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Retail Trade

Retail trade in Canada totalled \$9,003.8 million in October 1983, up 9.0% over October 1982. The increase was in large measure attributable to the notable gain in sales posted by motor vehicle dealers as a result of the introduction of the 1984 new models; retail sales showed a more conservative 5.2% gain when this particular group is excluded. With the exception of all other food stores, which showed a decrease of -1.0%, sales increases were recorded by all the remaining kinds of businesses surveyed, with the largest gains reported by household appliance stores (+35.2%), motor vehicle dealers (+33.2%) and furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (+21.4%). All provinces and territories reported increased sales from a year earlier, with gains ranging from 14.1% in Nova Scotia to 1.4% in Alberta. At the metropolitan area level (for which data are published), sales were higher in Toronto (+14.0%), Winnipeg (+11.5%), Vancouver (+4.7%) and Montreal (+3.3%).

Revised total retail sales for September 1983 were \$8,881.4 million, an increase of 9.5% from September 1982.

Cumulative sales for the first 10 months of 1983 amounted to \$84,238.6 million, up 7.3% over the January-October 1982 period.

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

Seasonally adjusted, retail sales of \$9,197.0 million in October 1983 increased 4.2% over the preceding month's revised total of \$8,824.0 million.

For further information, order the October 1983 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$3.70/\$37), or contact Jean-Pierre Simard (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 9Z9.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

After a modest 5.1% gain in September 1983 on a year-over-year basis, sales of new motor vehicles rose sharply in October 1983 as auto dealers rebuilt their inventory levels and introduced 1984 models on the Canadian market. Retail sales of all new motor vehicles, without adjustment for seasonal fluctuations, totalled 100,117 units, up 44.1% from the 69,496 units sold in October 1982. North American produced vehicles

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LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Aug.	389.78p	389.28r	
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept.*	19,154.4p	18,659.8p	7.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.71	10.82	3.4
Unemployed	Nov.	1,281,000	1,238,000	-10.9

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Sept.	3,310.4	3,213.6	16.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Sept.	30,210.6p	29,991.0r	-9.2

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	21,557.1p	17,134.6r	36.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Sept.	20,382.3p	16,935.7r	26.2

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)	Oct.	119.2	118.5	4.9
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Oct.	131.4	131.3	0.9
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Oct.	211.1p	211.3p	5.1
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Oct.	152.9p	153.3p	6.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	301.7p	301.0p	3.3

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Sept.	1,113.3p	10,766.8p	14.5
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Oct.	9,285	113,771	36.9

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Sept.*	4,081	31,900	-1.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.*	30.5	285.7	2.1
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Aug.	6,608.5	61,091.6	-6.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.	8.1p	63.4p	-6.5

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	8,180p	73,931p	4.9
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	7,021p	59,814p	6.8

PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Nov.*	19.6p	190.3p	2.5
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Oct.	1,230.1p	10,482.7p	0.9

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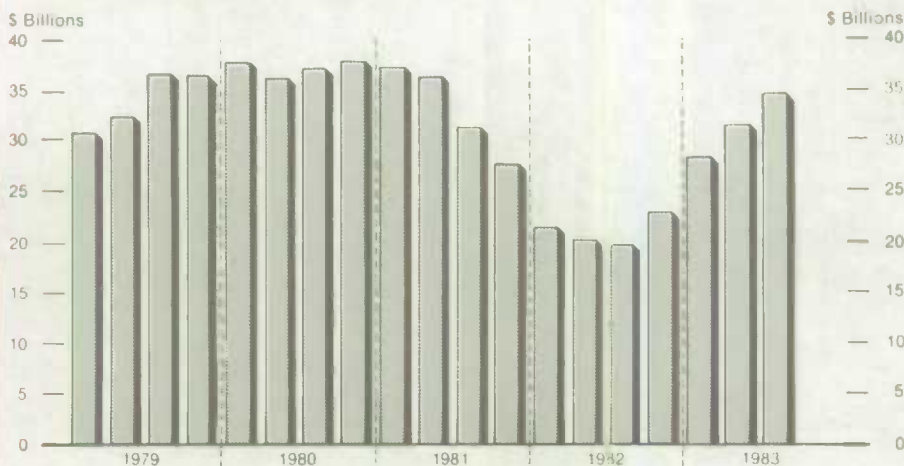
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	922.0	8,059.6	7.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Sept.	18,110.6p	146,656.5p	5.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.*	1,164.2	10,098.0	21.2
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.*	9,003.8p	84,238.6p	7.3

