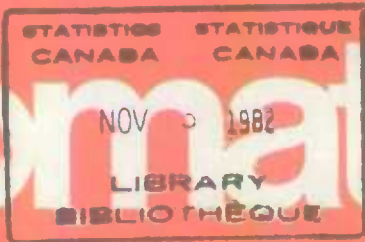


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Canada's Merchandise Trade

On a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, preliminary results indicate that Canada's exports increased 2.1% or \$155 million to \$7.44 billion in September 1982 following a 2.5% decline in August and a 1.4% increase in July. Imports declined 4% or \$235 million to \$5.69 billion in September after a 0.2% decline in August and an 8.7% increase in July. As a result the merchandise trade surplus of \$1.75 billion for September was the second best this year, just \$155 million lower than the record June balance of \$1.9 billion. The surplus for January-September 1982 stood at a record level of \$12.77 billion, up from a \$4.6 billion surplus for the same period in 1981 and a \$4.8 billion surplus during the previous record year of 1980.

Exports increased 2.8% or \$610 million to \$22.13 billion in the latest quarter, following a 5.2% increase in the second quarter, a 3.7% decrease in the first and a 0.6% increase in the fourth quarter of 1981. Third quarter 1982 imports were up 3.5% or \$600 million to \$17.55 billion, after a 0.9% decrease in the second quarter, an 8.6% decrease in the first quarter, and a 7.0% decrease in the fourth quarter of 1981. The 1982 third quarter surplus of \$4.63 billion was almost identical to the second quarter surplus but up from surpluses of \$3.51 billion in the first quarter and \$2.7 billion in the fourth quarter of 1981.

Commodity Analysis

On a domestic exports basis, the largest increases recorded in September 1982 were for precious metals (up 128.5% or \$125 million to \$220 million, following a \$50 million decrease in August), cereals and cereal preparations (up 20.2% or \$75 million to \$443 million after a \$130 million decrease in August), and petroleum and coal products (up 24.1% or \$55 million to \$294 million, following a \$38 million increase in August). The largest decreases were for motor vehicle products (down 14.5% or \$282 million to \$1.658 billion following a \$505 million increase in August) and crude petroleum (down 17.8% or \$55 million to \$255 million following a \$90 million increase in August).

The largest decline for September 1982 imports was for motor vehicle products (down 19.2% or \$325 million to \$1.37 billion

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LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	392.29p	390.59p	10.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	16,734.4p	17,022.1p	5.7
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept.	10.54	10.91	-4.4
Unemployed	Sept.	1,343,000	1,388,000	50.7

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Aug.	2,911.5	3,006.6	-2.5
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Aug.	32,838.6p	33,033.1r	1.7

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	14,448.9p	13,667.1r	0.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Aug.	16,856.5p	17,236.3r	-13.1

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.	267.5	266.1	10.4
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Sept.*	130.6	131.6	-3.0
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Sept.*	203.4p	203.0p	7.8
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Sept.*	148.4p	148.1p	-2.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Sept.*	292.4p	290.5p	5.6

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug.	932.5p	8,248.2p	-33.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Sept.	6,345	73,987	-33.1

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	July	3,150	25,694	11.7
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	July	26.2	220.7	—
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	July*	6,869.9	58,131.2	2.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Aug.	8.2p	60.2p	-15.3

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	6,411p	56,145p	1.6
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	5,283p	45,759p	-11.3

PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Sept.	15.3p	153.9p	-10.7
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Aug.*	924.4	8,618.5	-19.1

