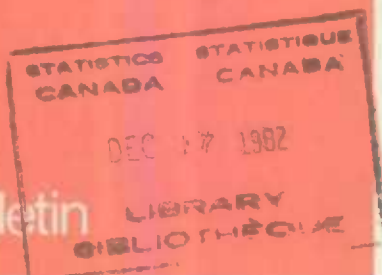




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Retail Trade

Retail sales in Canada, without seasonal adjustment, totalled \$8,300.4 million in October 1982, up 0.6% from a year earlier. Sales advanced in 16 of the 28 groups with the largest increases for used car dealers (+15.1%), sporting goods and accessories stores (+13.4%) and pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores (+12.9%); the largest decreases were for motor vehicle dealers (-11.5%), family shoe stores (-9.0%) and men's clothing stores (-8.2%). Sales increased in seven provinces with the highest gains in Newfoundland (+13.5%) and New Brunswick (+9.4%); sales were down in three provinces and the territories with the largest drops in the Yukon and Northwest Territories (-6.9%) and British Columbia (-5.5%). Montreal and Toronto sales were both 0.2% lower than a year earlier and Vancouver sales dropped 5.5%. Winnipeg sales rose 4.8%.

Revised total retail trade for September 1982 was \$8,094.6 million, an increase of 4.5% over September 1981.

Cumulative sales for January to October 1982 at \$78,252.3 million rose 2.8% over the same period last year.

Seasonally adjusted, retail sales for October 1982 were down 1.7% from the September 1982 level to a total of \$8,057.9 million. The largest increases were recorded in jewellery stores (+11.2%), book and stationery stores (+9.9%) and household furniture stores (+8.1%), while the largest decreases were for motor vehicle dealers (-14.6%), hardware stores (-2.6%) and specialty shoe stores (-2.4%). Compared to the previous month, seasonally adjusted sales were up in three provinces and the territories with the Yukon and Northwest Territories registering the highest increase (+2.9%). Sales fell in seven provinces, losses ranging from -0.9% in Prince Edward Island to -2.8% in Quebec.

For further information, order the October 1982 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304).

Restaurant Statistics

Preliminary estimates for October 1982 show that restaurants, caterers and taverns in Canada had sales totalling \$837.5 million. Final estimates for September 1982 indicate total sales of \$841.5 million.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.	391.26p	391.37p	9.0
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept.	16,880.7p	16,401.0p	2.2
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.36	10.52	-4.5
Unemployed	Nov.	1,438,000	1,388,000	55.0

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.	3,338.1	2,826.5	-11.5
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept.	32,648.0p	33,043.1r	-3.5

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	15,602.3p	14,617.2r	-5.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	16,995.9p	17,469.3r	-6.6

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	269.2	267.5	10.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Oct.	130.2	130.6	-3.1
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Oct.	200.6p	202.6p	3.1
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Oct.	143.8p	147.1p	-4.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	291.8p	292.3p	4.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.	1,037.6p	9,352.8p	-31.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.	9,099	83,086	-30.1

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Sept.	3,412	32,347	10.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.	27.9	276.7	-0.2
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	July	6,869.9	58,131.2	2.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.	7.2p	67.6p	-14.5

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	6,722p	70,316p	1.1
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	5,179p	56,388p	-12.9

PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Nov.	16.3p	186.4p	-12.1
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Sept.	958.0p	9,576.5p	-17.6

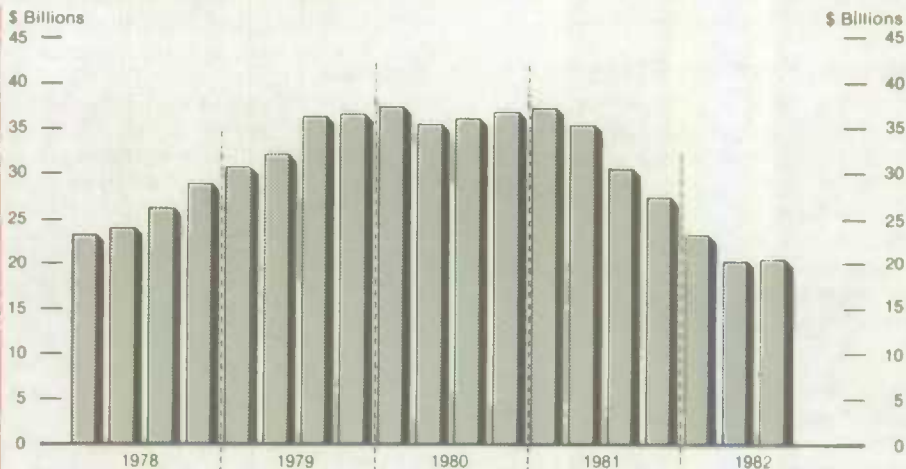
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	859.1	7,524.5	-1.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept.	16,075.7p	138,079.0p	-2.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	733.6	8,329.3	-18.0
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	8,300.4p	78,252.3p	2.8