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)

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...New Motor Vehicles

were entirely responsible for this gain with sales of passenger cars climbing 68.6% to 59,333 units and commercial vehicles increasing by 64.2% to 18,644 units. Sales of overseas manufactured passenger cars — with many models in short supply — increased only by 1.3% to 18,890 units, while overseas commercial vehicles dropped 24.3% to 3,250 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by North American manufacturers in October 1983 (based on unit sales) was 75.8%, up from 65.4% in October 1982. Japanese and European manufacturers recorded notably lower shares: 20.4% and 3.8%, respectively, in the latest month compared to 27.0% and 7.6% in October 1982.

The retail value of all new motor vehicles sold in October 1983 jumped 58.7% from a year earlier to \$1,164.2 million. Passenger cars sold for \$859.6 million (up 62.8%) and commercial vehicles for \$304.6 million (up 48.2%).

Cumulative total unit sales of all new passenger cars and commercial vehicles for the first 10 months of 1983 showed an increase of 15.9% from the January-October 1982 period and reached 906,203 units valued at \$10,098.0 million (up 21.2%).

For further information, order the October 1983 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Jean-Pierre Simard (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 9Z9.

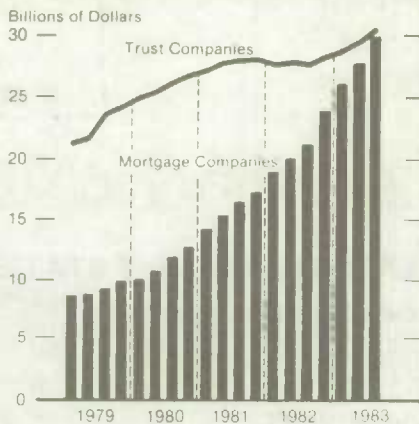
Prices of Farm Products

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) at 283.1 in October 1983 was down 1.0% from the September level of 285.8 and 0.4% below the year-earlier number of 284.2.

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, \$1.55/\$15.50).

Trust and Mortgage Companies

Quarterly Statements of Mortgages Outstanding



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

Labour Force — Occupation and Industry

In the 1981 Census, 1,774,110 men (24.8% of the total male labour force) and 1,268,765 women (25.9% of the total female labour force) were considered internal migrants in Canada — that is, they were living in a different census subdivision from the one in which they resided five years earlier. Of these totals, 431,625 men and 288,345 women were living in a different province.

Labour force migration rates are higher than average among miners and persons in specialized and managerial occupations, whereas they are low among clerical employees, persons in sales and processing occupations, farmers and fishermen.

A provincial distribution shows that Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories had the highest proportions of migrants in their labour forces. Quebec posted the lowest interpro-

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in October 1983 increased sharply for the fifth consecutive month, rising 18.2% over the same period last year. (Revised sales for September 1983 were up 15.9% from the September 1982 level.)

Sales increases were recorded in October by all trade groups, with the most notable gains reported by wholesalers of electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+46.5%); apparel and dry goods (+25.2%); metal and metal products (+24.1%); lumber and building materials (+24.0%); drugs and toilet preparations (+23.5%); and motor vehicles and accessories (+23.0%). All provinces posted sales increases from a year earlier, with gains ranging from 30.3% in New Brunswick to 1.9% in Alberta.

Cumulative sales by wholesale merchants for the first 10 months of 1983 were up 10.7% over the January-October 1982 period.

