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## Unemployment Insurance

Benefits paid to unemployment insurance claimants in April 1983 totalled \$937 million, down 18% from March but 36% more than the \$691 million disbursed in April 1982. Payments for the first four months of 1983 rose to \$4.134 billion, up 50% from the same period in 1982. Most of the increase reflected additional weeks of benefit paid.

Preliminary data show that 1,438,000 claimants qualified for unemployment insurance benefits for the week ended April 16, 1983, down 3% from the previous month but 22% more than in April 1982.

Some 248,000 claims were filed by persons applying for benefits in April, a decrease of 2% from March and down 11% from April 1982. During the first four months of 1983, claims totalled 1,160,000, down 5% from the year-earlier period.

For further information, order the April-June 1983 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, \$6.35/\$25.40), or contact George Fincham (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Current Economic Analysis

The forces propelling the economic recovery seem to have shifted somewhat entering the second quarter of 1983. In the first quarter the strength originated in exports, personal expenditure, residential construction, and in a substantially reduced rate of inventory liquidation. Early in the second quarter export demand took on new vigour, whereas personal expenditure appears to have lost some of its vitality, although the outlook for personal outlays remains positive. The inventory sector should remain a source of strength as the period of inventory liquidation appears to be nearing an end, implying that gains in demand will be matched by increases in production and employment, which in turn will generate income and revenues for further spending and aid the self-sustainment of the recovery. Another record increase of the Canadian leading indicator in March supports this view of the current stage of the recovery. In addition to exports and inventories, the economy will benefit from a strong housing sector in the second quarter, while the outlook for business fixed investment appears to have improved slightly.

The improvement in exports reflects a  
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## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Mar.	409.80p	407.13p	6.6
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb.	16,180.9p	16,136.9p	1.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	10.69	10.33	-0.1
Unemployed	May	1,493,000	1,570,000	20.3

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	3,261.6	3,052.1	-2.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	31,759.1p	31,846.1r	-8.2

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	15,868.1p	16,762.3r	3.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	17,218.3p	17,192.3r	-8.8

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)	May	116.1	115.8	5.4
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Apr.	129.8	129.6	-3.8
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Apr.	210.9p	208.3p	6.4
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Apr.	153.1p	149.0p	1.3
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Apr.	296.0p	295.2p	2.9

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Mar.	1,274.0p	2,789.1p	-2.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Apr.	12,413	35,991	1.9

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Feb.	3,223	7,219	4.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Mar.*	34.8	105.3	-3.4
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Mar.*	8,455.1	26,862.8	-6.8
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Apr.	5.4p	26.4p	-10.1

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Apr.	7,418p	28,063p	2.1
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Apr.	6,019p	22,598p	-2.8

### PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	May	18.1p	79.8p	-10.1
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Mar.	1,079.7p	2,659.6p	-27.3

### SALES

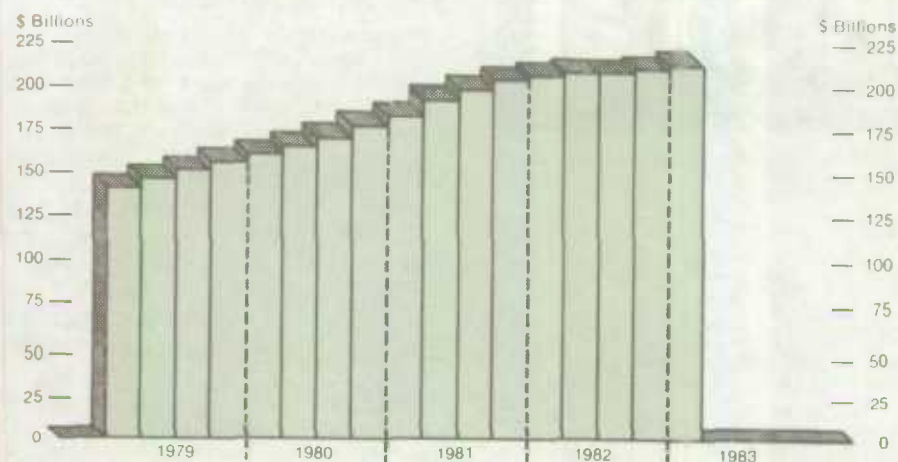
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	775.3	2,790.4	4.9
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	15,842.1p	61,102.1p	1.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	1,244.8	3,644.4	11.4
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Apr.	8,371.0p	30,218.4p	5.2

