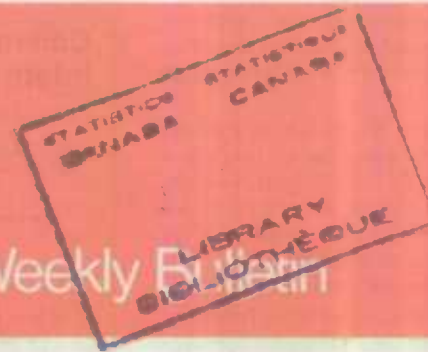


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## Balance of Payments

Canada's seasonally adjusted current account balance swung to a surplus of \$288 million in the first quarter of 1982 from a \$245 million deficit recorded in the fourth quarter of 1981. The turnaround reflected a further increase in the merchandise trade surplus which resulted from a substantial decline in imports: imports dropped about 9% compared to a decline of only 4% in exports, resulting in an \$859 million improvement in the trade surplus to a record quarterly level of \$3,571 million.

The main quarterly features were:

- among exports, large decreases in woodpulp, newsprint, agricultural machinery, lumber and nickel ores while increases were registered for automotive products, iron ores, steel, coal and barley;
- among imports, large declines in crude petroleum, industrial and agricultural machinery, steel and coal; increases were recorded for petroleum and coal products, fresh fruits, raw sugar, and office machines and equipment;
- a rise of more than \$300 million in the seasonally adjusted non-merchandise trade deficit to \$3,283 million, mainly due to increases in net payments of interest and dividends; the deficit on travel fell by 10% to \$279 million;
- unadjusted for seasonal variations, the current account was in deficit by \$668 million;
- recorded capital transactions produced a net inflow of \$2,336 million: a net inflow of \$4,041 million from capital movements in long-term forms was recorded along with a net outflow of \$1,705 million from short-term transactions;
- a continuation of heavy borrowing in foreign bond markets producing an inflow of \$4,317 million;
- a substantial reduction in the net outflow on direct investment transactions to \$775 million, the lowest quarterly level in more than a year; a net outflow of nearly \$2 billion from direct investment in Canada was largely related to the acquisition by Canada Development Corporation (CDC) of the Canadian interests of Texasgulf Inc. The repatriation of these assets involved the exchange of CDC's equity interest in Texasgulf Inc., which

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## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

|                              |      |           | Previous Month | % Change From Year Ago |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| Average Weekly Earnings (\$) | Feb. | 379.21p   | 376.96p        | 10.9                   |
| Labour Income (\$ million)   | Feb. | 15,685.2p | 15,630.9p      | 11.0                   |
| Persons with Jobs (million)  | May* | 10.70     | 10.43          | -2.9                   |
| Unemployed                   | May* | 1,241,000 | 1,233,000      | 45.3                   |

### INVENTORIES

|                                   |      |           |           |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Department Store (\$ million)     | Mar. | 2,784.0   | 2,618.1   | 6.0  |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) | Mar. | 34,449.5p | 34,189.9r | 12.4 |

### ORDERS

|   |      |           |           |      |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)      | Mar. | 16,436.9p | 14,382.9r | -1.3 |
| Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million) | Mar. | 18,047.1p | 18,284.5r | -7.6 |

### PRICES

|   |      |        |        |      |
|---|------|--------|--------|------|
| Consumer Price Index (1971=100)         | Apr. | 257.3  | 255.9  | 11.3 |
| Non-food Component (CPI)                | Apr. | 240.6  | 239.3  | 12.9 |
| New House Price Index (1976=100)        | Apr. | 134.9  | 135.2  | 2.0  |
| Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)    | Apr. | 198.5p | 196.8p | 12.6 |
| Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100) | Apr. | 286.5p | 284.5p | 6.9  |

### CONSTRUCTION

|  |      |          |          |       |
|--|------|----------|----------|-------|
| Building Permits (\$ million)          | Mar. | 1,232.8p | 2,821.7p | -13.1 |
| Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units) | Apr. | 9,061    | 35,327   | -5.5  |

