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Manufacturing Industrles of Canada: Natlonal and Provinclal Areas, 1974 (31-203, $\$ 2.80$ )

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Private Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1975-76 (81-215, 70\$)
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Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, October 1976 (33-003, 30¢/\$3)

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in Britlsh Columbia, September 1976 (35-003, 30¢ / \$3)

Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended September 30, 1976 (35-006, 35¢ / \$1.40)

Products Made from Canadian Clays, October 1976 (44-005, 15¢/\$1.50)

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Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 14, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, November 1976

Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, November 1976: No. 21, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 22, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese

BuildIng Permits, October 1976 - Advance Information.
Building permits were at a seasonally-adjusted rate of $\$ 957$ million in October, up $8 \%$ over the revised September total of $\$ 888$ million. In October 1975, the total was $\$ 995$ million.

During the month, residential permits remained strong at a seasonally-adjusted rate of $\$ 588$ million. An increase in the number of multiple dwellings compensated for a 9\% drop in the number of single-detached dwellings.

Following three consecutive monthly decreases, the value of non-residential construction rose substantially in October, owing mainly to increased activity in commercial building construction, particularly in the Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Victoria areas. Both the industrial and the public sectors showed moderate increases.

Preliminary reports for November reflect increased building permits activity in the eastern provinces but a drop in western provinces. The over-all total is expected to be approximately $5 \%$ lower than in October.
(see table on next page)
Asbestos, November 1976 - Advance Information. Producer shipments of asbestos decreased to 149,881 tons in November from 152,280 tons in November 1975. This brought year-to-date shipments to 1,540,275 tons from 1,023,419 in 1975.
For further information, order the November issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Mineral Production, 1976 - Preliminary Estimate.
Based on an estimate prepared by Statistics Canada, the total value of 1976 mineral production is expected to exceed $\$ 15.3$ billion, a new high. The metals sector accounted for $\$ 5.2$ billion while non-metals amounted to $\$ 1.1$ billion. The fuels sector provided the largest component value at almost $\$ 8.0$ billion and structural materials accounted for $\$ 1.0$ billion.
Values of the leading mineral commodities were: crude petroleum $\$ 4,128$ million; natural gas $\$ 2,467$ million; iron ore $\$ 1,241$ million; nickel $\$ 1,232$ million; copper $\$ 1,126$ million; zinc $\$ 862$ million.

These highlights are taken from the 1976 annual publication Canada's Mineral Production, Preliminary Estimate (26-202, 70¢) to be released late in January 1977.

The Dairy Review, November 1976 - Advance Information.
An estimated $1,267,564,000$ pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in October, 11.2\% less than October 1975.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first 10 months of the year to $14,717,271,000$ pounds, up $1.0 \%$ from the January-October period a year earlier.

For further information, order the November issue of The Dairy Review (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Bullding Permits

October 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Number of Dwelling Units |  |  | Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Residential (\$ | Industrial 00) | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |
| Newfoundland | 83 | 20 | 103 | 3,337 | 216 | 1,023 | 149 | 4,725 |
| Prince Edward Island | 77 | 2 | 79 | 2,131 | 1,411 | 1,157 | 2,032 | 6,731 |
| Nova Scotia | 343 | 268 | 611 | 15,732 | 476 | 2,551 | 283 | 19,042 |
| New Brunswick | 153 | 94 | 247 | 6,875 | 490 | 4,534 | 8,906 | 20,805 |
| Quebec | 2,708 | 2.584 | 5,292 | 122,683 | 26,709 | 37,950 | 19,809 | 207,151 |
| Ontario | 2,742 | 4,728 | 7,470 | 221,376 | 34,217 | 67,186 | 21,483 | 344,262 |
| Manitoba | 334 | 337 | 671 | 20,421 | 4,301 | 4,344 | 2,298 | 31,364 |
| Saskatchewan | 495 | 449 | 944 | 28,543 | 1,146 | 13,453 | 8,533 | 51,675 |
| Alberta | 1,080 | 2,419 | 3,499 | 114,661 | 5,268 | 44,334 | 12,907 | 177,710 |
| British Columbia | 1,419 | 1,636 | 3,055 | 89,543 | 7,895 | 32,189 | 20,698 | 150,325 |
| Yukon | , | , | , | , | + | - | , | 150.325 |
| Northwest Territories | 24 | 10 | 34 | 887 | 80 | 949 | 50 | 1.966 |
| Canada - UnadJusted | 9,458 | 12,547 | 22,005 | 626,189 | 82,209 | 209,670 | 97,148 | 1,015,216 |
| Canada - AdJusted | 8,832 | 12,591 | 21,423 | 588,177 | 65,183 | 231,731 | 71,786 | 956,877 |
| Metropolitan Areas | 4,581 | 8,573 | 13,154 | 361,945 | 48,407 | 148,988 | 51,707 | 611,047 |
| Calgary | 264 | 564 | 828 | 23,384 | 1,335 | 11,309 | 2,203 | 38,231 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 55 | 34 | 89 | 2,796 | 61 | 3,766 | 413 | 7,036 |
| Edmonton | 285 | 699 | 984 | 28,348 | 1,811 | 22.829 | 4,985 | 57,973 |
| Halifax | 107 | 42 | 149 | 5,010 | 133 | 979 | 91 | 6,213 |
| Hamilton | 114 | 43 | 157 | 5,668 | 202 | 1,445 | 323 | 7,638 |
| Hull | 75 | 29 | 104 | 3,879 | 5 | 969 | 3,218 | 8,071 |
| Kitchener | 95 | 110 | 205 | 6,271 | 416 | 1,793 | 656 | 9,136 |
| London | 157 | 55 | 212 | 6,977 | 1,033 | 2,582 | 58 | 10,650 |
| Montréal | 945 | 1,766 | 2,711 | 54,220 | 17,106 | 23,239 | 1,794 | 96,359 |
| Ottawa | 73 | 437 | 510 | 14,313 | 660 | 4,899 | 1,021 | 20,893 |
| Québec | 299 | 216 | 515 | 13,490 | 367 | 1,480 | 143 | 15,480 |
| Regina | 133 | 176 | 309 | 8,315 | 426 | 8,270 | 1,327 | 18,338 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 74 | 48 | 122 | 3,716 | 885 | 1,089 | 514 | 6,204 |
| Saint-John | 27 | 30 | 57 | 1,674 | 350 | 887 | 8,508 | 11,419 |
| St. John's | 46 | 20 | 66 | 2,380 | 88 | 689 | 62 | 3,219 |
| Saskatoon | 119 | 142 | 261 | 6,968 | 310 | 2,232 | 4,832 | 14,342 |
| Sudbury | - | , |  | - |  | - | , | 1,342 |
| Thunder Bay | 43 | 16 | 54 | 2,052 | 290 | 1,516 | 273 | 4,131 |
| Toronto | 736 | 2,166 | 2,902 | 92,531 | 16,152 | 34,469 | 14,608 | 157,760 |
| Vancouver | 497 | 911 | 1,408 | 39,141 | 2,209 | 16,606 | 3,489 | 61,445 |
| Victoria | 92 | 439 | 531 | 14,665 | 129 | 4,175 | 2,253 | 21,222 |
| Windsor | 122 | 293 | 415 | 9,103 | 490 | 962 | 136 | 10,691 |
| Winnipeg | 223 | 337 | 560 | 17,044 | 3.949 | 2,803 | 800 | 14,596 |

Preliminary figures.
For further information order Building Permits, October 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).



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Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, September 1976 (73-001, 40థ/\$4)

Fisheries Statistics, Newfoundland, 1975 (24-202, 70¢)
Stocks of Dalry and Frozen Poultry Products, December 1976 (32-009, 30\$/\$3)

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Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes
Price Indexes Welghted with Current Perlod Quantilies Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1976 |  |  |
| August - | 160.2 | 179.5 |
| September | 154.1 | 174.8 |
| October | 155.9 | 179.6 |
| Change from same period 12 months earlier(1) | \% | \% |
| 1976 |  |  |
| May | 0.1 | 3.4 |
| June | 0.4 | 2.9 |
| July | -0.2 | 3.0 |
| August | 0.1 | 2.9 |
| September | -0.8 | 2.1 |
| October | -1.1 | 1.7 |

Volume Indexes Welghted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1976 |  |  |
| August | 153.1 | 126.9 |
| September | 155.5 | 131.9 |
| October | 140.2 | 111.2 |
| Change from same period |  |  |
| 12 months earlier(1) | \% | \% |
| 1976 |  |  |
| May | 8.1 | 10.6 |
| June | 7.6 | 12.0 |
| July | 8.5 | 12.6 |
| August | 7.9 | 17.4 |
| September | 9.2 | 18.8 |
| October | 5.5 | 17.2 |

[^0]Import and Export Price and Voiume indexes, October 1976 - Advance Information.
Both import and export prices in October continued to remain stable as they have been throughout 1976. Compared to the corresponding period in 1975, export prices were slightly higher while import prices on average were at about the same level.

Import volumes dropped 11\% in October and export volumes $18 \%$, although both remained higher than the corresponding 1975 levels.

For further information, order the November issue of Summary of External Trade ( $65-001,40 ¢ / \$ 4$ ).

Radio and Teievision Broadcasting, 1975 - Advance Information.

Preliminary results on financial data for privatelyowned broadcasting for the year ended August 31, 1975, show radio broadcasting revenue up $14 \%$ from the previous year at $\$ 208$ million. Net profit before tax was estimated at $\$ 30$ million, an increase of $7 \%$.

Television broadcasting revenues increased 21\% to $\$ 233$ million. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose $14 \%$ to $\$ 183$ million. Depreciation was estimated at $\$ 71$ million and interest expense at $\$ 5$ million. Other adjustments produced income of $\$ 5$ million. Net profit before tax was estimated at $\$ 39$ million, an increase of $\$ 15$ million over 1974.

In addition CBC operations produced revenues from sale of air time of $\$ 53$ million compared to $\$ 49$ million in the previous period. The net cost of operating CBC during the period was $\$ 268$ million compared to $\$ 253$ million for the previous period.

Final information will be included in the 1975 issue of Radio and Television Broadcasting (56-204, 70థ). For further information, contact Patrick Crosby (613-9969274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Production of Eggs and Pouitry, November 1976 Advance Information.
Canadian egg production increased $0.6 \%$ to 35.7 million dozen in November from 35.4 million in November 1975. The average number of layers was down $2.0 \%$ to 23.2 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased 2.7\% to 1,844 from 1.795. Farm price of eggs sold for market was up $6.3 \%$ to $65.9 \uparrow$ a dozen from 62.04 .

For further information, order the November issue of Production of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, 30 $\$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Sait, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 638,166 tons in November from 447,784 tons in November 1975. This brought the 11 months output to $5,725,949$ tons from $5,143,204$ tons a year earlier.

For further information, order the November issue of Salt (26-009, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
November. 1976
(1971=100)


[^1]Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1971=100), November 1976 - Advance Information. The Industry Selling Price Index for Manufacturing stood at 163.5 in November, an increase of $0.1 \%$ over the revised October level of 163.4 and $3.9 \%$ above the November 1975 index of 157.3
The index for the food and beverage industries deciined $0.3 \%$ as price indexes fell $2.5 \%$ in the feeds industry, $0.6 \%$ in slaughtering and meat processing and $3.8 \%$ in the poultry processing industry.
This decline was offset mainly by increases in the indexes of the primary metal industries and chemical and chemical products industries. Primary metals rose $0.3 \%$ with increases of $0.5 \%$ in smelting and refining, $0.3 \%$ in iron and steel mills and $1.3 \%$ in iron foundries. Chemical products rose $0.4 \%$, due largely to a $5.9 \%$ increase in the price index for toilet preparations.

Cable Television, 1975 - Advance Information.
Preliminary financial data on cable television operations (over 1,000 subscribers) for the year ended August 31, 1975, show total revenue at $\$ 159$ million, up $22 \%$ from $\$ 130$ million in the previous year.

Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses increased $30 \%$ to $\$ 83$ million from $\$ 64$ million. Depreciation was estimated at $\$ 33$ million and interest expense at $\$ 14$ million, leaving a profit before income tax of $\$ 30$ million compared to $\$ 28$ million the previous year, a $7 \%$ increase.
Final information will be included in the 1975 issue of Cable Television (56-205, 704). For further informa-
tion, contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended January 1, 1977 was 241,253 - short tons - 218861 t (metric tonnes) - a decrease of $3.1 \%$ from the preceeding week's total of 248,964 short tons - 225 856 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 271,283 tons - 246104 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons - 166221 t (metric tonnes) equalling (100) was 131.7 in the current week, 135.9 a week earlier and 148.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
December 1976 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Dec. 23/76 This week | Dec. 17/76 <br> Week ago | Nov. 26/76 Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 98.2 | 95.8 | 94.3 |
| Industrials | 85 | 97.6 | 95.3 | 93.2 |
| Foods | 9 | 81.5 | 79.5 | 77.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 76.2 | 73.1 | 71.7 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 113.1 | 112.7 | 115.4 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 131.1 | 127.9 | 127.3 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 104.9 | 101.1 | 101.3 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 102.8 | 102.9 | 100.3 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 87.2 | 85.1 | 82.1 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 185.8 | 187.7 | 175.8 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 83.8 | 82.4 | 87.0 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 92.0 | 88.1 | 86.4 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 103.2 | 102.9 | 103.8 |
| Construction | 5 | 207.9 | 203.5 | 196.2 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.0 | 78.2 | 79.0 |
| Uillitles and services | 28 | 91.2 | 89.1 | 87.7 |
| Transportation | 6 | 118.9 | 116.9 | 111.9 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 80.2 | 77.8 | 75.9 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 96.6 | 97.4 | 99.5 |
| Telephone | 4 | 93.8 | 92.1 | 94.2 |
| Electric power | 3 | 121.1 | 115.1 | 112.5 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 69.8 | 67.5 | 65.1 |
| Finances | 21 | 111.7 | 108.3 | 109.5 |
| Banks | 8 | 116.7 | 113.1 | 114.9 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 100.9 | 97.9 | 97.8 |
| Insurance | 4 | 94.4 | 91.8 | 91.4 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 98.3 | 98.7 | 97.9 |
| Golds | 9 | 177.3 | 179.5 | 174.1 |
| Base metals | 8 | 60.4 | 60.0 | 61.4 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 192.2 | 186.7 | 181.5 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 102.5 | 101.5 | 93.0 |

For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Non-Residential Bullding Construction Input Price Indexes

November 1976 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Nov. $/ 76$ Oct./76 | Nov. $/ 76$ <br> Nov. $/ 75$ |
| Total Index | 169.7 | 168.5 | 157.5 | 0.7 | 7.7 |
| Materials | 157.7 | 157.7 | 151.0 | - | 4.4 |
| Steel and Metal Work | . 175.2 | 175.2 | 169.0 | - | 3.7 |
| Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment | 144.6 | 144.8 | 137.6 | -0.1 | 5.1 |
| Electrical Equipment | 144.4 | 144.5 | 145.5 | -0.1 | -0.8 |
| Concrete Products | 173.6 | 174.0 | 157.9 | -0.2 | 9.9 |
| Lumber and Lumber Products | 161.9 | 162.3 | 150.8 | -0.2 | 7.4 |
| Other | 154.1 | 153.7 | 148.0 | 0.3 | 4.1. |
| Labour | 183.1 | 180.4 | 164.4 | 1.5 | 11.2 |

## $r$ Revised figures.

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, $\$ 4$ per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

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Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, Third Quarter 1976 (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Department Stores Sales and Stocks, October 1976 (63-002, 40థ/\$4)
Electric Power Statistics, October 1976 (57-001, 30థ/\$3)
Dairy Factory Production, November 1976 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)
Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, October 1976 (32-020, 15©/\$1.50)
Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, November 1976 (41-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 5: No. 56, Oil Filters and Cartridges; No. 57, Cemented Tungsten. Carbide Blanks and Tools, November 1976



Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products, First Nine Months 1976 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.

