

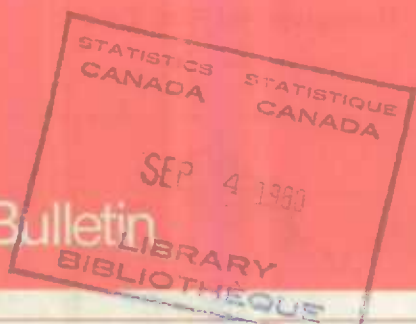


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Building Permits

Following four consecutive monthly decreases, building permits rose 10.7% in June to a seasonally-adjusted value of \$1,110.1 million from a revised \$1,002.7 million in May. Building intentions in both the residential and non-residential sectors improved but the level is 5.8% lower than June 1979 when reprint value was estimated at \$1,178.4 million.

Residential permits contributed a major portion of the June increase and rose 18.0% to \$535.4 million from a depressed \$453.9 million in May. Authorizations were given to start construction of 6,852 single-detached homes and 5,614 multiple units compared to 5,404 singles and 4,155 multiples in May. The June performance is an encouraging sign that some upturn in housing starts may not be too far away.

Building intentions in the non-residential sector rose 4.7% from a revised estimate of \$543.8 million in May to a seasonally-adjusted \$574.7 million in June. New industrial construction remained stable at \$124.5 million (\$123.0 million in May), commercial projects rose to \$356.4 million (\$300.1 million) and institutional buildings decreased to \$93.8 million (\$125.7 million).

Building permits value for the first half of 1980 totalled \$6,501.0 million compared to \$6,457.2 million in 1979. During the 1980 period, residential permits which represent the largest component of building construction decreased 13.4% from 1979 at the national level but recorded increases in Newfoundland (64.1%) and British Columbia (44.7%). Non-residential construction was 18.8% higher at the national level, reflecting increases in Newfoundland (1.8%), Québec (15.0%), Ontario (21.0%), Alberta (33.2%) and British Columbia (25.6%).

For additional information, order the June 1980 issue of Building Permits (64-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wool Production, 1980

Canada's 1980 wool clip rose 5% to 2,666,100 lbs from 1979's 2,529,400. Sheep shorn: an estimated 383,300 head (350,900).

For further information, order Shorn Wool Production, 1980 (23-204, \$3), or contact Elizabeth A. Leckie (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June*	316.49p	312.47r	9.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	13,281.1p	12,903.8p	11.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	July	11.11	10.94	2.1
Unemployed	July	852,000	887,000	7.4

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	June	2,379.3p	2,741.6p	6.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June	28,193.1p	28,167.9r	19.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	June*	14,121.0p	14,097.2p	25.6

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June	13,381.4p	13,344.2r	0.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June	18,330.3p	18,779.6r	9.9

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	July	211.5	209.9	10.1
Non-food (CPI) Component	July	195.4	193.9	10.4
New House Price Index (1976=100)	May	117.1	116.4	7.1
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Apr	230.9	230.9	4.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	June	244.0p	243.0r	13.0

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	June*	1,308.1p	6,501.0p	0.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	July*	11,117	64,862	-19.1

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	May	2 907.6	14 186.6	3.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	May	27.5	159.9	3.7
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Apr	7 742.2	36 370.9	-4.5
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	June	9.32p	56.11p	.03

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June	6,366.0p	37,230.0r	19.9
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June	5,594.0p	34,598.0r	15.1