### ENERGY

|   |       |         |          |       |
|---|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Coal Production (thousand tonnes)             | Mar.* | 4,061.8 | 10,991.1 | 5.6   |
| Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)       | Mar.* | 34.8    | 108.8    | 4.4   |
| Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres) | Feb.* | 9,100.5 | 19,674.2 | 6.0   |
| Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)     | Mar.  | 7.2p    | 22.5p    | -16.9 |

### FOREIGN TRADE

|  |       |        |         |      |
|--|-------|--------|---------|------|
| Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million) | Apr.* | 7,121p | 27,506p | 1.4  |
| Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million) | Apr.* | 6,017p | 23,011p | -9.5 |

### PRODUCTION

|                                      |      |         |         |       |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|-------|
| Railway Carloadings (million tonnes) | Apr. | 18.1    | 68.5    | -9.2  |
| Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)     | Mar. | 1,246.3 | 3,654.3 | -12.5 |

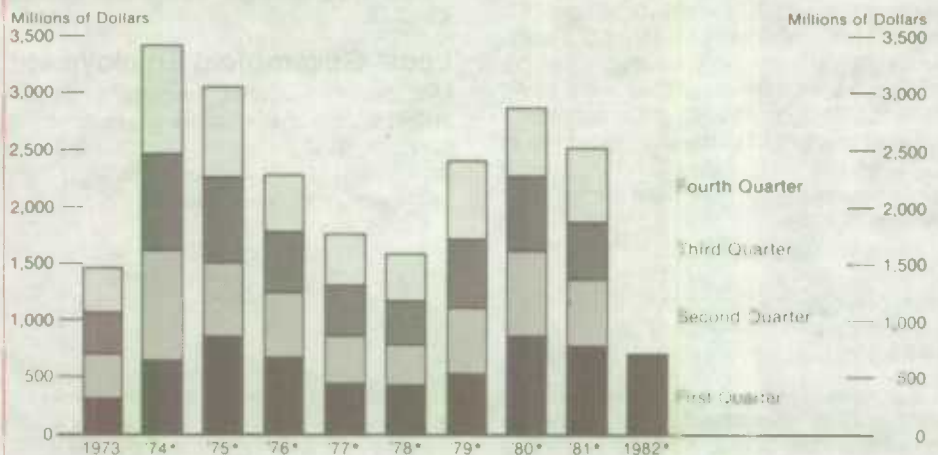
### SALES

|                                       |       |           |           |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Department Store Sales (\$ million)   | Apr.* | 799.5     | 2,672.0   | -0.9  |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) | Mar.  | 16,674.3p | 44,909.7p | 1.1   |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)  | Apr.* | 999.5     | 3,272.0   | -21.3 |
| Retail Sales (\$ million)             | Mar.  | 7,440.4p  | 20,601.3p | 2.7   |

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

p - preliminary. r - revised. \* - new this week.

## Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



Source: Statistics Canada, Exports by Commodities (65-004)

\*Includes the export tax



was recorded as a decrease in direct investment abroad, explaining the unusually large net inflow of \$1,175 million on this account;

- a shift of nearly \$4 billion in the net balance on short-term capital flows to a net outflow of \$1,705 million. Factors contributing to this development included a reduction in non-resident holdings of Canadian dollar deposits and short-term intercompany transactions;
- net errors and omissions in the recorded estimates of current and capital transactions were equivalent to a net outflow of \$3,214 million;
- a decline of \$1,546 million in official international reserves, following an increase of approximately the same amount in the previous quarter;
- a quarterly decline of 2.86 U.S. cents in the external value of the Canadian dollar, to close the quarter at 81.49 U.S. cents.

For further information, contact A. Meguerditchian (613-995-0743), Balance of Payments Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. The main tables can be obtained in machine readable form from the CANSIM base.

## International Travel

Preliminary statistics for April 1982 show non-resident visitors entering Canada decreased from the same month in 1981, while the number of Canadian residents returning from visits to the United States and other countries increased.