## Trade with United States

Canada's trade in automotive products with the United States continued to expand in the third quarter of 1976, although the rate of growth decelerated during the year. As the gain in exports was stronger than that of imports, the deficit in automotive trade contracted in successive quarters.
Canadian exports of motor vehicles and parts (as measured by U.S. imports) in the January-September period totalled $\$ 5,727$ million, $37.5 \%$ above the total of $\$ 4,164$ million in the first nine months of 1975 . This increase was split evenly between vehicles and parts.

Exports of passenger automobiles and trucks rose, respectively, $23 \%$ to $\$ 2,528$ million and $46 \%$ to $\$ 964$ million. The value of automotive parts shipments increased $50 \%$ to $\$ 2,114$ million and that of tires $175 \%$ to $\$ 121$ million, because of the lengthy disruption in production of the U.S. rubber industry. Except for cars, the nine-month totals in 1976 of each product category exceeded the full-year values for 1975. On account of the differing rates of growth, the proportion of cars in the total exports fell 5 points to $44 \%$ while the proportion of parts increased from $34 \%$ to $37 \%$.

Canadian imports of automotive products from the U.S. increased $16.5 \%$ from $\$ 5,549$ million in the first nine months of 1975 to $\$ 6,464$ million in 1976. Nearly all of this rise was due to imports of automotive parts, which increased more than $24 \%$ to $\$ 4,055$ million. Smaller increases were recorded in imports of automobiles and trucks but imports of tires fell 34.5\%.
At $\$ 737$ million, the automotive trade deficit with the U.S. for the nine months of 1976 was $47 \%$ below the deficit of $\$ 1,385$ million for the comparable period of 1975. As only the balance in parts trade deteriorated, by $5 \%$, significant improvements occurred in the balances for cars, trucks and tires, with the latter two shifting from deficit to surplus positions.

## Overseas Trade

In sharp contrast to the contraction in the deficit with the U.S., Canada's automotive trade balance with overseas countries deteriorated. Imports expanded $27 \%$ to $\$ 646$ million while exports declined $5 \%$ to $\$ 410$ million. The deficit more than tripled to $\$ 236$ million in 1976 from the unusually low level of $\$ 76$ million for the first nine months of 1975.

Declines of some $15 \%$ each in exports of trucks to $\$ 156$ million and automotive parts to $\$ 116$ million were partially offset by a $24 \%$ increase in shipments of passenger cars to $\$ 124$ million, principally to Venezuela and Iran.
Nearly $80 \%$ of the increase in imports was due to the jump of $42.5 \%$ to $\$ 366$ million in passenger car arrivals, mainly from Japan. A $24 \%$ increase to $\$ 181$ million in automotive parts imports was recorded from such countries as Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Sweden and the European Economic Community

## Passenger Car Imports

Just over half of the 15\% expansion in passenger car imports to 542,200 units was from Japan, and a further $40 \%$ from the U.S. The U.S. proportion of Canadian car imports declined from about $80.5 \%$ in the first nine

monthis of 197 to a little over $75 \%$ in 1976, while the Japanese share expanded from under $11 \%$ to $16 \%$.

With an increase of 6,900 vehicles, the West German share of the import market rose nearly one percentage point to $4.5 \%$. Smaller and offsetting changes occurred in car imports from other countries.

A fall of $9 \%$ in the exchange rate against the Canadian dollar of important foreign currencies between the first nine months of 1975 and 1976 contributed to a fractional reduction in the unit values of imported cars between the two periods. The average prices of American and Japanese imports continued to rise, although at slightly lower rates of 2.3\% and 1.8\%, respectively. Significant declines were recorded in the average prices of cars imported from other countries, such as West Germany and Italy.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.
(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped $1,433,122,000$ square feet of corrugated boxes and wrappers in November, an increase of $4.2 \%$ over the 1,375,926,000 square feet in November 1975. January-November shipments totalled $15,859,790,000$ square feet compared to $14,240,496,000$ square feet in 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-9922371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Railway Carloadings, 7 days ended December 21, 1976 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail carload revenue freight traffic in the seven days totalled 4.3 million short tons ( 3.9 million metric tonnes), an increase of $8.9 \%$ over the 1975 period. Traffic loaded east of the Lakehead was up $16.7 \%$ while that in the West rose $1.3 \%$. The total number of cars loaded at 68,504 represented a $7.8 \%$ gain over 1975.

Trailer-container (piggyback) movements increased $23.5 \%$ in the east and $37.8 \%$ in the west, for an overall net gain of $27.0 \%$.

January 1 - December 21 rail carload shipments at 235.2 million short tons ( 213.4 million metric tonnes) were up $5.6 \%$ from 1975. Cumulative piggyback loadings were also higher at 9.8 million short tons ( 8.9 million metric tonnes), an increase of $10.1 \%$.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms:

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6:
(see table on next page)

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ending December 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,263,188 | 2,014,586 | 4,277,774 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 1,939,421 | 1,988,199 | 3,927,620 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2053130 | 1827602 | 3880732 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 1759413 | 1803664 | 3563077 |
| \% change | 16.7 | 1.3 | 8.9 |
| Cars, 1976 | 37,891 | 30,613 | 68,504 |
| Cars, 1975r | 33,250 | 30,324 | 63,574 |
| \% change | 14.0 | 1.0 | 7.8 |
| Piggyback trafic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 147,367 | 53,194 | 200,561 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 119,323 | 38,594 | 157,917 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 133689 | 48257 | 181946 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 108248 | 35012 | 143260 |
| \% change | 23.5 | 37.8 | 27.0 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,646 | 2,320 | 6,966 |
| Cars, 1975r | 4,073 | 1,644 | 5,717 |
| \% change | 14.1 | 14.1 | 21.8 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 132,976,967 | 102,259,489 | 235,236,456 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 123,397,914 | 99,391,923 | 222,789,837 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 120634675 | 92768248 | 213402923 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 111944705 | 90166836 | 202111541 |
| \% change | 7.8 | 2.9 | 5.6 |
| Cars, 1976 | 2,117,518 | 1,584,521 | 3,702,039 |
| Cars, 1975r | 2,039,133 | 1,579,489 | 3,618,622 |
| \% change | 3.8 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 7,167,405 | 2,624,379 | 9,791,784 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 6,407,305 | 2,489,456 | 8,896,761 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 6502160 | 2380797 | 8882957 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 5812609 | 2258396 | 8071005 |
| \% change | 11.9 | 5.4 | 10.1 |
| Cars, 1976 | 232,496 | 110,923 | 343,419 |
| Cars, 1975r | 224,127 | 109,787 | 333,914 |
| \% change | 3.7 | 1.0 | 2.8 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
rRevised figures.

## Canadian Passenger Car Imports

|  | First 9 Months 1975 |  | First 9 Months 1976 |  | Change Between 9 Month Periods |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Units (000) | Share \% | Units (000) | Share \% | Volume \% | Average Price \% | Exchange Rate* \% |
| United States | 379.6 | 80.6 | 407.8 | 75.2 | 7.4 | 2.3 |  |
| Japan | 50.8 | 10.8 | 87.4 | 16.1 | 72.0 | 2.3 1.8 | -3.3 -4.2 |
| West Germany | 17.4 | 3.7 | 24.3 | 4.5 | 39.7 | 1.8 -3.8 | -4.2 |
| United Kingdom | 11.3 | 2.4 | 10.3 | 1.9 | -8.8 | -3.8 4.1 | -8.7 -21.2 |
| France | 4.6 | 1.0 | 7.3 | 1.4 | 58.7 | 0.8 | -21.2 |
| Italy Other Countries | 5.8 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | -60.7 | -8.5 | -12.8 |
| All Countrles | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 123.1 | -1.1 | - |
| All Countries | 470.6 | 100.0 | 542.2 | 100.0 | 15.2 | -0.4 | -8.0 |

*Minus $(-)$ sign indicates depreciation of the value of the currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR, a waighted average of sixte日n major world currencias calculated by the International Monetary Fund.

## Canada-United States Trade in Automotive Products

|  | 1975 | First 9 Months |  |  | Change Between 9 Months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1975 | 1976 | . |  |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |
| Unlted States Imports from Canada* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 2,858 | 2,051 | 2,528 |  | 477 |
| Trucks, etc. | 932 | 659 | 964 |  | 305 |
| Parts | 2,045 | 1,410 | 2,114 |  | 704 |
| Tires and tubes | 68 | 44 | $\cdots 121$ |  | 77 |
| Total | 5,903 | 4,164 | 5,727 |  | 1,563 |
| Canadian Imports from United States ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 2,183 | 1,458 | 1,601 |  | 143 |
| Trucks, etc. | 942 | 696 | 721 |  | 25 |
| Parts | 4,522 | 3,262 | 4,055 |  | 793 |
| Tires and tubes | 173 | 133 | 87 |  | -46 |
| Total | 7,820 | 5,549 | 6,464 |  | 915 |
| Balance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 675 | 593 | 927 |  | 334 |
| Trucks, etc. | -10 | -37 | 243 |  | 280 |
| Parts | -2,477 | -1,852 | -1,941 |  | -89 |
| Tires and tubes | -105 | -89 | 34 |  | 123 |
| Total | -1,917 | -1,385 | -737 |  | 648 |
| Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges |  |  |  |  |  |

*A more accurate measurement of trade in automotive products is obtained by comparing the import statistics of each country. Accordingly, Canadian exports are derived from the counterpart U.S. statistics of imports.

## Canada-Other Countries Trade in Automobile Products

| 1975 | 1975 | First 9 Months | Change Between <br> 9 Months |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |


| (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canadian exports |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 152 | 100 | 124 | 24 |
| Other motor vehicles | 242 | 184 | 156 | -28 |
| Parts | 177 | 136 | 116 | -20 |
| Tires and tubes | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Re-exports | 10 | 8 | 8 | - |
| Total | 586 | 432 | 410 | -22 |
| Canadian imports |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 365 | 257 | 366 | 109 |
| Other motor vehicles | 45 | 36 | 39 | 3 |
| Parts | 206 | 146 | 181 | 35 |
| Tires and tubes | 82 | 69 | 60 | -9 |
| Total | 698 | 508 | 646 | 138 |
| Baiance | -112 | -76 | -236 | -160 |

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Energy Statistics (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ a year), Vol. 11, No. 30, Refined Petroleum Products, October 1976

Passenger Bus Statistics (Interclity and Rural)
November 1976

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | September | October | November |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting * ** | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Revenue Earnod: | $\ldots$ | .* |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 101,963,661 | 111,995,217. | 11,063,316 | 9,269,570 | 8.420.257 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 307,756 | -255,201. | 24,057 | 23,467 | 22.171 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 14,085.628 | 16,195,172 | 1,611,439, | 1,608,733 | 885,475 |
| Fare Passengers Carrled: |  | , 3 |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 30,341,481 | 29,717,050 | 2,575,761. | 2,303,982 | 2,282.479 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 864,201. | 628,388 | 60,087 | 58,688 | 56.851 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 2,458,955 | 1.810.098 | 275,991 | 232,347 | 174.418 |
| Vehicle Mlles: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 105,813,982 | 108,336,706 | 10,257,268 | 9,206,193 | 8,632,517 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 465,012 | 359,979 | 33,156 | 32,950 | 33,234 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 12,069,929 | 12,648,099 | 1,029,540 | 1,352,349 | 705,700 |
| Fuel Consumed: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel Oil (gals.) | 16,760,483 | 17.467,913 | 1,627,829 | 1,500,063 |  |
| Gasoline (gals.) | 18,658 | 14,373 | 1,265 | 1,491 | 1,165 |

- Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
* One carrier on strike.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rurai), November 1976 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily. The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning $\$ 500,000$ or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available.
The following observations apply to the data:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Revenue vehicle miles run in a revenue service include miles run empty which were necessary to provide the revenue service.
For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Urban Transit, November 1976 - Advance Information.
In November, 37 urban transit systems collected 107,855,149 initial passenger fares. Their vehicles travelled $29,881,458$ vehicle miles and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 35,594,687$.
For further information, order the November issue of Urban Transit (53-003, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Travel Befween Canada and Other Countries, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary statistics for November show that only 1.6 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 12.4\% over November 1975. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased only $0.2 \%$ to 54,000 . Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.5 million, down $1.6 \%$ over 1975. Canadian residents returning from countries other than the U.S. numbered 83,000 and are not comparable to last year because of a change in definitions.

For further information, order the November issue of International Travel - Advance Information (66-002, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-9950847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Oliseeds, November 1976 - Advance Information. Oilseed crushings for November, with oil produced and meal produced in brackets (all figures thousands of pounds);

- Soybeans: 514,291 (86,661; 405,648).
- Rapeseed: 325,434 (133,127; 185,385).
- Sunflowerseed: 12,598 (5,414; 4,536).

For further information, order Oilseeds Review (22006, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ), or contact J.M. Huard (613-9949956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Road Motor Vehicle Revenues, 1975 - Advance Information.
Total provincial and territorial revenues from motive fuel taxes, vehicle registrations and other road-related revenues totalled $\$ 2,081$ million in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976, up 4.9\% from $\$ 1,983$ million in the 1974-75 fiscal year. Motive fuel taxes, which account for the bulk of this revenue, posted a gain of $4.7 \%$ to $\$ 1,505$ million in 1975 - 76 from $\$ 1,438$ million the year before.

On June 24, 1975, the federal government instituted an excise tax on gasoline consumed in noncommercial activities. Revenues from this tax during the 1975-76 fiscal year totalled $\$ 425$ million.

For further information, order Road Transport Service Bulletin (53-006, \$2.80 a year), or contact Mr. R.J. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Raw HIdes, Skins and FInlshed Leather, November 1976 - Advance Information.
In November, packers, dealers and tanners held 254,501 cattle hides, down from 282,358 a year earlier, and 98,643 calf and kip skins, down from 144,859 . Cattle hide receipts decreased to 186,279 from 289,172 and wettings decreased to 203,081 from 290,039.

For further information, order the November issue of Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather (33-001, $30 \mathrm{c} . / \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics, Third Quarter 1976 (61-006, \$1.40/\$5.60)
Housing Starts and Completions, October 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4)
Railway Operating Statistics, October 1976 (52-003, 30\$/\$3)
The Wheat Review, September 1976 (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50)
Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, October 1976 (46-003, 30¢/\$3)
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Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, December 1976 (32-012, 30\$/\$3)
Footwear Statistics, October 1976 (33-002, 30\$/\$3)
Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, October 1976 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)

Farm Cash Recelpts, January-Novemberf 1976 - Total Cath Recelpts from Farming Advance Information.
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Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-November period of 1976 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operation in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled $\$ 8,937.5$ million compared to $\$ 9,024.9$ million realized during the same period of 1975. These estimates included cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board partici. pation payments on previous years' grain crops, cash advances on farm-stored grains in western Canada. and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the November issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30\$/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.
(millions of dollars)

|  | 1976 | 1975 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 91.5 | 71.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 107.2 | 101.1 |
| New Brunswick | 98.3 | 84.9 |
| Quebec | $1,226.5$ | $1,202.1$ |
| Ontario | $2,413.2$ | $2,321.7$ |
| Manitoba | 816.3 | 850.3 |
| Saskatchewan | $2,152.2$ | $2,332.4$ |
| Alberta | $1,672.3$ | $1,697.0$ |
| British Columbia | 360.0 | 364.0 |
| Canada | $8,937.5$ | $\mathbf{9 , 0 2 4 . 9}$ |



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Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Third Quarter 1976 (61-003, \$1.75/\$7)
Gypsum Products, November 1976 (44-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
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Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 11, Floor Tiles, November 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 5, November 1976: No. 58, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 59, Sanitaryware


Wholesale Price Indexes
(1935-39=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976* } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976* } \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Nov. $/ 76$ <br> Oct. $/ 76$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } / 76 \\ & \text { Oct. } / 75 \end{aligned}$ |
| General wholesale Index | 515.3 | 510.9r | 501.2 | 505.2 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| Vegetable products | 439.7 | 428.1r | 463.9 | 469.2 | 2.7 | -5.2 |
| Animal products | 537.7 | 535.6r | 557.4 | 572.7 | 0.4 | -3.5 |
| Textile products | 462.5 | 460.3 r | 416.5 | 414.1 | 0.5 | 11.0 |
| Wood products | 701.0 | 698.9 r | 644.5 | 653.1 | 0.3 | 8.8 |
| Iron products | 574.4 | 570.2r | 548.1 | 542.8 | 0.7 | 4.8 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 451.3 | 447.9 | 422.5 | 424.6 | 0.8 | 6.8 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 442.6 | 442.2 r | 406.9 | . 404.0 | 0.1 | 8.8 |
| Chemical products | 395.7 | 395.9 r | 386.8 | 386.9 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| Summary Indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | $\therefore 610.3$ | $\therefore 607.2 \mathrm{r}$ | 576.7 | 574.5 | 0.5 | 5.8 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 470.6 | . 460.4 | 478.7 | 484.5 | 2.2 | -1.7 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 539.6 | . 538.4 | 513.8 | 516.0 | 0.2 | 5.0 |

[^2]General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), November 1976 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale price index increased $0.9 \%$ in November to 515.3 from the revised October index of 510.9. It was $2.8 \%$ higher than a year earlier. Seven of the eight major groups increased while one decreased.

