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## Estimates of Labour Income

Labour income for the month of January was estimated at \$12,221.8 million, an increase of \$1,155.6 million or 10.4% from January 1979.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$12.5 million between December and January to \$11,622.4 million.

The estimates will be published in the January-March 1980 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$5/\$20), or may be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8431), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Aggregate Productivity Measures

Preliminary estimates of output per man-hour for all commercial industries show an increase of 0.5% in 1979, the smallest increase in the last four years and below the average annual growth rate of 2.2% from 1971. Unit labour cost increased 7.4% in 1979, a larger increase than the 4.2% recorded in 1978.

Output per man-hour in manufacturing increased 0.9% in 1979, again the smallest increase in the last four years and below the average annual growth rate of 2.9% from 1971. Unit labour cost rose 8.7% in 1979, notably higher than the 2.4% increase in 1978 and almost equal to the average annual increase of 8.8% for the period 1971-1979.

For further information, contact Miss M. Larose (613-995-8261), Input-Output Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data for January 1980 show that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 9 008.8 thousand cubic metres, a decrease of 2.8% from the year-earlier total of 9 267.8 thousand cubic metres.

Canadian refineries produced 9 746.1 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, up 0.7% from 9 679.3 thousand cubic metres in January 1979.

For further information, order the January issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Dec.	293.5	296.62r	8.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Dec.	12,361.2p	12,475.8r	10.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb.	10.24	10.19	3.8
Unemployed	Feb.	949,000	946,000	-0.5

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.	2,175.2p	2,885.5p	11.5
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	25,897.1p	25,125.5r	25.8
Wholesale (\$ million)	Dec.	10,609.7p	10,550.7p	19.3

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	11,949.5p	13,668.6r	6.0
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	16,778.5p	16,714.0r	22.5

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Feb.*	201.8	200.1	9.4
Non-food (CPI) Component	Feb.*	186.8	185.4	9.2
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Jan.	113.1	113.0	5.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Dec.	230.9	230.8	5.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Jan.	238.0p	230.3r	16.2

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	883.3p	14,064.4p	7.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Jan.	10,489	10,489	-9.1

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Dec.*	2 803.3	33 019.0	8.3
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.	33.7	352.3	5.0
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Nov.	9 279.7	95 415.6	6.7
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Dec.	96.7p	114.67p	8.8

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	5,886p	5,886p	17.8
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	5,509p	5,509p	17.6

### PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Feb.	1 290.99p	2 718 443p	-7.8
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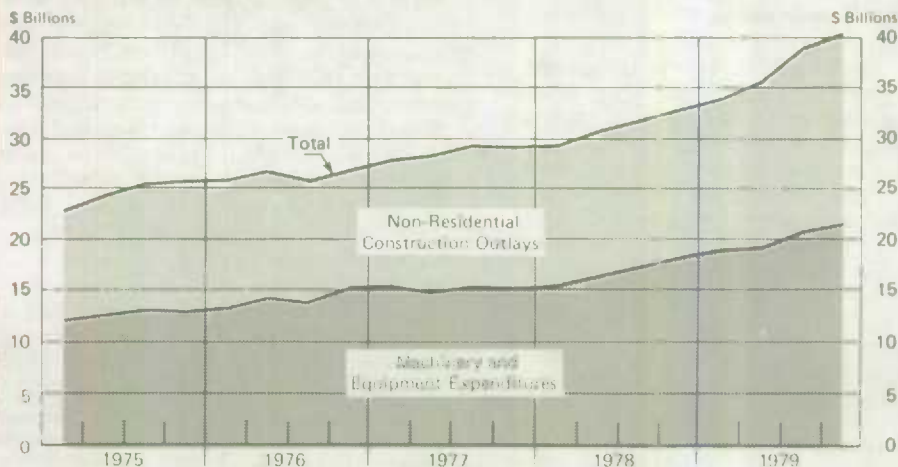
### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	558.4p	588.4p	15.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	11,885.0p	150,248.6p	16.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	768.4	768.4	13.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	5,645.9	5,645.9	12.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	5,660.0p	74,730.0r	21.0

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

## Business Investment in Plant and Equipment

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (113-001)