In April 2.0 million U.S. residents entered Canada, down 35.5% from a year earlier. (This notable drop in total entries is mainly due to the disappearance of the gasoline price differential between the U.S. and Canada, resulting in a sizeable reduction in the number of same-day automobile entries.) Visitors from countries other than the U.S. declined by 8.6% to 110,000. Canadian residents re-entering this country after visits to the U.S. numbered 2.8 million, up 1.4% from April 1981, while residents returning from trips to other countries rose 4.9% to 133,000.

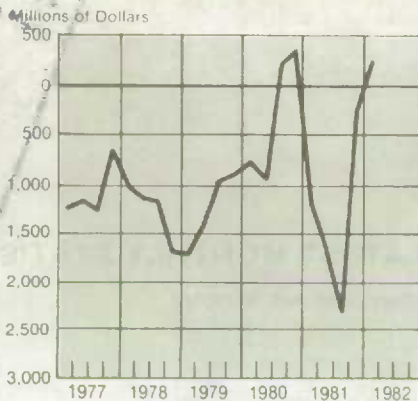
For the January-April 1982 period, international travel flows were as follows: 6.5 million U.S. residents entered Canada, down 36.6% from the year-earlier period; visitors from other countries were down 5.7% to 284,000; 9.5 million Canadians re-entered from visits to the U.S., a decline of 2.9%; and 587,000 residents returned from other countries, up 1.0% from the first four months of 1981.

In the January-April period of 1982, long-term entries from the U.S. (including overnight or longer auto and bus traffic and total plane, train and boat entries) decreased by 12.8% from the 1981 level to 1.5 million.

For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Paul Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

## Canadian Balance of International Payments

Current Account — Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Statistics Canada, Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001)

## University Financial Statistics

Total expenditures by Canadian universities increased by 13.4% in 1980-81 to reach the \$4 billion mark, approximately 1.5% of the Gross National Product. The annual rate of increase in expenditures was much higher than in the two preceding years (8.5% and 9%). The rise in the growth rate partly reflected the fact that full-time university enrolment in 1980-81 broke the previous registration record set in 1976-77.

Of the total operating budget for 1980-81, 72% was allocated to general operating expenses, 11% to sponsored research and the remainder to trust and endowment, capital and ancillary enterprise funds. From another standpoint, salaries accounted for 67% of total operating expenses: 35% for academic staff, 26% for other occupational groups and 6% for fringe benefits.

The main sources of university funding in 1980-81 were governments (73%) and tuition fees (13% of operating income).

For further information, order the *Education Statistics Service Bulletin* (81-002, \$1.50/\$15), Vol. 4, No. 3, or contact F. Gendron (613-995-9795), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Local Government Employment

Municipalities across Canada employed 281,428 persons in general government services at the end of March 1982, an increase of 1.6% from the 276,860 reported at the end of the previous quarter.

Gross payrolls of municipalities for the first quarter of 1982 amounted to \$1,342,807,000, a decrease of 2.5% from the \$1,376,963,000 reported for the fourth quarter.

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

## Canada's Merchandise Trade

On a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, preliminary results indicate that Canada's exports increased 2.3% or \$162 million to \$7.16 billion in April 1982 following a decline of 1.7% in March. Imports declined 2.1% or \$121 million to \$5.70 billion after a decline of 4.1% in the preceding month. The merchandise trade surplus increased \$283 million to \$1,459 million in April from \$1,176 million in March. This brings the cumulative merchandise trade surplus for the first four months of 1982 to \$5.03 billion, nearly \$3 billion higher than the \$2.12 billion surplus recorded in the January-April 1981 period.

### Commodity Analysis

On a customs basis, for seasonally adjusted domestic exports the largest increases in value in April 1982 were for motor vehicle products (up 12% or \$160 million to \$1,470 million), and cereals and cereal preparations, including wheat (up 24% or \$130 million to \$660 million following a \$75 million increase in March). The largest decreases in value were for precious metals (down 39% or \$85 million to \$130 million after a \$70 million increase in March), and wood-pulp (down 20% or \$70 million to \$270 million following a \$30 million increase in March).