PRODUCTION

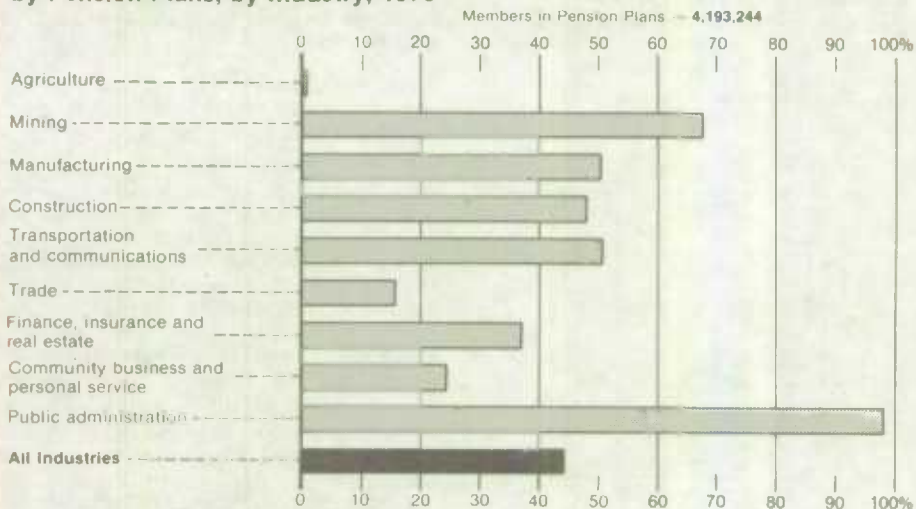
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	June	1 322.3p	8 062.1p	1.8
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SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	June	702.4p	3,850.8p	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June	13,830.7p	80,961.9p	8.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June	1,005.1p	5,868.4p	-2.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	June	6,983.4p	38,409.6p	6.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	June	6,778.3p	38,295.5p	11.5

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

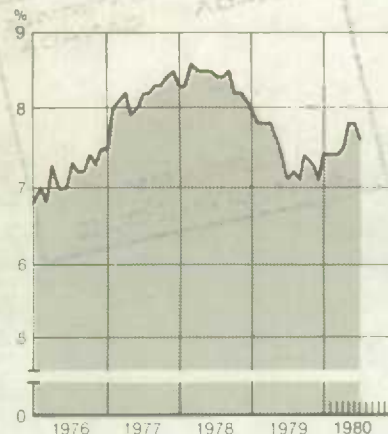
Percentage of Paid Workers in the Labour Force Covered by Pension Plans, by Industry, 1978



Source: Pension Plans in Canada, 1978 (74-401)

Unemployment Rate, Canada

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: The Labour Force (71-001)

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For the week of June 14, persons qualifying for unemployment insurance benefits totalled 608,000, down 14% from May and 4% from a year earlier, 45% of beneficiaries were females (48% a year earlier).

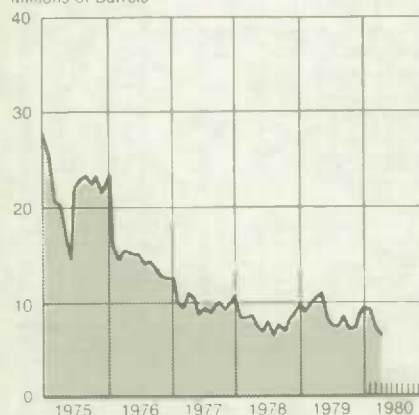
Benefits paid to claimants in June: \$333 million, down 9% from May but 19% up on June 1979. Six months' payments totalled \$2,474 million, up 1% from a year earlier. Compared with 1979, Ontario recorded the largest rise in payments (11%) and British Columbia the greatest decrease (14%) during the six months.

Claims submitted in June: 183,000, down 8% from May but 6% over June 1979. Claims were up 7% to 1,340,000 for six months.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of *Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001p), the *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, Quarterly), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States

Millions of Barrels*



* Barrels of 35 Canadian Gallons

Source: Exports by Commodities (65-004)

Export (Domestic)/Import Price/Volume Indexes

On a fixed weight Customs basis the export price index continued the more moderate pace of increase observed in May when prices increased only 0.2% with an increase of 0.7% in June. This follows increases of 2.6% a month for the 12 months to April 1980. Import prices, up 1.3% a month in the 12 months to April 1980, continued to drop slightly with decreases of 0.3% in May and 0.2% in June. Also on a fixed weight basis, the quarterly export price index was up 4.7% in the second quarter compared with a 5.8% increase in the first quarter. The second quarter import price index increased 4.3%, about the same increase as in the first quarter. The second quarter price increases on a fixed weight basis are in strong contrast with the current weighted price movement where export prices fell 0.7% in the second quarter compared with an 8.8% increase in the first and import prices increased only 0.8% compared with a 5.5% increase in the first quarter.