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.
p - preliminary, r - revised, * - new this week.

Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



Source: Statistics Canada, National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary figures show that farm cash receipts for the January-October 1982 period totalled an estimated \$15,529.8 million, down 0.4% from the year-earlier level of \$15,597.8 million.

Receipts from the sale of field crops declined 4% to \$7,248.2 million in the latest period. This decline is primarily due to lower Canadian Wheat Board payments (\$568 million paid in 1982 compared with \$1,243 million in 1981) and lower initial prices for wheat; partly offsetting were deferred grain receipts liquidated in 1982. Despite the decrease in the level of wheat board payments and initial prices, grain volumes continue to increase and are now 19% higher than in 1981 for barley and 30% higher for wheat.

Cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products increased 6% from the January-October 1981 level. Higher hog and dairy prices (and consequently receipts) offset decreases in cattle and poultry receipts.

For further information, order the January-October 1982 issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Peter Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Farm Product Prices

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) dropped to 284.3 in October 1982, down 2.6% from the September index of 291.8 and 0.1% lower than the year-earlier level of 284.6.

Data users should note that this release incorporates revisions to the fruits and vegetables data back to January 1980. These revisions will affect the aggregate index numbers.

The index, which measures — as closely as can be determined — prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available on CAN-SIM (matrix 176) or in the publication Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products (62-003, \$1.50/\$15). Sub-indexes for livestock, crops and their components and further information are available from Ed Hamilton (613-995-4895), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

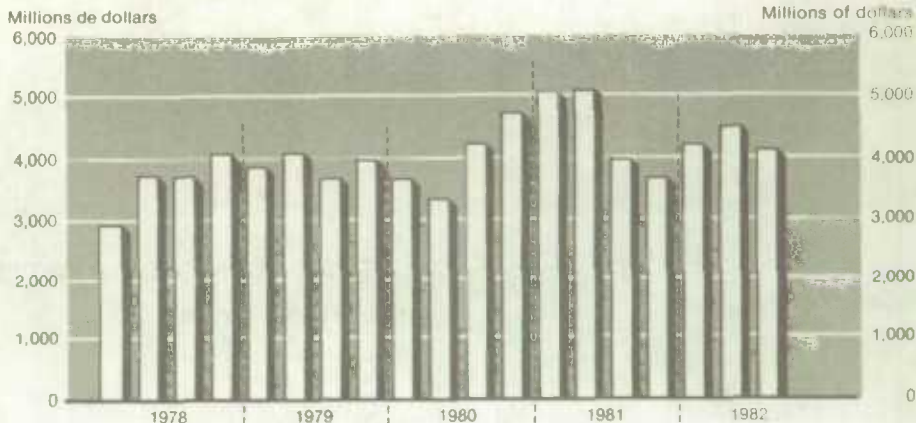
Trusteed Pension Plans

Assets of trusteed pension funds amounted to \$61.5 billion at book value at December 31, 1981, an increase of \$9.4 billion from a year earlier. These assets were held for three million pension plan members, equivalent to an average of \$19,846 of invested reserves for each member. The market value of the assets, \$58.9 billion, was less than the book value for the first time since 1977.

For further information, order Trusteed Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1981 (74-201, \$6), or contact Hubert Frenken (613-995-4476), Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: Statistics Canada, National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in October 1982 plunged by 11.0% from the year-earlier level. Lower sales were reported in eight provinces, decreases ranging from -2.4% for Newfoundland to -21.4% for Saskatchewan. The largest sales increase was in Prince Edward Island (+7.8%).

Wholesale inventories in October 1982 showed a drop of 5.4% from the previous year.

