

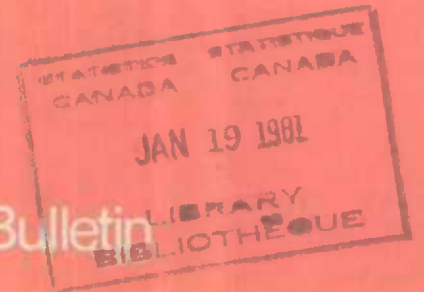


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## Canadian Trade/Preliminary Statement

From preliminary results, it is estimated that on a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, Canada's exports increased 4.9% or \$334 million to \$7,224 million in November following a 14.0% increase in October and a 5.4% decrease in September. Imports decreased 6.6% or \$399 million to \$5,664 million after a 10.4% increase in October and a 2.7% increase in September. The merchandise trade surplus therefore increased \$733 million to \$1,560 million in November from \$827 million in October. This brings the merchandise trade surplus for the first 11 months of 1980 to \$7,440 million compared with \$3,396 million in the same period of 1979.

The short term trend-cycle for exports, after dipping 2% between February and June 1980, continued to recover with monthly increases of 1.1%, 2.6% and 3.3% in July, August and September. The imports trend-cycle decreased 4.5% between March and July 1980 and increased 0.8% in August and 1.5% in September. The slower recovery for imports compared with exports has led to substantial growth in the short term trend-cycle of the merchandise trade balance from a low point of a surplus of \$450 million in March 1980 to a surplus of \$890 million in September.

## Commodity Analysis

On a customs basis, for seasonally adjusted domestic exports the largest increases in value in November 1980 over the previous month were for passenger cars (up \$55 million to \$525 million), aircraft and other transportation equipment (up \$50 million to \$230 million), precious metals (up \$50 million to \$250 million) and newsprint (up \$45 million to \$340 million). The largest declines in value were recorded for trucks and other motor vehicles (down \$60 million to \$265 million) and wheat (down \$55 million to \$260 million).

The largest decreases in value for November 1980 imports were for crude petroleum (down by one-third or \$235 million to \$460 million), precious metals (down \$80 million to \$95 million) and passenger cars (down \$55 million to \$365 million). Most major commodities declined in November.

## Trading Partner Analysis

Exports to the United States, seasonally adjusted on a customs basis, increased for the third consecutive month with an

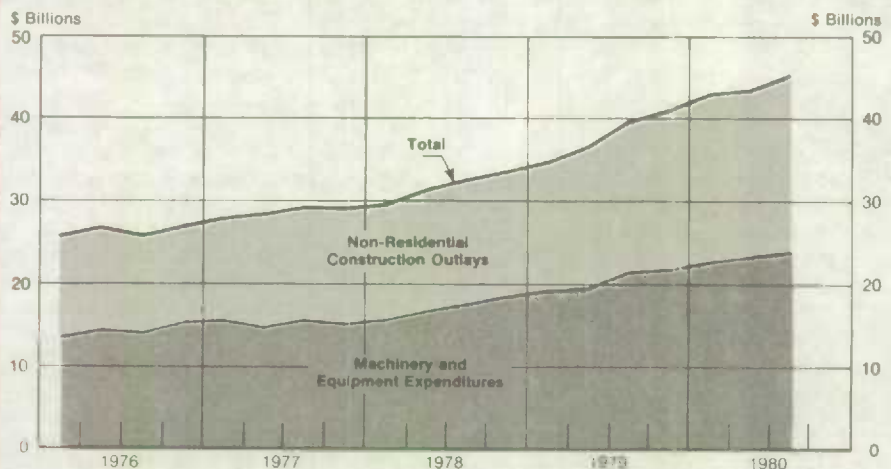
## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
<b>EMPLOYMENT, INCOME</b>				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept.	324.70p	318.91p	9.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct.*	14,181.0p	14,006.5p	12.2
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.74	10.82	2.2
Unemployed	Nov.	787,000	759,000	2.1
<b>INVENTORIES</b>				
Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.	3,088.1	2,379.5	4.0
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.	28,419.5p	28,242.2r	13.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	13,422.7	13,421.8	15.0
<b>ORDERS</b>				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	15,752.1p	15,012.9r	9.4
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	19,253.6p	19,105.5r	12.9
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.	220.0	217.3	11.2
Non-food (CPI) Component	Nov.	202.9	200.3	10.5
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Nov.*	123.2	121.7	9.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Sept.	252.1p	252.1	9.3
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	254.9p	251.6r	12.1
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.*	1,398.2p	12,316.8p	3.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.*	12,809	114,711	-17.2
<b>ENERGY</b>				
Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	3 102.5	23 567.9	9.0
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.	27.3	267.0	3.4
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Sept.*	6 814.8	70 652.5	-8.6
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.	7.9p	83.7p	-1.5
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>				
Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	7,239p	62,163p	16.6
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	6,607p	56,606p	11.5
<b>PRODUCTION</b>				
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Nov.	1 310.9	14 386.4	-0.7
<b>SALES</b>				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	824.1	6,919.4	9.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.	15,604.0p	136,805.0p	8.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	1,134.9	9,766.6	-1.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	7,626.9p	67,185.2	8.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	7,697.4	66,562.0	10.0

