1p	13,444.5r	12.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July	18,761.2p	18,424.8r	11.9

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Aug.	213.5	211.5	10.7
Non-food (CPI) Component	Aug.	197.0	195.4	10.6
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Aug.*	119.8	118.3	8.3
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	June	244.3	240.4	5.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	July	245.8p	243.3r	12.6

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	July*	1,197.8p	7,829.8p	1.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug.*	10,964	75,826	-20.3

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	June*	3,061.8	17,248.3	4.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	June	25.5	185.4	3.1
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	June*	6,824.1	50,827.1	-6.7
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	July	9.8p	65.8p	-0.1

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	5,882.0p	43,057.0p	19.2
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	5,430.0p	40,001.0p	14.3

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	1,223.9p	10,471.0p	0.2
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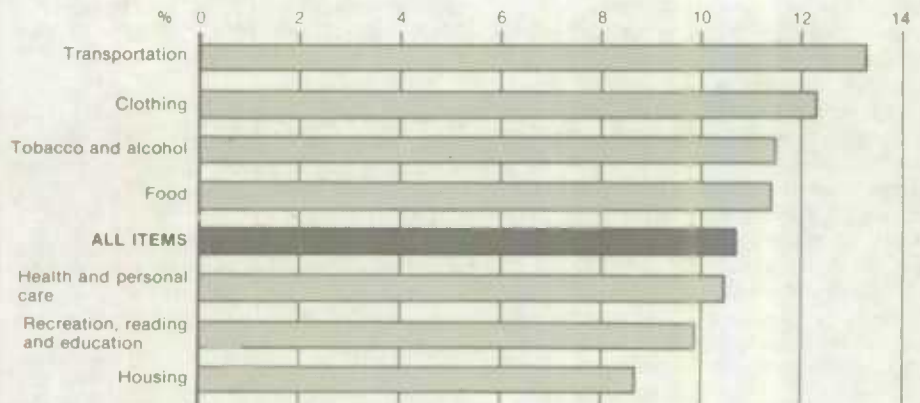
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	708.2p	4,559.0p	10.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July	12,874.7p	93,805.3p	8.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July	1,002.9p	6,871.2p	-2.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July	7,026.2p	45,382.1p	7.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July	6,672.9	44,964.1	11.1

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

Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index and its Major Components

August 1979 to August 1980



Source: Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (62-010)

exports to "Other EEC" countries and 42% or \$110 million to \$155 million in exports to "Other OECD" countries. Exports to the United Kingdom decreased 14.4% to \$220 million and those to Japan were down 6% to \$400 million.

Imports from the U.S. increased 2.7% or \$105 million to \$3,965 million in August. Imports from "Other America" increased 11.7% to \$310 million. Imports from all other major trading areas declined as follows: "Other EEC" down 11.6% to \$265 million; Japan down 9.5% to \$240 million; "Other OECD" down 19.3% to \$180 million; and the U.K. down 15.2% to \$155 million.

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

Real Domestic Product

The seasonally adjusted Index of Real Domestic Product (1971=100) increased 0.3% in July to 137.5 from 137.1 in June, the first monthly gain since March. The index of industrial production rose 0.1%. Both goods-producing and service-producing industries showed gains.

For July, increases were most predominant among service-producing industries with transportation, storage and communication, and trade recording substantial growth. In transportation, storage and communication, the increases were widespread with gains in air, truck, bus and pipeline transport, grain elevators, and especially telephone systems.

The level of activity in trade moved up substantially in July, with a significant increase in retail trade partly offset by a sharp decline in wholesale trade. The output level of retail trade was 2.5% above the average of the previous four months, but still 0.7% below the previous high month in January 1980. The strongest growth occurred among new motor vehicle dealers, up almost 10% in July, reflecting increased sales of both passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Department store sales advanced substantially this month, recording the highest monthly level since August 1979; increased sales of furniture and appliances, and to a lesser extent clothing and footwear, accounted for most of the gain. Elsewhere, moderate increases were recorded in food stores, furniture and appliance stores, and drug stores.

Wholesale trade declined for the second consecutive month to the lowest level since May 1978. Weakness was centred mostly among wholesalers of machinery and equipment, lumber and building materials and farm machinery and farm products.