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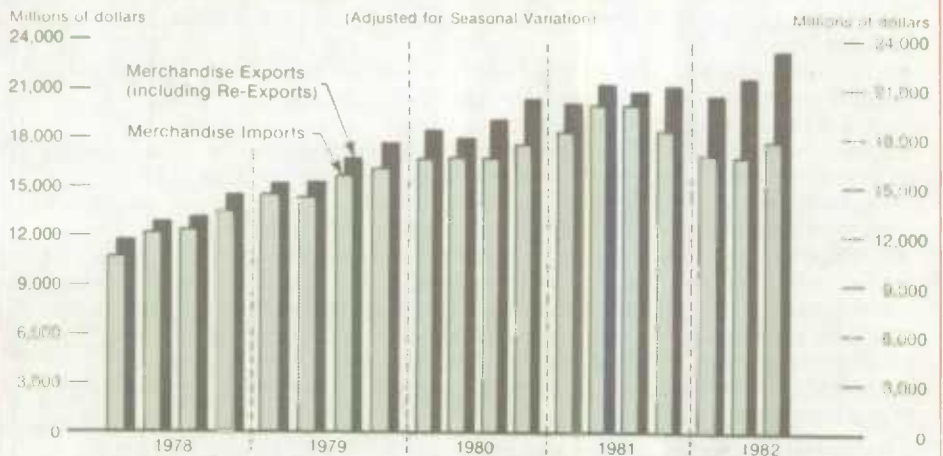
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	775.5	5,805.5	-1.6
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Aug.	14,828.7p	120,953.4p	-2.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	752.6	6,809.5	-18.7
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	7,970.2p	61,888.2p	2.9

Statistics are in current dollars and 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)

following an increase of \$245 million in August). The only notable increase was for non-ferrous metals (up 69% or \$85 million to \$215 million after a decline of \$50 million in August) — an increase that resulted from a much higher volume of gold imported in September.

Trading Partner Analysis

There were large increases in exports in September 1982 to "Other EEC" countries (up 31.6% or \$110 million to \$460 million following a \$55 million decrease in August), and to "Other America" countries (up 17% or \$45 million to \$310 million after a \$65 million decline in August). Exports to the United States were down 5.0% or \$270 million to \$5.13 billion following an increase of \$365 million in August.

The decline in total imports for September 1982 was mainly the consequence of a decline in imports from the United States (down 3.6% or \$160 million to \$4.23 billion following an increase of \$200 million in August), and from Japan (down 11.5% or \$40 million to \$295 million after an increase of \$30 million in August). There were notable increases for imports from the United Kingdom (up 38% or \$45 million to \$155 million following a \$30 million decline in August) and "Other America" countries (up 10.8% or \$35 million to \$375 million after a decline of \$30 million in August).

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30), or contact Gordon Blaney (613-995-6305), Trade Inquiries Unit, Pierre Pichette or François Bordé (613-995-6115), Trade Measures and Analysis Section.

Washing Machines/Dryers

Canadian production of electric automatic washing machines during the month of September 1982 totalled 39,618 units. Production of electric automatic clothes dryers in the latest month totalled 27,669 units.

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15).

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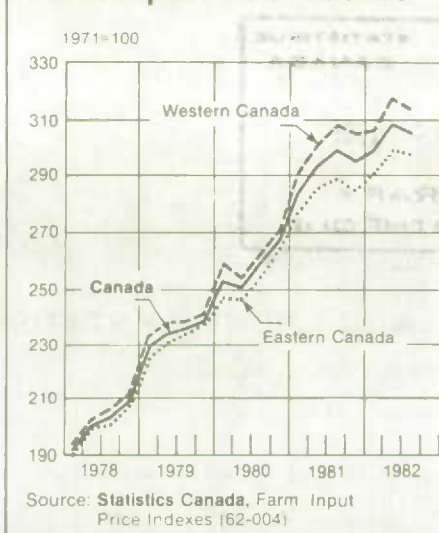
Three more Census User Summary Tapes from the 1981 Census of Population are now available:

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Each complete tape file will be available at a cost of \$150. A charge of \$75 will apply to any file on one region or province.

For further information or to order please write or call: *User Summary Tapes*, CANSIM Division (613-995-0097 or 995-0575), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Farm Input Price Indexes



Coal/Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada rose 3.8% to 3 254 kilotonnes in August 1982 from 3 134 a year earlier. Exports increased to 1 269 kilotonnes from 1 134 and landed imports were up to 1 953 kilotonnes from 1 641.

Canadian production of coal in the first eight months of 1982 totalled 28 935 kilotonnes, up 10.7% from 26 145 in the January-August 1981 period. Exports rose to 10 964 kilotonnes from 10 416 and landed imports increased to 9 793 kilotonnes from 7 069.