## Retail Trade

Seasonally adjusted retail sales for January were \$6,755.8 million, an increase of 2.6% from the \$6,581.7 million recorded in December. Sales increased in 18 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains posted for household furniture stores (+15.6%), jewellery stores (+15.5%) and personal accessories stores (+10.1%). The largest decreases were for book and stationery stores (-12.5%) and specialty shoe stores (-9.2%). All provinces except Alberta (-1.0%) reported increased sales over December, ranging from 6.4% for Saskatchewan to 1.2% for Prince Edward Island.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$5,645.9 million, up 12.7% over January 1979. Sales were higher in all trade groups except general merchandise stores (-0.7%). The largest sales increases were for jewellery stores (+30.2%), family shoe stores (+24.7%) and personal accessories stores (+22.1%). Sales advanced in all provinces, ranging from 17.4% for Alberta to 5.4% for Prince Edward Island. Montreal sales rose 11.8%; Toronto, 13.4%; Winnipeg, 8.9%; and Vancouver, 14.1%.

Revised total retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, for December 1979 was \$8,011.2 million, an increase of 8.0% from December 1978.

For further information, order the January 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 0T6.

## Telephone Statistics

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenue of \$437.9 million in January 1980, up 10.0% from a year earlier. Operating expenses increased 14.1% to \$307.9 million. Net operating revenue at \$130.0 million showed an increase of 1.4% over January 1979. Telephone toll messages increased 10.3% to 103.2 million.

For further information, order the January 1980 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$15 a year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Radio Broadcasting

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$9.0 million in December, an increase of 16.9% from \$7.7 million in December 1978. Net national sales after deduction of agency and other commissions amounted to \$7.7 million, up 18.5% from \$6.5 million in the previous year.

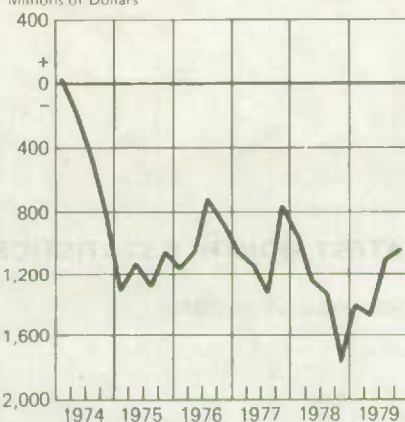
Net local air-time sales were up 12.6% to \$25.1 million in December from \$22.3 million.

Gross sales for the calendar year 1979 were \$369.2 million compared to \$324.3 million in 1978, an increase of 13.8%. Net sales rose 13.7% to \$343.2 million from \$301.8 million.

For further information, order the December 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.

## Canadian Balance of International Payments

Current Account - Seasonally Adjusted  
Millions of Dollars



Source: Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001)

## Non-catalogued Report Available

The educational attainment of Canada's population and labour force is projected by age group to the turn of the century in *The Changing Education Profile of Canadians, 1961 to 2000*, by Garnett Picot. To illustrate the impact of the shifting population structure and rising level of education, the author speculates on implications for the labour force and for different leisure time activities. The non-catalogued, 102-page publication also analyses provincial differences in educational attainment as of 1977.

Separate English and French editions are available free of charge from Statistics Canada. For further information, contact Warren Clark (613-995-9685 or 995-9692), Projections Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales rose to \$558.4 million in January 1980, an increase of 15.7% from the \$482.8 million recorded in January 1979. Sales rose in all departments except floor coverings (-4.7%). The largest increases were for girls' and teenage girls' wear (+42.3%), gasoline, oil, auto accessories, repairs and supplies (+32.3%) and housewares and small electrical appliances (+27.3%). All provinces reported increased sales ranging from 29.0% for British Columbia, the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 4.8% for Nova Scotia. Sales and percentage changes for metropolitan areas were: Montreal, \$64.6 million, +8.5%; Toronto, \$84.5 million, +16.6%; Winnipeg, \$25.2 million, +5.7%; and Vancouver \$65.5 million, +27.1%.

The selling value of stocks held in January 1980 at \$2,371.8 million showed an increase of 19.8% over January 1979. Inventories increased in all 40 departments.