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: Statistics Canada, National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-00\*)



increase of 10% or \$410 million to \$4.54 billion in November 1980. Exports to the United Kingdom increased strongly with a 44% or \$110 million increase to \$360 million while exports to "Other EEC" countries dropped 18% or \$100 million to \$455 million. Exports to Japan increased 3% to \$385 million and to "Other America" by 7% to \$375 million. Exports to "Other OECD" countries were down 22% to \$165 million.

Imports from all major trading areas declined in November. Imports from the United States were down slightly by 1% or \$40 million to \$4.19 billion following an 11.7% increase in October. Imports from "Other America" dropped by one-third or \$135 million to \$250 million. Imports from Japan and "Other OECD" countries also declined substantially following large increases in October: imports from Japan fell 25% or \$75 million to \$220 million and from "Other OECD" countries by 22% or \$45 million to \$165 million. Imports from "Other EEC" countries declined 9% to \$270 million following a 13% increase in October.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the November 1980 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30).

#### Export (Domestic) and Import Price/Volume Indexes (Customs Basis)

On a fixed weight basis, export prices increased 0.2% in October 1980 following rises of 1.8% in September and 1.3% in August. Import prices also moved up more slowly with an increase of 0.9% following advances of 2.0% in September and 1.2% in August. On a current weight basis, export prices increased 0.3% and import prices decreased 1.2% in October.

Seasonally adjusted domestic exports volume increased 10.6% in October following declines of 3.7%, 2.5% and 0.4% in the first, second and third quarters of 1980, respectively. Import volume also rose substantially with an 11.1% increase in October following declines of 2.8%, 3.4% and 2.3% in the first, second and third quarters of 1980.

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

#### Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian production of coal increased 11.8% in September 1980 to 3 146 970 metric tonnes from 2 815 497 tonnes a year earlier. Landed imports were down 16.9% to 1 653 045 tonnes from 1 991 041 tonnes.

Coal production during the first nine months of 1980 totalled 26 714 835 tonnes, up 8.8% from 24 562 067 tonnes in the January-September period of 1979.

During the third quarter of 1980, industrial consumers used 6 702 511 tonnes of coal, up 16.5% from 5 753 456 tonnes in July-September 1979, and 1 358 614 tonnes of coke, up 1.1% from 1 344 470 tonnes.

For further information, order the September 1980 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact David Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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#### Building Permits

The seasonally adjusted value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities rose 3.0% in October 1980 to a level of \$1,398.4 million from a revised \$1,357.6 million in September. The October rise follows an 18.8% advance in September and reflects a strengthening of building intentions in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. In October 1979, building permits issued had an estimated value of \$1,172.4 million.

Residential permits seasonally adjusted value in October (\$704.8 million), although only marginally higher than in September (\$701.3 million), still reached its highest level since August 1979 (\$705.4 million). Builders applications were approved for 9,025 single-detached homes and 5,584 multiple dwellings compared to 8,444 singles and 6,565 multiples in September.