For further information, order the August 1982 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.50/\$25).

Refrigerators/Home Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators in September 1982 was 40,564 units. Home freezer production amounted to 24,851 units.

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15).

Campus Book Stores

Preliminary estimates show that retail sales of 213 campus book stores during the 1981-82 academic year increased 14.0% over the previous year to \$157.7 million. Textbooks accounted for 65.0% of the sales total in 1981-82, other books, 8.9%; stationery and supplies, 15.3%; and miscellaneous items, 10.8%.

Employment of 1,574 personnel in campus book stores during the last week of November 1981 was 3.0% less than a year earlier. Gross annual payrolls however, expanded 14.8% to \$20.9 million.

Further details will be published in *Campus Book Stores, 1981-1982* (63-219, \$4.50), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304) or (Telex 053-3385), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada declined 1.8% in August 1982 to 28 279 gigawatt hours from 28 810 GW.h a year earlier. Exports rose to 3 470 GW.h from 3 324 GW.h, while imports dropped to 52 GW.h from 81 GW.h.

For the January-August 1982 period, electric power generation totalled 248 978 GW.h, up fractionally from 248 806 GW.h in the year-earlier period. Exports fell to 20 532 GW.h from 22 804 GW.h, while imports rose to 2 342 GW.h from 1 088 GW.h.

For further information, order the August 1982 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Dave Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit

Canadian urban transit systems (59) collected 117,273,494 initial passenger fares in September 1982. The total distance run was 61 448 749 kilometres and operating revenues amounted to \$63.3 million.

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, \$1.50/\$15).

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Unemployment Insurance

Unemployment insurance benefits paid out in August 1982 amounted to \$712 million, up 17% from July and more than double the \$113 million disbursed in August 1981. Benefits for the first eight months of 1982 reached \$5.4 billion, an increase of 65% from the same period in 1981, and more than the \$4.8 billion paid out in the calendar year 1981.

Claimants qualifying for unemployment insurance benefits for the week ending August 21 totalled 1,071,000, a rise of 6% from the previous month and up 80% from the same month of 1981.

Claimants filed 276,000 applications for benefits in August, down 15% from July (claims usually fall between these two months); however, claims were 50% greater than in August 1981. For 1982-to-date, claims numbered 2,393,000, some 43% more than in the year-earlier period. Claims were up in all provinces and territories, with increases generally higher in the Western provinces.

For further information, order the July-September 1982 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, \$6/\$24), or contact George Fincham (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Raw Materials Price Index

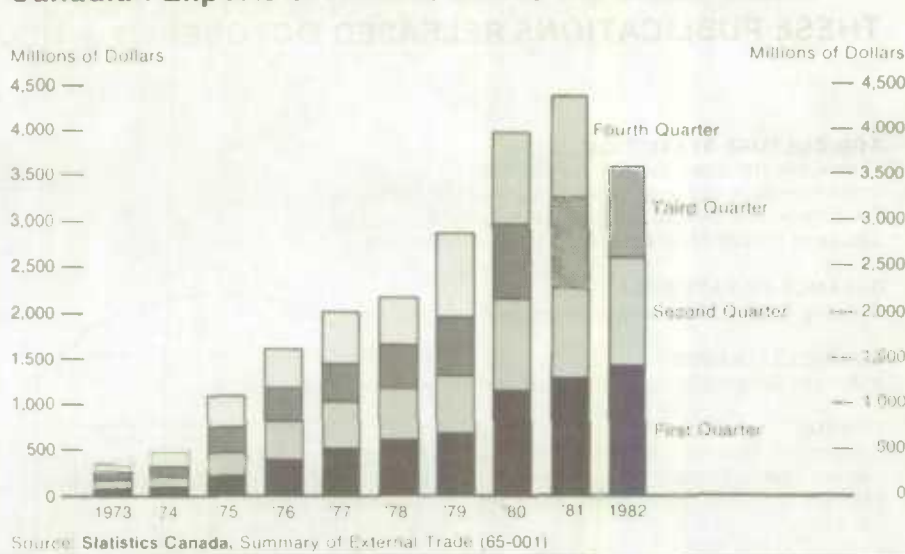
The Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100) rose 0.2% to 203.4 in September 1982 from 203.0 (revised) in August to stand 7.8% above the year-earlier level of 188.7. Although the raw materials price index excluding the coal, crude oil and natural gas component edged up 0.2% in September, it still remained 2.9% lower than in September 1981.