Seasonally-adjusted domestic export volume increased 9.7% in June, thus recovering most of the 10.2% drop in May. Import volume increased 0.3% in June following a sharp 12.8% decrease in May. On a quarterly basis, export volume, having increased in third and fourth quarters 1979, fell 2.8% in the second quarterly, a slightly lower rate of decrease than the decline of (3.9% in first quarter 1980). Import volume, up 1.1% in the third quarter of 1979, continued to fall with a 2.7% decrease in second quarter 1980 (3.2% in first quarter 1980).

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

Soft Drinks Production

July production of soft drinks reached 33,481 thousand gallons (152 208 kilolitres) against 36,269 (164 882) a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Bread Production

Second quarter bread production reached 165 228 tonnes (364,000 lbs.) valued at \$152,337,853.

For further information, order the second quarter 1980 issue of *Bread and Other Bakery Products* (32-015, \$2.50/\$10), or contact Miss K. Wardley (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Lamps (Light Sources)

Sales of all types, July, reached \$17,138,170 (24,931,561 units).

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Electric Lamps (Light Sources)* (43-009, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Airport Activity Statistics

Activity data for scheduled services in November are now available for 50 airports, among which Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver saw the biggest 12-months' passenger increases. Edmonton's enplaned/deplaned passengers rose 21.4% to 155,572 from 128,121. Calgary's rose 20.8% to 260,628 from 215,752 and Vancouver's rose 17.3% to 436,976 from 373,407.

For further information, contact E. Di Sanza (819-997-1986), Airport Activity Survey, Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0N9.

Air Carriers

(Background)

For second quarter 1979, there were eight Canadian carriers contributing information to the airport activity data collection system: Air Canada, CP Air, Eastern Provincial, Québecair, Nordair, Transair, Pacific Western and Norcanair. The Canadian carriers report data pertaining to their scheduled domestic, transborder and international operations.

The non-Canadian carriers contributing data to publication 51-005 (Vol. 4, No. 2) are: Aeroflot Russian Airlines, Aerolineas Argentinas, Air France, Air Jamaica (1968 Ltd., Air Lingus, Alitalia, Allegheny Airlines, American Airlines, British Airways, British West Indian Airways, Cubana, Czechoslovakian Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Eastern Air Lines, El Al Israel Airlines, Finnair, Frontier Airlines, Hughes Airwest, Iberia Air Lines of Spain, Japan Air Lines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa German Airlines, North Central Airlines, Northwest Orient Airlines, QANTAS Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Scandinavian Airlines System, SABENA Belgian World Airlines, Swissair, TAP Portuguese Airline, United Air Lines, Western Air Lines and Wien Air Alaska.

Abstracted from *Air Carrier Traffic All-Canadian Airports, Second Quarter 1979* (51-005, Vol. 4, No. 2, \$7.50/\$30, other countries \$9/\$36).

Livestock Surveys, July 1

Total pig numbers: 9,584,000 head, up 9% from 8,802,700 at July 1, 1979. Total cattle and calves: 13,856,400 head, up 1% from 13,672,800. Sheep and lambs: 725,200 head, up 9% from 662,400 head.

For further information, order the July 1, 1980 issue of *Report on Livestock Surveys* (23-008, \$4/\$16), or contact Elizabeth A. Leckie/Bernard E. Rosien (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics Second Quarter (Preliminary)

After tax profits of industrial corporations, seasonally-adjusted at quarterly rates, reached \$4,782 million for second quarter, 1980, a decrease of \$651 million (12.0%) from first quarter, 1980. Unadjusted profits: \$4,309 million, up \$238 million (5.2%) from a year earlier. (Included in these profits are extraordinary gains of \$171 million in the current quarter, \$20 million in second quarter, 1979, and \$400 million in first quarter, 1980.)

Pre-tax profits were \$7,730 million, a decrease of \$745 million (8.8%) on a seasonally-adjusted basis from first quarter, 1980. Pre-tax profits, unadjusted: \$7,853 million, up \$487 million (6.6%) from a year earlier.