The vegetable products index increased $2.7 \%$ to 439.7 from the revised October index of 428.1, due to higher prices recorded for tobacco, $40.9 \%$, potatoes, $14.6 \%$, fresh vegetables, $12.7 \%$ and tea, coffee and cocoa, $4.5 \%$. Increases in gold of 19.5\%, silver of 4.4\% and tin of $3: 8 \%$ were responsible for an $0.8 \%$ increase in the non-ferrous products index. The iron products index rose $0.7 \%$ in November, due mainly to a $4.5 \%$ increase in castings and forgings. Increases in raw cotton of $2.9 \%$, worsted yarn of $1.9 \%$ and imported raw wool of $1.6 \%$ advanced the textile products index $0.5 \%$. The animal products index rose $0.4 \%$, wood products index $0.3 \%$ and the non-metallic Products index $0.1 \%$.
Decreases for the period were slight. The chemical products group decreased $0.1 \%$ due mainly to soaps and detergents showing a decrease of $0.8 \%$.

FInanclal Flows, Third Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
Additional advance information on the third quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available from the Financial Flows Section.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 8, 1977 - Advance

 Information.Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 8 was 271,067 short tons - 245908 t (metric tonnes) - an increase of $12.4 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 241,253 short tons - 218861 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 270,779 tons - 245647 t (metric tonnes).
The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons -

166221 t (metric tonnes) - equalling 100 was 147.9 in the current week, 131.7 a week earlier and 147.8 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, November 1976 - Advance Information.
New motor vehicles sold in November reached 102,583 units, down $9.3 \%$ from a year earlier. This included 63,519 passenger cars (down $16.6 \%$ ) and 25,593 commercial vehicles (up 2.4\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 12,374 passenger cars (up $15.5 \%$ ) and 1,097 commercial vehicles (down 6.2\%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value decreased $3.5 \%$ to $\$ 626.5$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 375.5$ million (down 10.6\%) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 188.1$ million (up $7.2 \%$ ). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased $17.7 \%$ to $\$ 57.7$ million and those of commercial vehicles increased $4.6 \%$ to $\$ 5.2$ million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 180 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 5.5$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted November sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased $19.1 \%$ from October to 65,765 units and those of passenger cars from overseas increased 4.3\% to 13,804 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down $25.3 \%$ to 28,555 units.

For the eleven months, total sales reached 1,198,696 units ( $1,203,841$ in 1975), with an accumulated value of $\$ 7,160$ : million. This represented an increase of $8.3 \%$ in value over sales for the corresponding period the previous year.

For further information, order the November issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Consumer Price Movements, December 1976 (62-001, 30\$/\$3) - Available January
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Unemployment, Canada


The Labour Force, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Employment declined slightly and unemployment rose in December, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, giving an unemployment rate of $7.5 \%$, up from $7.3 \%$ in November. The adjusted rate was $7.0 \%$ in December 1975.

There was a slight increase in the employment level for men age 25 and over but declines in employment for men 15 to 24 and for women in both age categories. There were increases in levels of unemployment for men and women in all age categories.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at $9,546,000$ in December, down 33,000 from November. The unemployment level was estimated at 778,000 , up 24,000 from November.

Without seasonal adjustment, the labour force in December was estimated at $10,230,000$ with $9,476,000$ employed and 754,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of $7.4 \%$. In November, the labour force was
estimated at 10,299,000 with 9,592,000 employed and 708,000 unemployed for a rate of $6.9 \%$. In December 1975, the labour force was $10,095,000$ with $9,402,000$ employed and 693,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of $6.9 \%$.

Adjusted December unemployment rates for the provinces, with November rates in brackets: Newfoundland 13.8\% (14.8\%); Prince Edward Island 8.6\% (10.1\%); Nova Scotia 9.8\% (11.2\%); New Brunswick 10.3\% (11.0\%); Quebec 9.8\% (9.8\%); Ontario 6.5\% (6.2\%); Manitoba 4.9\% (4.6\%); Saskatchewan 3.4\% (3.4\%); Alberta 4.0\% (3.5\%); British Columbia 8.8\% (7.3\%).

For further information, order the December issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55 $/ \$ 5.50$ ).

## Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data

October 1976

| Industry Division and Area | Employment Index Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } \\ 1976 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1975 \\ & 1961= \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1975 \\ & =100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ \text { 1976p } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ |
| Industry Dlvision: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 88.4 | 96.8 | 98.6 | 97.9 | 79.5 | 79.8 | 77.4 | 84.3 | 83.0 | 84.3 |
| Mining | 119.5 | 120.1 | 123.0 | 120.5 | 113.3 | 110.1 | 120.0 | 120.7 | 120.7 | 116.4 |
| Manufacturing | 128.7 | 129.1 | 131.0 | 129.5 | 127.0 | 126.5 | 126.8 | 127.2 | 128.6 | 128.9 |
| Durables | 140.4 | 138.9 | 141.3 | 140.2 | 141.2 | 139.0 | 138.1 | 137.4 | 140.5 | 140.1 |
| Non-durables | 119.3 | 121.2 | 122.8 | 120.9 | 115.5 | 116.4 | 117.9 | 118.4 | 119.4 | 119.3 |
| Construction | 121.5 | 115.4 | 123.3 | 122.8 | 130.7 | 132.6 | 109.2 | 102.1 | 108.8 | 110.7 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 131.4 | 131.8 | 132.8 | 132.0 | 118.2 | 128.6 | 130.1 | 130.0 | 131.0 | 128.0 |
| Trade | 174.0 | 170.3 | 167.1 | 168.2 | 173.3 | 168.5 | 170.3 | 170.2 | 171.3 | 172.3 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 186.5 | 186.7 | 185.5 | 185.5 | 177.1 | 177.6 | 186.6 | 187.1 | 184.7 | 183.1 |
| Service | 246.4 | 248.1 | 250.8 | 256.7 | 236.8 | 239.7 | 245.5 | 244.4 | . 239.9 | 247.2 |
| Industrial Composite | 146.4 | 145.9 | 147.2 | 146.8 | 142.2 | 143.3 | 143.7 | 143.1 | 144.1 | 144.6 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 136.8 | 139.3 | 141.5 | 141.2 | 138.1 | 141.2 | 132.4 | 132.8 | 133.4 | 132.8 |
| Newfoundland | 139.8 | 144.6 | 147.5 | 147.1 | 147.4 | 149.6 | 132.4 | 133.8 | 138.8 | 136.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 159.4 | 163.1 | 169.6 | 165.3 | 156.9 | 163.1 | 150.9 | 149.6 | 149.3 | 145.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 130.6 | 130.8 | 131.9 | 133.6 | 131.5 | 129.0 | 128.1 | 127.0 | 127.4 | 128.4 |
| New Brunswick | 140.4 | 144.0 | 146.5 | 144.4 | 138.1 | 148.3 | 136.7 | 137.0 | 135.9 | 134.3 |
| Quebec | 130.2 | 129.4 | 132.0 | 133.5 | 130.4 | 132.6 | 127.2 | 126.4 | 129.2 | 131.8 |
| Ontario | 149.6 | 148.7 | 149.3 | 148.3 | 143.7 | 145.8 | 147.0 | 146.7 | 148.2 | 147.4 |
| Prairie Region | 160.4 | 160.2 | 160.8 | 159.5 | 151.6 | 154.0 | 158.5 | 157.0 | 156.1 | 154.9 |
| Manitoba | 130.2 | 130.3 | 130.9 | 130.8 | 131.1 | 133.8 | 129.0 | 127.4 | 128.6 | 128.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 146.6 | 145.2 | 145.7 | 143.2 | 138.0 | 141.6 | 144.2 | 141.7 | 140.4 | 137.2 |
| Alberta | 191.3 | 191.5 | 192.2 | 190.2 | 174.5 | 176.0 | 189.2 | 188.2 | 186.4 | 184.0 |
| British Columbia | 170.1 | 170.3 | 170.2 | 168.2 | 161.9 | 151.9 | 167.8 | 167.5 | 167.0 | 164.3 |
| Yukon | 164.5 | 165.8 | 170.0 | 200.2 | 190.7 | 203.6 | 162.1 | 159.3 | 157.7 | 186.1 |
| Northwest Territoires | 157.6 | 161.8 | 172.3 | 170.4 | 152.8 | 163.5 | 161.6 | 147.9 | 154.1 | 150.4 |
| Canada | 146.4 | 145.9 | 147.2 | 146.8 | 142.2 | 143.3 | 143.7 | 143.1 | 144.1 | 144.6 |

Employment, Earnings and Hours, October 1976 Advance Information.
The first estimate, seasonally adjusted, of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for October showed a 0.4\% increase over September. Increases were registered in construction, in transportation, communication and other utilities, in trade and in service. The remaining industries reported declines. Employment increased in all regions with the exception of the Atlantic region.
Average weekly earnings rose $0.3 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in October. Gains were recorded in mining, in construction, in trade and in service. At the regional level, only British Columbia registered a decrease.
Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners declined in mining and in manufacturing but increased in construction. The average hourly earnings for these three industry divisions increased in October.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes
on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours Catalogue No. 72002.

Detailed information for September and October will be published in the November issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70థ/\$7) and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour . Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
(see also pages 4,5 \& 6)
Advertising Agencies, 1975 - Advance Information.
There were 242 advertising agencies operating in Canada in 1975, an increase of $10.0 \%$ from the 1974 total of 220. Total gross operating revenue of these establishments was reported at $\$ 122.9$ million (up 6.5\% from $\$ 115.4$ million in 1974) and net profit before deduction for income taxes totalled $\$ 10.8$ million (up $6.0 \%$ from $\$ 10.1$ million in 1974). Salaries and wages paid by these establishments to their 4,721 employees totalled $\$ 69.3$ million

For further information order the. 1975 issue of Advertising Agencies (63-201, 70c), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

# Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued) 

| Industry Division and Area | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } \\ \text { 1976f } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \text { llars } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976f } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ |
| Indusiry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 301.13 | 297.01 | 285.64 | 276.99 | 263.05 | 241.01 | 289.13 | 298.23 | ' 291.98 | 286.09 |
| Mining | 326.15 | 320.63 | 310.84 | 311.81 | 296.32 | 289.31 | 323.85 | 322.40 | 315.73 | 319.25 |
| Manufacturing | 247.58 | 246.21 | 241.93 | 240.00 | 222.80 | 218.59 | 244.35 | 244.67 | 244.45 | 242.79 |
| Durables | 263.75 | 263.03 | 258.54 | 254.95 | 239.48 | 234.79 | 258.27 | 258.66 | 260.36 | 258.60 |
| Non-durables | 232.23 | 230.68 | 226.52 | 226.01 | 206.27 | 202.89 | 231.77 | 232.35 | 228.69 | 227.33 |
| Construction | 342.70 | 335.54 | 332.69 | 334.39 | 321.57 | 314.13 | 329.36 | 322.88 | 327.32 | 332.13 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 269.62 | 269.35 | 266.53 | 265.92 | 248.02 | 237.72 | 270.43 | 270.59 | 267.33 | 265.84 |
| Trade | 181.22 | 178.92 | 178.72 | 181.13 | 163.37 | 162.02 | 182.39 | 179.67 | 176.74 | 176.73 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 215.29 | 215.53 | 214.10 | 216.37 | 197.80 | 195.17 | 217.53 | 218.61 | 217.10 | 216.05 |
| Service | 162.63 | 160.70 | 161.56 | 163.52 | 148.08 | 146:19 | 162.86 | 162.37 | 160.96 | 161.63 |
| Industrial Composite | 234.27 | 232.49 | 230.48 | 230.12 | 212.90 | 208.83 | 231.97 | 231.19 | 230.30 | 229.34 |
| industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 207.93 | 205.44 | 203.98 | 204.59 | 187.70 | 184.40 | 206.85 | 205.85 | 204.31 | 204.65 |
| Newfoundland | 228.98 | 226.50 | 223.53 | 223.85 | 206.88 | 200.27 | 225.53 | 226.07 | 224.05 | 223.09 |
| Prince Edward Island | 175.89 | 174.63 | 173.24 | 173.15 | 155.76 | 154.06 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 198.82 | 198.89 | 196.59 | 198.24 | 176.82 | 177.35 | 199.28 | 197.68 | 196.18 | 197.49 |
| New Brunswick | 207.86 | 204.16 | 202.49 | 202.22 | 190.37 | 184.42 | 207.40 | 207.92 | 204.54 | 204.51 |
| Quebec | 226.41 | 223.99 | 223.42 | 223.36 | 209.12 | 205.03 | 224.01 | 223.00 | 224.11 | 223.40 |
| Ontario | 235.29 | 233.42 | 231.30 | 230.74 | 214.31 | 210.69 | 232.73 | 232.00 | 231.51 | 230.33 |
| Prairie Region | 232.85 | 231.33 | 228.55 | 228.20 | 207.31 | 202.82 | 231.78 | 231.31 | 227.55 | 225.34 |
| Manitoba | 216.01 | 215.12 | 214.52 | 214.26 | 194.74 | 190.28 | 215.43 | 214.97 | 212.65 | 211.09 |
| Saskatchewan | 221.83 | 221.88 | 220.30 | 216.24 | 198.94 | 191.47 | 220.46 | 222.57 | 219.51 | 214.12 |
| Alberta | 245.92 | 243.53 | 239.13 | 239.93 | 217.94 | 214.54 | 244.92 | 243.26 | 238.22 | 237.18 |
| British Columbia | 267.06 | 267.46 | 263.83 | 263.47 | 236.32 | 236.10 | 260.70 | 262.76 | 260.44 | 263.05 |
| Yukon | 314.39 | 314.64 | 295.50 | 309.47 | 292.85 | 302.91 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest 'Territories | 318.24 | 313.74 | 303.32 | 285.43 | 286.88 | 303.11 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 234.27 | 232.49 | 230.48 | 230.12 | 212.90 | 208.83 | 231.97 | 231.19 | 230.30 | 229.34 |

Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors, 1975Advance Information.
In 1975 there were 1,176 regular motion picture theatres and 316 drive-ins operating in Canada. Receipts from paid admissions totalled $\$ 212.7$ million and revenue from all other sources was $\$ 51.1$ million. The number of paid admissions was 97.5 million and amusement taxes collected amounted to $\$ 16.0$ million. Salaries and wages paid to 16,360 employees totalled $\$ 48.7$ million.
The 85 film distributing establishments operating in Canada had receipts totalling $\$ 114.9$ million, of which $\$ 114.0$ million was from rental of films. Salaries and wages paid by these establishments to their 808 employees totalled $\$ 8.4$ million.

For further information order the 1975 issue of Motion Picture Theatres and Film Distributors (63-207, 704), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Sugar Saies, December 1976 - Advance Information. For December, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 78625911 kilograms (173,340,487 lbs.) of all types of sugar, 69772778 kilograms (153,822,667 lbs.) in domestic sales and 8853133 kilograms ( $19,517,820$ lbs.) in export sales.