The most notable increase recorded in September was a 10.5% rise in the index for non-ferrous metals; this primarily reflected price advances of about 30% for gold and silver, but copper, tin and zinc also showed price increases. Despite the increases in these metals in recent months, the non-ferrous metals component still stood 10.2% below its level of a year earlier, as most commodity indexes except gold are down by more than 10%.

The index for vegetable products fell by 4.4% in September and was down 12.5% from September 1981. The main contributors to the monthly decline were lower prices for fresh vegetables (-20%) and raw sugar (-13%). The 12.5% year-to-year decline was the combined result of lower prices for fresh vegetables (-21%), sugar (-45%) and wheat and other grains (-13%); several commodities, including fresh vegetables, sugar, oilseeds and coffee are now at levels equal to or lower than five years ago.

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Information Unit (613-995-5738).

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



New Housing Price Indexes

The Canada composite new housing price index (1976=100) declined 0.8% to 130.6 in September 1982 from the August level of 131.6. This marked the ninth consecutive monthly decline for the index which stood 3.0% below the year-earlier level of 134.7.

Compared with August, the largest increases in new housing prices were reported in Hamilton (5.4%) and Thunder Bay (2.4%); marginal increases were also recorded in Quebec City (0.8%), Montreal (0.4%), and Ottawa-Hull (0.1%). Major price declines occurred in Calgary (-6.2%) and Victoria (-3.8%), and decreases were also noted in Vancouver (-1.1%), Toronto (-0.8%), Saskatoon (-0.6%), Edmonton (-0.4%) and Kitchener (-0.2%).

On a year-over-year basis the largest new housing price advances were recorded in Hamilton (9.6%) and Winnipeg (8.0%). The largest declines were registered in Vancouver (-23.5%) and Victoria (-16.8%).

For further information, contact Prices Division (613-996-3744), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Industry Selling Price Index

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing (1971=100) reached a preliminary level of 292.4 in September 1982, 0.7% higher than the revised August index of 290.5. As a result, between September 1981 and September 1982, the index increased 5.6%, extending the trend of moderate price change observed since mid-1981.

The main contributors to the overall September rise were the indexes for petroleum and coal products (up 5%), primary metal industries (up 2.0%) and miscellaneous industries (up 4.5%).

The petroleum and coal products industries price index increased 5% in September and stood 12.9% higher than a year earlier. The rise was the result of the July

price increase of \$2.25 per barrel for crude oil.

The primary metals price index advanced 2.0% in September, but showed little change on a year-over-year basis. The smelting and refining industry price index — up 5.5% from August — was still 5.7% lower than in September 1981; increases of 29.2% in precious metal prices dominated the monthly movement for this industry and zinc prices also rose in September.

The miscellaneous manufacturers price index rose 4.5% in September and was up 3.0% above the year-earlier level. The September rise of 12.7% in the jewellery and silverware index was again the main contributing factor to the overall advance.

The tobacco products price index rose 3.1% and was up 16.0% from September 1981. The food and beverage index dropped 0.1% in September but was still 5.9% higher than 12 months earlier. Substantial price declines posted for feeds, sugar and vegetable oil were largely offset by increases for dairy and bakery products.

The wood industries price index fell 0.8% in September and was 1.9% below the September 1981 level. The transportation equipment industries index was down in September mainly due to a 1.0% drop in the price index for motor vehicle manufacturers. Price declines of 2.9% for small passenger cars and 2.2% for light trucks were the main contributors to the September price movement.

For further information, order the September 1982 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$3.50/\$35).

Oil Pipeline Transport

Net receipts of crude oil, condensates, pentanes plus, liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products through Canadian oil pipelines during August 1982 totalled 12 483 733 cubic metres, up 0.7% from 12 396 941 cubic metres a year earlier.

For further information, order the August 1982 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$2.50/\$25).



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