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

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

## Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

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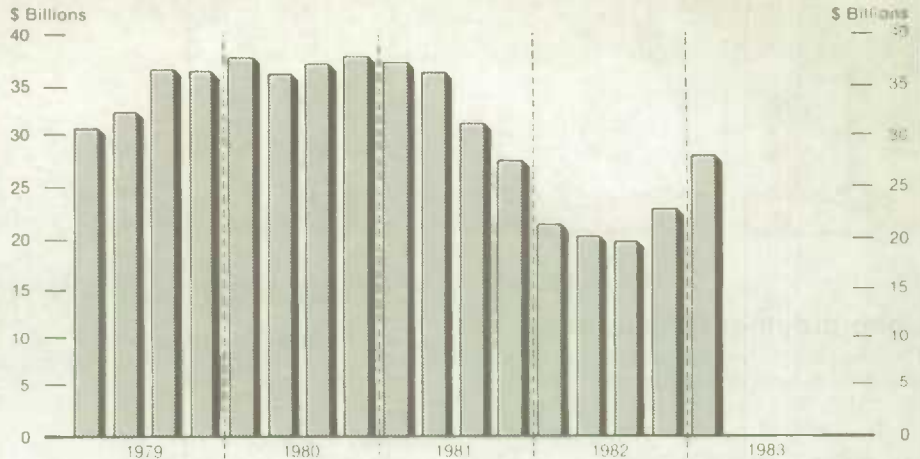
surprising acceleration of the United States economy to rates that have caused many forecasters to revise upwards their forecasts for 1983. As a result, exports to that country increased a significant 5.3% in April, led by end products, especially automobiles. As well, the economic recovery of many other countries appears to be gaining momentum, and our exports to those countries rose very strongly in April, led by sales of raw materials. The export data support the optimism expressed by export-oriented manufacturers in the April survey of business conditions. Imports rose only marginally in April, led by end products such as automobiles and other consumer goods. As a result, the merchandise trade surplus rose to a new high.

The sluggishness evident in personal expenditure in January and February returned in April. Retail sales in current dollars fell in April following an increase in real retail sales in March, the only gain in real sales this year. Although some of the slackening in April appears to be due to technical factors associated with unusual seasonal movements, it seems that personal expenditure has, in the short run at least, lost some of its vitality. This view is supported by a fall in employment in retail and wholesale trade in May. Nevertheless, the outlook for consumer spending remains positive as overall employment has increased 202,000 since November, inflation remains below the rate of increase in wages, and consumer confidence remains high.

The recovery has carried production to the first quarterly increase since the second quarter of 1981 as both gross domestic and gross national product grew sharply in the first quarter. Growth had become relatively widespread by March as the trend-cycle of output was growing in over 50% of industries at that time. The greatest gains were made in industries whose sales are relatively sensitive to variations in interest rates, and these same industries declined the most during the recession, reflecting the

## Corporation Profits (Before Taxes)

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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

large role that interest rates have played both in the recession and in the recovery.

Price increases have become more widespread but, with a few exceptions, have remained moderate in size as the recovery has progressed. Consumer prices were flat in April while manufacturers' prices increased only marginally. At the same time over 75% of manufacturing industries recorded increases or no change in their prices in April, in comparison to less than 60% in September 1982.

*For the detailed analysis as well as a news summary of major domestic and international developments and extensive analytical charts and tables, order Current Economic Analysis (13-004E, Canada: \$2.65/\$26.50; other countries: \$3.20/\$31.80). For further information, contact D. Rhoades (613-992-4441), Current Economic Analysis Division.*

## Export Grains

Export clearances of the major grains during May 1983 were as follows:

- Total wheat, 2 391 700 tonnes
- Oats, 13 400 tonnes
- Barley, 618 300 tonnes
- Rye, 43 700 tonnes
- Flaxseed, 29 500 tonnes
- Rapeseed, 75 900 tonnes.