Non-residential permits, which exhibited strength in the central provinces as well as in Alberta, rose 5.7% to \$693.6 million in October (seasonally adjusted) from \$656.3 million in September. The highlights by category were as follows:

- Industrial projects, estimated at \$197.6 million were 68.1% higher than in September (\$117.5 million), reflecting the construction of paper mills in Amos (\$40.0 million), in Thorold (\$26.3 million) and in Campbell River (\$12.8 million);
- Commercial projects, including the construction of shopping centres in Quebec City (\$42.6 million), Edmonton (\$26.1 million) and Calgary (\$15.0 million), rose 7.3% to \$390.7 million from September's \$364.1 million;
- The absence of large institutional projects in October resulted in a 39.7% drop in the value of authorized construction in the government category to \$105.3 million from \$174.7 million in September.

Building permits activity during the first 10 months of 1980 generated \$12.3 billion worth of proposed construction, up 3.1% from \$11.9 billion in the corresponding period of 1979. However, the value of building permits issued was down in all but three provinces — Newfoundland (+28.6%), Alberta (+11.1%) and British Columbia (+42.2%).

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

#### Department Store Sales by Regions

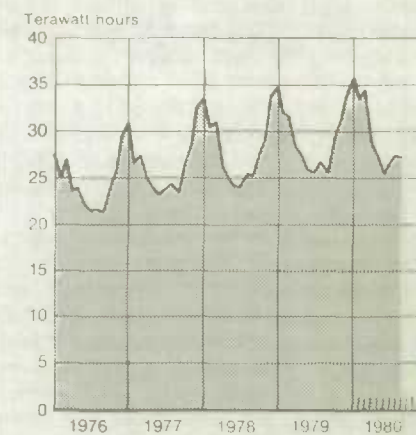
Department store sales totalled \$993.6 million in November 1980, an increase of 8.0% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month, with percentage increase from November 1979 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$359.7 million (7.8%).
- Quebec, \$178.4 million (7.9%).
- British Columbia, \$172.5 million (12.3%).
- Alberta, \$137.3 million (8.4%).
- Atlantic Provinces, \$65.0 million (3.1%).
- Manitoba, \$50.6 million (0.8%).
- Saskatchewan, \$30.1 million (8.1%).

Data users should note that the figures for British Columbia include as well those for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. See the November 1980 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50/\$15).

#### Electric Power Generation, Canada



Source: Statistics Canada, Electric Power Statistics (57-001)

#### Farm Wages in Canada

The Farm Wages in Canada series provides estimates of average cash wages paid to hired farm labour, by province, as of a particular date.

Average wages of farm help per hour (without board) at November 15, 1980 were as follows: Canada \$4.31; Maritimes (Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick) \$3.81; Quebec \$3.91; Ontario \$4.07; Manitoba \$4.68; Saskatchewan \$4.72; Alberta \$4.86; and British Columbia \$4.99.

For further information, order the quarterly publication *Farm Wages in Canada* (21-002, \$2.50/\$10), or contact Michael Trant (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

#### Electric Lamps

Total sales in Canada of electric lamps (light sources) of all types including imports during the month of November 1980 were valued at \$21,962,840.

For further information, order the November 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.



### New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in November 1980 totalled 96,041 units, down 5.6% from a year earlier. This included 55,003 passenger cars (down 9.0%) and 20,616 commercial vehicles (down 27.5%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 18,359 passenger cars (up 58.3%) and 2,063 commercial vehicles (up 71.1%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 0.7% to \$882.2 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$464.1 million (up 1.0%) and commercial vehicles for \$259.7 million (down 19.7%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 67.0% to \$141.9 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 95.2% to \$16.5 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 304 units of coaches and buses valued at \$17.0 million.

For the first 11 months of 1980, total sales reached 1,185,949 units (1,316,350 in 1979), with an accumulated value of \$10,648.8 million. This represented a decrease of 1.3% in value from sales for January-November 1979.

For further information, order the November 1980 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.

### Washing Machines/Clothes Dryers

Canadian production of washing machines (electric automatic) during the month of November 1980 totalled 30,064 units.