For further information, order the October 1982 issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the Wholesale Trade Section (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Department Store Sales

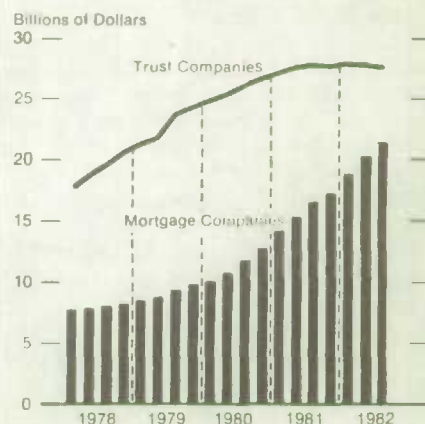
Department store sales were \$859.1 million in October 1982, down 3.7% from October 1981. Sales were up in only 11 of the 40 departments with the largest gains recorded in furs (+14.4%) and repairs and services (+8.9%). The largest decreases were posted in men's clothing (-14.1%) and gasoline, oil, auto accessories, repairs and supplies (-13.0%). Sales were up from a year earlier in five provinces: Newfoundland (+5.9%), Prince Edward Island (+13.3%), Nova Scotia (+9.8%), New Brunswick (+4.2%) and Saskatchewan (+0.4%). The largest sales decreases were registered in Alberta (-8.7%) and in British Columbia (-6.5%). For the 10 metropolitan areas covered by this survey, the largest sales increase was in Halifax-Dartmouth (+16.1%), while the largest decrease was in Calgary (-12.4%).

Sales of major department store organizations in October 1982 totalled \$562.7 million, down 4.9% from October 1981, while junior department store organizations had sales of \$296.4 million, down 1.5% from a year earlier.

The selling value of stocks held in October 1982 at \$3,338.1 million showed a decrease of 11.5% from October 1981.

Trust and Mortgage Companies

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding



Source: Statistics Canada, Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

Special Care Facilities

Total expenditures on special care facilities in Canada during the 1979-80 fiscal year were an estimated \$3.5 billion. Cost per resident-day rose to \$35.90, an increase of 25% from \$28.60 in 1977-78.

More than 72 million days of care were provided in these special care facilities in 1979-80 and persons 65 years of age and over represented about 70% of all residents during the period. The total number of beds in these facilities was 210,874 or 8.7 beds per 1,000 total population. Nearly 220,000 persons were employed by these facilities, 35% on a part-time basis.

Copies of the non-catalogued publication Selected Tables from Annual Return of Special Care Facilities, 1979-80 are available for \$4 from the Casual Sales Unit (613-992-3151), Lobby, R.H. Coats Building, Ottawa or any of Statistics Canada's regional reference centres. For further information, contact Judith Dowler (613-995-9551), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Labour Income

Labour income for the month of September 1982 was estimated at \$16,880.7 million, an increase of \$365.7 million or 2.2% from September 1981.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$167.1 million between August and September 1982 to \$15,270.3 million.

The estimates will be published in the July-September 1982 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, \$5/\$20). For further information, contact G. Gauthier (613-995-8431), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Corporation Financial Stats

Financial characteristics reported by incorporated companies in Canada in 1980 reflected continued growth in current dollars, but the rate of growth was beginning to flatten out: the book value of assets of all corporations rose 16% to \$983 billion, compared to an 18% rise in 1979. In the financial sector, total assets reached \$520 billion, up 17%, while assets in the non-financial sector increased to \$463 billion, a rise of 15%.

Total sales of all industries were \$617 billion in 1980, an advance of 14%, compared to a 21% increase in the previous year. The financial sector continued to experience the higher rate of growth, with sales up 27% to \$70 billion compared to an increase of 13% to \$547 billion in the non-financial sector.

