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Capital Expenditures

Updated estimates show that capital expenditures in Canada during 1983 are now expected to total \$72,766 million, 3.1% below the level of \$75,079 million in 1982 which was, in turn, down 5.7% from \$79,604 million in 1981.

Changes during 1983 in capital spending for the provinces and territories are as follows, with the changes during 1982 in parentheses: Newfoundland +16.0% (+15.0%), Prince Edward Island -12.2% (+2.9%), Nova Scotia +9.6% (+14.7%), New Brunswick -18.9% (+8.5%), Quebec -1.2% (-5.4%), Ontario -1.4% (-4.3%), Manitoba +0.4% (-12.6%), Saskatchewan -2.7% (-11.2%), Alberta -5.6% (-5.9%), British Columbia -6.7% (-15.5%), Yukon and Northwest Territories -11.5% (+16.7%).

The publication Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1983 (61-205, \$6.35), which will contain a complete set of tables, is planned for issue in early April.

Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data show net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products plummeted to 6 444.7 thousand cubic metres in January 1983, down 14.9% from 7 575.1 thousand cubic metres a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 7 207.4 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, a decrease of 12.3% from 8 218.7 thousand cubic metres in January 1982.

For further information, order the January 1983 issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, \$3.70/\$37).

Labour Income

Labour income for the month of December 1982 was estimated at \$16,410.3 million, an increase of \$448.3 million or 2.8% from December 1981.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$229.2 million between November and December 1982 to \$15,540.0 million.

The estimates will be published in the October-December 1982 issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, \$5.30/\$21.20). For further information, contact G. Gauthier (613-995-8431), Labour Income Section.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Nov.	Dec.*	Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)		398.74p	399.95p	399.95p	8.2
Labour Income (\$ million)		16,410.3p	16,563.0p	16,563.0p	2.8
Persons with Jobs (million)		10.14	10.06	10.06	-2.6
Unemployed		1,585,000	1,598,000	1,598,000	42.0

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.	2,939.0	3,324.7	3,324.7	3.3
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	31,279.8p	31,775.0r	31,775.0r	-6.3

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	13,968.1p	15,401.9r	15,401.9r	-4.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	16,448.0p	16,927.0r	16,927.0r	-13.3

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)	Jan.	114.1	114.4	114.4	8.3
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Jan.	129.5	129.6	129.6	-4.5
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Jan.	206.6p	201.8p	201.8p	7.0
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Jan.	145.8p	143.9p	143.9p	0.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Jan.	292.5p	292.2p	292.2p	3.8

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	1,049.0p	12,788.8p	12,788.8p	-31.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Jan.	8,514	8,514	8,514	-18.8

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Dec.	3 806	42 814	42 814	6.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.	35.1	375.4	375.4	-0.8
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Nov.	9 044.6	88 815.1	88 815.1	1.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Jan.*	7.2p	7.2p	7.2p	-12.3

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.*	6,464p	6,464p	6,464p	6.3
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.*	5,140p	5,140p	5,140p	6.6

PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Jan.	13.8p	13.8p	13.8p	-7.7
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Jan.	842.4p	842.4p	842.4p	-30.3

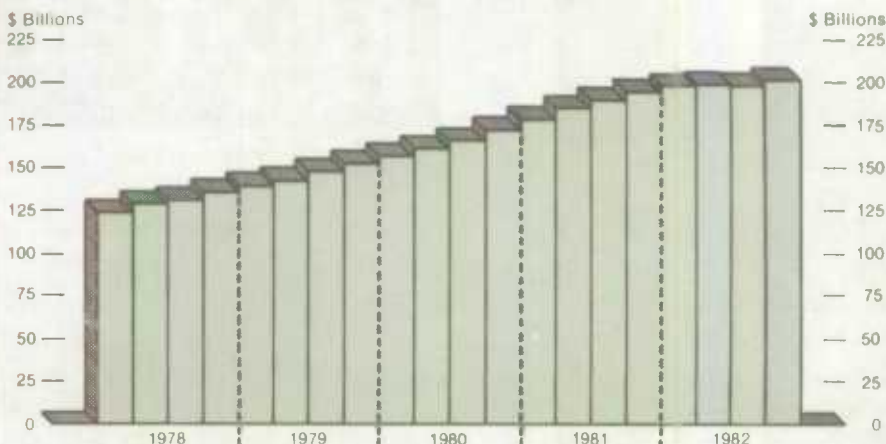
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	623.4	623.4	623.4	3.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	14,447.1p	182,996.6p	182,996.6p	-3.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	580.2	580.2	580.2	-0.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.*	6,965.5p	6,965.5p	6,965.5p	4.8

