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## Real Domestic Product (RDP)

The seasonally adjusted index of real domestic product (1971=100) increased $0.4 \%$ in February to 141.8 from 141.3 in January. The current monthly output level was $3.6 \%$ above the previous low month of June 1980. Industrial production, recovering from a decline in January, advanced 0.8\%.

Most of the February output increase stemmed from gains recorded in pulp and paper mills, steel mills, smeiting and refining, metal stamping and pressing and motor vehicle manufacturing. Production of pulp and paper products increased substantially during the month: however, shipments were up to a lesser extent, resulting in the highest inventory levels in the indistry in almost two years.
th response to stronger domestic and k;on: demand for steel producls, output of stael mills moved up 2.7\% in February (but whis sull below the December 1980 level). Motor vehicle manufacturers, steel pipe and tube mills, the metal stamping industry and manufacturers of railroad rolling stock all recorded production gains and contribuled to the increase in domestic demand. increased production of aluminum and copper accounted for the growth in smelting and refining operations as exports of these basic industrial metals were up substantially in the month. In February. output of motor vehicle manufacturers advanced and some workers were recalled after being laid off in January.

Other significant output increases in the month occurred in metal and non-metal mining, air transport, communication systems, and wholesale trade. In mining, most of the growth originated with increased production of iron ore, copper, nickel, asbestos and potash. increased activity among wholesalers of transportation and farm equipment accounted for the strength in wholesale trade.

The most significant production decline in February occurred in construction.

For further information, order the February Bi? issue of Indexes of Real Domestic redict by Industry (including the Index of indestrial Production) (61-005. $\$ 3 / \$ 30$ ), or contact R.J. Kennedy (613-995-0568), industry Product Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

## EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings ( $\$$ ) ......................... Jan
Labour Income ( $\$$ mittion) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jan
Persons with Jobs (million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mar.
Unemployed ........................................... . . . Mar
INVENTORIES
Department Store ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Feb

## Manulacturers' Owned (\$ miltion) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Feb. <br> Wholesale (\$ million) . . . Feb.

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)
. Feb *
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . Feb. *

## PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mar

22 -city Composite Wage, Building $(1971=100) \ldots$. . Dec
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100) ............ . Feb.

## CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million) , . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jan.
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)............. . Feb

## ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric Ionnes) . ......... Jan. Electricity Generation (terawatt hours) . . . . . . . . . . . . Jan.
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres) . . . . . . Dec.
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)........... Feb.

## FOREIGN TRADE

Exports - Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million) .. Feb. Imports - Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million) .. Feb. PRODUCTION
Steel (ingots - thousand metric tonnes) . . . . . . . . . . Mar."
SALES
Department Store Sales ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Feb.
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Feb. *
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Feb.
Retail Sales ( $\$$ million) ..................................... . . . Feb
Wholesale Sales (\$ million) . .......................... . Feb.
Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p-preliminary.


## Canada Pension Plan

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)


Source: Statistics Cansda, National income and Expenditures Accounts (13-001)

## Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates


Source Statistics Canada,Naionai Income and Expendiqure Accounis (13-001)

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For any inquiry concerning the release of these series, contact Jack Kerr (613-9921548), Production Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OT6.

## Radio BroadcastIng

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 8.4$ million in February 1981, an increase of $3.7 \%$ from $\$ 8.1$ million in February 1980. Net national sales after deduction of agency and other commis. sions amounted to $\$ 7.1$ million, up $4.4 \%$ from $\$ 6.8$ million in the previous year.

Net local air-time sales were up $1.5 \%$ to $\$ 20.6$ million in February from $\$ 20.3$ million.

Gross radio air-time sales for JanuaryFebruary 1981 were $\$ 55.7$ million compared to $\$ 52.6$ million in the 1980 period, an increase of $5.9 \%$. Net sales rose $5.5 \%$ to $\$ 52.1$ million from $\$ 49.4$ million.

