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Department Store Sales

Department store sales were \$848.4 million in September 1981, an increase of 5.3% over September 1980. Sales rose in 31 of the 40 departments with the largest increases for repairs and services (19.6%), women's and misses' sportswear (15.6%) and women's and girls' gloves, mitts and accessories (14.6%). The largest decrease was recorded in piece goods (-16.2%). Sales were higher in all provinces except Newfoundland (-1.7%) and Quebec (-3.9%), gains ranging from 10.9% for the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 0.8% for Saskatchewan. Sales and percentage changes for metropolitan areas were: Montreal, \$93.0 million (-4.0%); Toronto, \$125.8 million (+4.9%); Winnipeg, \$40.7 million (+5.4%); and Vancouver, \$92.6 million (+5.9%).

The selling value of stocks held in September 1981 at \$2,775.9 million showed an increase of 16.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the September 1981 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.

Radio Broadcasting

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$12.0 million in June 1981, down 0.9% from \$12.1 million a year earlier. Net national sales after deduction of agency and other commissions amounted to \$10.2 million, down 0.9% from \$10.3 million in the previous year.

Net local air-time sales were up 7.3% to \$27.6 million in June from \$25.8 million.

Gross radio air-time sales for January to June 1981 were \$219.3 million, up 12.5% from \$195.0 million in the 1980 period. Net sales rose 12.2% to \$204.5 million from \$182.2 million.

For further information, order the June 1981 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.

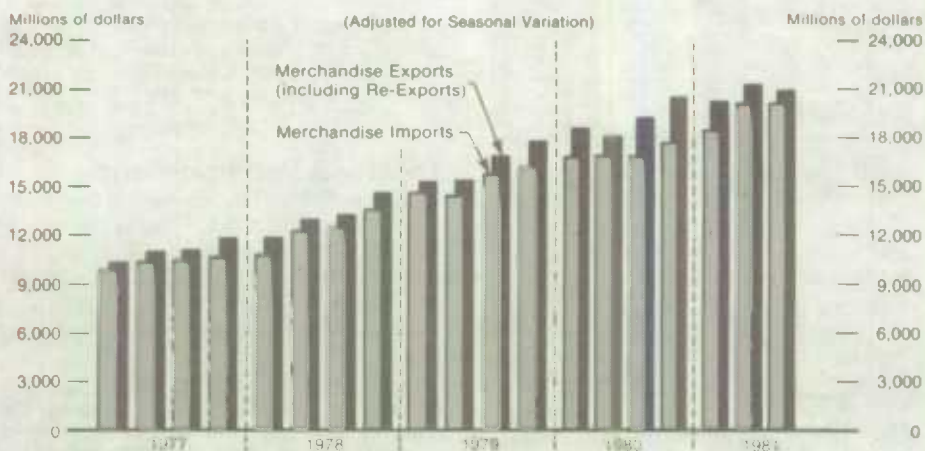
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	354.97p	355.86p	11.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Aug.	15,481.3p	15,482.3p	13.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Oct.	10.99	11.03	1.6
Unemployed	Oct.	891,000	891,000	17.4
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	Sept.*	2,775.9	2,983.1	16.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug.	32,346.7p	31,622.1r	14.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	17,091.0	16,923.1	
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	14,258.3p	15,485.2r	10.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	19,280.4p	19,565.1r	6.6
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.*	244.8	242.4	12.7
Non-food Component (CPI)	Oct.*	227.8	224.9	13.7
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Sept.	134.7	135.0	12.1
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	July*	273.3p	273.3p	8.3
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	276.9p	276.1r	9.9
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug.	1,297.3p	12,141.3p	29.9
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.	13,272	110,536	26.1
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	2,894.7	25,831.8	9.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Aug.	28.7	248.2	3.5
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	July	7,187.1	56,997.0	-1.4
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.*	8.1p	78.1p	-6.6
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	6,931p	61,805p	7.2
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Sept.	6,479p	58,440p	13.5
PRODUCTION				
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Sept.	970.7	11,623.2	-1.0
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	848.4	6,747.3	10.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug.	14,543.0p	124,423.9p	16.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Sept.	877.8	9,254.2	7.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Sept.*	7,809.9p	68,007.2p	13.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	9,701.6p	44,570.1p	