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.
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Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

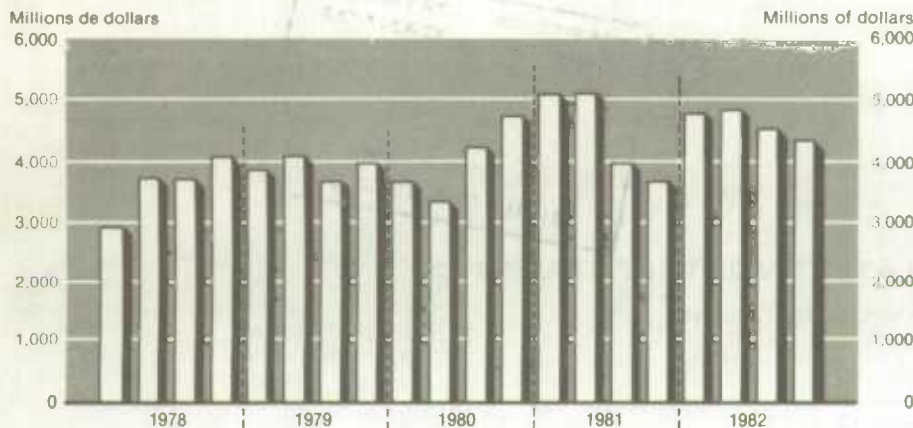
Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

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)

Canada's Merchandise Trade

On a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, preliminary results indicate that Canada's exports declined 5% or \$355 million to \$6.78 billion in January 1983 following an increase of 9.6% in December and a 0.7% decline in November. Imports rose 3.2% or \$170 million to \$5.52 billion in January 1983 after increases of 7.7% in December and 0.7% in November. Consequently, the merchandise trade surplus retracted by \$527 million to \$1.26 billion in January following surpluses of \$1.79 billion in December and \$1.54 billion in November.

Commodity Analysis

The largest declines for exports in January 1983 (seasonally adjusted on a customs basis) were for: petroleum and coal products (down 38% or \$115 million to \$190 million); metal ores, concentrates and scrap (down 37% or \$115 million to \$195 million following an increase of \$165 million in December); aircraft (down 50% or \$90 million to \$85 million after an increase of \$60 million in December) and wheat (down 18% or \$65 million to \$295 million). The largest increases were for passenger car exports (up 51% or \$240 million to \$715 million) and for coal (up 123% or \$70 million to \$125 million following a \$55 million decline in December).

The main contributors to the \$500 million increase in imports for January 1983 were: passenger cars (up 55% or \$145 million to \$405 million); precious metals (up 305% or \$160 million to \$215 million, after a decline of \$90 million in December) and crude petroleum (up 37% or \$125 million to \$465 million).

Trading Partner Analysis

A large increase in exports to the United States of 4.6% or \$220 million to \$4.90 billion in January 1983 was not sufficient to offset larger declines in exports to other destinations. Exports to Other O.E.C.D. countries declined 58% or \$130 million to \$90 million, exports to Japan declined 22%

or \$90 million to \$330 million and exports to Other E.E.C. countries were down 20% or \$75 million to \$315 million.

The large increase in imports for January 1983 was mainly due to imports from the U.S. (up 7.4% or \$275 million to \$4.01 billion) and from Japan (up 37% or \$80 million to \$305 million after a \$60 million decline in December). Imports from Other America countries dropped 26% or \$105 million to \$295 million.

Provincial Governments

Sales of goods and services by the 107 provincial and territorial government enterprises in 1980 increased by 16.5% over the previous year to \$18,703 million (out of total income of \$21,037 million). Total expenditures before allowance for income tax were \$18,054 million.

After-tax profits of \$2,937 million in 1980 showed an increase of \$348 million (13.2%) over 1979. A large part of the increase came from mining and transportation enterprises and provincial liquor authorities.