For further information contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued)

. . figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised: figures:
Production, Shipments and Stocks on hand of Sawmilis East of the Rockles, September 1976 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in September to $424,400,000$ feet board measure from $343,039,000$ feet board measure in September 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of September totalled 899,143,000 feet board meausre.

For further information, order the September issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies (35-002, 304/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Employment Indexes, Selected Industries, Canada
(1971=100).
(Seasonally-Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weights } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 1976 \text { r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ \text { 1976p } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite |  |  | 100.00 |  | 113.0 | 112.6 |  | 111.8 |  | 112.2 |
| Forestry |  |  | 1.21 |  | 106.0 | 104.4 |  | 106.0 |  | 97.4 |
| Mining, including milling. | $\cdots$ |  | 3.16 |  | 101.2 | 105.0 |  | 105.1 |  | 104.5 |
| Manufacturing |  |  | 39.54 |  | 105.3 | 105.2 |  | 104.0 |  | 103.7 . |
| Durable Goods |  |  | 19.14 |  | 105.6 | 105.9 |  | 103.7 |  | 104.2 |
| Non-Durable Goods |  |  | 20.39 |  | 104.5 | 104.9 |  | 103.9 |  | 103.4 |
| Corrstruction |  |  | 5.85 |  | 96.6 | 94.9 |  | 89.0 |  | 95.2 |
| Transportation. Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities |  |  | 16.01 |  | 111.6 | 114.2 |  | 113.4 |  | 113.4 |
| Transportation |  |  | 9.53 |  | 104.6 | 106.3 |  | 106.4 |  | . |
| Storage |  |  | 0.38 |  | 99.6 | 101.0 |  | 100.7 |  |  |
| Communication |  |  | 3.96 |  | 128.7 | 131.7 |  | 131.2 |  |  |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water |  |  | 2.15 |  | 114.4 | 116.9 |  | 118.4 |  |  |
| Trade |  |  | 17.58 |  | 122.2 | 121.5 |  | 120.7 |  | 120.8 |
| Wholesale Trade |  |  | 5:84 |  | 118.4 | 119.0 |  | 118.5 | . | 118.2 |
| Retail Trade |  |  | 11.73 |  | 124.2 | 122.9 |  | 121.7 |  | 122.3 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate |  |  | 6.65 |  | 125.8 | 127.0 | $\cdots$ | 128:6 | $\cdots$ | 128.3 |
| Service |  |  | 10.01 |  | 133.6 | 129.6 |  | 132.0 |  | 132.6 |
| Recreational Services . . : |  |  | 1.04 |  | 157.1 | 126.1 |  | 132.6 |  | . . . |
| Business Services |  |  | 2.31 |  | 140.9 | 141.0 |  | 141.5 | $\because$ | . |
| Personal Services |  |  | 4.68 | . | 123.3 | 124.1 |  | 124.8 |  |  |

. figures not available.
$f$ figures estimated based on limited number of returns.
p preliminary figüres.
$r$ revised figures.

## Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes

 (1971=100); October 1976 _. Published only in Statistics Canada Daily:The accompanying table presents seasonallyadjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961based data contained in Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.
For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine. Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
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#  <br> <br> Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components 

 <br> <br> Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components}
(1971=100)
(Not seasonally adjusted)

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1975.

The Consumer Price Index, December 1976 Advance Information.
The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.3\% from 152.2 in November to 152.7 in December. Higher shelter charges accounted for approximately two-fifths of this latest moderate increase while food prices, which had generally been declining in the last four months, rose $0.4 \%$ and were responsible for an additional one-quarter of the advance. In addition to the $0.4 \%$ increase in the food index, the index for all items excluding food advanced 0.3\%.

Between December 1975 and December 1976, the all-items CPI advanced $5.8 \%$, a figure considerably lower than the corresponding 9.5\% increase registered between December 1974 and December 1975. When comparing the annual average indexes for both years, the 1976 annual average rise stock at $7.5 \%$, again lower than the corresponding $10.8 \%$ increase recorded in 1975.

Higher prices for fresh milk, bread, processed fruit and vegetables, chocolate bars and coffee werelargely responsible for the $0.4 \%$ rise in the food index level as were higher charges for restaurant meals. Partially offsetting these increases were lower prices for beef, pork, poultry and fresh fruit. In spite of this latest increase, the index for food consumed at home stood at a level 2.3\% lower in December 1976 compared to December 1975.
Higher shelter charges, particularly those relating to home ownership, were largely responsible for the 0.3\% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for tobacco products, dry-cleaning services and for train fares.
Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased $0.2 \%$ in the
latest month while that for services increased $0.4 \%$. Between December 1975 and December 1976, the price level of services increased $11.1 \%$ compared with a 2.8\% rise for goods.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.5\% between November and December. This included a $0.7 \%$ increase in the food index and a $0.3 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food.

In December, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $6.8 \%$.
(see table on next page)

Oli Pipeline Transport, October 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian oil pipelines received $2,414,000$ B/D ( $383800 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in October, 7.4\% lower than the 2,606,000 B/D (414 $300 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) received a year earlier. Domestic petroleum and products decreased $4.8 \%$ to $2,096,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ ( $333200 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ) while imported petroleum and products decreased 21.5\% to 318,000B/D (50 $600 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ).

For further information order the October issue of Oil Pipeline Transport (55-001, 30 $/ \$ 3$ ), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*


[^3] those previously published on a 1961=100 time reference base.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Jan. 7/77 <br> This week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } 31 / 76 \\ & \text { Week ago } \end{aligned}$ | Dec. 10/76 Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1971=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 101.1 | 101.9 | 95.5 |
| Industrials | 85 | 100.8 | 101.5 | 94.8 |
| Foods | 9 | 83.7 | 84.5 | 77.2 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 78.7 | 79.2 | 73.0 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 115.8 | 115.6 | 118.0 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 133.5 | 135.1 | 128.8 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 107.3 | 107.1 | 100.5 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 107.1 | 108.2 | 103.7 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 90.6 | 90.7 | 85.9 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 186.3 | 186.6 | 186.2 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 85.5 | 87.6 | 85.3 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 95.3 | 97.1 | 84.9 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 111.5 | 109.4 | 103.4 |
| Construction | 5 | 216.0 | 213.8 | 199.9 |
| Trade | 15 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 77.3 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 93.4 | 94.3 | 88.4 |
| Transportation | 6 | 122.9 | 124.4 | 113.7 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 81.3 | 82.6 | 77.2 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 98.3 |
| Telephone | 4 | 95.9 | 96.7 | 94.0 |
| Electric power | 3 | 121.9 | 123.2 | 112.4 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 72.5 | 72.2 | 65.8 |
| Finances | 21 | 113.9 | 115.7 | 109.9 |
| Banks | 8 | 118.7 | 121.1 | 115.5 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 103.8 | 104.3 | 97.7 |
| Insurance | 4 | 96.1 | 96.6 | 91.1 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 100.7 | 101.6 | 100.7 |
| Golds | 9 | 178.5 | 181.8 | 185.2 |
| Base metals | 8 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 60.1 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 194.1 | 198.2 | 188.3 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 104.0 | 105.8 | 96.7 |

For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Retail Trade, November 1976 - Advance Information. Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for November were $\$ 4,832.9$ million, an increase of $0.5 \%$ from the $\$ 4,809.0$ million recorded in October. Sales increased in 11 of the 28 trade groups. Household furniture stores ( $9.6 \%$ ), furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores ( $8.6 \%$ ) and pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores ( $8.6 \%$ ) recorded the largest increases, while specialty shoe stores ( $-30.8 \%$ ) and general merchandise stores ( $-24.4 \%$ ) recorded the largest decreases. Six of the provinces recorded increased sales from October, ranging from 2.7\% for British Columbia to $0.9 \%$ for Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Ontario.

Total retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, reached $\$ 5,040.7$ million in November, an increase of 7.4\% over November 1975. Sales increased in 25 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by book and stationery stores (30.9\%) and florists (26.3\%). All provinces recorded increased sales over November 1975, ranging from a high of $13.3 \%$ for Alberta to 4.4\% for Quebec. Montreal sales rose 3.3\%,

Toronto 6.1\%, Winnipeg 11.5\% and Vancouver 7.2\%. Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for October was $\$ 5,035.5$ million, an increase of $8.5 \%$ from October 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 55\$/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, January 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at January 1 amounted to 74.9 million pounds compared with last year's total of 48.6 million pounds.

For further information, order the January issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 \Phi / \$ 3$ ), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Raliway Carioadings

10-day period ending December 31

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafilc: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,876,315 | 2,183,750 | 5,060,065 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 2,247.407 | 2,050,554 | 4,297,961 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2609349 | 1981065 | 4590414 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 2038813 | 1860231 | 3899044 |
| \% change | 28.0 | 6.5 | 17.7 |
| Cars, 1976 | 41,952 | 32,967 | 74.919 |
| Cars, 1975r | 34.021 | 30,714 | 64,735 |
| \% change | 23.3 | 7.3 | 15.7 |
| Plggyback trafflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 171,940 | 60,205 | 232,145 |
| Short tons, 1975r | 123.882 | 45,300 | 169,182 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 155981 | 54617 | 210598 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 112384 | 41095 | 153479 |
| \% change | 38.8 | 32.9 | 37.2 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,827 | 2,625 | 7.452 |
| Cars, 1975 | 3,966 | 1,894 | 5,860 |
| \% change | 21.7 | 38.6 | 27.2 |
| Year-lo-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 135,877,282 | 104,441,239 | 240,318,521* |
| Short tons, 1975r | 125,645,321 | 101,442,477 | 227,087.798 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 123265797 | 94747498 | 218013295 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 113983518 | 92027067 | 206010585 |
| \% change | 8.1 | 3.0 | 5.8 |
| Cars, 1976 | 2,159,970 | 1,617,488 | 3,777,458 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| Cars, 1975r | 2,073,154 | 1,610,203 | 3,683,357 |
| \% change | 4.2 | 0.5 | 2.6 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1976 | 7,339,345 | 2,684,189 | 10,023,534* |
| Short tons, 1975r | 6,531,187 | 2,534,756 | 9,065,943 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 6658142 | 2435055 | 9093197 |
| Metric tonnes, 1975 | 5924993 | 2299492 | 8224485 |
| \% change | 12.4 | 5.9 | 10.6 |
| Cars, 1976 | 237,323 | 113,541 | 350,864* |
| Cars, 1975r | 228,093 | 111,681 | 339.774 |
| \% change | 4.0 | 1.7 | 3.3 |

- Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
**Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.
rRevised figures.

Rallway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended December 31, 1976 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
In the last 10 days of 1976, rail freight loadings in Canada totalled 5.1 million short tons ( 4.6 million metric tonnes), an increase of $17.7 \%$ over the same period of 1975. The number of cars loaded rose $15.7 \%$ to 74,919 .

Traffic east of the Lakehead rose $28.0 \%$ in terms of tons during the current period and was up $6.5 \%$ in the West. Container-trailer freight on flat cars showed an over-all gain of $37.2 \%$ to 232,145 short tons ( 210598 metric tonnes). Increases in this type of traffic were almost equally divided between the eastern and western divisions of the country.
During the year 1976 railways loaded 240.3 million short tons of revenue freight ( 218.0 million metric tonnes), an improvement of $5.8 \%$ over 1975. Eastern
traffic, which accounted for $56.5 \%$ of the total, rose $8.1 \%$ while western movements were up $3.0 \%$. Piggyback movements in containers and trailers increased $10.6 \%$ to over 10.0 million short tons ( 9.1 million metric tonnes). Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) equals 907.18474 kilograms.
For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.


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Coal and Coke Statistics, September 1976 (45-002, 40\$/\$4)

Help Wanted Index, Canada and Regions, 1971 to 1976
Seasonally Adjusted
(1969=100)

| Year | QI | QII | QIII | QIV | Annual Average | QI | QII | Qill | QIV | Annual Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\because \cdot$ | Canada |  |  |  | Atlantic Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 77 | 85 | 85 | 97 | 86 | 88 | 87 | 84 | 88 | 87 |
| 1972 | 106 | 111 | 118 | 126 | 115 | 84 | 97 | 103 | 131 | 104 |
| 1973 | 130 | 137 | 157 | 171 | 149 | 120 | 126 | 140 | 163 | 137 |
| 1974 | 192 | 208 | 212 | 183 | 199 | 212 | 234 | 240 | 260 | 237 |
| 1975 | 162 | 165 | 168 | 160 | 164 | 208 | 223 | 255 | 159 | 211 |
| 1976 | 170 | 148 | 155 | 156 | 157 | 127 | 139 | 155 | 129 | 137 |
|  | Quebec |  |  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 79 | 93 | 93 | 105 | 93 | 74 | 82 | 76 | 90 | 80 |
| 1972 | 109 | 112 | 117 | 117 | 114 | 105 | 111 | 122 | 127 | 116 |
| 1973 | 128 | 125 | 151 | 158 | 141 | 133 | 139 | 159 | 162 | 148 |
| 1974 | 180 | 213 | 213 | 208 | 203 | 178 | 182 | 182 | 139 | 170 |
| 1975 | 179 | 193 | 219 | 212 | 201 | 124 | 120 | 115 | 103 | 115 |
| 1976 | 207 | 186 | 193 | 196 | 195 | 119 | 101 | 105 | 98 | 106 |
|  | Prairie Region |  |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 79 | 81 | 92 | 100 | 88 | 70 | 74 | 90 | 99 | 83 |
| 1972 | 108 | 115 | 122 | 140 | 121 | 105 | 106 | 118 | 121 | 113 |
| 1973 | 129 | 142 | 155 | 197 | 156 | 133 | 159 | 176 | 197 | 166 |
| 1974 | 218 | 234 | 253 | 216 | 230 | 228 | 235 | 244 | 178 | 221 |
| 1975 | 195 | 209 | 188 | 194 | 196 | 157 | 153 | 150 | 148 | 152 |
| 1976 | 213 | 196 | 213 | 227 | 212 | 168 | 138 | 143 | 146 | 149 |

Help-wanted Index, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.
In the fourth quarter of 1976, the seasonally-adjusted help-wanted index (1969=100) stood at 156, a fractional rise from the previous quarter but $3 \%$ lower than in the same quarter of 1975.

The annual index for 1976 decreased $4 \%$ to 157 from 164 in 1975. With the exception of the prairie region, where the index rose $8 \%$, decreases ranged from $2 \%$ in British Columbia to $35 \%$ in the Atlantic Region

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Sales of Palnts, Varnishes and Lacquers, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Producers trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled $\$ 27,322,971$ in November compared to $\$ 26,885,316$ in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Sates of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers (46-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Sales of Cement, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for November totalled 989,519 short tons - 897676 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 256,104 tons 232334 t (metric tonnes) - and in Ontario 328,906 tons - 298378 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary.Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 35,076 units in November, up from 34,965 in November 1975. Conventional washing machine sales were 6,808 units compared to 8,191 . Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 33,704 units compared to 32,395 units a year earlier. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 1,429 units compared to 883.

For further information, order the November issue of Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43$002,15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Production, Consumptlon and Inventories of Rubber,

 November 1976 - Advance Information.November production of rubber increased to 44,182,000 pounds - 20040000 kg (kilograms) compared to $39,522,000$ pounds - 17926000 kg (kilograms) in November 1975. Consumption of rubber increased to $64,174,000$ pounds - 29353 000 kg (kilograms) - compared to 53,338,000 pounds -24189000 kg (kilograms).

For further information, order the November issue of Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber (33-003, 30 $¢ / \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, November 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators were 38,049 in November compared to 47,049 in November 1975 and month-end stocks totalled 79,242 units, up from 77,044 . Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 19,998 from 44,661 and month-end stocks increased to 58,592 from 12,806.

For further information, order the November issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ) or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Industrial Chemicals, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped $54,463,372$ pounds 24704170 kg (kilograms) - of polyethylene type synthetic resins in November compared to 49,668,916 pounds - 22529442 kg (kilograms) - in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Specified Chemicals (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for December was 1,181,663 short tons - 1071987 (metric tonnes). Preliminary pig iron production for December was 926,658 short tons - 840650 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, order the December issue of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV3.