For further information, order the January 1980 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Labour Force Survey

Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.4% in February, unchanged from the January level; the rate in February 1979 was 7.8%. The seasonally adjusted participation rate remained at 64.1% in February, unchanged from the preceding month. The employment/population ratio decreased to 59.3% from 59.4% in January.

Last month, the seasonally adjusted employment level at 10,613,000 was up 7,000 from January. The level increased by 17,000 for men 25 years of age and over and decreased by 10,000 for women 15 to 24. Little change occurred for the other two main age/sex groups. Provincially, the level increased in Newfoundland (+3,000), Alberta (+6,000) and British Columbia (+9,000), while it declined in Manitoba (-5,000) and Saskatchewan (-3,000) and showed little or no change in the other provinces.

Unemployment, seasonally adjusted, totalled 853,000 in February, virtually unchanged from January. The level declined among younger persons, by 8,000 for men 15-24 and by 6,000 for women 15-24, while it increased for persons 25 years and over, by 10,000 for men and by 5,000 for women.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces in February were as follows, with January rates in brackets: Newfoundland, 14.4% (14.6%); Prince Edward Island, 10.2% (10.7%); Nova Scotia, 10.1% (10.1%); New Brunswick, 9.5% (10.2%); Quebec, 9.8% (9.3%); Ontario, 6.6% (6.7%); Manitoba, 5.8% (4.8%); Saskatchewan, 3.9% (3.8%); Alberta, 3.9% (3.8%); and British Columbia, 7.3% (8.0%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the employment level for Canada was 10,235,000 in February, up from 9,857,000 a year earlier. The unemployment level was 949,000 compared with 954,000 and the unemployment rate was 8.5%, down from 8.8% in February 1979.

For further information, order the February 1980 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$3.50/\$35).

## Railway Operating Statistics

The seven major Canadian railways reported a combined net income from operations of \$37.4 million in November 1979, up 48.6% from \$25.2 million in the corresponding month of 1978. Operating revenues rose 23.8% to \$420.0 million while operating expenses increased 20.5% to \$371.1 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles were up 1.2% in November 1979; freight train-miles increased 0.1% and freight car-miles rose 0.5%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight was 2.489 cents compared to 2.253 cents in November 1978. Passenger-miles increased 47.3% to 120.6 million.

For further information, order the November 1979 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.



### Consumer Price Index

The All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased by 0.8% from a level of 200.1 in January to 201.8 in February. As a result, the 12-month rise between February 1979 and February 1980 stood at 9.4%, down marginally from the 9.5% registered in the previous 12-month period. Higher food and clothing prices, along with increased housing charges were the major factors in the latest over-all monthly CPI rise. The food index advanced by 1.4% between early January and early February, up from the 0.3% increase registered in January. The index for all items excluding food rose by 0.8% in the latest month, up from the 0.7% advance registered in the previous month.

Higher prices for selected beef cuts, sugar and for confections were largely responsible for the 1.5% advance in the food-at-home index. Also contributing to this increase were higher prices for fresh fruit, dairy products and for chicken. Prices for selected pork cuts and fresh vegetables recorded a slight decline. In February, the food-at-home index stood 9.8% above its level in February 1979. The food-away-from-home index advanced by 0.8% in early February, representing an increase of 11.2% over the same month in 1979.

Higher seasonal prices for selected clothing items, especially for women's and men's wear, coupled with increased shelter charges for both rented and owned accommodation were largely responsible for the 0.8% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods advanced by 1.0% in the latest month, while that for services increased by 0.7%. As a result, between February 1979 and February 1980, the price level for goods advanced by 10.5%, while that for services rose by 7.9%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the All-items CPI rose by 0.8% between January and February; this comprised a 1.2% increase in the food index and a 0.7% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

For further information, order the February 1980 issue of *The Consumer Price Index for Canada and Regional Cities* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).

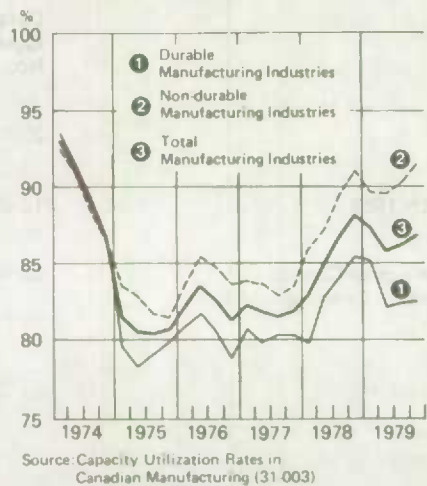
### Local Government Employment

Municipalities across Canada employed a total of 267,301 persons in general government services at the end of December 1979, a decrease of 2.5% from the 274,092 reported at the end of September 1979.

