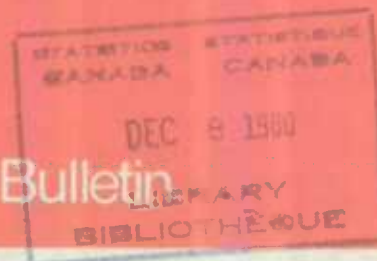


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## International Travel

In October 1980, total non-resident visitors to Canada increased by 25.0% from a year earlier to 3.0 million, with larger numbers recorded from both the United States and 'other countries'. Residents of Canada re-entering from international trips declined by 3.5% to 2.8 million in October 1980; decreases in the number of Canadian re-entries were recorded for residents returning from both the U.S. and 'other countries'.

Preliminary statistics for October 1980 show that 2.8 million U.S. residents entered Canada, up 26.5% from a year earlier. Visitors from countries other than the U.S. increased by 1.5% to 140,000. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.7 million, down 3.3% from October 1979, while residents returning from other countries decreased by 9.3% to 104,000.

On a year-to-date basis, 34.1 million U.S. residents entered Canada, up 23.4% from the January-October 1979 period. Visitors from countries other than the U.S. increased by 7.2% to 2.0 million. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 30.3 million for the first 10 months of 1980, 1.9% above last year, while residents re-entering from other countries numbered 1.4 million, down 10.0% from 1979.

For further information, order the October 1980 issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Paul Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

## Local Government Employment

Municipalities across Canada employed an estimated 280,571 persons in general government services at the end of September 1980, a decrease of 4.1% from the 292,632 reported at June 30, 1980.

Gross payrolls of Canadian municipalities for the third quarter of 1980 amounted to \$1,149,286,000, an increase of 3.4% over the \$1,111,747,000 reported for the second quarter of this year.

For further information, order the July-September 1980 issue of *Local Government Employment* (72-009, \$4/\$16), or contact the Local Government Section (613-995-9897), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.*	318.90p	317.28p	9.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug.	13,660.5p	13,552.3p	10.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct.	10.82	10.80	2.2
Unemployed	Oct.	759,000	757,000	2.2

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Sept.	2,379.5	2,530.7	4.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept.	28,271.0p	28,506.8r	14.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Sept.	13,421.8	13,562.6	17.6

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	14,915.5p	12,888.2r	14.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	19,080.5p	18,921.3r	13.4

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	217.3	215.4	10.9
Non-food (CPI) Component	Oct.	200.3	198.2	10.4
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Oct.*	121.7	120.2	9.1
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	July	249.9p	248.3r	8.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	251.5p	249.2r	12.6

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.*	1,414.8p	10,779.7p	1.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.*	14,224	101,902	-17.3

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	3 102.5	23 567.9	9.0
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Aug.	27.5	239.8	3.1
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Aug.	7 092.6	64 876.8	-8.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.	7.9p	83.7p	-1.5

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	6,235p	54,930p	16.9
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	5,152p	49,953p	12.0

### PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Oct.	1 353.6	13 092.9	-0.2
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### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	807.6	6,095.3	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept.	14,756.2p	121,128.5p	8.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	846.9	8,631.7	-1.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	7,036.8p	59,554.6	7.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	7,273.7	58,864.6	10.0

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

## Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index from the Same Month a Year Earlier





### Building Permits (Seasonally Adjusted)

The seasonally adjusted value of building permits authorized by Canadian municipalities reached \$1,361.7 million in September 1980, up 19.1% from \$1,143.1 million (revised) in August and 11.1% higher than the year-earlier level of \$1,225.7 million.

September's performance, the best since the February 1980 total of \$1,366.9 million, reflected major increases in Ontario (+22.6%), Nova Scotia (+52.0%), Manitoba (+35.2%), and sustained strength in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Non-residential permits, which included several large projects in Toronto, Calgary, Victoria, Richmond (B.C.) and La Baie rose 31.0% to \$679.8 million in September from \$518.9 million in August. Increases were registered in all three categories in September: commercial buildings at \$367.8 million (up 28.0% from \$287.4 million in August); industrial projects \$124.8 million (up 16.5% from \$107.1 million); and publicly-initiated projects \$187.2 million (up 50.5% from \$124.4 million).

Residential permits were issued for 14,260 new dwellings in September compared to 13,460 units in the preceding month. Builders received authorizations for the construction of 8,400 single-detached homes and 5,860 multiple dwellings in September compared to 7,416 singles and 6,044 multiples in August. The value of all residential construction including improvements to existing homes was \$681.9 million, 9.2% higher than in August (\$624.2 million).

Preliminary data for October provide indications that final returns for the month will be close to September's high level.

For additional information, order the September 1980 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z7.

### Export/Import Indexes

On a fixed weight basis, both the export and import price indexes continued to advance in September at an accelerating pace. Both indexes rose by 2% following increases for exports of 0.3% in May, 0.5% in June, 0.4% in July and 1.1% in August, and for imports, decreases of 0.2% in May and 0.5% in June and increases of 1.8% in July and 1.2% in August.