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Quarterly Shipments of Flush Type Doors (Wood) by Canadian Manufacturers, Quarter Ended September 30, 1976 (35-004, 35¢/\$1.40)

## Service Bulletins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year) Vol. 5, No. 60, Domestic and Farm Water Systems, November 1976

Electrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year) Vol. 5: No. 27, Domestic Water Tank Heaters; No. 28, Electric Lamps (Light Sources), November 1976

Communications (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year) Vol. 6, No. 29, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, August 1976
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#  <br> <br> Index of Industrial Production 

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(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

| ! | 1971 percentage weight | 1976 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Change |
| Index of Industrlal Production | 29.497 | 120.4 | 119.9 | 118.1 | 119.0 | 0.8 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 109.7 | 110.8 | 112.5 | 112.6 | 0.1 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 112.3 | 112.2 | 108.1 | 107.7 | -0.4 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 107.8 | 108.7 | 116.2 | 116.8 | 0.5 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 109.2 | 119.7 | 126.0 | 123.8 | -1.7 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 120.7 | 119.8 | 117.1 | 118.3 | 1.0 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 109.5 | 109.7 | 110.8 | 109.8 | -0.9 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 122.8 | 114.2 | 101.0 | 103.9 | 2.9 |
| Rubber and plastics products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| industries | . 650 | 156.0 | 152.0 | 153.1 | 151.7 | -0.9 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 101.2 | 102.5 | 101.2 | 96.0 | -5.1 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 109.0 | 106.7 | 106.1 | 106.2 | 0.1 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 106.4 | 104.8 | 103.2 | 103.7 | 0.5 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 120.6 | 119.2 | 117:4 | 117.3 | -0.1 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 120.0 | 125.0 | 124.0 | 123.6 | -0.3 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | . 420 | 114.6 | 114.8 | 114.0 | 113.7 | -0.3 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 124.0 | 120.9 | 121.7 | 118.0 | -3.0 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 116.1 | 115.9 | 116.1 | 115.9 | -0.2 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 107.0 | 104.9 | . 99.4 . | . $98.7 \because$ | -0.7 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 120.9 | 119.8 | 119.1 | 119.8 | 0.6 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.8 | 129.5 | -0.2 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 137.1 | 136.2 | 116.2 | 129.8 | 11.7 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 120.2 | 120.5 | 119.3 | 119.0 | -0.3 |
| Non-metallic mineral products industries | . 905 | 112.4 | 116.5 | 115.8 | 120.5 | 4.1 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 121.3 | 117.4 | 118.6 | 124.8 | 5.2 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 130.6 | 132.6 | 134.9 | 134.2 | -0.5 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 109.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | - |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 132.4 | 132.8 | 133.5 | 133.4 | -0.1 |
| Special Industry grouplngs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 118.8 | 117.8 | 118.2 | 117.4 | -0.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.6 | 121.8 | 116.0 | 119.3 | 2.8 |

Index of Industrial Production, November 1976 Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased $0.8 \%$ in November to 119.0 from 118.1 in October. Manufacturing increased 1.0\% during the month, while mining and utilities were virtually unchanged from October.

For further information, order the November issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, $40 \Phi / \$ 4$ ), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Wholesale Trade, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales by wholesale merchants for November were estimated at $\$ 4,382,505,000$, a $13.6 \%$ increase compared with November 1975. In the consumer goods trades one of the most significant sales changes from November 1975 was registered by the tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks comporient, an increase of $37.8 \%$. In the industrial goods trades, one of the
most notable items was an increase of $20.3 \%$ in the category of other construction materials and supplies including lumber.

Wholesale inventores were valued at $\$ 6,750,762,000$, an increase of $14.8 \%$ over November 1975.

For further details, order the November issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, 15\$/\$1.50).

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, November 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of colour television sets were 38,866 sets in November and 2,789 black-and-white sets. In November 1975, sales were 46,258 and 6,002.

For further information, order the November issue of Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004,30\$/\$3), or contact Mrs. I. Groom (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Consumer Credit, November 1976 - Advance Information.

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly was $\$ 21,550$ million at the end of November, $15.8 \%$ more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of November 1976, with percentage change from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 , 9 8 9}$ million, up 21.6\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 72$ million, up 24.1\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,220 million, up 6.2\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 225$ million, down $9.3 \%$; large $\$ 1,506$ million, down $0.1 \%$; instalment sales paper $\$ 1,152$ million, down $0.9 \%$.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,385$ million, up $3.3 \%$.
- Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of $\$ 5,463$ million at the end of the third quarter of 1976, up $15.4 \%$ from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of $\$ 3,700$ million, up $17.1 \%$. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores, other creditcard issuers, public utilities, and trust and mortgage companies.)
- Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the third quarter of 1976 totalled \$26,541 million, up $17.1 \%$ from a year earlier.
For further information, order the November issue of Consumer Credit (61-004, 30\$/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Mineral Production, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Mineral production for November and 1976 to date, with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Primary copper: 65,395 tons; 738,318 tons ( 69,374 ; 719,042).
- Primary nickel: 21,696 tons; 242,045 tons (21,846; 244,964).
- Gold: 143,359 troy ounces; 1,538,418 troy ounces (118,211; $1,486,867)$.
- Iron ore: 5,796,432 tons; 57,526,419 tons (5,049,869; $44,536,585)$.
- Silver: 3,165,657 troy ounces; 38,337,893 troy ounces (3,100,855; 36,052,460).
- Refined lead: 17,645 tons; 175,292 tons $(16,254$; 168,469).
- Refined zinc: 46,799 tons; 467,903 tons (41,074; 425,765).
For further information, order the November issues of Copper and Nickel Production ( $26-003,15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), Production (26-004, 15\$/\$1.50), Iron Ore (26-005, $15 \Phi / \$ 1.50$ ), and Silver, Lead and Zinc Production (26$008,15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Art Symons (613-9920491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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## Fruit and Vegetable Production

Advance information is now available for the last in a series of nine reports on 1976 fruit and vegetable production. Order Fruit and Vegetable Crop Reports (22-003, 40\$/\$3 for series), or contact Mr. G.O. Code (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

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## Oils and Fats - Manufacturer's Sales

November 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Margarine |  | Shortening* |  | Salad Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| $\because \quad \because$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% Retail Packages:' " |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1976 \% | 25,406 | 11524 | 5,793 | 2628 | 7,090 | 3216 |
| 1975 . . ${ }^{4}$, $\therefore$, | 23,095 | 10476 | 5,312 | 2409 | 5,931 | 2690 |
| 'Commercial Packages: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 1,964 | 891 | 11,753 | 5331 | 1,494 | 678 |
| 1975 | 1,067 | 484 | 14,583 | 6615 | 1,149 | 521 |
| Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 14,775 | 6702 | 3,066 | 1391 | 6,463 | 2932 |
| 1975 | 14,026 | 6362 | 3,433 | : 1557 | 6,353 | 2882 |
| Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | - | - | 11,932 | 5412 | 4,719 | 2140 |
| 1975 | - | - | 12,782 | 5798 | 5,096 | 2311 |

- Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the November issue of Oils and Fats (32-006, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-9928619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Refined Petroleum Products, November 1976 Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced $53,824,000$ barrels of refined petroleum products in November, an increase of 0.5\% compared. to the latest available data for November 1975.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined. petroleum products amounted to $54,001,000$ barrels, an increase of 14.2\% over November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, 40 $\$ / \$ 4$ ), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, November 1976 - Advance Information.
November production of footwear of all types increased to $3,886,675$ pairs from 3,613,268 in November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Footwear Statistics (33-002, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

Decorative Laminate Sheet, Fourth Quarter 1976 Advance Information.'
Domestic shipments of $1 / 8$-inch high pressure laminate sheet totalled 16.3 million square feet - 1.5 Mm2 (million square metres) - with a value of $\$ 6.1$ million in the December quarter of 1976. In the same quarter of 1975, totals were 19.0 million square feet 1.8 Mm 2 (million square metres) - and $\$ 6.7$ million.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Rubber and Plastic Industries Service Bulletin (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturina and Primarv Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Dairy Factory Production, December 1976-Advance Information.
Production of creamery butter decreased $46.7 \%$ in December to 10.4 million pounds from 19.5 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production decreased $13.0 \%$ to 13.4 million pounds from 15.4 million pounds and : production of ice cream mix increased $3.5 \%$ to 1.97 million gallons from 1.90 million gallons.

For further information, order the December issue of Dairy Factory Production (32-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, January 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 58.2 million pounds on January 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 75.7 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 54.8 million pounds from 65.3 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased $2.7 \%$ to 320.5 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased $15.3 \%$ to 27.6 million.

For further information, order the January issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 \Phi / \$ 3$ ), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics. : Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

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Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 7,977,057 phonograph records in November, up from 6,590,382 in November 1975. Production of pre-recorded tapes increased to $2,410,268$ from 1,893,520 (revised) in November 1975.

For further information, order Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin (47-004, $\$ 1.40$ a year), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Peeier Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, November 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped $222,786,000$ sq. ft. (3/8" basis) of softwood plywood in November, up from 176,500,000 sq. ft. in November 1975.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to $31,628,000$ sq. ft. surface measure for November, an increase of $21.9 \%$ from November 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywood (35-001, 30¢/\$3). or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

$f$ First estimates.
$\rho$ Preliminary figures.
(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.
(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, October 1976 - Advance Information.
Labour income, adjusted for seasonal variation, was estimated at $\$ 8,958.4$ million in October, up $\$ 196.2$ million or $2.2 \%$ from September. The major part of the gain was due to large retroactive payments to Quebec hospital employees.
A year-over-year comparison shows that unadjusted labour income estimates increased $14.8 \%$.

Further details will be published in the Fourth Quarter issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) and additional information can be obtained upon request from Mrs: G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 15, 1976 - Advance Information
Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 15 was 283,202 short tons - 256917 t (metric tonnes) - an increase of $4.5 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 271,067 short tons - 2459081 (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1975 was

274,205 tons - 248755 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons - 166221 t (metric tonnes) - equalling 100 was 154.6 in the current week, 147.9 a week earlier and 149.7 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ended January 7

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,920,865 | 1,344,847 | 3,265,712 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 1,623,703 | 1,287,738 | 2,911,441 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1742579 | 1220025 | 2962604 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1472999 | 1168216 | 2641215 |
| \% change | 18.3 | 4.4 | 12.2 |
| Cars, 1977 | 29,929 | 20,648 | 50,577 |
| Cars, 1976r | 25,214 | 20,427 | 45,641 |
| \% change | 18.7 | 1.1 | 10.8 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 110,350 | 34,716 | 145,066 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 80,483 | 35,572 | 116,055 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 100108 | 31494 | 131602 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 73013 | 32270 | 105283 |
| \% change | 37.1 | -2.4 | 25.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 3,324 | 1,544 | 4,868 |
| Cars, 1976r | 2,582 | 1,503 | 4,085 |
| \% change | 28.7 | 2.7 | 19.2 |

- Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
$r$ Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended January 7, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Railways in Canada reported loadings totalling 3.3 million short tons ( 3.0 million metric tonnes) in the first week of 1977, an increase of 12.2\% over the same 1976 period. Rail freight originated east of the Lakehead, which accounted for $58.8 \%$ of the total, was up 18.3\%. In the West a 4.4\% gain in volume was recorded.

The total number of cars loaded in the current seven days showed an increase of $10.8 \%$ over the 1976 period and the average tons per car rose to 64.6 from 63.8 .

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 145,066 short tons ( 131602 metric tonnes) were $25.0 \%$ above the comparative 1976 period. Tonnages of this type of traffic were up $37.1 \%$ in the East but fell $2.4 \%$ in the West.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information.


For further information, contact Mrs. L. Bell (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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## Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for November are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication Exports by Commodities (65-004, 80\$/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L: Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada; Ottawa K1A OT6.

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Merchandising Inventories, October 1976 (63-014, 40¢/\$4)
Restaurant Statistics, November 1976 (63-011, 15\$/\$1.50)
Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, November 1976 (43-002, 15థ/\$1.50)

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, November 1976 (46-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Cement, November 1976 (44-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
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## Service Bulletin:

Frult and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 13, Pack of Processed Plums, 1976

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, November 1976 - Advance Information The preliminary value of manufacturers' shipments in November, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$8,290:8 million, 2.8\% higher than the revised October estimate of $\$ 8,063.7$ million. Durable goods industries' shipments were estimated at $\$ 3,781.7$ million, an increase of $4 \%$ from the previous month's revised estimate of $\$ 3,637.2$ million. Shipments of non-durable goods industries, estimated at $\$ 4,509.1$ million, showed an increase of $1.9 \%$ from their October level.
The value of new orders received in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at $\$ 8,360.0$ million in November. This estimate was $\$ 486.8$ million or $6.2 \%$ higher than the revised estimate of $\$ 7,873.2$ million for October. In durable goods industries, a 10.3\% increase in new orders in November to $\$ 3,822.2$ million from $\$ 3,465.7$ million in October was largely a reflection of higher-than-usual shipment levels in the motor vehicle manufacturing industries. The estimated value of new orders in non-durable goods industries of $\$ 4,537.2$ million was $2.9 \%$ higher than the revised October estimate of $\$ 4,407.5$ million. The preliminary estimate of the value of unfilled orders in all manufacturing at the end of November was $\$ 9,448.2$ million, $0.7 \%$ higher than the $\$ 9,379.0$ million estimate as revised for October. In durable goods industries, the value of the unfilled orders backlog was $0.5 \%$ higher and in non-durable goods industries it was up 2.2\%

There was a fractional decline in the value of total inventory owned, from $\$ 16,651.5$ million at the end of October to $\$ 16,628.6$ million in November, reflecting decreases in the values of raw materials and goods in process. The value of the finished products inventory on hand was estimated to be $1.3 \%$ higher at the end of November.
The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments fell from 2.06:1 to 2.01:1 and that of finished products inventory to shipments from 0.70:1 to 0.69:1
Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in November had an estimated value of $\$ 8,681.0$ million, $4.5 \%$ higher than the $\$ 8,303.6$ million estimate for October.
For further information, order the November issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, (31-001, 55థ/\$5.50), or contact H. D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.
(see tables on next page)