*For further information, order the May 1983 issue of Cereals and Oilseeds Review (22-007, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Mark Elward (613-995-4877), Agriculture Statistics 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 increased 1.1% to 9 727 922 cubic metres in April 1983 from 9 624 721 cubic metres for the same month of 1982.

*For further information, order the April 1983 issue of Oil Pipeline Transport (55-001, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Richard Godin (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.*

## Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada decreased fractionally in March 1983 to 34 844 gigawatt hours from 34 876 G.W.h a year earlier. Exports of electric power climbed to 3 098 G.W.h from 2 273 G.W.h and imports rose to 304 G.W.h from 201 G.W.h.

For the first three months of 1983, net generation of electricity totalled 105 284 G.W.h, down 3.4% from the January-March 1982 level of 109 003 G.W.h. Exports of electricity were up to 9 041 G.W.h from 7 843 G.W.h and imports advanced to 677 G.W.h from 606 G.W.h.

*For further information, order the March 1983 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57-001, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Richard Godin (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division.*

## Electric Lamps

Sales in Canada of electric lamps (light sources) of all types including imports during the month of May 1983 were valued at \$17.9 million.

*For further information, order the May 1983 issue of Electric Lamps (light sources) (43-009, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact Louis Boucher (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.*

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## Broadcasting

Preliminary results indicate that privately-owned radio broadcasting revenues for the year ended August 31, 1982 were up 2% from the previous fiscal year to \$454 million. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 5% to \$397 million. Depreciation was \$15 million, interest expense \$26 million, and other income \$20 million. Net profit before tax was \$36 million compared with \$39 million in 1981.

Television broadcasting revenues increased 13% to \$739 million in the year ended August 31, 1982. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 12% to \$545 million. Depreciation was \$24 million and interest expense \$30 million. Other adjustments produced income of \$2 million. Net profit before tax was estimated at \$143 million, an increase of 12% over 1981.

In addition, CBC operations produced revenues from sale of air-time of \$111 million compared to \$109 million in the previous period. The net cost of operating the CBC during the 1982 fiscal year was \$694 million compared to \$586 million for the previous period.

Further information will be included in the 1982 issue of *Radio and Television Broadcasting* (56-204, \$6.35), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1*.

## Industrial Production

Industrial production advanced 1.7% in April 1983 with the index (1971=100) rising to a level of 125.7 from 123.5 in March. Production levels in April for the mining, manufacturing and utilities sectors stood 8.7% above the December 1982 low and 0.4% above the corresponding month in 1982.

Most of the increased output in April was attributable to durable goods manufacturing which recorded an advance of 3.3% from the March level; non-durable goods manufacturing increased 0.8% in the month. Production of electric power, gas and water utilities rose 1.6% between March and April, while mining output was off 0.5%.

For further information, order the April 1983 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, \$3.70/\$37), or contact R. Kennedy (613-995-0568), *Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 9Z9*.

## Frozen Meat Products

Total frozen meat in cold storage in Canada at the opening of the first day of June 1983 amounted to 34 404 tonnes, compared with 34 794 tonnes last month and 30 587 tonnes a year ago.

For further information, order the June issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-995-4859), *Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7*.

## Key Economic Series, July 1983

Key Economic Series data for July 1983 are expected to be released according to the following schedule. Under certain circumstances peculiar to each series, the release date might be changed.

**Building Permits**, April 1983, to be published June 28 to July 5.

**Industry Selling Price Index**, May 1983, to be published June 28 to July 5.

**Housing Starts in Centres of 10,000 Population and Over**, May 1983, to be published June 28 to July 5.

**Industrial Corporations: Financial Statistics**, January-March 1983 (Final Data), to be published June 29 to July 7.

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade**, May 1983, to be published July 6.