Inventories

Wholesale inventories in October 1983 declined by 3.1% from the corresponding period in the previous year. Major contributors to this marginal decline were wholesalers of metal and metal products (-11.5%); machinery and equipment, n.e.s. (-11.1%); household furniture and home furnishings (-9.6%); and electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (-8.5%).

For further information, order the October 1983 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$1.55/\$15.50).

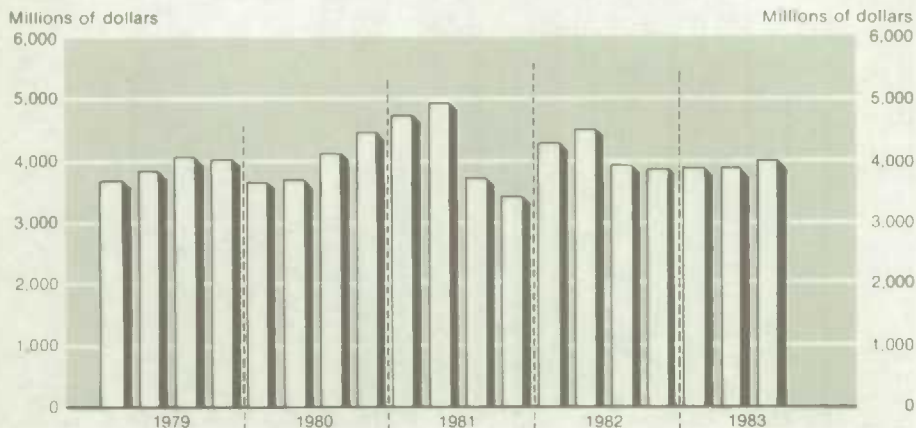
vincial migration rate, as only 1.2% of its labour force came from other provinces.

Of the labour force migrants who went to Alberta, many (92,000) lived in Ontario in 1976, and large numbers were from other Western provinces. They were chiefly construction workers, managers, executives, scientists and service workers.

For further information, order *Population: Labour Force — Occupation and Industry — Mobility Status, 1981 Census of Canada* (92-927, \$8.50), or contact Gilles Simard (613-995-9381).

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)

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New Housing Price Index

The Canada New Housing Price Index (1976=100) edged up 0.1% to 131.4 in October 1983 from 131.3 in September to stand 0.9% higher than the year-earlier level of 130.2. In October, the Canada "House Only" index increased an estimated 0.2% to 130.6 while the "Land Only" index decreased 0.1% to 133.2.

From September to October, the largest increase in new housing prices was recorded in Ottawa-Hull (2.1%); other advances were posted in Thunder Bay (0.7%), Hamilton (0.4%), Vancouver (0.4%), Montreal (0.2%), St. John's (0.1%), Toronto (0.1%), Saskatoon (0.1%) and Edmonton (0.1%). Monthly decreases were registered in Victoria (-2.0%), Calgary (-1.3%) and London (-1.0%).

The largest year-over-year new housing price increase — between October 1982 and October 1983 — was posted in Ottawa-Hull (12.2%), followed by Quebec City (7.7%), St. Catharines-Niagara (7.5%) and Montreal (6.7%). Lower year-to-year increases, ranging between 1.2% and 4.9%, were recorded in Winnipeg, Kitchener, Thunder Bay, Regina, Victoria, St. John's, Vancouver, Hamilton, Windsor and London. Significant year-to-year price decreases were registered in Calgary (-10.6%) and Edmonton (-6.1%); smaller declines occurred in Toronto and Saskatoon.

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$3.15/\$31.50), or contact Prices Division (613-996-3744), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for October 1983 show that United States residents visiting Canada declined by 2.4% from a year earlier to 2.3 million. Visitors from countries other than the U.S. dropped by 7.3% to 117,100. Canadian residents re-entering this country after visits to the U.S. numbered 3.2 million, up 16.7% from October 1982, while residents returning from other countries increased by 30.8% to 142,100.