Apart from motor vehicle products (up 18% or \$225 million to \$1.48 billion following an increase of \$85 million in March), almost all of the major import commodity groups declined in April 1982. The largest decreases were for crude petroleum (down 39% or \$215 million to \$336 million following a decline of \$125 million in March), metal ores and concentrates (down 38% or \$70 million to \$115 million after an increase of \$40 million in March), industrial machinery (down 9% or \$50 million to \$500 million) and aircraft and other transportation equipment (down 17.5% or \$35 million to \$175 million following a decline of \$50 million in March).

### Trading Partner Analysis

Exports to the United States were up 4.4% or \$205 million to \$4.84 billion in April 1982, following a \$190 million decline in March. The United Kingdom was the only other destination where our exports increased substantially in April with a 7.5% or \$20 million increase to \$270 million following a decline of \$25 million in March. Exports to Japan declined 19.6% or \$85 million to \$355 million after an increase of \$75 million in March while exports to "Other America" countries declined 15.8% or \$50 million to \$270 million.

Imports from the U.S. increased 5% or \$200 million to \$4.17 billion in April 1982, following a decline of \$220 million in March.

For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30), or contact Gordon Blaney (613-995-6305), Trade Inquiries Unit, Pierre Pichette or Henry Glouchkow (613-995-6115), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



## Department Store Sales

Department stores in Canada had sales totalling \$799.5 million in April 1982, up just 0.8% from a year earlier. Cumulative sales for the January-April 1982 period amounted to \$2,672.0 million, a decrease of 0.9% from the same period in 1981.

Department store sales by regions for April 1982 were as follows, with percentage changes from a year earlier in brackets:

- Ontario, \$278.5 million (—)
- Quebec, \$146.5 million (+1.1%)
- British Columbia, \$137.0 million (-4.3%)
- Alberta, \$119.8 million (+6.5%)
- Atlantic provinces, \$51.0 million (+0.5%)
- Manitoba, \$43.7 million (+7.5%)
- Saskatchewan, \$23.1 million (+0.6%)

Data users should note that figures for the Yukon and Northwest Territories are included with British Columbia. See the April 1982 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50/\$15).

## New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in April 1982 totalled 93,849 units, down 29.0% from a year earlier. This included 51,390 passenger cars (down 30.7%) and 18,429 commercial vehicles (down 37.0%) manufactured in North America, 21,004 passenger cars (down 18.1%) and 3,026 commercial vehicles (down 1.4%) manufactured overseas. Of all the new passenger cars sold in Canada in April 1982, 71.0% were produced in North America, 23.1% in Japan and 5.9% in Europe, while for April 1981 the percentages were 74.3%, 21.7% and 4.0% respectively.

Total sales value decreased 23.9% to \$999.5 million in April 1982. North-American passenger cars sold for \$511.3 million (down 26.0%) and commercial vehicles for \$256.2 million (down 31.4%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas decreased 7.5% to \$204.5 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 1.1% to \$27.4 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 275 coaches and buses valued at \$13.5 million.

For the first four months of 1982, total sales were 302,616 units (426,606 in 1981), with an accumulated value of \$3,272.0 million. This represented a drop of 21.3% in value from sales for January-April 1981.

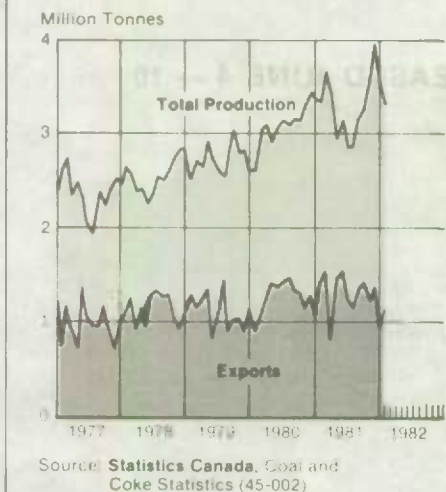
For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Telephone Statistics

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of \$624.8 million in April 1982, an increase of 13.0% from a year earlier. Operating expenses were up 14.8% to \$447.8 million. Net operating revenue at \$176.9 million showed an increase of 8.8% over April 1981. Telephone toll messages rose 3.0% to 120.8 million.