**Labour Force Survey**, June 1983, to be published July 8.

**Retail Trade**, May 1983, to be published July 11 to 15.

**Wholesale Trade**, May 1983, to be published July 11 to 22.

**Canadian Composite Leading Index**, April 1983, to be published July 12 to 19.

**Current Economic Analysis, Monthly Review**, July 1983, to be published July 12 to 19.

**Employment, Earnings and Hours**, April 1983, to be published July 13 to 21.

**Farm Cash Receipts**, January-May 1983, to be published July 14 to 20.

**Inventories, Shipments and Orders**, May 1983, to be published July 15 to 21.

**The Consumer Price Index**, June 1983, to be published July 19.

**Labour Income**, April 1983, to be published July 21 to 29.

**Unemployment Insurance**, May 1983, to be published July 25 to 29.

**Private and Public Investment, Mid-Year Review 1983**, to be published July 25 to 29.

**Gross Domestic Product (Industrial Production)**, May 1983, to be published July 27 to August 2.

**Gross Domestic Product by Industry**, May 1983, to be published July 27 to August 2.

**Housing Starts in Centres of 10,000 Population and Over**, June 1983, to be published July 27 to August 2.

**Housing Starts, All Areas**, Second Quarter 1983, to be published July 27 to August 2.

**Industry Selling Price Index**, June 1983, to be published July 27 to August 3.

**Building Permits**, May 1983, to be published July 27 to August 4.

For further information, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), *Technical Services Section*.

## Washing Machines

Canadian production of electric automatic washing machines in May 1983 was 23,914 units.

For further information, order the May 1983 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.55/\$15.50).

## CANSIM Matrices 6627-6779

Data users should note that the fourth quarter 1982 release of *Industrial Corporations: Financial Statistics* (catalogue 61-003) incorporates a new CANSIM format. Matrices 6627-6779 have been replaced by matrices 4780-4936.

The new matrix block — which has new Data Bank numbers — was created to remove series numbering inconsistencies, add a new aggregation "total other industries", and make room for future expansion. This expansion is planned to include the addition of aggregations such as "total retail trade" and "total wholesale trade" as well as analytical financial ratios.

Both the old and new matrix blocks will co-exist on the CANSIM Main Base from June 1983 to early 1984, at which time the old block will be deleted. Both blocks are now listed in the *Main Base Directory* and will be updated simultaneously each quarter.

The CANSIM Mini Base, though, has space for only one block. Thus it will be early in 1984 before the old block will be replaced by the new block on the Mini Base. At this time a new *Mini Base Directory* will be issued.

For further information, contact Tom Maxwell (613-995-9751), *Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

## Manufactures, 1981

Preliminary figures from the 1981 Census of Manufactures show that the 35,780 establishments reporting had shipments of goods of their own manufacture totalling \$190,940 million, up 13.6% from the \$168,072 million reported by 35,495 establishments in 1980. The value of total shipments plus other revenues reported by these manufacturers for 1981 came to \$218,414 million, an increase of 13.0% over the 1980 level of \$193,324 million.

The number of workers employed by these manufacturers was 1.85 million in 1981, up a marginal 0.2% from the 1980 total. Total wages and salaries paid by these manufacturers came to \$37,099 million, a gain of 12.0% over the 1980 figure of \$33,132 million.

For further information, contact R. Staveley or G. Welsh (613-996-4991), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas, 1981* (catalogue no. 31-203).



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22-007	\$2.65/\$26.50	\$3.20/\$31.80
22-002	\$1.55/\$10.60	\$1.85/\$12.70
62-003	\$1.55/\$15.50	\$1.85/\$18.60

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Corporation Taxation Statistics, 1981 Preliminary Data for Income Taxes and Provincial

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**CONSTRUCTION**

Building Permits, March 1983

64-001	\$3.70/\$37	\$4.45/\$44.40
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Exports by Commodities, April 1983

Exports by Countries, January-March 1983

Imports by Countries, January-March 1983

65-004	\$5.30/\$53	\$6.35/\$63.50
65-003	\$10.60/\$42.40	\$12.70/\$50.80
65-006	\$7.35/\$31.20	\$8.65/\$38.15

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32-011	\$1.55/\$15.50	\$1.85/\$18.60
35-001	\$1.55/\$15.50	\$1.85/\$18.60
55-002	\$2.65/\$26.50	\$3.20/\$31.80
35-208	\$6.35	\$7.60
41-001	\$2.65/\$26.50	\$3.20/\$31.80
45-004	\$3.70/\$37	\$4.45/\$44.40
47-206	\$6.35	\$7.60

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Department Store Sales and Stocks, March 1983

Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics, April 1983

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