Compared with the third quarter of 1979, export prices were up 21.7% in the latest quarter and import prices 18.5%.

The seasonally adjusted domestic export volume index decreased 4.9% in September following a 3.9% increase in August and a 3.4% decrease in July. Imports increased less than 1% following a 6% decrease in August and a 6% increase in July.

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

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### Corporation Financial Statistics

Canadian corporations in 1978 experienced higher rates of growth in assets, revenue and pretax profits than during the previous year.

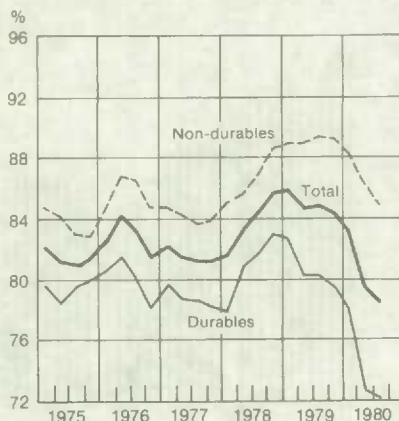
Financial characteristics reported by corporations in Canada put the total assets of all industries at \$716 billion, a 15% rise in 1978, compared with a 13% gain in 1977. In the financial sector, total assets reached \$372 billion, up 18% from 1977, while assets of non-financial corporations increased to \$344 billion, up 13% from the previous year.

Total revenue of all industries reached \$457 billion in 1978, an advance of 14% compared with a 12% increase for the previous year. The financial sector experienced a marked rate of growth, with revenue up 21% to \$46 billion, compared to a 12% increase in 1977. Revenue in the non-financial sector grew to \$411 billion, the same 12% growth rate as reported for 1977.

Total pretax profits rose sharply in 1978, up \$7.5 billion to \$33.3 billion, an increase of 29% compared to 6% in 1977. In the non-financial sector, profits were up \$6.1 billion to \$26.6 billion, an increase of 30% compared to 6% in the previous year.

Further information on *Corporation Financial Statistics* may be obtained from A. Dorland (613-995-9836).

### Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing, by Quarter



Source: Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing (31-003)

### Statistics Canada Participating in Telidon Field Trials

Statistics Canada is exploring the potential of a new electronic method of distributing data. By participating in a number of Telidon field trials across the country, Statistics Canada will for the first time be able to take its latest changes in economic and social statistics immediately to the home television sets of scores of households.

Each family in the field trials will be able to call up its choice of thousands of items — or "pages" — of information, including some 250 pages of Statistics Canada charts, tables and summaries. The Statistics Canada contribution to the Telidon experiments will be accessed in the same way as weather, entertainment and shopping information — the viewer will push buttons on a hand-held control unit about the shape of a pocket calculator. An ordinary TV will then display in words, numbers and pictures — and in up to seven colours — the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) data or whatever other key economic figures are required.

Statistics Canada's figures will not all be tied to the economic picture. A game has been devised that uses cartoon clues to "guide" the family playing it through 10 questions about life in Canada: the answers aren't too difficult to guess. Then in addition to the more serious monthly and quarterly economic indicators such as CPI, the family will also be able to watch special features on local area maps, energy in the home and today's economy. All the subjects will give the sources of further appropriate information at Statistics Canada central or regional offices.

Some TVs that are used in offices and small businesses will also be tested in some of the field trials. Calgary, Winnipeg (Headingley), Toronto, Montreal, Québec and Saint John are the cities where trials have started or are expected to start next year.

### Urban Transit

In October 1980, 62 urban transit systems collected 115,590,008 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 34,988,950 miles (56 309 257 km), and their operating revenues amounted to \$47,141,036.

For further information, contact the Head (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1 or order the October 1980 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, \$1.50/\$15).

### Federal Government Enterprise Finance

Federal government enterprises including their foreign subsidiaries reported an income of \$14,677.8 million in the fiscal year ending nearest to December 31, 1979. Expenditures for the corresponding period amounted to \$13,132.0 million.

On a financial management basis, this resulted in a net profit of \$1,252.6 million after provision for income tax.

The publication, *Federal Government Enterprise Finance, 1979* (61-203), will be released at a later date.



## Household Facilities and Equipment

Gas has now overtaken oil as the leading home heating fuel in Canada. The 1980 survey of household facilities and equipment, taken in May, shows that gas is now used to heat 40.1% of Canada's 7,807,000 occupied private dwellings, while 37.3% of the homes are heated with oil. Ten years ago, the proportions of homes using gas and oil were 33.4% and 57.9%, respectively. The proportion of homes using electric heat has also risen steadily; just 10 years ago, only 4.0% of homes used electricity for heating but by May 1980 the figure had increased to 19.5%. (In the province of Quebec, the climb was much steeper, from 5.6% to 37.5% over the 10-year period.)