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, November 1976 Advance Information.
Roundwood production increased 43.2\% to 1,416,895 cunits in November from 989,418 cunits in November 1975. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased $52.6 \%$ to $2,338,319$ cunits from 1,532,555
and the closing inventory of -thèse two products decreased $8.4 \%$ to $11,661,988$. cunits from 12,726,760. Receipts of wood residue increased $55.7 \%$ to $1,023,257$ cunits from. 657,130.
For further information, order the November issue of Pulpwoöd an'd Wood Residue Statistics (25-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A:0V6.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, January 1977 Advance Informatión:"
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of January amounted to 124.8 million pounds compared with 127.4 million in December and 84.6 million a year earlier.
For further information, order the January issue of Stocks of Frozen Meat Products (32-012, 30\$/\$3), or contact C. M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Production of Honey, 1976 - Advance Information.
The estimate of the 1976 honey crop stands at 56.1 million pounds, an increase of 9.7 million pounds over the revised 1975 crop of 46.4 million pounds.
For further information, order Honey Production, 1976 (23-007, 35\$), or contact Miss K. Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada' Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Tobacco Products, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Production of cigarettes for December amounted to 4.9 billion compared to 4.5 billion for December 1975. Production of cigars was 45 million compared to 38 million for December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin (32022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Estimated Value of Shlpments, Inventories and Orders In All Manufacturing Industrles
(Based on 1973 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | Sept. 1976 | Nov. 1975 |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total Non-durable Durable | $\begin{aligned} & 8,681.0 \\ & 4,680.4 \\ & 4,000.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,303.6 \\ & 4,546.1 \\ & 3,757.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,538.9 \\ & 4,621.8 \\ & 3,917.1 \end{aligned}$ | 7,718.5 <br> 4.148.2 <br> 3,570.4 |
| New Orders: Total Non-durable Durable | $\begin{aligned} & 8,690.0 \\ & 4,688.7 \\ & 4,001.3 \end{aligned}$ | 8,155.3 4,547.4 3,608.0 | 8,452.3 <br> 4,611.8 <br> 3,840.5 | 7,701.2 <br> 4,139.2 <br> 3,562.1 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total Non-durable Durable | 9,378.2 <br> 1,291.8 <br> 8,086.4 | 9,369.2 <br> 1,283.5 <br> 8,085.7 | 9,517.4 <br> 1,282.3 <br> 8,235.2 | $\begin{array}{r} 10,298.8 \\ 1,231.5 \\ 9,067.4 \end{array}$ |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,501.6 | 16,502.6 | 16,316.0 | 15,464.2 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,414.7 | 17,393.3 | 17,210.0 | 16,272.9 |
| Raw materials | 7,277.1 | 7,307.4 | 7.180 .1 | 6,943.2 |
| Goods in process | 4.560.9 | 4,572.6 | 4,489.7 | 4,300.6 |
| Finished Products | 5,576.8 | 5,513.3 | 5,540.3 | 5,029.1 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,290.8 | 8,063.7 | 8,130.6 | 7,603.5 |
| Non-durable | 4,509.1 | 4,426.5 | 4,413.3 | 4,109.2 |
| Durable | 3,781.7 | 3,637.2 | 3,717.3 | 3,494.3 |
| New Orders: Total Non-durable | $8,360.0$ $4,537.2$ | $7,873.2$ $4,407.5$ | $8,123.2$ $4,448.2$ | 7,654.2 $4,118.2$ |
| Durable | 3,822.8 | 3,465.7 | 3,675.0 | 3,536.0 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,448.2 | 9,379.0 | 9,569.5 | 10,382.2 |
| Non-durable | 1,321.8 | 1,293.7 | 1,312.7 | 1,260.3 |
| Durable | 8,126.4 | 8,085.3 | 8,256.8 | 9,121.9 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,628.6 | 16,651.5 | 16,398.1 | 15,551.6 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,528.1 | 17,528.3 | 17,275.9 | 16,345.3 |
| Raw materials | 7,270.8 | 7.314 .8 | 7.170 .0 | 6,930.4 |
| Goods in process | 4,536.7 | 4,569.0 | 4,462.4 | 4,267.3 |
| Finished products | 5,720.6 | 5,644.5 | 5,643.5 | 5.147 .6 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 2.01 | 2.06 | 2.02 | 2.05 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.69 | 0.68 |

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ \text { 1976p } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | change | Jan.-Nov. 1976p | Jan.-Nov. 1975 | change |
| (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 60.1 | 46.1 | 30.3 | 566.7 | 658.3 | -13.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 189.7 | 175.0 | 8.4 | 1,944.7 | 1,730.0 | 12.4 |
| New Brunswick | 146.7 | 147.2 | -0.3 | 1,665.1 | 1,501.8 | 10.9 |
| Quebec | 2.271 .1 | 2,221.6 | 2.2 | 23,522.8 | 21,748.1 | 8.2 |
| Ontario | 4.508.5 | 4,212.3 | 7.0 | 46.027.0 | 40,362.7 | 14.0 |
| Manitoba | 221.9 | 216.1 | 2.6 | 2.428 .4 | 2,341.7 | 3.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 87.6 | 92.5 | -5.3 | 1,035.3 | 995.2 | 4.0 |
| Alberta | 429.3 | 425.1 | 1.0 | 4,537.7 | 4,077.5 | 11.3 |
| British Columbia | 756.6 | 757.7 | -0.1 | 7,986.4 | 6,566.3 | 21.6 |
| Canada' | 8,681.0 | 8,303.8 | 4.5 | 89,829.4 | 80,082.8 | 12.2 |

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## Trade Statement Release Dates

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August 1977
September 1977
October 1977
November 1977
December 1977

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March 25, 1977
April 29, 1977
May 27, 1977
June 24, 1977
July 22, 1977
August 26, 1977
September 23, 1977
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Consumer Price Index for Regional Cities, December 1976 (62-009, 30¢/\$3)
Estimates of Labour Income, July-September 1976 (72-005, \$1.05/\$4.20)
Imports by Commodities, October 1976 (65-007, 80c/\$8)
Indexes of̣ Real Domestic Product by Industry, October 1976 (61-005, 40\$/\$4)
Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 1, Summerfallow and Stubble, Acreage and Yield of Specified Crops, Prairie Provinces - Available January 21, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.S.T., (22-002E, $\$ 5.60$ for series of 20)

Transcontinental and Regional Air Carrier Operations, September 1976 (51-001, 40¢ $/ \$ 4$ )

Copper and Nickel Production, November 1976 (26-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
Iron Ore, November 1976 (26-005, 15\$/\$1.50)
Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, November 1976 (43-005, 15¢/\$1.50)
Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, November 1976 (43-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Specified Chemicals, November 1976 (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 32, Crude Oil Requirements, 1st Quarter 1977

Communications (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 7: No. 1, Monthly Telephone Statistics, November 1976; No. 2, Telecommunication Statistics, Third Quarter 1976

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, Decem-

 ber 1976.The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPIs show the movement of prices in each city. they do not indicate price level differences between cities: Some such intercity price comparisons are published separately. For reference see footnote to tables.
From November to December, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with the exception of Thunder Bay, where no over-all change was observed Increases ranged from $0.1 \%$ in Halifax, Edmonton and Vancouver to $0.7 \%$ in Saint John, N.B. Higher home ownership charges and increased prices for drycleaning, tobacco products and restaurant meals were largely responsible for these advances. Food at home prices generally increased, notably for coffee, chocolate bars, milk and bread. These were partially offset by price decreases for meat, poultry and fresh fruit.

## St. John's

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2\%. Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, sugar and chocolate bars; higher home ownership charges, increased prices for selected clothing items and for tobacco products.

## Halifax

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1\%; Decembe; 1975 to December 1976, up 5.2\%.
Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for clothing, dry-cleaning services and cigarettes. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices were up.

## Saint John

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.7\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.6\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh milk, pork and fresh vegetables; higher home ownership charges and electricity rates. Increases also registered for tobacco products and dry-cleaning services.

## Quebec City

All items: November to December 1976. up 0.3\%; December 1975 to December 1976; up 6.1\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, bread, soft drinks, chocolate bars and restaurant meals; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher dry-cleaning charges.
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## Montreal

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.5\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.6\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef, bread, fresh fruit, dairy products and restaurant meals; higher prices for dry-cleaning and for tobacco products.

## Ottawa

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.8\%:

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for clothing, dry-cleaning services and for tobacco products. Food at home prices declined slightly while restaurant meal prices moved up.

## Toronto

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.3\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up $5.7 \%$.

Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for footwear and tobacco products. Food at home prices declined slightly while restaurant meal prices increased.

## Thunder Bay

All items: November to December 1976, no change December 1975 to December 1976, up 5.9\%.

Main contributors: increased home ownership charges; higher prices for dry-cleaning and for tobacco products. Food at home prices were down while restaurant meal prices increased.

## Winnipeg

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.4\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2\%.

Main contributors: higher prices for restaurant meals and chocolate bars; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation. Taxi fares and prices for tobacco products were also up.

## Saskatoon

All items: November to December 1976. up 0.4\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.3\%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation: higher prices for clothing and tobacco products. Lower prices registered for beef, pork and fresh produce.

## Regina

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.2\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 7.9\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for tobacco products and dry-cleaning services. Food at home prices declined.

## Edmonton

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.6\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges: higher prices for dry-cleaning services, cigarettes and parking. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices moved up.

## Calgary

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.2\%: December 1975 to December 1976, up 6.2\%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for
tobacco products, dry-cleaning and personal care supplies. Gasoline and food at home prices declined.

## Vancouver

All items: November to December 1976, up 0.1\%; December 1975 to December 1976, up 8.6\%.

Main contributors: increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation; higher prices for dry-cleaning. Lower prices registered for food at home.
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## Coal and Coke Statistics, October 1976 - Advance

 Information.October coal production increased 4.0\% to 2,686,406 tons ( 2437067 metric tons) from 2,524,086 tons (2 289812 metric tonnes) in October 1975. Imports decreased to $1,792,128$ tons ( 1625791 metric tonnes) from 2,066,565 tens (1 874756 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,203,006 tons (1 998533 metric tonnes) of coal, up 505,281 tons ( 458383 metric tonnes), and 502,495 tons ( 455856 metric tonnes) of coke, down 8,750 tons ( 7938 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the October issue of Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Department Store Sales and Stocks, November 1976

 - Advance Information.Department store sales were $\$ 669.6$ million in November, an increase of $12.3 \%$ from $\$ 596.3$ million in November 1975. Sales rose in 38 of the 40 departments, with only millinery ( $-4.3 \%$ ) and women's and misses' coats and suits ( $-0.1 \%$ ) showing a decrease. The largest sales increases were recorded by stationery, books and magazines (22.5\%) and toys and games (19.1\%). All provinces reported increased sales over November 1975, ranging from a high of $22.7 \%$ for New Brunswick to 6.2\% for British Columbia. Increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal 10.2\%, Toronto 15.8\%, Winnipeg $13.5 \%$ and Vancouver $4.1 \%$.

The selling value of stocks held was $\$ 2,118.3$ million, an increase of $\mathbf{2 2 . 8 \%}$ over November 1975. Inventories increased in 37 departments, with only toys and games ( $-16.1 \%$ ), meals and lunches ( $-11.7 \%$ ) and stationery, books and magazines ( $-0.2 \%$ ) recording decreases. The largest increases were recorded by sporting goods and luggage ( $40.1 \%$ ) and furniture ( $36.7 \%$ ).

For further information order the November 1976 issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks (63-002, $40 \$ / \$ 4$ ), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-9969304). Merchandising and Services Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.*

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing $(1$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 71=100) \end{gathered}$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 158.4 | 181.4 | 156.0 | 130.7 | 153.1 | 159.9 | * 138.9 | 141.0 |
| November 1976 index | 157.7 | 180.2 | 155.5 | 129.9 | 153.2 | 159.4 | 138.3 | 140.5 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.4 | 0.7. | 0.3 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 8.8 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 1.7 |
| Halifax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 148.3 | 166.8 | 143.9 | 128.7 | 152.5 | 139.7 | 133.5 | 135.1 |
| November 1976 index | 148.1 | 167.2 | 143.5 | 128.0 | 152.4 | 139.9 | 133.6 | 134.0 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 6.6 |
| Saint John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 152.0 | 173.9 | 147.8 | 128.9 | 148.4 | 153.4 | 147.9 | 130.9 |
| November 1976 index | 151.0 | 171.8 | 147.0 | 128.0 | 148.1 | 153.5 | 147.9 | 129.1 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 9.4 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Quebec Clity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 148.6 | 169.5 | 142.9 | 130.3 | 149.3 | 140.8 | 138.3 | 139.6 |
| November 1976 index | 148.1 | 167.5 | 142.6 | 130.7 | 149.2 | 140.8 | 138.2 | 139.2 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 9.5 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 149.8 | 170.5 | 139.4 | 138.1 | 150.9 | 144.8 | 141.8 | 141.2 |
| November 1976 index | 149.1 | 168.5 | 138.9 | 137.6 | 150.9 | 144.4 | 141.6 | 140.8 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 9.5 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 150.0 | 161.4 | 148.6 | 143.1 | 145.3 | 146.7 | 135.2 | 140.1 |
| November 1976 index | 149.4 | 161.0 | 147.7 | 141.4 | 145.3 | 146.9 | 136.2 | 139.5 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.7 | 0.4 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.8 | -1.9 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 8.4 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 149.3 | 163.4 | 145.6 | 133.3 | 147.0 | 155.3 | 138.8 | 138.3 |
| November 1976 index | 148.8 | 163.2 | 144.7 | 132.8 | 147.0 | -154.8 | 139.1 | 137.6 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.7 | -2:8 | 9.8 | 5.2 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 4.3 | 8.6 |
| Thunder Bay. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 151.3 | 165.9 | 150.9 | 128.1 | 154.9 | 150.7 | 137.4 | 136.3 |
| November 1976 index | 151.3 | 167.6 | 150.1 | 126.9 | 154.9 | 150.1 | 137.1 | 135.8 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 5.9 | -0.8 | 9.3 | 5.6 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 8.1 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 153.5 | 168.0 | 157.6 | 134.2 | 144.9 | 154.2 | 137.2 | 139.3 |
| November 1976 index | 152.9 | 167.2 | 157.1 | 133.8 | 144.4 | 153.6 | 137.3 | 138.5 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 8.7 |
| Saskatoon** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 149.1 | 164.8 | 147.7 | 138.0 | 138.9 | 142.5 | 150.2 | 134.4 |
| November 1976 index | 148.5 | 164.8 | 147.0 | 136.8 | 138.9 | 141.7 | 149.5 | 133.3 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.3 | 1.4 | 9.7 | 7.2 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 10.3 |
| Regina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 150.3 | 160.1 | 152.3 | 135.3 | 140.7 | 149.5 | 153.7 | 137.0 |
| November 1976 index | 150.0 | 160.4 | 151.6 | 134.5 | 141.2 | 149.2 | 153.5 | 134.8 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 7.9 | 2.8 | 12.5 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 10.7 | 7.5 | 10.9 |

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 71=100 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | Health and <br> personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 151.2 | 160.8 | 156.5 | 136.2 | 150.4 | 140.1 | 139.0 | 129.9 |
| November 1976 index | 151.0 | 161.6 | 155.9 | - 135.7 | 150.0 | 140.4 | 138.6 | 129.3 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.1 | -0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 10.5 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 7.6 | 1.3 |
| Calgary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 149.9 | 158.5 | 151.7 | 139.8 | 147.8 | 144.6 | 141.2 | 131.9 |
| November 1976 index | 149.6 | 158.8 | 151.3 | 139.1 | 148.3 | 143.7 | 141.2 | 129.2 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 6.2 | -0.9 | 11.8 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 2.9 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December 1976 index | 155.2 | 172.6 | 151.6 | 138.0 | 156.0 | 150.6 | 133.4 | 137.5 |
| November 1976 index | 155.1 | 172.7 | 151.1 | 138.1 | 155.9 | 150.4 | 133.7 | 137.4 |
| \% change from November 1976 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| \% change from December 1975 | 8.6 | 1.9 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 18.6 | 9.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 |

* For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).
- These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supercede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).


## Provincial Government Finance

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Revenue } \\ 1974 / 75 \\ \text { ( } \$ \text { millions) } \end{array}$ | Change (\%) | Expenditure 1974/75 (\$ millions) | Change (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newfoundland | 700 | 24.7 | 792 | 28.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 161 | 15.2 | 166 | 19.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 904 | 16.0 | 912 | 16.1 |
| New Brunswick | 794 | 16.8 | 843 | 25.3 |
| Quebec | 8,238 | 25.7 | 7.967 | 25.6 |
| Ontario | 8,925 | 20.7 | 9,655 | 25.1 |
| Manitoba | 1,118 | 17.3 | 1,154 | 21.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,268 | 41.5 | 1,078 | 34.5 |
| Alberta | 3,223 | 62.1 | 2,363 | 35.6 |
| British Columbia | 2,930 | 24.5 | 2,913 | 37.8 |
| Yukon | 45 | 9.8 | 56 | 26.9 |
| Northwest Territories | 113 | 11.7 | 139 | 16.2 |
| Total | 28,419 | 26.6 | 28,038 | 27.2 |

Provincial Government Finance, 1974-75 - Advance Information.
The 1974-75 gross general revenue of all provinces and territories reached $\$ 28,419$ million, $26.6 \%$ more than a year earlier. Gross general expenditure was up $27.2 \%$ to $\$ 28,038$ million.