For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.50/\$15).

## Coal Production, Canada and Exports



## Coal/Coke Statistics

Production of coal in Canada increased 9.8% to 4 061 806 tonnes in March 1982 from 3 696 159 a year earlier. Landed imports declined 89.3% to 13 145 tonnes from 121 960.

Production of coal in the January-March 1982 period totalled 10 991 101 tonnes, up 5.6% from 10 406 733 in the corresponding period of 1981.

For further information, order the March 1982 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Dave Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during April 1982 totalled 18.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 7.5% from the year-earlier level. The carriers received an additional 1.2 million tonnes from the United States, down 20.0% from April 1981.

Commodities registering notable change in volumes loaded in the latest month were: wheat (down 8.6%); iron ore and concentrates (up 7.6%); coal (up 7.2%); and grain, other than wheat (up 39.3%).

Total loadings in Canada during the January-April period of 1982 showed a decrease of 8.9% from the 1981 level, while receipts from U.S. connections fell by 21.4%.

For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$1.50/\$15). For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J. Bustros (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Phonograph Records/Tapes

Canadian manufacturers produced 5,438,563 phonograph records in April 1982, down from 5,659,183 a year earlier. Production of pre-recorded tapes increased to 1,675,790 in the latest month from 1,096,066 in April 1981.

## Labour Force Survey

Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to a record 10.2% in May 1982, surpassing the previous high of 9.6% recorded in April. The participation rate increased to 64.1% from 63.9%, while the employment/population ratio decreased to 57.5% from 57.7% in the preceding month.

For the week ending May 15, 1982, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was 10,669,000, down 22,000 from April. The decline over the past nine months has reached 320,000 and the employment level is now 2.7% lower than in May 1981. In the latest month, employment declined by 45,000 for the 15-24 age group (25,000 for males and 20,000 for females), while it increased by 23,000 for females 25 years of age and over. On a provincial basis, declines in employment were registered in Alberta (-19,000), Manitoba (-5,000), Newfoundland (-4,000) and Prince Edward Island (-3,000).

Seasonally adjusted unemployment was estimated at 1,206,000 in May, up 71,000 from April. The level increased in all major age sex groups: by 29,000 for males 25 and over; by 18,000 for females of the same age group; by 20,000 for males 15-24 and by 4,000 for females of the same age group. Provincially, the largest increases in unemployment occurred in Quebec (20,000), Ontario (19,000), Alberta (14,000) and British Columbia (9,000).

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces in May 1982 were as follows, with April rates in brackets: Newfoundland, 16.1% (15.4%); Prince Edward Island, 15.5% (12.5%); Nova Scotia, 13.6% (12.8%); New Brunswick, 14.5% (14.1%); Quebec, 13.6% (13.0%); Ontario, 8.3% (7.9%); Manitoba, 7.5% (7.2%); Saskatchewan, 5.7% (5.6%); Alberta, 7.2% (5.9%); and British Columbia, 10.8% (10.2%).

The unadjusted employment level for Canada was estimated at 10,704,000 in May 1982, down 322,000 (-2.9%) from a year earlier. Unemployment climbed 45.3% to 1,241,000 from 854,000 over the 12-month period. The unemployment rate at 10.4% was up from 7.2% in May 1981. The participation rate was 64.4% compared to 65.1% a year earlier and the employment/population ratio was down to 57.7% from 60.4%.

For further information, order the May 1982 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$3.50/\$35).

## Urban Transit

Canadian urban transit systems (59) collected 113,743,445 initial passenger fares in April 1982. The total distance run was 57 711 642 kilometres, and operating revenues amounted to \$57.4 million.

For further information, order the April 1982 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the head (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.



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