Gross payrolls of municipalities for the fourth quarter of 1979 amounted to \$1,046,777,000, a decrease of 3.5% from the \$1,007,220,000 reported for the third quarter.

For further information, order the October-December 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.

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



### Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary estimates indicate that in January 1980 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$1,844.7 million, up 33% from the January 1979 total of \$1,387.4 million.

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 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.

### Electric Power Statistics

In December 1979, net generation of electricity decreased to 33.7 TW.h from 33.9 TW.h in December 1978. Hydro generation increased 1.0% while thermal production was down 4.0%.

Total generation during the year 1979 was 352.3 TW.h, an increase of 5.0% from the 1978 figure.

For further information, order the December 1979 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$2.50/\$25).

### Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian production of coal decreased 2.8% to 2 803 322 metric tonnes in December from 2 883 833 tonnes a year earlier. Landed imports were up 2.1% to 1 976 402 tonnes from 1 934 825 tonnes.

Domestic coal production for the year 1979 totalled 33 018 960 tonnes, up 8.3% from the 1978 figure of 30 476 846 tonnes.

For further information, order the December 1979 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Dave Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### International Travel

The most notable feature of January 1980 international travel patterns was the dramatic growth of total United States resident entries into Canada. A more detailed analysis of the data shows that the same-day entries by U.S. visitors travelling by automobile were primarily responsible for the increase. Reasons suggested for this development include: the unseasonably good travelling weather throughout Eastern Canada; the favorable exchange rate; and the attraction of cheaper gasoline on this side of the border.

Preliminary statistics for January show that 1.6 million U.S. visitors entered Canada, up 33.0% from January 1979. Residents of countries other than the U.S. increased by 15.2% in the first month of 1980 to 49,300. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, 3.7% above last year. Residents of Canada re-entering from trips to countries other than the U.S. decreased by 3.8% in January 1980 to 184,000.

Longer-term travellers from the U.S. (including overnight or longer auto and bus traffic and all plane, boat and train entries) increased by 7.1% to 293,300 in January of this year. Tourists from other countries (excluding those arriving by land via the U.S. and entering and leaving on the same day) numbered 45,300 for the month, up 12.9% from last year. Residents of Canada returning from longer-term visits to the U.S. decreased by 0.5% to 686,200 while Canadians re-entering from trips to countries other than the U.S. totalled 184,000, down 3.8% from January 1979.

For further information, order the January issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.50/\$15).

### Federal Government Finance

Gross general revenue of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979 amounted to \$42,315 million, an increase of \$3,197 million (8.2%) over that of the previous year. Gross general expenditure was \$50,378 million, up \$4,413 million (9.6%) from the 1977-78 fiscal year.

The publication *Federal Government Finance, 1978-79* (catalogue 68-211) will be released at a later date. Additional information may be obtained by contacting G.M. McIveen (613-995-9894), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Local Government Finance

Revenues of local governments in Canada rose to \$23.6 billion in 1979, up 12.2% over 1978. Expenditures increased 8% to \$24.3 billion.

Pending publication of *Local Government Finance, Preliminary 1978 and Estimates 1979* (68-203), copies of the principal revenue and expenditure tables which will appear in this publication are available upon request from G.A. Marr (613-995-9897), Chief, Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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Canada's Female Labour Force, 1976 Census of Canada	98-804E	\$1.25	\$1.50
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Biscuit Manufacturers, 1978	32-202	\$4.50	
Bread and Other Bakery Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1979	32-015	\$2.50/\$10	\$3/\$12
Breweries, 1978	32-205	\$4.50	
Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing, Fourth Quarter 1979	31-003	\$5/\$20	\$6/\$24
Construction Type Plywood, January 1980	35-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1978	36-214	\$4.50	
Particleboard and Waferboard, January 1980	36-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, January 1980	47-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1980	41-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, January 1980	41-006	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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