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LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	316.28p	315.47p	8.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	13,462.3p	13,627.9p	9.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept.	10.80	11.11	2.6
Unemployed	Sept.	757,000	833,000	5.3

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Aug.	2,530.7	2,629.9	2.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug.	28,471.4p	28,094.1r	18.3
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug.	13,562.6	13,852.0	19.0

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	12,899.4p	13,049.9r	0.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	18,953.5p	18,719.7r	10.7

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	215.4	213.5	10.7
Non-food (CPI) Component	Sept.	198.2	197.0	10.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Sept.	120.2	119.8	7.9
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	July	249.9p	248.3r	8.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Aug.	248.6p	246.0r	13.0

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug.	1,147.6p	9,152.1p	-1.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.	11,852	87,678	-18.7

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	July	3 143.6	20 392.0	7.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	July	26.8	212.2	3.2
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	July	6 960.0	57 786.9	-7.4
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Aug.	9.6p	74.9p	-0.7

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	5,408p	48,505p	17.3
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	4,667p	44,667p	12.0

PRODUCTION

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

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.*	807.6	6,095.3	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug.	12,665.6p	106,351.2p	7.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	846.9	8,631.7	-1.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	7,155.7p	52,548.0p	7.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	6,673.9	51,638.0	9.6

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

Retail Trade

Seasonally adjusted retail sales for September 1980 were \$7,292.7 million, an increase of 2.7% from the \$7,102.1 million recorded in August. Sales were higher in 22 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were posted for motor vehicle dealers (+8.9%) and household appliance stores (+8.2%) while family shoe stores (-6.2%) and sporting goods and accessories stores (-2.1%) registered the largest decreases. All provinces except Newfoundland (-0.3%) and Nova Scotia (-1.8%) reported increased sales over August, with advances ranging from 4.4% for Prince Edward Island to 1.2% for New Brunswick.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment was \$7,036.8 million, up 11.6% from September 1979. Sales increases were shown for all trade groups except furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (-0.2%); the largest gains were for used car dealers (+33.9%) and book and stationery stores (+22.0%). All provinces reported increased sales ranging from 16.7% for Alberta to 4.3% for Newfoundland. Montreal sales rose 13.3%; Toronto, 10.4%; Winnipeg, 8.4%; and Vancouver, 18.1%.

Revised total retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, for August 1980 was \$7,125.5 million, an increase of 6.4% over August 1979.

Cumulative sales for January to September 1980 totalled \$59,554.6 million, up 7.7% over the same period last year.

For further information, order the September 1980 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

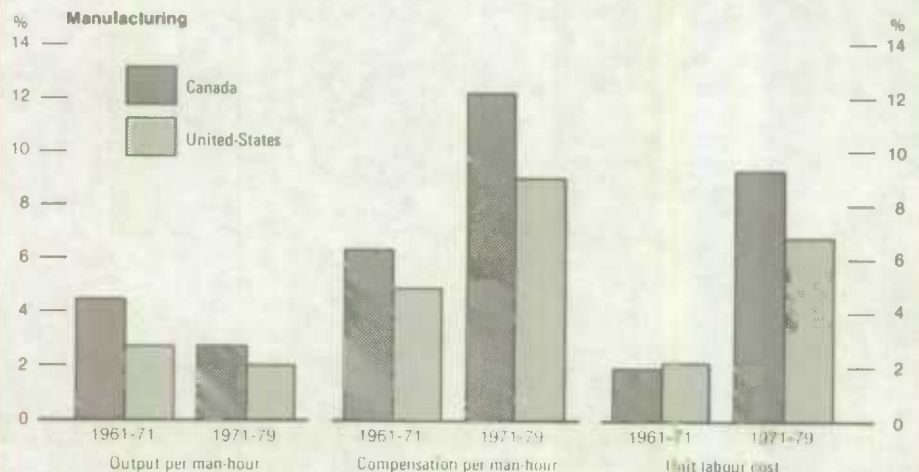
Computer Service Industry

In 1979, the 689 companies in Canada primarily engaged in providing processing, software and systems and other computer-related services had total operating revenue of \$638.0 million.

An additional 30 companies were primarily engaged in the sale, lease and rental of hardware with reported total operating revenue of \$929.9 million.

For further information, order the 1979 edition of Computer Service Industry (63-222, \$4.50), or contact Mrs. R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Canada — United States Comparisons, Average Annual Rate of Growth



Source: Aggregate productivity measures, 1979 (14-201)

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing (1971=100) increased 0.9% to 251.5 in September 1980 from the revised August level of 249.2. The index showed a year-to-year percentage increase of 12.6%, the smallest advance registered since December 1978. Although most major groups showed increases of less than 0.5% in September, significant contributions to the total index movement came from the food and beverage industries, the primary metal industries and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The wood industries was the only major group to show a decline from August.