For further information, order the February 1981 issue of Radio Broadcasting (56-003, $\$ 1.50 / \$ 15$ ), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-9969271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

## Provincial Government Revenue

 and Expenditure, 1978-79Final dala on 1978-79 revenue and expenditure of provincial and territorial governments indicate that the moderation in the year-over-year growth of both categorier noted for 1977-78 was maintained in the following year. At $\$ 49.6$ billion, aross general revenue increased $13.5 \%$ over 1977-78 revenue which, in turn, was 13.6\% higher than that for 1976-77. (The annual average increase for the period 1970-71 10 1977-78 inclusive was $16.5 \%$.) Gross general expenditure al $\$ 48.6$ billion in 1978 79 was $11.4 \%$ higher than in 1977-78. (The comparable increase for the latler year over 1976-77 was $11.8 \%$ and the annual average for 1970-71 to 1977-78 was $16.6 \%$.)

Among individual revenue sources, a decline of 3.8\% from 1977-78 in consumption tax revenue was recorded as a consequence of the general sales tax reductions which were in effect for part of the year. Corporation income taxes, however, were $20.8 \%$ above the yield of the previous year and signific antly ahead of the long-term average annual growth of 15.6\%. Inauguration of the Regie de I'assurance automobile du Québec resulted in a 40\% increase in privileges, licenses and permits over similar revenue in the previous year. The $36.6 \%$ increase in sales of goods and services resulted mainly from transactions in Ontario - the sales of assets of the Ontario Student Housing Corporation to the Ontario Housing Corporation, of centili water and sewage installations to muni palities and of the provincial investmen: in Syncrude.

As in the previous year, only debt charges (up 22.8\% over 1977-78) among major expenditure functions showed a significantly higher rate of increase than the average rise for the period 1970-77. Increases over the previous year for social services ( $10.9 \%$ ), health ( $9.7 \%$ ) and education ( $5.7 \%$ ) were notably lower than their respective long-term averages of $21.6 \%$. $15.0 \%$ and $14.2 \%$.

Among individual provinces Alberta, which recorded an increase in revenues of $25.8 \%$ over 1977-78, again was far above the national average of $13.4 \%$. The lowest year over-year growth - $7.8 \%$ - occurred in Manitoba which also recorded a decline of $3.5 \%$ in expenditure due to a change in year-end for the Manitoba Health Services Commission and a reduction in capital expenditures. Newfoundland, which had an above average growth in revenue of $17.7 \%$, recorded the largest percentage growth in expenditure - $32.5 \%$ This resulted primarily from the loss on cispusel of Labrador Linerboard Limited

For further information, order Provinctal Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1978-79 (68-207, \$8), or contact G. Rhéaume (613-995-8201). Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Travel Price Index (TPI)

The cost of travelling in Canada - as measured by the average annual Travel Price Index - increased in 1980 even more than the average annual Consumer Price ddex (CPI). The TPI for 1980 at a level of 20.8 increased 13\% over the 1979 figure (revised with this release to 196.0). In comparison, the CPI for 1980 rose by $10 \%$ to 210.6. In comparing the scales for Canada and the United States, it should be noted that the American TPI rose $21 \%$ in 1980 to 235.6
For further information, contact Doug Higgins or Janice lfe (613-995-9689), Travel, Tourism and Recreation Section, Education, Science and Culture Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Electric Power Staflatice

Net generation of electricity in Canada decreased to 327 TW.h in February 1981 from 33.5 TWh a year earlier. Hydro generation increased $0.6 \%$ while thermal production dropped $8.8 \%$.

Total generation for the first two months of 1981 at 69.4 TW. h showed an increase of $0.2 \%$ from the January-February 1980 period.
For further information, order the February 1981 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57001, $\$ 2.50 / \$ 25$ ), or Confact David Madsen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Canadian Imports of Communication and Related Equipment


Source SIatistics Canada, Imports
by Commodities (65-007)

## The Dalry Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in February 1981 totalled an estimated 487434 kilolitres, $2.6 \%$ more than a year earlier.

This brought the total estimate of milk cold off larms during the first two months of the year to 1011889 kilolitres, an increase $27 \%$ from January-February period in 980.