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

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports*

Quarter-by-Quarter Movements



* Balance of Payments Basis

Source: Statistics Canada, Summary of External Trade (65-001)

Telecommunications

Telelobe Canada and CNCP Telecommunications had combined revenue of \$105.2 million in the second quarter of 1981, up 17.8% from the year-earlier period. Operating expenses at \$71.4 million showed an increase of 14.4%. Net operating revenue was \$33.7 million, up from \$26.8 million in the second quarter of 1980.

For further information, order the *Communication Service Bulletin, Telecommunications Statistics, Second Quarter 1981* (56-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J. R. Slattery (613-996-9271), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1*.

Petroleum/Natural Gas

Production of crude petroleum and equivalent hydrocarbons during August 1981 amounted to 6 734 300 cubic metres, down 11.5% from 7 613 500 cubic metres a year earlier.

Net new production of natural gas amounted to 6 944.0 million cubic metres in the latest month, down 2.1% from 7 092.6 million cubic metres in August 1980.

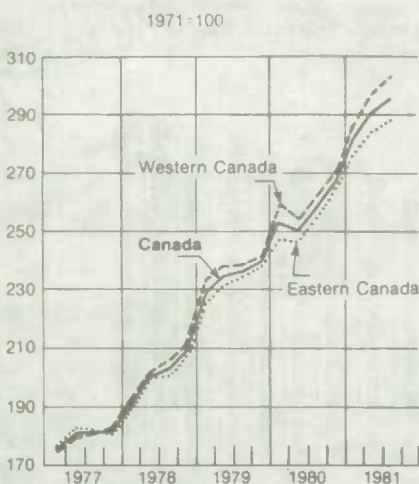
For further information, order the *August 1981 issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25), or contact M. Lefebvre (613-996-3139), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Sugar Sales

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 79 685 180 kilograms of all types of sugar for October 1981. Domestic sales totalled 78 269 908 kilograms and export sales were 1 415 272 kilograms.

For detailed information on stocks, production and shipments (sales) of refined sugar for the same period, order the *October 1981 issue of The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Karen Wardley (613-996-3226), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Farm Input Price Indexes



Source: Statistics Canada, Farm Input Price Indexes (62-004)

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Construction Machinery

Price indexes of construction machinery and equipment for Canada are now available for September 1981.

For further information, contact the *Information Unit* (613-995-5738), *Industrial Prices Section, Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5*.

Employment in Industry

The first estimate of the Canada industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for August 1981 showed a 0.1% increase from July. Employment rose in forestry, transportation, communication and other utilities and finance, insurance and real estate, but declined in the remaining industry divisions. Employment increased in all regions except the Atlantic region and Ontario.

Average weekly earnings at the national industrial level advanced by 1.1% in August. Gains were registered in all industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate. All regions contributed to the overall increase except British Columbia.

Average weekly hours increased in construction, but decreased in mining (including milling) and in manufacturing. Average hourly earnings rose in mining (including milling), in manufacturing and in construction.

Detailed information for June and July will be published in the *August 1981 issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$4/\$40), and is also available from R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), *Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Trusteed Pension Funds

The book value of assets held in Canadian trustee pension funds totalled an estimated \$56.3 billion at June 30, 1981. This represented an increase of \$2.4 billion from the \$53.9 billion held at March 31, 1981, and was \$9.7 billion more than the year-earlier figure of \$46.6 billion.