Second quarter sales, seasonally adjusted, decreased by \$584 million (0.6%) to \$106.6 billion from the prior quarter. Not seasonally adjusted, sales reached \$107.9 billion, an increase of \$9.7 billion (9.9%) from second quarter, 1979.

(Data exclude agriculture, fishing, construction, finance, insurance and real estate industries. Revisions made approximately 40 days after the date of this newsletter.) More detailed statistics for the forty-seven industry groups are available on CANSIM and in publication catalogue 61-003p, \$10/\$40. For further information, contact André Seguin/Roy St. Germain (613-995-9751), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally-adjusted Index of Industrial Production declined 0.2% to 130.9 in June from 131.1 in May. Output of mining during the month increased and manufacturing and utilities declined.

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

Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tiles

July saw manufacturers produce 2,004 short tons (1,818 metric tonnes) or 3,637,593 square feet (337,943 m²) compared with 1,032 (936) or 1,862,541 (173,036) a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Production and Shipments of Floor Tiles* (47-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Process Cheese/Skim Milk Powder

July's process cheese output reached 4,438,593 kg. Production of instant skim milk powder totalled 713,716 kg.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Miss K. Wardley (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Travel

Preliminary estimates for the first six months of 1980 show that Canada earned \$1,164 million from international travel, up 14.7% from 1979. Spending by Canadians travelling abroad rose 9.9% to \$2,346 million. The international travel account was in deficit to the tune of \$1,182 million against \$1,120 million a year earlier.

In the second quarter, the travel account recorded an estimated deficit of \$227 million (\$200 million). An improvement in receipts from countries other than the United States — \$329 million from \$274 million in 1979 — suffered by comparison with the growth in Canadian payments to the U.S., \$725 million against \$639 million. Receipts from U.S. visitors and payments by Canadians visiting countries other than the U.S. showed little change from second quarter, 1979.

For further information, order the April-June 1980 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$7.50/\$30), or contact P. Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Crime Statistics, 1979

A total of 1,855,376 Criminal Code offences were reported in 1979, an increase of 8.2% over 1978 and 12.2% higher than in 1977. The crime rate (number of offences per 100,000 population) for Criminal Code offences rose 7.4% to 7,838.0 in 1979 from 7,300.3 in 1978.

All crime categories showed increases over the previous year with the exception of offences related to federal statutes (other than drug statutes, which showed a decrease of 21.4%).

Additional information on the major increases or decreases recorded for certain crime categories will be available in *Crime and Traffic Enforcement, 1979* (85-205, \$20), to be available in February 1981, or can be obtained from the Project Manager, Uniform Crime Reporting (613-995-0855), Justice Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telecommunications Statistics 1979

Operating revenues of telecommunications carriers including TELESAT (but excluding telephone companies) totalled \$411.8 million in 1979, up 18.2% from 1978. Operating expenses rose 7.4% to \$282.8 million. Net operating revenue increased 51.6% to \$128.9 million and net income before income tax 53.3% to \$131.8 million.

For further information, order the 1979 edition of *Telecommunications Statistics* (56-201, \$4.50), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

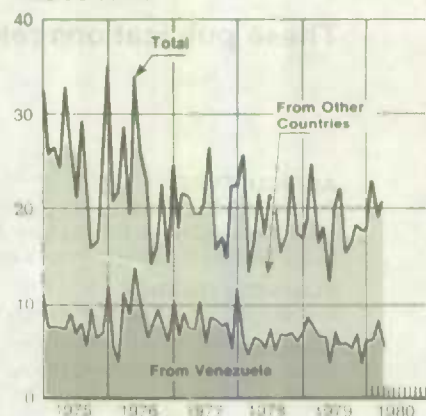
Tobacco Products

Production of cigarettes, July, amounted to 2.5 billion (2.2 billion a year earlier). Production of cigars: 16.5 million (11.7 million).

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Canadian Imports of Crude Petroleum

Millions of Barrels*



* Barrels of 35 Canadian Gallons

Source: Imports by Commodities (65-007)

Key Economic Series

During September, release of key economic series data is to be as outlined below. Where a range of dates applies, this represents the period within which publication can be reasonably expected given the circumstances peculiar to each series. (A range may be exceeded on occasion.)