The increase in goods-producing industries was attributable to gains in forestry, utilities, construction and mining. The upturn in forestry followed four months of successive declines; increased logging activity accounted for the gain, reflecting an improvement in lumber sales. As well, lumber exports showed some improvement in July as U.S. housing starts increased. Output in utilities moved up, with most of the gain due to increased electric power generation.

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The construction industry recorded the first monthly increase in a year. The modest gain was due entirely to increased non-residential building activity. Residential building activity declined once again in July, but to a lesser extent than in each of the three previous months.

Mining output recorded some growth, with production in mineral fuels and non-metal mining operations accounting for the entire increase. Iron mines and miscellaneous metal mines declined substantially.

Preliminary estimates of manufacturing output indicate a slight decline in July, compared to the sharper decreases reported in April, May and June. Non-durables manufacturing continued to record weakness, while durables manufacturing increased slightly for the first time since March. In non-durables manufacturing, work stoppages appeared to be the primary cause for some of the more significant declines which occurred among producers of fish products, beverages, and pulp and paper products. For durables manufacturing, areas of growth included manufacturers of wood products, metal fabricated products, machinery, motor vehicles and electrical products. Manufacturers of primary metal products recorded declines reflecting continued weak demand.

Agricultural output continued to fall in July, with decreases in livestock and dairy production accounting for most of the decline.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact R.J. Kennedy (613-995-0568), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

The Dairy Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in July 1980 totalled an estimated 710 662 kilolitres, 7.8% more than in July 1979.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first seven months of the year to 4 299 191 kilolitres, an increase of 6.1% over the January-July 1979 period.

For further information, order the August issue of The Dairy Review (23-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact C.M. Riach (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Estimates of Labour Income

Labour income for the month of July 1980 was estimated at \$13,462.3 million, an increase of \$1,197.7 million or 9.8% from July 1979.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$108.0 million between June and July to \$12 274.1 million.

The estimates will be published in the July-September issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, \$5/\$20). For further information, contact Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8431), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 22.3 million short tons (20.3 million t) in August 1980, a decrease of 6.4% from a year earlier. The carriers received an additional 1.5 million short tons (1.4 million t) from the United States, a decline of 15.6% from August 1979.

Commodities showing notable percentage changes in volumes loaded in the latest month included alumina, bauxite and other aluminum ores (up 16,798%); wheat (up 23.8%); grain, other than wheat (down 50.9%); and iron ore and concentrates (down 14.8%).

In the first eight months of 1980, total loadings in Canada registered a 3.2% increase from the 1979 period while receipts from U.S. connections declined by 12.5%.

For further information, order the August issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, \$1.50/\$15). For seasonal adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Raw Material Price Index

The Raw Material Price Index (1977=100) for August 1980 stood at a preliminary level of 154.9, up 5.5% from the revised index of 146.8 for July and 14.4% higher than in August 1979. The rise in the latest month reflected significant price increases for vegetable products (5.3%), animals and animal products (3.7%), and coal, crude oil and natural gas (10.5%). The only component index to decrease was that for wood products.

Data users should note that indexes for the most recent six months are subject to revision. For further information, order the August 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.

Cement

Canadian manufacturers shipped 1 106 273 metric tonnes of Portland cement during the month of August 1980, down from 1 303 977 tonnes in August 1979.

For further information, order the August issue of Cement (44-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact John Dornan (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Housing Starts

Residential building construction in August 1980 in centres of 10,000 population and over was marked by housing starts falling 26.5% to 10,964 from 14,909 a year earlier.

Provincial totals, with August 1979 figures in brackets: British Columbia, 3,141 (2,477); Alberta, 2,399 (2,697); Ontario, 2,243 (5,630); Quebec, 1,941 (2,853); Saskatchewan, 608 (459); Nova Scotia, 209 (266); Newfoundland, 156 (131); Manitoba, 139 (237); New Brunswick, 128 (123); and Prince Edward Island, 0 (36).

Housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over during the first eight months of 1980 totalled 75,826, down 30.3% from 95,109 in the January-August 1979 period.