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The Labour Force

Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 12.5% in February 1983 from 12.4% in January. The participation rate increased to 63.8% from 63.6% in the preceding month and the employment/population ratio moved up to 55.8% from 55.7%.

For the week ending February 19, 1983, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 10,443,000, an increase of 27,000 from January. The rise in employment was concentrated among persons 25 years of age and over, with an increase of 18,000 for males and 9,000 for females. Employment increases were registered in service (+21,000), and finance, insurance and real estate industries (+18,000), while declines were posted in manufacturing (-14,000) and public administration (-10,000). On a provincial basis, higher employment was recorded in Nova Scotia (+7,000), Saskatchewan (+6,000) and British Columbia (+8,000), while Alberta showed a decline (-5,000).

Seasonally adjusted, unemployment was estimated at 1,497,000 in February, up by 16,000 from January. The level increased by 7,000 for persons 25 years and over and by 7,000 for males 15-24 years of age. Provincially, unemployment declined by 7,000 in Nova Scotia and 6,000 in British Columbia, but rose by an estimated 21,000 in Ontario and 4,000 in Newfoundland.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces in February were as follows, with January rates in brackets: Newfoundland, 18.8% (17.3%); Prince Edward Island, 12.9% (14.4%); Nova Scotia, 13.1% (15.0%); New Brunswick, 15.3% (15.2%); Quebec, 14.6% (14.4%); Ontario, 11.6% (11.2%); Manitoba, 10.1% (10.0%); Saskatchewan, 7.6% (7.7%); Alberta, 10.1% (10.1%); and British Columbia, 13.8% (14.2%).

The unadjusted employment level for Canada was estimated at 10,139,000 in February 1983, down 275,000 (-2.6%) from a year earlier. Unemployment climbed 42.0% to 1,585,000 from 1,116,000 over the 12-month period. The unemployment rate at 13.5% was up from 9.7% in February 1982 and the participation rate was up to 62.6% from 62.4%, but the employment/population ratio declined to 54.1% from 56.4% last year.

For further information, order the February 1983 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$3.70/\$3.7).

Prices of Farm Products

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) stood at 282.5 in January 1983, up 0.7% from the December 1982 index of 280.4 and 1.0% higher than the January 1982 level of 279.6.

The index, which measures (as closely as can be determined) prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available in *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, \$1.55/\$15.50).

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales in Canada of all new motor vehicles, unadjusted for seasonal variations, totalled 53,005 units in January 1983, up slightly by 0.9% from the same month a year earlier. This marked the first time since June 1981 that an increase was registered for two consecutive months (total sales in units were up 4.8% in December 1982). The main factor contributing to the increased sales was the extension of low cost financing programs to 1983 models by the North American manufacturers. Sales of North American manufactured passenger cars rose 12.8% to 28,643 units, while domestic commercial vehicles dropped 14.8% to 9,790 units. Sales of passenger cars built overseas decreased 7.9% from the previous year to 12,288 units and sales of overseas commercial vehicles recorded a slight decrease of 0.8% to 2,284 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market taken by North American manufacturers in January 1983 was 70.0% compared to 65.5% in January 1982. Japanese manufacturers had 24.7% of the market and European manufacturers 5.3% in January 1983 compared to percentages of 28.3% and 6.2% for the previous year.

Total value of new motor vehicles sold in January 1983 decreased 0.6% from a year earlier to \$580.2 million. North American passenger cars sold for \$295.0 million (up 13.7%) and commercial vehicles for \$138.3 million (down 21.1%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas decreased 2.1% to \$125.7 million and those of commercial vehicles increased by 3.4% to \$21.2 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 136 coaches or buses (down 36.7%) valued at \$11.3 million (down 22.3%).

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

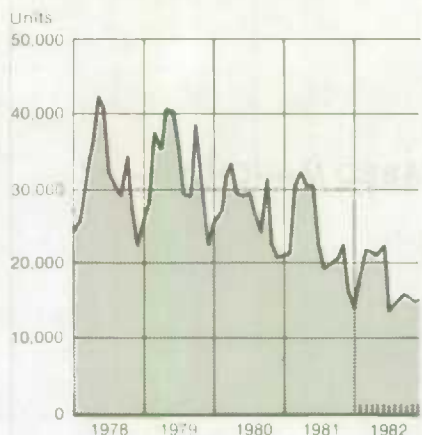
Federal Gov't Employees

Employees of the federal government (including members of the Canadian Armed Forces) and government enterprises numbered 583,752 as of December 1982, an overall decrease of 6,567 (-1.1%) from December 1981. General government employees increased by 4,142 (0.9%), while those in government enterprises decreased by 10,709 (-7.3%).