For further information, order *Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds, Second Quarter 1981* (74-001, \$2.50/\$10), or contact Hubert Frenken (613-995-4476), *Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Retail Trade

Seasonally adjusted retail sales for September 1981 were \$7,946.5 million, up 1.0% from the \$7,868.1 million recorded in August 1981. The largest sales increases were for motor vehicle dealers (11.2%), men's clothing stores (6.3%) and all other food stores (5.3%), while the biggest declines were in book and stationery stores (-8.6%), jewellery stores (-4.1%) and women's clothing stores (-2.9%). Six provinces and the territories reported increased sales from August, gains ranging from 7.6% for the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 0.8% for Quebec.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment was \$7,809.9 million, an increase of 10.8% over September 1980. Sales advanced in all trade groups except motor vehicle dealers (-0.8%) and furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (-11.6%). The largest sales increases were posted in "all other food stores" (32.0%), garages (30.7%) and service stations (29.0%). Sales were higher in all provinces, increases ranging from 18.1% for the Yukon and Northwest Territories to 4.6% for Nova Scotia. Percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal, 6.8%; Toronto, 15.3%; Winnipeg, 12.3%; and Vancouver, 9.7%.

Revised total retail trade without seasonal adjustment for August 1981 was \$7,717.8 million, an increase of 7.9% from August 1980.

Cumulative sales for January to September 1981 were \$68,007.2 million, up 13.9% from the same period in 1980.

For further information, order the *September 1981 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*.

Average Weekly Earnings

First estimates show that average weekly earnings in Canadian industry were \$358.22 in August 1981, an increase of 12.2% from \$319.13 a year earlier.

Average weekly earnings were highest in British Columbia (\$404.54), followed by Alberta (\$395.75), Quebec (\$354.10), Ontario (\$351.88), Saskatchewan (\$344.73), Newfoundland (\$328.97), Manitoba (\$322.30), New Brunswick (\$312.44), Nova Scotia (\$296.58) and Prince Edward Island (\$250.54).

By industry division, average weekly earnings in August were as follows: construction, \$538.70; mining (including milling), \$527.83; transportation, communication and other utilities, \$432.99; forestry, \$430.37; manufacturing, \$382.80; finance, insurance and real estate, \$354.06; trade, \$264.76; and service, \$238.67.

For further information, order the *August 1981 issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$4/\$40), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), *Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Consumer Price Index

The All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased by 1.0% in October to 244.8 from the level of 242.4 registered in September. The 12-month rise between October 1980 and October 1981 stood at 12.7%, up from 12.5% in September. This latest monthly increase was largely attributable to higher housing charges (up 1.8%) and to a lesser extent to increased recreation, reading and education costs (up 1.8%), higher prices for tobacco and alcohol products (up 2.1%) and higher transportation charges (up 0.4%). The all-items-excluding-food index advanced 1.3%, up from the previous month's increase of 1.0%. For the second consecutive month, food prices registered a decrease, down by 0.1% following the decline of 0.2% registered between August and September.

Lower prices for selected beef cuts, fresh fruit and vegetables and sugar were largely responsible for the 0.3% decrease in the food-for-home-consumption index. In October, the index stood 9.0% above its level of October 1980. The food-away-from-home index advanced 0.5% in October, up 9.5% over the corresponding month a year earlier. As a result, the aggregate food index stood 9.1% above its level of October 1980, down from the 9.7% increase observed between September 1980 and September 1981.

Higher shelter charges, increased domestic gas rates in several Ontario cities and higher telephone charges primarily in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario were the main contributing factors in the 1.3% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. The higher shelter charges primarily reflected increased owned accommodation costs, particularly property taxes (up 10.0% on average). Between October 1980 and October 1981, the index increased 13.7%, up slightly from the increase of 13.5% recorded between September 1980 and September 1981.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods advanced by 0.5% while that for services increased by 1.7%. As a result, between October 1980 and October 1981, the price level for goods advanced by 12.4%, while that for services rose 12.9%.