Other findings of the May survey of household facilities and equipment:

- Almost 64% of private dwellings are owner-occupied but less than half of them (43.6%) are free of a mortgage.
- While 72.0% of homes have at least five rooms, more than half of these are occupied by small households (three persons or less).
- Over 80% of households now have at least one colour TV, up from 76.7% a year earlier.
- Automatic dishwashers are found in 28.5% of households, compared to 26.3% a year earlier.
- Skis, particularly cross-country skis, are being purchased on an ever-increasing scale, with 22.8% of households now owning at least one pair of cross-country skis, up from 16.9% two years ago. Downhill skis are owned by 15.1% of households, an increase from 14.2% in 1978.
- Three and one-half percent of households surveyed still own a hand lawnmower while 39.5% own a gasoline mower and 16.3% own an electric model.

For further information, order the 1980 issue of *Household Facilities and Equipment* (64-202, \$4.50).

## Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 22.9 million short tons (20.8 million t) in October 1980, a decrease of 8.9% from a year earlier. The carriers received an additional 1.7 million short tons (1.6 million t) from the United States, a decline of 15.6% from October 1979.

Commodities registering notable changes in volumes loaded in the latest month were: wheat (up 26.6%); grain, other than wheat (up 16.3%); potash (up 11.1%); coal (up 5.4%); and iron ore and concentrates (down 31.5%).

Total revenue freight loadings in Canada for the year 1980 to date increased 0.4% from the 1979 level while receipts from U.S. connections declined by 13.1%.

For further information, order the October issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$1.50/\$15). For seasonal adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976) or C.S. Canniff (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Housing Starts in Canada

Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



## Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators during the month of October 1980 totalled 45,914 units. Production of home freezers amounted to 43,547 units.

For further information, order the October 1980 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.

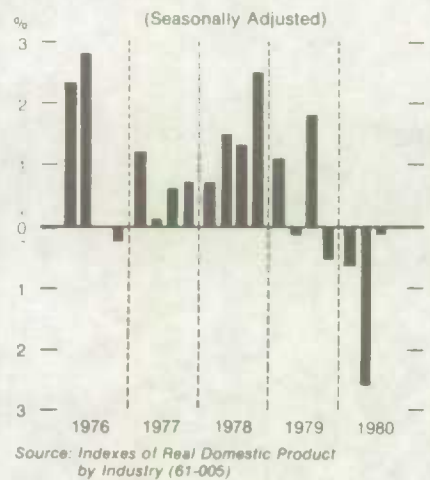
## Electric Lamps (Light Sources)

Total sales in Canada of electric lamps (light sources) of all types including imports during the month of October 1980 were valued at \$24,758,669.

For further information, order the October issue of *Electric Lamps (Light Sources)* (43-009, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Index of Industrial Production

Quarter-to-Quarter Percentage Change



## Juvenile Delinquency Statistics

The number of persons charged under the Juvenile Delinquents Act (or equivalent provincial legislation) and processed through juvenile courts in 1979 declined by 28.5% from the previous year, according to information reported to Statistics Canada. This decrease was mainly due to the introduction of the Youth Protection Act in Quebec and to the lowering of the juvenile age limit for females in Alberta (the statutory changes in these two provinces resulted in decreases of 68% and 25.5% in Quebec and Alberta, respectively).

The figures released cover nine provinces and the Yukon. Data were not available from British Columbia and the Northwest Territories and for certain provincial statute offences in Manitoba.

Information received indicates that cases involving 31,588 juveniles were disposed of by the courts in 1979, a rate of 1,111.7 per 100,000 of the legislated juvenile population. In addition, 508 adults were involved in charges of contributing to delinquency or in the review of dispositions received as juveniles.

The most serious crime committed by 65% of the persons charged involved interference with property (break and enter, theft, possession of stolen goods, wilful damage, joyriding), violent crimes accounted for another 5.9%, crimes involving drugs 3.4%, offences under provincial traffic and liquor legislation for an additional 10.1%, with all other offences totalling 15.6%.

Approximately 84% of the persons whose cases were adjudicated in 1979 were found to be delinquent. Of those 26,817 persons, 6.3% were sent to juvenile institutions; 4.3% were referred for care to a provincial government agency; 37.5% were placed on probation; 19.9% were fined or required to make restitution; 24.9% were adjourned indefinitely or given suspended sentences and the remaining 7.0% were treated in a variety of other ways.

Statistics on delinquency for the year 1979 are now available on CANSIM, Statistics Canada's computerized data base. For further information, contact K. Maser (613-995-0855), Project Manager, Juvenile Court Survey, Justice Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5. Printed reports containing the principal findings are available free on request.

## The Dairy Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in September 1980 totalled an estimated 617 351 kilolitres, 3.1% more than in September 1979.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold off Canadian farms during the first nine months of 1980 to 5 587 684 kilolitres, an increase of 5.0% over the January-September period in 1979.

For further information, order the October 1980 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.



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