Production of clothes dryers (electric automatic) during the latest month amounted to 25,564 units.

For further information, order the November 1980 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.

### Domestic Refrigerators/Home Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators during the month of November 1980 was 40,461 units. Home freezer production totalled 31,364 units.

For further information, order the November 1980 issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-992-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Petroleum/Natural Gas Production

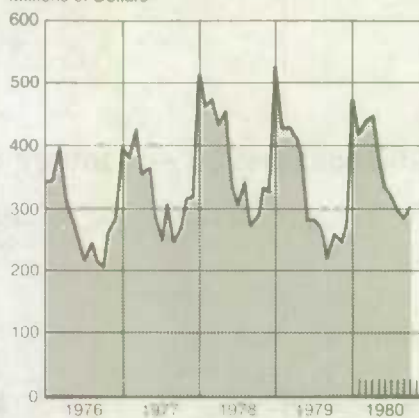
Production of crude petroleum and equivalent hydrocarbons during September 1980 amounted to 6 866 300 cubic metres, down 8.9% from 7 539 100 m<sup>3</sup> a year earlier.

Net new production of natural gas amounted to 5 947.5 million cubic metres in the latest month, a decrease of 9.9% from 6 597.7 million m<sup>3</sup> in September 1979.

For further information, order the September 1980 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25), or contact George Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Unemployment Insurance Commission Benefit Payments

Millions of Dollars



Source: Statistics Canada, Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001)

### Industrial Corporations' Statistics

After-tax profits of Canadian industrial corporations, seasonally adjusted, were \$5,045 million for the third quarter of 1980, an increase of \$113 million or 2.3% over the prior quarter. Profits, not seasonally adjusted, were \$4,841 million, up \$234 million or 5.1% over the July-September 1979 period. (Included in these are extraordinary gains (or losses) of \$105 million in the third quarter of 1980, \$116 million in the second quarter of 1980 and a loss of \$248 million in the third quarter of 1979.)

Seasonally adjusted pre-tax profits were \$8,020 million, an increase of \$129 million or 1.6% over the prior quarter. Pre-tax profits, not seasonally adjusted, were \$7,759 million, up \$53 million or 0.7% over the year-earlier period.

Third quarter 1980 sales, seasonally adjusted, increased by \$3.6 billion or 3.4% from the prior quarter to \$110.7 billion. Sales, not seasonally adjusted, were \$110 billion, up \$9 billion or 8.8% over the year-earlier period.

Data users should note that these figures represent the latest data for the third quarter of 1980 and supersede preliminary estimates for the same period released on November 25, 1980. The data are also available on CANSIM. For further information, order the third quarter issue of *Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics* (61-003, \$10/\$40), or contact G. Campbell or R. St. Germain (613-995-9751), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Phonograph Records/Tapes

Canadian manufacturers produced 10,127,440 phonograph records in November 1980 compared to 10,213,675 a year earlier.

Production of pre-recorded tapes declined to 2,544,196 in the latest month from 3,198,403 in November 1979.

For further information, order the November 1980 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Release Dates for the Consumer Price Index — 1981

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### Labour Force Survey Release Dates

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December 1981	January 8, 1982
January 1982	February 5, 1982

### 1981 Trade Statement Release Dates

Following are release dates for the monthly *Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade* published in the *Daily*.

January	March 5, 1981
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March	May 5, 1981
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July	September 3, 1981
August	October 2, 1981
September	November 4, 1981
October	December 3, 1981
November	January 7, 1982
December	February 3, 1982

### The Dairy Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in October 1980 totalled an estimated 568 806 kilolitres, 1.4% more than in October 1979.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold off Canadian farms during the first 10 months of 1980 to 6 156 490 kilolitres, an increase of 4.7% over the January-October period in 1979.

For further information, order the November issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Ms. E. Leckia (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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<b>EXTERNAL TRADE</b>			
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Production and Shipments of Floor Tiles, November 1980	47-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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<b>SERVICE BULLETIN</b>			
Fruit and Vegetable Preservation, Vol. 9, No. 11, Pack of Processed Peaches, 1980	32-023	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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Wholesale Trade, October 1980	63-008	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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