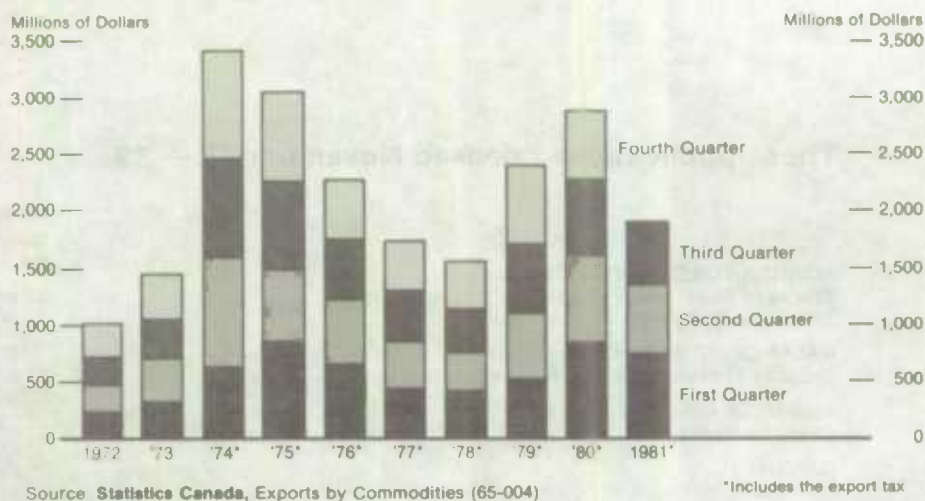
On a seasonally adjusted basis, the all-items CPI rose 1.0% between September and October; this comprised a 0.2% increase in the food index and a 1.2% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index.

City Highlights

Between September and October, consumer prices rose in all cities for which CPIs are produced with increases ranging from 0.5% in Montreal and Winnipeg to 1.4% in Ottawa. City CPI increases for the 12-month period October 1980 to October 1981 ranged from 11.0% in Saskatoon to 15.1% in Vancouver.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data show net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 7 657.5 thousand cubic metres in September 1981, down 6.0% from 8 148.0 thousand cubic metres a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 8 138.4 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, up 3.5% from 7 860.5 thousand cubic metres in September 1980.

For further information, order the September 1981 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$3.50/\$35), or contact G. O'Connor (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Restaurant Statistics

Preliminary estimates show restaurants, caterers and taverns in Canada had sales totalling \$785.9 million in September 1981. Final estimates for August 1981 indicate total sales of \$854.0 million.

For further information on sales of chains versus independents and provincial sales by kind of business, order the September 1981 issue of *Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics* (63-011, \$1.50/\$15), or contact R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's seven major railways reported a combined net income from operations of \$30.3 million in May 1981, an increase of 7.7% from a year earlier. Operating revenues of \$492.9 million were up 13.3% from the 1980 figure.

Revenue freight ton-miles were down 3.0% in the latest month; freight train-miles decreased 2.1%; and freight car-miles decreased 1.8%. Average revenue per ton-

mile of freight was 2.848 cents, up from 2.471 cents in May 1980. Revenue passenger-miles increased by 5.1% to 150.5 million.

For further information, order the April 1981 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.

Farm Production, 1980

Agricultural production in Canada in 1980 rose 2.6% from the 1979 level. Crop production increased 5.4% and livestock production was up 0.5%. Large increases in wheat and barley production were responsible for most of the increased agricultural output.

The Index of Farm Production measures the change, through time, in the economic production of agricultural commodities. The price weights used in the index are the weighted averages of 1971 to 1974 prices and the index has a time base of 1971=100. For further information regarding these index numbers, order *Index of Farm Production, 1980* (21-203, \$4.50), or contact Ed Hamilton (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Phonograph Records/Tapes

Canadian manufacturers produced 8,872,586 phonograph records in September 1981, up from 7,747,039 a year earlier.

Production of pre-recorded tapes increased to 2,314,500 in the latest month from 2,031,198 in September 1980.

For further information, order the September 1981 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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