Further information, including complete provincial breakdowns of revenue and expenditure, will be contained in Provincial Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure, 1974 (68-207, \$2.10). For advance information contact G.G. Raymond (613-995-0718), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

# EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES 

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, December 1976 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.
Both exports and imports on a balance-of-payments basis reached record high levels in 1976. Exports increased $14 \%$ from $\$ 33,347$ million in 1975 to $\$ 38,019$ million in 1976 while imports recorded a lower growth rate of $8.5 \%$ from $\$ 33,986$ million to $\$ 36,887$ million. The merchandise trade deficit of $\$ 639$ million in 1975 , the first deficit since 1960, reverted to a surplus of $\$ 1.132$ million in 1976.

Following a slight decline in imports in the third quarter of 1975 , both exports and imports, seasonally adjusted, increased in successive quarters until the third quarter of 1976, when imports dipped about 1\% before recovering in the final quarter. From a high total of $\$ 9,973$ million in the third quarter, exports fell $5 \%$ in the December quarter. The peak quarterly surplus in 1976 of $\$ 793$ million was recorded in the third quarter.

## Exports by Countries (Customs Basis)

Increased exports to the United States accounted for some 84\% of the growth in Canadian exports in 1976, reflecting the strength of the economic recovery in that country. Shipments increased $19 \%$ to $\$ 25,782$ million in 1976, in contrast to a gain of only $1 \%$ in 1975. The U.S. share of Canadian exports increased to $67.8 \%$ from $65.4 \%$ in 1975.
An increase of some $\$ 1,780$ million in shipments of motor vehicles and parts accounted for $43 \%$ of the increase in exports to the U.S. Increases were $\$ 555$ million for cars, $\$ 395$ million for trucks and $\$ 830$ million for parts, on the strength of a marked recovery in new vehicle sales. The value of natural gas deliveries continued to expand, up $\$ 525$ million in 1976 , but (continued)

## Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unadjusted |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | Trade <br> Balance |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 7,748 | 8,119 | 7,874 | 7,966 | 8,445 | 8,503 | -58 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8.853 | 8,918 | 8,998 | 8.746 | 8,581 | 8,542 | 39 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 8,786 | 9,134 | 8,635 | 8,989 | 9,088 | 9.210 | -122 |
| Second Quarter | 10.098 | 10,030 | 10,151 | 9,885 | 9,502 | 9,253 | 249 |
| Third Quarter | 9,335 | 8,729 | 9,317 | 8.598 | 9.973 | 9,180 | 793 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,809 | 9.499 | 9.916 | 9.415 | 9.456 | 9,244 | 212 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 3.033 | 2,921 | 2.958 | 2,876 | 3,038 | 3,027 | 11 |
| August | 3,061 | 2,871 | 3,104 | 2,833 | 3.463 | 3,121 | 342 |
| September | 3,241 | 2,937 | 3,255 | 2,889 | 3.472 | 3,032 | 440 |
| October | 3,189 | 2,995 | 3,239 | 2,979 | 3,147 | 2,947 | 200 |
| November | 3,382 | 3,483 | 3,410 | 3,457 | 3,008 | 3,126 | -118 |
| December | 3,238 | 3,021 | 3,267 | 2,979 | 3,301 | 3,171 | 130 |

"In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).
crude oil shipments declined about $\$ 765$ million. Forest products rebounded $\$ 990$ million from the low levels of 1975 - with lumber up $\$ 465$ million, pulp up $\$ 170$ million and newsprint up $\$ 235$ million. Chemical exports gained $\$ 265$ million and those of non-ferrous metals $\$ 250$ million. Smaller but important gains occurred in exports of cattle, meat, fish, steel materials and other industrial and consumer goods.

Overseas countries contributed $16 \%$ of the 1976 increase in Canadian exports, distributed as follows: European Economic Community 7.3\%; Japan 5.5\%; other OECD countries 2.9\%; and Central and South America $3.6 \%$. Exports to overseas countries other than the above declined in 1976. The ranking of individual overseas countries as export markets was Japan, the United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, U.S.S.R., Italy, Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands and France. Due to a sharp reduction, more than $50 \%$, in wheat purchases, the People's Republic of China was not numbered among the 10 leading countries in 1976. Exports to Japan of a wide variety of commodities were higher in 1976, including wheat. barley, coal, asbestos, lumber. pulp and fertilizers. But shipments of rapeseed, zinc ores and aluminum were reduced.

## Imports by Countrles (Customs Basis)

Following an expansion of $10.3 \%$ in 1975. Canadian imports from the U.S. rose $8.9 \%$ to $\$ 25,662$ million in 1976. This change constituted over three-fourths of the total import increase of $\$ 2,756$ million. The proportion of imports originating in the U.S. rose from
$67.4 \%$ in 1974 to $68.0 \%$ and $68.6 \%$ in the following two years. A rise of one billion dollars in imports of motor vehicles and parts (vehicles $\$ 190$ million, parts $\$ 810$ million) accounted for $47 \%$ of the total increase in imports. There were increases of varying magnitude in imports of a number of other commodities: meat $\$ 100$ million; lumber and paperboard $\$ 80$ million; chemicals $\$ 200$ million; machinery $\$ 170$ million; other equipment and tools $\$ 400$ million; and other consumer goods $\$ 200$ million. Imports of aircraft, parts and assemblies declined by $\$ 250$ million and those of steel materials by $\$ 100$ million.
Imports increased from all the main overseas sources in 1976 except the European Economic Communtiy. By individual countries, the nine leading sources of imports following the U.S. were: Japan, Venezuela, the United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, Iran, Saudi Arabia, France, Italy and Australia. The ranking from fifth place down did not change from 1975, but fourth-place Venezuela became third as crude oil from this country displaced petroleum imports from the Middle East to some extent.

Following a $15.5 \%$ drop in 1975, imports from Japan rebounded $26.5 \%$ to $\$ 1,524$ million in 1976. Although a number of products contributed to this increase, it was concentrated in automobiles, television and telecom-
(continued)
munication equipment. Imports of motor vehicles and parts rose by $\$ 125$ million as did those of television and related products. Smaller increases were registered in imports of tools, equipment, photographic and other consumer goods. Imports of steel pipes, some other industrial materials and machinery were lower.

Coffee imports rose some $\$ 80$ million in 1976. The value of raw sugar imports fell by roughly $\$ 200$ million, owing largely to the sharp contraction in average prices between the two years. Crude oil imports decreased about $\$ 30$ million as the volume of western oil delivered to Montreal by pipeline increased since the startup in mid-year.

## Price and Voiume Changes

Rates of increase in the average prices of both exports and imports have declined over the past few years. Export prices rose 32.5\% in 1974, 11\% in 1975 and only $3 \%$ in 1976 ( 1976 estimated on the basis of partial data). The increases for average import prices were $23.5 \%$ in 1974, 15.5\% in 1975 and fractional in 1976. There was thus a slight improvement in Canada's terms of trade (ratio of export to import prices) in 1976. The rise in the volume of exports in this year is estimated at about 12\% and real imports grew roughly 7\%.

## Commodity Export Patterns in 1976

Natural gas and lumber shipments were stronger in the second half of 1976. Exports of wheat, petroleum products, trucks and automotive parts were weaker in the second half year, with wheat falling about a third in the final quarter from the preceding quarter. Shipments of metallic ores, pulp, newsprint, fertilizers and passenger cars were highest in the third quarter. The sharp fall in automobile exports in the OctoberDecember quarter was largely due to the strike affecting the Ford Motor Company. Crude oil deliveries to the U.S. declined in successive quarters.

The rise of $5.5 \%$ in exports in the month of December was mainly due to motor vehicles and parts. Smaller gains were recorded in exports of wheat, machinery, non-ferrous metals and fertilizers, but shipments of metallic ores, lumber and pulp declined.

## Commodity Import Patterns in 1976

Imports of industrial machinery were stronger in the first half than in the latter half of 1976. Imports in the second half of the year were higher in the cases of passenger cars, trucks, computers, telecommunication and other equipment, apparel and other consumer goods. The third was the strongest quarter for imports of trucks, automotive parts, computers and apparel. After peaking in the second quarter, imports of crude oil declined in the second half year. Imports of passenger cars were steady in the two middle quarters, but increased in the last quarter to a level of $3 \%$ above the first.

Automotive products, in particular vehicle parts, made a major contribution to the $2.5 \%$ increase in December imports. Imports of sugar and consumer goods rose moderately. There was a decline between November and December in imports of crude oil, coal, machinery and some industrial materials.
For further information on area and commodity trade, order the December issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40\$/\$4).

Particle Board, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian firms produced $51,309,000$ sq. ft. (5/8" basis) of particle board in November compared to $41,369,000$ sq. ft . in November 1975, an increase of 24\%.

For further information, order the November issue of Particle Board (36-003, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetabies, January 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on January 1 totalled 34.8 million pounds compared with 39.0 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 150.5 million pounds ( 154.3 million in 1976).

For further information, order the January 1 issue of Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables (32-010, 30\$/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | U.S.A. (\$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.K. } \\ & \text { lions) } \end{aligned}$ | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third. Quarter | 8,676.9 | 6,505.9 | 6,026.9 | 290.6 | 2,359.4 | 484.4 | 260.4 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,704.3 | 6,524.3 | 6,080.5 | 286.3 | 2,337.5 | 508.5 | 265.5. |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,295.3 | 6,981.8 | 6,336.8 | 306.3 | 2,652.2 | 509.4 | 367.6 |
| Second Quarter | 9,384.6 | 7,126.5 | 6,362.3 | 290.2 | 2,732.1 | 492.7 | 366.0 |
| Third Quarter | 9,370.5 | 6,998.7 | 6,486.5 | 256.5 | 2,627.5 | 492.4 | 383.2 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,304.4 | 6,974.4 | 6,449.3 | 299.8 | 2,555.3 | 535.0 | 401.4 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 3,099.2 | 2,327.3 | 2,102.0 | 85.3 | 911.9 | 164.5 | 128.7 |
| August | 3,162.1 | 2,328.0 | 2,209.2 | 86.6 | 866.3 | 154.7 | 123.0 |
| September | 3,109.3 | 2,343.4 | 2,175.3 | 84.7 | 849.3 | 173.2 | 131.6 |
| October | 2,929.5 | 2,246.9 | 1,983.2 | 97.8 | 848.5 | 195.3 | 128.8 |
| November | 3,148.2 | 2,371.9 | 2,176.0 | 109.6 | 862.6 | 168.3 | 135.2 |
| December | 3,226.7 | 2,355.7 | 2,290.1 | 92.4 | 844.2 | 171.4 | 137.3 |
| Percent changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December/November | 2.4 | -0.6 | 5.2 | -15.7 | -2.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| Current 3 months/ | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 |  | -2.7 | 8.6 | 4.7 |
| Previous 3 months | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 16.8 | -2.7 | 8.6 | 4.7 68.4 |
| Dec. 76/Dec. 75 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 13.9 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -2.1 | 68.4 |

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas


Table 3
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings


Table 3 (Continued)
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings


Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | Total excluding cars and wheat | U.S.A. \$ million | U.K. | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other <br> E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 8,253.0 | 6,536.3 | 6,103.5 | 5,489.4 | 450.6 | 2,313.0 | 600.9 | 564.3 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,494.9 | 6,805.7 | 6,274.6 | 5,687.1 | 356.2 | 2,451.6 | 507.4 | 547.5 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  | , |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,166.1 | 7,255.6 | 6,730.3 | 6,127.0 | 433.4 | 2,605.7 | 613.5 | 675.5 |
| Second Quarter | 9,503.7 | 7,293.5 | 6,878.6 | 6,514.0 | 481.1 | 2,508.6 | 620.1 | 566.1 |
| Third Quarter | 9,892.1 | 7,808.8 | 7,358.2 | 6,704.8 | 507.8 | 2,679.5 | 723.7 | 585.0 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,395.2 | 7,536.2 | 7,155.9 | 6,406.6 | 424.3 | 2,564:3 | 703.2 | 612.0 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 3,129.6 | 2,497.2 | 2,306.6 | 2,070.4 | 175.5 | 883.7 | 186.5 | 197.6 |
| August | 3,383.0 | 2,623.6 | 2,519.0 | 2,367.9 | 162.6 | 852.5 | 287.2 | 144.4 |
| September | 3,379.7 | 2,688.1 | 2,532.6 | 2,266.6 | 169.8 | $943: 3$ | 250.0 | 243.0 |
| October | 3,116.7 | 2,672.6 | 2,448.2 | 2,025.2 | 138.8 | 952.7 | 229.0 ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | 247.3 |
| November | 3,053.6 | 2,372.7 | 2,293.9 | 2,041.5 | 158.1 | 854.0 | 295.6 | 153.3 |
| December | 3,224.9 | 2,490.9 | 2,413.8 | 2,339.9 | 127.5 | 757.5 | 178.6 | 211.5 |
|  |  |  |  | cent chan |  |  |  |  |
| December/November | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 14.6 | -19.3 | -11.2 | -39.5 | 37.9 |
| Current 3 months/ | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previous 3 months | -5.0 | -3.4 | -2.7 | -4.4 | -16.4 | -4.2 | -2.8 | 4.6 |
| Dec. $76 / \mathrm{Dec} .75$ | 10.3 | 4.8 | 10.5 | 21.5 | -12.5 | -11.2 | -6.4 | -2.9 |

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas


Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Grouplngs.


Table 6 (Continued)
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  |  | Dec 1976 | Nov. 1976 | -to-Date |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1974 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ | Dec.-Dec. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 76:75 |  |  | 75/74 |
|  |  |  |  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |
| Live Animals |  |  | 133.3 | 120.5 | 83.3 | 67.5 | 89.9 | 83.9 | 60.0 | -7.3 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco |  |  | 4,102.6 | 3,757.9 | 4,013.5 | 3,602.5 | 3,780.5 | 3,480.2 | 2.2 | 6.1 |
| Meat and fish: |  | 715.1 | 663.9 | 576.7 | 530.8 | 524.8 | 482.9 | 24.0 | 9.8 |
| Cereals and preparations |  | 2.568 .1 | $2,358.4$ | 2.703 .9 | 2.412 .1 | 2,555.6 | 2,355.7 | -5.0 | 5.8 |
| Wheat |  | 1.705 .5 | 1,583.8 | 2.001 .2 | 1.789 .0 | 2.064 .9 | 1.909 .0 | -14.7 | -3.0 |
| Crude Materials. Inedible |  | 8,254.0 | 7,572.0 | 7,950.6 | 7,160.7 | 7.793 .2 | 7,103.2 | 3.8 | 2.0 |
| Metal ores. concentrates and scrap |  | $2,501.5$ | 2.323 .9 | 2,231.1 | $2,011.3$ | 2,375.8 | 2,196.2 | 12.1 | -6.0 |
| Crude petroleum |  | 2.288 .0 | 2,120.2 | 3,051.5 | 2.781 .2 | 3.419 .9 | 3.118 .3 | -25.0 | -10.7 |
| Natural gas |  | 1,616.5 | 1,469.5 | 1,092.2 | 959.7 | 493.6 | 430.0 | 48.0 | 121.2 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedible |  | 12,102.5 | 11,121.2 | 9,840.3 | 9,103.6 | 10,695.7 | 9,821.8 | 22.9 | -7.9 |
| Wood and paper |  | 6.408 .1 | 5,878.4 | 5,011.4 | 4.671 .2 | 5,508.8 | 5,065.0 | 27.8 | -9.0 |
| Lumber. soffwood |  | 1,605.4 | 1,465.1 | 948.6 | 870.1 | 1,254.5 | 1,184.9 | 69.2 | -24.3 |
| Woodpulp and similar pulp |  | 2,172.1 | 2,001.8 | 1,826.6 | 1,681.4 | 1,888.8 | 1,724.3 | 18.9 | -3.2 |
| Newsprint paper |  | 1,993.0 | 1,820.0 | 1,742.6 | 1,658.4 | 1,725.9 | 1,568.4 | 14.3 | 0.9 |
| Textiles |  | 99.7 | 90.6 | 99.5 | 92.4 | 136.2 | 128.4 | 0.2 | -26.9 |
| Chemicals |  | 1,359.4 | 1.252 .3 | 1,020.0 | 929.1 | 984.8 | 888.1 | 33.2 | 3.5 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materials |  | 547.2 | 507.4 | 456.3 | 418.8 | 421.2 | 376.6 | 19.9 | 8.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products |  | 557.2 | 511.5 | 638.5 | 584.5 | 611.3 | 553.4 | -12.7 | 4.4 |
| Iron and steel |  | 831.4 | 773.5 | 747.8 | 693.1 | 755.8 | 677.1 | 11.1 | -1.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals |  | 2.132 .7 | 1,964.3 | 1,715.2 | 1,570.5 | 2,004.9 | 1,864.2 | 24.3 | -14.4 |
| Copper and alloys |  | 515.9 | 478.6 | 475.0 | 436.1 | 653.8 | 621.6 | 8.6 | -27.3 |
| Nickel and"alloys : .. |  | 443.6 | 398.2 | 413.6 | 391.2 | 440.3 | 406:9 | 7.2 | -6.0 |
| End Products, Inedible |  | 12,477. 1 | 11,352.0 | 10,358.7 | 9,440.1 | 9,235.5 | 8,433.1 | 20.4 | 12.1 |
| Industrial machinery |  | 876.9 | 789.2 | 918.5 | 846.1 | 762.9 | 690.2 | -4.5 | 20.3 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors |  | 538.3 | 489.3 | 541.5 | 497.8 | 398.5 | 360.2 | -0.5 | 35.8 |
| Transportation equipment |  | 8,871.1 | 8,080.4 | 7,083.3 | 6,428.4 | 6,333.0 | 5,795.0 | 25.2 | 11.8 |
| Passenger automobiles and chassis |  | 3,629.2 | 3.301 .7 | 3,014.3 | 2,755.0 | $2,731.4$ | 2,484.8 | 20.4 | 10.3 |
| Trucks. truck tractors and chassis |  | 1.395 .2 | 1,268.6 | 1,056.1 | 958.6 | 895.5 | 804.8 | 32.1 | 17.9 |
| Other motor vehicles |  | 160.2 | 148.7 | 144.3 | 135.0 | 114.9 | 102.9 | 11.0 | 25.5 |
| Motor vehicle engines and parts |  | 774.8 | 690.4 | 518.3 | 475.0 1.481 .8 | - 4608 | 431.9 1.407 .8 | 49.4 | 12.4 |
| Motor vehicle parts. except engines | $\cdots$ | 2,181.9 | 1,998.3 | 1,616.4 | 1,481.8 | 1,514.0 | 1,407.8 | 34.9 | 6.7 |
| Other equipment and tools |  | 825.6 | 743.0 | 742.2 | 678.2 | 662.4 | 599.6 | 11.2 | 12.0 |
| Special Transactions, Trade |  | 143.4 | 129.6 | 78.7 | 69.9 | 79.6 | 71.5 | 82.0 | -1.0 |
| Total |  | 37,212.9 | 34,053.1 | 32,325.1 | 29,444.3 | 31,674.5 | 28,993.7 | 15.1 | 2.0 |