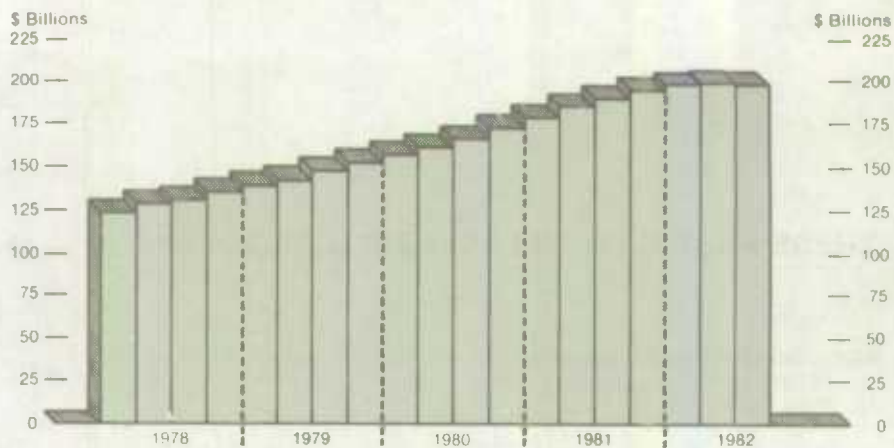
Pre-tax profits of all industries increased \$5.3 billion to \$51.5 billion, up 11% compared to a 38% increase in 1979. Pre-tax profits in the non-financial sector were up by \$4.1 billion to \$42.1 billion, a modest rise of 11% compared to the 43% increase the previous year. In the financial sector, pre-tax profits increased \$1.2 billion to \$9.3 billion, a rise of 15% compared to 19% in 1979.

Some of the 1980 highlights of corporation financial statistics:

- Gold mines, whose profits in the previous year had doubled to \$228 million, reported a further increase of 39% to \$318 million, with the price of gold peaking in January 1980 at over \$800 an ounce.
- An apparent near trebling of profits in coal mining to \$543 million was attributable to capital gains realized as a result of corporate reorganizations within the industry. Oil and gas wells reported an increase in profits of 14% to \$5.5 billion, compared to a 69% increase in 1979.
- Manufacturers of motor vehicles and parts, on sales of \$20 billion (down 10% from 1979) reported a loss of \$94 million for 1980 compared to a profit of \$765 million for the previous year. Pulp and paper continued to benefit from strong export demand and a weakening Canadian dollar, with pre-tax profits of the industry up 49% in 1980 to \$2.2 billion.
- In the financial sector, mortgage loan companies recovered some lost ground, with profits up to \$61 million in 1980 from \$22 million in 1979 (compared to \$229 million in 1978).

Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: Statistics Canada, National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles totalled 69,496 units in October 1982, down 20.5% from a year earlier. This included 35,199 passenger cars (down 25.8%) and 11,351 commercial vehicles (down 33.0%) manufactured in North America, and 18,655 passenger cars (down 5.1%) and 4,291 commercial vehicles (up 28.4%) manufactured overseas.

Of all new passenger cars sold in Canada in October 1982, 65.4% were produced in North America, 27.0% in Japan and 7.6% in Europe. The corresponding percentages for the previous year were 70.7%, 23.5% and 5.8%.

Total value of new motor vehicles sold in October 1982 decreased 18.8% from the same month last year to \$733.6 million. North American passenger cars sold for \$345.1 million (down 23.6%) and commercial vehicles for \$166.5 million (down 32.7%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 4.6% to \$182.9 million and those of commercial vehicles climbed 31.8% to \$39.0 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 167 coaches or buses (down 23.7%) valued at \$10.2 million (down 2.8%).

For the first 10 months of 1982, total sales were 781,934 units (1,023,921 in 1981), with an accumulated value of \$8,329.3 million (\$10,157.4 million in 1981). This represents a decrease of 23.6% in the number of units and a decline of 18.0% in value from the January-October 1981 period.

Seasonally adjusted, sales in October 1982 of new passenger cars built in North America decreased 32.1% from September 1982 and were at their lowest level this year — only 30,536 units. Sales of passenger cars manufactured overseas decreased 4.4% from the previous month to 20,209 units. Similarly adjusted total sales of new commercial vehicles dropped 23.0% to 14,147 units.

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Local Government Employment

Municipalities across Canada employed an estimated 298,972 persons in general government services at the end of September 1982, a decrease of 1.6% from the 303,875 reported at the end of the previous quarter.

Gross payrolls of Canadian municipalities for the third quarter of 1982 amounted to \$1,590,297,000, an increase of 5.6% from the second quarter total of \$1,505,695,000.

Data are presently available from matrix 2725 and 2726 of the CANSIM data bank and from the July-September 1982 issue of Local Government Employment (72-009, \$4/\$16), or contact the Local Government Section (613-995-9897), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oil Pipeline Transport

Net receipts of crude oil, condensates, pentanes plus, liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products through Canadian oil pipelines during September 1982 totalled 11 131 141 cubic metres, down 4.7% from 11 686 052 cubic metres in September 1981.

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



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