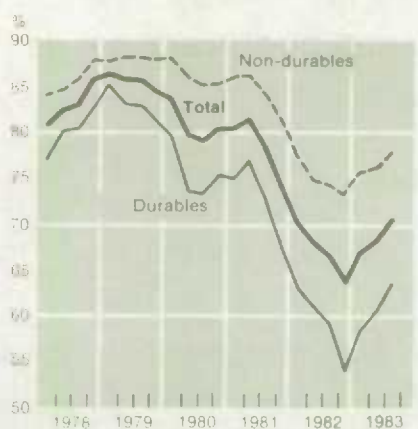
For the first nine months of 1983, the international travel flows were as follows: a total of 29.2 million U.S. residents entered Canada, up 0.7% from the January-October 1982 period; visitors from other countries decreased by 11.7% to 1.6 million; Canadian residents returning from the U.S. increased by 17.5% to 33.8 million and Canadian re-entries from other countries numbered 1.5 million, up 15.6% from 1982.

For further information, order the *October 1983 issue of International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact Paul L. Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Production of Raw Steel

Preliminary estimates show steel ingot production climbed 58.0% to 1 192 178 tonnes in November 1983 from 754 612 tonnes a year earlier.

Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing



Labour Income

Labour income for the month of September 1983 was estimated at \$19,154.4 million, an increase of \$1,378.0 million or 7.8% from September 1982.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$126.0 million between August and September 1983 to \$16,916.0 million.

The estimates will be published in the July-September 1983 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$5.30/\$21.20). For further information, contact G. Gauthier (613-995-7165), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Restaurants/Caterers/Taverns

Preliminary estimates for October 1983 show restaurant, caterer and tavern establishments in Canada had receipts totalling \$852.9 million, up 3.5% from October 1982.

Revised total receipts for September 1983 were \$905.5 million, an increase of 7.6% over September 1982.

For further information on provincial totals by kind of business and on chains versus independents, order the *October 1983 issue of Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics* (63-011, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Statistics

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of \$718.2 million in October 1983, up 7.4% over October 1982. Operating expenses increased 6.4% over the 12-month period to \$475.2 million. Net operating revenue at \$243.0 million showed an increase of 9.3% from October 1982.

For further information, order the *October 1983 issue of Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Help-wanted Index

The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) — which has shown little movement in the last three months — edged downward slightly to 51 in November 1983 from 52 in October and stands now at the same level as in September.

On a regional basis, help-wanted indexes declined in November in Quebec (to 59 from 68), the Atlantic provinces (to 103 from 123) and the Prairie provinces (to 29 from 32), while advancing in Ontario (to 54 from 47) and British Columbia (to 27 from 25).

Inquiries about the index should be directed to Horst Stiebert (613-995-7165 ext. 238), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary figures show farm cash receipts for the January-October period of 1983 totalled an estimated \$15,398.4 million, down 3.9% from the year-earlier level of \$16,016.6 million.

Receipts from the sale of field crops declined 1.3% in the latest period to \$7,337.2 million from last year's estimate of \$7,433.5 million. Flaxseed, rapeseed, potatoes and corn were up, while receipts for wheat, oats, barley and rye showed a decrease.

Cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products were estimated at \$7,694.5 million for January-October 1983, down 4.3% from the year-earlier level of \$8,043.1 million.

Other farm cash receipts were down 32.1% to \$366.7 million from \$539.9 million.

For further information, order the *January-October 1983 issue of Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact John Lanthier (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Provincial Governments

The financial assets of provincial and territorial governments in Canada were at a level of \$69,522.5 million on March 31, 1982, an increase of 18.9% or \$11,074.5 million from the year-earlier total of \$58,448.0 million.

During the same 12-month period, liabilities of these governments increased 19.6% or \$11,569.8 million to \$70,615.3 million from \$59,045.5 million.

For further information, order the *1981 issue of Provincial Government Finance: Assets, Liabilities and Source and Application of Funds* (68-209), or contact P.A. Blouin (613-995-8201), Assets and Liabilities Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Urban Transit

Canadian urban transit systems (59) collected 116,528,824 initial passenger fares in October 1983. The total distance run was 56 618 676 kilometres and operating revenues amounted to \$63.7 million.



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