August 28 to Sept. 3: Real Domestic Product, June

Sept. 3-4: Industry Selling Price Index, July

Sept. 4: Preliminary Statement, Trade, July

Sept. 8: Quarterly Estimates, Balance of International Payments, 2nd Quarter 1980

Sept. 9: Labour Force Survey, August

Sept. 10-12: Farm Cash Receipts, January-July

Sept. 11-16: Retail Trade, July

Sept. 12: Consumer Price Index, August

Sept. 15-18: Labour Income, July

Sept. 18-19: Inventories, Shipments, Orders, July

Sept. 18-25: Wholesale Trade, July

Sept. 19-24: Index of Industrial Production, July

Sept. 24-29: Building Permits, July

Sept. 24-30: Housing Starts, Centres of 10,000 up, August

Sept. 25-30: Real Domestic Product, July

Sept. 29 to Oct. 2: Employment Earnings, Hours, July

Notice of advance information availability: *Field Crop Reporting Series*, no. 6, August forecast of production of principal field crops, Canada. Released Sept. 5, at 3 p.m. E.D.S.T.

For any inquiry concerning the release of these series, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548).

Frozen Meat Products

Meat in cold storage, August 1, amounted to 41,953 tonnes (46,182 a year earlier).

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, \$2.50/\$25), or contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-995-4859), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.



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AGRICULTURE			
Farm Cash Receipts, January-June 1980	21-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Fruit and Vegetable Production, August 1980	22-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, June 1980	62-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
BUSINESS FINANCE			
Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, First Quarter 1980	61-003	\$10/\$40	\$12/\$48
CENSUS			
Mental Health Statistics, Volume I, Institutional Admissions and Separations, 1977	83-204	\$8	\$9.60
CONSTRUCTION			
Housing Starts and Completions, June 1980	64-002	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
SERVICE BULLETIN			
Construction Statistics, Vol. 3, No. 5, Regional Profile, 1961-1979	64-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE			
Canadian Travel Survey, Canadians Travelling in Canada, July-September 1978	87-002	\$4/\$16	\$4.80/\$19.20
SERVICE BULLETIN			
Education Statistics, Vol. 2, No. 6, Recruitment of Elementary-Secondary Teachers, 1978-79	81-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
EXTERNAL TRADE			
Imports by Commodities, May 1980	65-007	\$5/\$50	\$6/\$60
Summary of External Trade, June 1980	65-001	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
INDUSTRY PRODUCT			
Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, May 1980	61-005	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES			
Aluminum Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1978	41-204	\$4.50	
Construction Type Plywood, June 1980	35-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Fabricated Structural Metal Industry, 1978	41-207	\$4.50	
Hardboard (Wood Fibre), July 1980	36-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Man-made Fibre, Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1978	34-208	\$4.50	
Manufacturers of Major Appliances, Electric and Non-electric, 1978	43-204	\$4.50	
Miscellaneous Food Processors, 1978	32-224	\$4.50	
Miscellaneous Petroleum and Coal Products Industries, 1978	45-207	\$4.50	
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, July 1980	32-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Particleboard and Waferboard, June 1980	36-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Primary Iron and Steel, June 1980	41-001	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
Rigid Insulating Board (Wood Fibre and Mineral Products), June 1980	36-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, June 1980	41-006	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Wire and Wire Products Manufacturers, 1978	41-216	\$4.50	
MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES			
Merchandising Inventories, May 1980	63-014	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
PRICES			
Farm Input Price Index, Second Quarter 1980	62-004	\$4/\$16	\$4.80/\$19.20
PUBLIC FINANCE			
Provincial Government Employment, January-March 1980	72-007	\$5/\$20	\$6/\$24
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS			
Air Carrier Traffic at Canadian Airports, Third Quarter 1979	51-005	\$7.50/\$30	\$9/\$36
Railway Operating Statistics, February 1980	52-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
SERVICE BULLETINS			
Aviation Statistics Centre, Vol. 12, No. 8, Canadian Air Transport Industry, Summary Statistics	51-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Railway Transport, Vol. 10, No. 7, Railway Carloadings, May 1980, Railway Operating Statistics, February 1980	52-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18