The food and beverage industries index increased 2.2% from August and was 13.4% higher than in September 1979. This change was largely due to increases in the component indexes for slaughtering and meat processors (+3.9%), the dairy products industry (+2.0%), cane and beet sugar processors (+6.4%) and the feed industry (+3.8%). Within the slaughtering and meat processors industry the major contribution was from fresh and frozen beef (+1.5%) and fresh and frozen pork (+10.3%) with similar increases reflected in related beef and pork commodities. The dairy products industry showed price increases for the majority of milk by-products with the major contributions from cheddar cheese (+3.8%) and milk (+2.7%). The cane and beet sugar processors industry index continued to move upwards, with increases in all commodities led by an increase of 6.6% for granulated white sugar. (Compared to September 1979, the industry index was up by more than 150%.) The rise in the index level of the feed industry was primarily attributable to increases in all complete feeds, ranging from 3% to 6% across the industry.

The primary metal industries major group increased 1.3% in September with the main contribution coming from the smelting and refining industry where prices increased 3.5% over the previous month and were up 27.2% from a year earlier. Within the smelting and refining industry, price increases for precious metals of about 10% accounted for almost all of the rise in the latest month.

The price increases for precious metals were also reflected in the miscellaneous manufacturing major group which increased 5.0% over the previous month. The rise was primarily attributable to the component index for the jewellery and silverware industry which increased 9.2%.

The only major group to show a decline from the previous month was the wood industries, due to a 2.9% decline in sawmills and planing mills in September.

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

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Trusted Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1979

The book value of assets of trusted pension funds amounted to \$43.2 billion at December 31, 1979, an increase of \$7.7 billion from a year earlier. These assets were held for nearly three million pension plan members, equivalent to an average of \$14,576 of invested reserves for each member. As in 1978, the market value of the assets, \$44.1 billion, exceeded book value.

For further information, contact E.S. Hanes (613-995-4476), Chief, Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, or order the publication Trusted Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1979 (74-201, \$7).

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) for September 1980 increased by 1.5% to 268.4 from the revised August level of 264.4.

The index, which measures (as closely as can be determined) prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available on CANSIM (matrix 176) or in the Statistics Canada publication *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, \$1.50/\$15).

For further information, contact George Beelen (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at November 1, 1980 amounted to 52 112 metric tonnes compared with last year's corresponding total of 54 541 tonnes.

For further information, order the September issue of Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, \$2.50/\$25).

Oil Pipeline Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 400 268 cubic metres daily of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in August 1980, up 0.5% from 398 346 m3D a year earlier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased 0.8% to 365 910 m3D, while those of imported petroleum and products decreased 3.1% to 34 358 m3D.

For further information, order the August issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G. Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Labour Income

Labour income for the month of August 1980 was estimated at \$13,660.5 million, an increase of \$1,311.1 million or 10.6% from August 1979.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$127.1 million between July and August to \$12,439.1 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.

Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January to September period of 1980 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$11,276.3 million, up 12% from the \$10,066.2 million realized during the same period of 1979.

Total estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction is made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January-September issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact George Beelen (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Statistics

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of \$519.1 million in September 1980, up 21.1% from a year earlier. Operating expenses increased 15.2% to \$335.3 million. Net operating revenue at \$183.9 million showed an increase of 33.8% over September 1979. Telephone toll messages increased 16.0% to 116.5 million.

For further information, order the September issue of Telephone Statistics (56-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Export/Import Indexes

On a fixed weighted basis, the export price index increased 1.1% in August 1980, following a three-month period that saw an average monthly increase of less than 0.5%.

The import price index increased 1.6% after a 1.8% increase in July and small monthly decreases of 0.5% or less in May and June.

Seasonally adjusted domestic export volume increased 3.9% in August following a 3.5% decline in July and was 2.6% higher than in the second quarter of 1980.

Import volume declined 5.9% following a 6.2% increase in July and was 4.8% lower than the index for the second quarter.

For further information, order the September 1980 issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, \$3/\$30).

Labour Force Survey

Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.6% in October 1980 from 7.5% in September; the rate in October 1979 was 7.4%. The seasonally adjusted participation rate increased to 64.2% in October from 64.1% in September. The employment/population ratio remained at 59.3%, unchanged from the preceding month.

Last month, the seasonally adjusted employment level at 10,738,000 persons was up by 26,000 from September. The level increased by 39,000 for women 25 years of age and over, while it decreased by 10,000 for men 15-24 and by 5,000 for women of the same age group. The level showed little change for men 25 and over. Provincially, the employment level increased in Quebec (+10,000), Alberta (+11,000) and British Columbia (+17,000) while it declined in Ontario (-10,000), Nova Scotia (-4,000) and Manitoba (-3,000) and registered little change in the remaining provinces.

Unemployment, seasonally adjusted, totalled 877,000 in October, up by 12,000 from September. The level increased by 12,000 for men 15-24 and by 6,000 for women 15-24. The level declined by 7,000 for women 25 and over while it showed little change for men 25 and over. On a provincial basis, the level of unemployment changed only slightly between September and October, with British Columbia recording the largest fluctuation (-4,000).