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$3/\$30), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

The residential building construction input price index for Canada (1971=100) remained at 225.0 in August 1980, unchanged from July but up 4.5% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction increased 1.8% over the 12 months from August 1979; labour costs rose 9.1%. During this period, residential building construction input price indexes moved higher in all regions of Canada with increases recorded as follows: Atlantic provinces, 5.6%; Prairie provinces, 5.0%; Ontario, 4.7%; Quebec, 3.8%; and British Columbia, 3.6%.

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$3/\$30), or contact Ms. G.A. Vitalis (613-996-3744), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators during the month of August 1980 was 26,803 units. Home freezer production amounted to 26,848 units.

For further information, order the August issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers

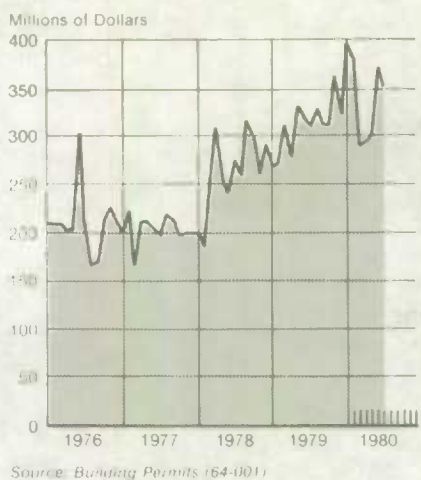
Canadian production of washing machines (electric automatic) during the month of August 1980 totalled 27,932 units.

Production of clothes dryers (electric automatic) for the same month was 22,646 units.

For further information, order the August issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Commercial Building Permits Issued in Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Railway Operating Statistics

The seven major railways in Canada reported a combined net income from operations of \$29.5 million in May 1980, down from \$36.2 million in the corresponding month of 1979. Operating revenues rose 7.5% to \$434.8 million while operating expenses increased by 10.1% to \$405.3 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles were down 0.3% in May 1980; freight train-miles showed a decrease of 2.8% and freight car-miles decreased 2.2%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight was 2.471 cents compared to 2.339 cents in May 1979. Passenger-miles increased by 7.7% to 138.3 million.

For further information, order the May issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$2.50/\$25), or contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas 1978

The value of shipments of goods of own manufacture reported by all manufacturing industries in Canada for 1978 totalled \$129.0 billion, up 18.5% from \$108.9 billion in 1977. The prime contributors to this national increase were Alberta with a gain of 23.3% on 5.8% of the national total; British Columbia up 21.5% on 9.5% of the national aggregate and Nova Scotia which reported shipments up 23.5% on 2.1% of the Canadian total.

In terms of geographic concentration, Ontario continues to dominate with 50.5% of the national total, down from 51.1% in 1977. Quebec followed with 25.8% of the total, up slightly from 25.7% in 1977.

For further information, order the 1978 issue of *Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas* (catalogue 31-203), or 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.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in August 1980 totalled 101,023 units, down 3.9% from a year earlier. This included 57,238 passenger cars (down 8.2%) and 24,755 commercial vehicles (down 12.2%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 17,239 passenger cars (up 29.1%) and 1,791 commercial vehicles (up 50.3%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 5.0% to \$912.9 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$475.3 million (up 3.4%) and commercial vehicles for \$295.0 million (down 3.7%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 36.0% to \$128.9 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 59.5% to \$13.7 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 622 units of coaches and buses valued at \$8.6 million.

Seasonally adjusted August sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. increased 9.4% from July to 67,593 units and those of passenger cars from overseas increased 6.1% to 15,971 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up 8.1% to 29,864 units.

For the first eight months of 1980, total sales amounted to 876,634 units (984,495 in 1979), with an accumulated value of \$7,784.8 million. This represented a decrease of 1.9% in value from sales for January-August 1979.

For further information, order the August 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.

Key Economic Series

During the last week of this month, the release of Key Economic Series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below.

October 23-24: Index of Industrial Production, month of August;

October 23-27: Building Permits, month of August;

October 27-28: Employment, Earnings and Hours, month of August;

October 27-29: Real Domestic Product, month of August;

October 27-31: Unemployment Insurance, month of August;

October 27-31: Housing Starts in Urban Centres of 10,000 Population and Over, month of September;

October 27-31: Housing Starts, All Areas, Second Quarter 1980.

For further information, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, August 1980	32-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Oil Pipe Line Transport, May 1980	55-001	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
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Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, August 1980	32-022	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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