Gross payrolls (including overtime and retroactive payments) for October-December 1982 totalled \$4,047.9 million, an increase of \$690.2 million over the corresponding quarter in 1981. The increase was mainly due to an extra pay period for general government employees in December 1982.

The October-December 1982 issue of the publication *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, \$5.30/\$21.20) will be released at a later date. Questions pertaining to the data should be directed to T. Moore or M. Fathy (613-995-9894).

Sales of New Commercial Vehicles



Source: Statistics Canada, New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007)

Department Store Sales

Canadian department stores had sales totalling \$623.4 million in January 1983, an increase of 3.9% from a year earlier.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month were as follows, with percentage changes from January 1982 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$220.4 million (+5.4%)
- Quebec, \$113.7 million (+7.1%)
- British Columbia, \$111.3 million (-1.9%)
- Alberta, \$92.3 million (-2.5%)
- Atlantic provinces, \$36.5 million (+13.7%)
- Manitoba, \$30.3 million (+4.9%)
- Saskatchewan, \$18.9 million (+20.6%)

Data users should note that the figures for British Columbia include as well those for the Yukon and Northwest Territories. See the January 1983 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.55/\$15.50).

Help-wanted Index

The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index (1981=100) dropped 13% to 33 in February 1983 from 38 in January. The index was down 54% from 71 in February 1982 and stood at its lowest level since 1962, the year when data were first compiled.

Except for an upturn of 14% in the British Columbia index, all regional indexes continued to slide in February 1983, both in comparison to the previous month and the year-earlier month.

Inquiries about the index should be directed to Horst Stiebert (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Raw Steel Production

Preliminary estimates show steel ingot production for the month of February 1983 was 843 114 tonnes, down 30% from 1 199 954 tonnes a year earlier.

For further information, order the February 1983 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Gerry W. Barrett

Retail Trade

Total retail sales in Canada, without seasonal adjustment, were \$6,965.5 million in January 1983, up 4.8% from the January 1982 level. Among the 28 kinds of businesses surveyed, 23 showed increased sales, with the largest gains for furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (+21.3%), pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores (+20.5%) and used car dealers (+20.1%). The largest sales decreases were reported by garages (-4.2%), service stations (-2.5%) and family clothing stores (-0.8%).

In the latest month, retail sales were up from a year earlier in all provinces except British Columbia (-3.3%) and the Yukon and Northwest Territories (-2.6%), advances ranging from 1.4% in Alberta to 13.9% in Prince Edward Island. In metropolitan areas, retail sales were higher in Toronto (+9.4%), Winnipeg (+4.1%) and in Montreal (+1.6%) but dropped in Vancouver (-4.2%).

Revised total retail trade for December 1982 was \$10,642.0 million, an increase of 6.6% over December 1981.

Seasonally adjusted, retail sales in January 1983 rose 1.0% to a level of \$8,513.2 million from \$8,432.6 million (revised) in December 1982. The largest increases were recorded in general merchandise stores (+12.1%), family clothing stores (+10.8%), hardware stores and book and stationery stores (both registering +10.1%), while the largest decreases were in garages (-8.0%), jewellery stores (-5.8%) and household furniture stores (-3.4%).

Compared to the previous month, seasonally adjusted sales were up in six provinces with the highest increases in the Yukon and Northwest Territories (+6.6%) and Saskatchewan (+3.2%), while Prince Edward Island (-4.1%) and Manitoba (-2.7%) showed the most notable decreases.

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

Restaurant Statistics

Preliminary estimates for January 1983 show that restaurants, caterers and taverns in Canada had sales totalling \$692.3 million. Final estimates for December 1982 indicate total sales of \$786.5 million.

For further information on sales of chains versus independents and provincial sales by kind of business, order the January 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.

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