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces in October were as follows, with September rates in brackets: Newfoundland, 13.8% (13.4%); Prince Edward Island, 11.2% (11.0%); Nova Scotia, 9.8% (9.2%); New Brunswick, 11.3% (10.7%); Quebec, 10.1% (10.1%); Ontario, 6.7% (6.7%); Manitoba, 5.8% (5.3%); Saskatchewan, 5.0% (4.8%); Alberta, 3.6% (3.7%); and British Columbia, 6.2% (6.6%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the employment level for Canada was 10,824,000 in October 1980, an increase of 2.2% over the estimate of 10,591,000 for last October. Over the 12 months, the number of unemployed also rose 2.2% to 759,000 from 743,000. The unemployment rate in October 1980 at 6.6% was unchanged from a year earlier, while the participation rate was 64.0% compared to 63.7% and the employment/population ratio was 59.8% compared to 59.5% in October 1979.

For further information, order the October issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$3.50/\$35).

Survey of Production, 1978

Census value added in goods-producing industries in Canada increased by 14.6% to \$103,624,349,000 in 1978.

For further information, order the 1978 issue of *Survey of Production* (61-202, \$6), or contact R. Pagnutti (613-995-0581), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Volume II of the Mortality Atlas of Canada Available

Mortality Atlas of Canada, Volume II: General Mortality contains 34 colour maps illustrating spatial variation of mortality for major cause of death categories, including infant mortality, ischemic heart disease and motor vehicle accidents and is now available as the companion volume to *Mortality Atlas of Canada, Volume I: Cancer*.

Either as single volumes or as a set, the *Atlas* will be of particular usefulness — among others — to epidemiologic researchers to select mortality rate anomalies for further investigation, educators at all levels to illustrate disease patterns, public health workers to promote awareness of various health problems and health planners to identify areas that might have need of new or intensified case detection or treatment programs.

Volume I of the *Atlas*, published in May, contains 28 colour maps depicting spatial variation of mortality due to major sites of cancer, including the lungs, large intestine and breast. Produced jointly by Statistics Canada and Health and Welfare Canada, the maps of both volumes are based on age-adjusted mortality rates by census division or county. Each volume also contains a reference map, population density map and appendix table that presents the age-adjusted mortality rates by census division or county for each cause of death category.

Volume I carries the catalogue number H49-6/1-1980 and Volume II the catalogue number 049-6/2-1980 and each is priced at, Canada \$18.25; other countries \$21.90. Orders should be sent to: Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Québec K1A 0S9.

Raw Materials Price Index

The Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100) stood at a preliminary level of 157.2 in September 1980, an increase of 1.5% from August and up 14.2% from September 1979.

All major component indexes rose in the latest month except that for non-metallic materials. The largest increases occurred in the metals: non-ferrous metals, +7.4%, and ferrous materials, +5.0%. For the non-ferrous metals, the increase mainly reflected higher prices for precious metals (+27% for silver, +7% for gold). On a year-to-year comparison, the 28.7% increase was mainly because of increases for silver (+50%), gold (+95%) and aluminum (+20%); lead showed a partly offsetting decline of 28% during the same period. Ferrous materials were up from the previous month due to a 10.1% increase for steel scrap, although price indexes were still just below the September 1979 level.

The 0.9% increase in the vegetable products index in September was a result of increases for oilseeds, natural rubber and raw sugar, which were partly offset by seasonal decreases in vegetable prices. The year-over-year increase of 32.8% for vegetable products was mainly due to a substantial rise in raw sugar prices (+225%).

The index for animals and animal products increased 1.9% as a result of higher prices for hogs +14% and poultry +3%. Hides and skins prices declined 10% in the latest month and were down 28% from September 1979.

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Production of Coffee and Tea

During the quarter ended September 1980, production of roasted coffee was 11 635 metric tonnes. Production of tea bags was 3 733 metric tonnes.

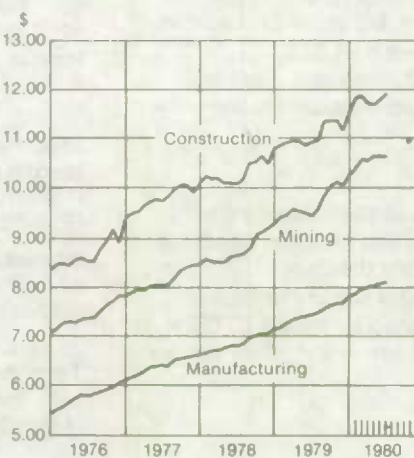
For further information, order the September quarter 1980 issue of *Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa* (32-025, \$2.50/\$10), or contact Miss K. Wardley (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Sugar Situation

For October 1980, Canadian Sugar Refiners reported total sales of 79 473 356 kilograms of all types of sugar, 78 712 520 kilograms in domestic sales and 760 836 kilograms in export sales.

For detailed information on stocks, production and shipments (sales) of refined sugar for the same period, (available in approximately 10 days), order the October 1980 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$1.50/\$15).

Average Hourly Earnings
in Canadian Industry



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



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