For further information, order the March ; 981 issue of The Dairy Review (23-001, $\$ 2.50 / \$ 25$ ), or contact Ms. E. Leckie (613-995-4853), Agricullure Statistics Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Canadian Exports of Lumber



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

## Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production ( $1971=100$ ) increased by $0.8 \%$ to 134.6 in February from 133.5 in January. Output increased in mining ( $+1.5 \%$ ) and manufacturing $(+1.0 \%)$, while production by utilities declined $0.6 \%$ during the month.

For further information, order the February 1981 issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry fincluding the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, $\$ 3 / \$ 30$ ), or contact Erika Molnar (613-995-0568), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Otrawa K1A OT6.

## Special Trades Contraciling Industry, 1979

The 46,548 establishments classified to the special trades contracting, mechanical contracting and electrical contracting industries had total operating revenues of $\$ 11,018$ million in 1979. The total included $\$ 10,798$ million of operating revenues derived from new and repair construction activity, and $\$ 220$ million of revenues from various non-construction sources (e.g. retail and wholesale sales of materials, manufacturing or fabricating activities, elc.).

Tables are available presenting a brief summary of the recently compiled results of the 1979 censuses of the special trades contracting. mechanical contracting and electrical contracting industries. More detailed summaries will be available at a later date in the publications The Special Trades Contracting Industry (catalogue 64-210). The Mechanical Contracling Industry (catalogue 64-204) and The Electrical Contracting Industry (catalogue 64-205). The three publications provide statistical information on special trade contractors broken down by some 42 industry groups (e.g. plumbing, masonry. painting and decorating, etc.) Further selected advance information may be obtained by contacting $T$. Hewitt or R. Dubeau (613-995-8192), Consiruction Census Section, Construction Division. Stalistics Canada. Oltawa K1A OT6.

Inventories/Shipments/Orders
The seasonally actjusted value of new orders received by Canadian manulacturers was estimated at $\$ 15,146.8$ million in February 1981. up $5.5 \%$ from the revised January level of $\$ 14.353 .3$ million. New orders in durable goods industries recovering from a shapp $6.2 \%$ drop from December to January - rose $11.7 \%$ in February to $\$ 6,727.2$ million from the revised January value of $\$ 6,0213$ million. The recovery could be attributed to large increases in new urders received in the primary metals and electrical products industries. Non-durable goods new orders increased $1.1 \%$ to $\$ 8,419.6$ million from $\$ 8,332.0$ million

Manulacturers' shipments in February 1981, seasonally adjusted, totalled $\$ 14.874 .1$ million, $2.6 \%$ higher than the revised January value of $\$ 14,491.0$ million. Durable goods ship inents were up $5.8 \%$ to $\$ 6,480.7$ million from $\$ 6,127.3$ million and non-durable goods shipments increased $0.4 \%$ to $\$ 8,393.4$ million from $\$ 8,363.7$ million.

The lolal backlog of unfilled orders for all manufacturing, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at $\$ 19,145.0$ million in February. $1.4 \%$ higher than the revised January value of $\$ 18,872.3$ million

The seasonally adjusted value of total inventory owned by manufacturers increased $0.4 \%$ to $\$ 29,760.6$ million in February from $\$ 29,636.1$ million (revised) for January. Total inventory held, seasonally adjusted. increased $0.4 \%$ to $\$ 31,235.3$ million forn $\$ 31,104.7$ million with increases in the value of raw materials of $0.1 \%$, in goods in process of $1.1 \%$ and in finished products of 0.2\%.

The seasonally adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments at the end of February was 2.00:1 compared with 2.05:1 (revised) in January The finished products to shipments ratio in February was $0.68: 1$. down from the revised January ratio of 0.70:1

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in February 1981 were estimated at $\$ 14,072.4$ million. For the first two months of 1981, manulaclurers' shipments al an estimated $\$ 27,570.0$ million were up $6.7 \%$ from the JanuaryFebruary 1980 figure of $\$ 25,841$. 6 million.
For further information, order the February issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacluring industries (31-001. $\$ 3.50 / \$ 35$ ), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industrias Division, Stalistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

## Electric Lamps

Total sales of electric lamps (light sources) of all types including imports during the month of March 1981 were valued at $\$ 20,459,800$.

For further inforn ation, order the March 1981 issue of Electrii Lamps (Light Sources) (43-009, \$1.50/\$15), ir contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTK

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