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Real Domestlc Product, November 1976 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product advanced $0.4 \%$ to 124.3 in November from 123.8 in October. The index of industrial production increased $0.8 \%$ in November.

Goods-producing industries rose 0.3\% in November due almost entirely to a $1.0 \%$ increase in manufacturing industries. Forestry, mining and utilities were virtually unchanged from October. Decreases were recorded in construction, agriculture and fishing and trapping. Within manufacturing, durables manufacturing increased $2.8 \%$ as a result of a significant increase in output of transportation equipment, following resumption of production by one of the major manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts. Producers of non-metallic mineral products also recorded significant gains in November. Primary metals declined mainly because of further strikes in the smelting and refining industry. In non-durables manufacturing, decreases were recorded in food and beverages, rubber and plastic products, leather industries, pulp and paper manufacturers and chemical and chemical products manufacturers.

Service-producing industries advanced $0.4 \%$ in November, the sixth consecutive monthly increase. Increases were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, trade, finance, insurance and real estate and community, business and personal services. The most significant increase was in community, business and personal services, up $0.5 \%$ in November. In transportation, storage and communication, pipeline transport recorded the largest increase due to higher deliveries of crude petroleum to Montreal. In trade, both retail and wholesale trade advanced slightly, although within retail trade department stores and motor vehicle dealers declined. Public administration and defence remained relatively unchanged.
For further information, order the November issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)(61-005, $40 \Phi / \$ 4$ ), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to November were valued at $\$ 1,238.9$ million, an increase of $19.3 \%$ above the 1975 figure of $\$ 1,038.1$ million. Repair parts for the same period had a value of $\$ 146.7$ million.

For further information, order the November issue of Farm Implements and Equipment Sales (63-009, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Stoves and Ranges, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in November increased 24.9\% to 41,972 units from 33,614 units in November 1975. Closing inventory of these products increased 58.9\% to 82,415 units from 51,858 .

For further information, order the November issue of Stoves and Furnaces (41-005, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, October 1976 Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced 918.7 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in October compared to 601.3 million in October 1975. January to October production increased to $8,792.3$ million feet board measure from 6,087.7 million feet board measure for the same period in 1975.

For further information, order the October issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia (35-003, 304/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Indexes of Real Domestic Product
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | 1976 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. |  |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 124.2 | 124.0 | 123.8 | 124.3 | 0.4 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 97.8 | 96.2 | 94.2 | 93.0 | -1.3 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 116.4 | 122.6 | 112.5 | 113.2 | 0.6 |
| Fishing and Trapping | . 181 | 88.1 | 86.3 | 89.3 | 81.9 | -8.3 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 109.7 | 110.8 | 112.5 | 112.6 | 0.1 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 120.7 | 119.8 | 117.1 | 118.3 | 1.0 |
| Construction industry | 6.990 | 122.9 | 116.0 | 122.3 | 121.6 | -0.6 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 132.6 | 132.7 | 130.9 | 131.5 | 0.5 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 124.3 | 123.8 | 121.3 | 121.7 | 0.3 |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| air transport | . 679 | 171.5 | 174.3 | 169.8 | 171.7 | 1.1 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 123.9 | 122.9 | 114.8 | 113.8 | -0.9 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 133.2 | 133.4 | 130.0 | 126.1 | -3.0 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 125.4 | 122.2 | 119.0 | 115.7 | -2.8 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 123.5 | 116.9 | 125.4 . | 134.3 | 7.1 |
| Storage | . 258 | 100.5 | 103.4 | 96.6 | 98.5 | 2.0 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 96.8 | 101.4 | 89.8 | 93.2 | 3.8 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 151.7 | 152.9 | 152.9 | 153.8 | 0.6 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 132.4 | 132.8 | 133.5 | 133.4 | -0.1 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 133.1 | 133.4 | 133.8 | 134.2 | 0.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 124.2 | +25.8 | 124.0 | 124.5 | 0.4 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 125.6 | 127.3 | 125.8 | 125.7 | -0.1 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 139.0 | 138.4 | 140.2 | 140.6 | 0.3 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 116.1 | 117.8 | 118.5 | 119.4 | 0.8 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 141.3 | 143.3 | 143.9 | 142.5 | -1.0 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 162.3 | 164.8 | 164.3 | 162.6 | -1.0 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 110.6 | 111.8 | 114.1 | 113.1 | -0.9 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 162.1 | 152.8 | 155.8 | 154.0 | -1.2 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 128.4 | 132.6 | 133.4 | 131.9 | -1.1 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 128.4 | 124.4 | 121.7 | 121.3 | -0.3 |
| Furniture, television, radio and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | . 177 | 153.1 | 144.5 | 141.7 | 150.7 | 6.4 |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 173.9 | 169.8 | 163.4 | 172.0 | 5.3 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 128.6 | 129.4 | 130.5 | 131.0 | 0.4 |
| Community, business and personal service industrles | 19.359 | 124.1 | 125.0 | 125.6 | 126.3 | 0.6 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 112.8 | 113.5 | 114.0 | 114.8 | 0.7 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 128.8 | 129.4 | 129.8 | 130.5 | 0.5 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 156.2 | 151.5 | 151.5 | 149.6 | -1.3 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 132.8 | 133.4 | 133.5 | 133.6 | 0.1 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 106.4 | 106.8 | - 106.6 | 106.8. | 0.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 134.5 | 137.1 | 138.9 | 140.6 | 1.2 |
| Public adminisiration and defence | 7.388 | 123.6 | 124.5 | 124.3 | 124.2 | -0.1 |
| Special groupings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 120.4 | 119.9 | 118.1 | 119.0 | 0.8 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 125.1 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 125.4 | 0.4 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 118.7 | 117.2 | 1.16 .6 | 117.0 | 0.3 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 120.6 | 119.1 | 118.6 | 119.2 | 0.5 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 128.0 | 128.6 | 128.8 | 129.3 | 0.4 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 125.8 | 125.4 | 125.2 | 125.7 | 0.4 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 127.0 | 126.6 | 126.5 | 127.1 | 0.5 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 117.2 | 117.9 | 118.0 | 118.4 | 0.3 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 118.8 | 117.8 | 118.2 | 117.4 | -0.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.6 | 121.8 | 116.0 | 119.3 | 2.8 |

Estimates of Values in Current and Constant (1961)
Prices and Implicit Price Indexes for Selected Manufacturing Industries, S.I.C. 5

|  | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value in Current Prices |  |  | $\because$. |  |  |  |
| 1 Gross output (\$ millions) | 26,467.7 | 29,111.0 | 31,462.4 | 34,882.2 | 38,551.1 | 42,691.6 |
| 2 Index (1961=100) | 100.0 | 110.0 | 118.9 | 131.8 | 145.7 | 161.3 |
| 3 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions) | 17,506.4 | 19,287.7 | 20,910.8 | 23,174.0 | 25,604.0 | 28,630.0 |
| 4 Index | 100.0 | 110.2 | 119.4 | 132.4 | 146.3 | 163.5 |
| 5 Value added (\$ millions) | 8,961.3 | 9,823.3 | 10,551.6 | 11,708.2 | 12,947.1 | 14,061.6 |
| 6 Index | 100.0 | 109.6 | 117.7 | 130.7 | 144.5 | 156.9 |
| 7 Ratio line 3/line 1 | . 661 | . 663 | . 665 | . 664 | . 664 | . 671 |
| Value in Constant (1961) Prices |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 Gross output (\$ millions) | 26,467.7 | 28,882.1 | 30,896.3 | 33,912.0 | 37,021.1 | 40,083.9 |
| 9 Index | 100.0 | 109.1 | . 116.7 | 128.1 | 139.9 | 151.4 |
| 10 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions) | 17,506.4 | 19,102.3 | 20,452.6 | 22,478.8 | 24,545.3 | 26,661.6 |
| 11 Index | 100.0 | 109.1 | 116.8 | 128.4 | 140.2 | 152.3 |
| 12 Value added (\$ millions) | 8,961.3 | 9,779.8 | 10,443.7 | 11,433.2 | 12,475.8 | 13,422.3 |
| 13 Index | 100.0 | 109.1 | 116.5 | 127.6 | 139.2 | 149.8 |
| 14 Ratio line 10/line 8 | . 661 | .661 | . 662 | . 663 | . 663 | . 665 |
| Implicit Price Indexes (1961=100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 Gross output | 100.0 | 100.8 | 101.8 | 102.9 | 104.1 | 106.5 |
| 16 Intermediate inputs | 100.0 | 101.0 | 102.2 | 103.1 | 104.3 | 107.4 |
| 17 Value added | 100.0 | 100.4 | 101.0 | 102.4 | 103.8 | 104.8 |


|  | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value in Current Prices |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Gross output (\$ millions) | 44,898.3 | 48,560.6 | 53,343.0 | 53,933.5 | 58,651.8 |
| 2 Index ( $1961=100$ ) | 169.6 | 183.5 | 201.5 | 203.8 | 221.6 |
| 3 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions) | 30,190.3 | 32,651.2 | 35,909.4 | 36,482.3 | 39,623.2 |
| 4 Index | 172.5 | 186.5 | 205.1 | 208.4 | 226.3 |
| 5 Value added (\$ millions) | 14,708.0 | 15,909.4 | 17,433.6 | 17,451.2 | 19,028.6 |
| 6 Index | 164.1 | 177.5 | 194.5 | 194.7 | 212.3 |
| 7 Ratio line 3/line 1 | . 672 | . 672 | . 673 | . 676 | . 676 |
| Value in Constant (1961) Prices |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 Gross output (\$ millions) | 41,442.3 | 44,158.2 | 47,326.9 | 46,959.7 | 50,089.8 |
| 9 Index | 156.6 | 166.8 | 178.8 | 177.4 | 189.2 |
| 10 Intermediate inputs (\$ millions) | 27,626.3 | 29.496 .0 | 31,562.1 | 31,404.4 | 33,632.0 |
| 11 Index | 157.8 | 168.5 | 180.3 | 179.4 | 192.1 |
| 12 Value added (\$ millions) | 13,816.0 | 14,662.2 | 15,764.8 | 15,555.3 | 16,457.8 |
| 13 Index | 154.2 | 163.6 | 175.9 | 173.6 | 183.7 |
| 14 Ratio line 10/line 8 | . 667 | . 668 | . 667 | . 669 | . 671 |
| Implicit Price Indexes (1961=100) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 Gross output | 108.3 | 110.0 | 112.7 | 114.9 | 117.1 |
| 16 Intermediate inputs | 109.3 | 110.7 | 113.8 | 116.2 | 117.8 |
| 17 Value added | 106.5 | 108.5 | 110.6 | 112.2 | 115.6 |

Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 Advance Information.
As part of the forthcoming publication Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 (1961=100) (61-516) containing revisions to the RDP measures for the period 1961 to 1971, annual estimates of gross outputs, intermediate inputs and value added in current and constant (1961) prices have been prepared. These data are available for total manufacturing, all major groups and selected manufacturing industries. The accompanying table presents the data for total manufacturing, non-durables and durables.

For additional information with respect to the selected manufacturing data, contact Mrs. M. Galea (613-995-0581), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.


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Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the fourth quarter of 1976 show a drop in the average number of vacant jobs from the third quarter. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs decreased from 62,300 to 41,700, a decline of $33 \%$. The number of vacancies was $18 \%$ lower than in the fourth quarter of 1975.
The number of vacancies for full-time jobs fell $32 \%$ to 37,100 from the previous quarter, and the number of longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased $29 \%$ to 14,500 .

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest quarter, five were vacant, a decrease of two from the third quarter. A year earlier, the comparable rate was six per 1,000.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (13 per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (eight per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate (two per 1,000) occurred in Nova Scotia.
Compared with the previous quarter, the largest vacancy rate decreases were observed in Manitoba, down to four from 10, and Alberta, down to 13 from 17. Compared with the fourth quarter 1975, most of the provinces showed decreases in vacancy rates. The largest decrease was in Saskatchewan, down to eight from 13 per 1,000. The only increase was in Alberta, up to 13 from 12 per 1,000 .

## Vacancy Rates for Part- and Full-time Jobs Canada, Regions and Provinces

$\left.\begin{array}{lrrr}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { 4th Q. } \\ \text { 1976p }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { 3rd Q. } \\ 1976\end{array} & .\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { 4th Q. } \\ \text { Rates per thousand } \\ \text { existing jobs }\end{array}\right]$
p Preliminary estimates.
For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
declined by $0.4 \%$ and $1.4 \%$ respectively.
Passenger-miles at 117.1 million were $11.3 \%$ above the 1975 level with commuter services accounting for a, 14.7\% increase. Intercity rail passenger-miles were up $11.0 \%$ to 106.7 million.
In the January-November 1976 period; railway operating revenues advanced $11.3 \%$ from the 1975 figure of $\$ 2,509.5$ million. Operating expenses rose $9.6 \%$ from $\$ 2,455.8$ million and net income from operations was $88.1 \%$ higher, up from $\$ 53.7$ million. In the 11 months the net operating income of Canadian National was $\$ 15.3$ million, up from $\$ 878,699$ in 1975. Canadian Pacific reported $\$ 10.4$ million as opposed to $\$ 10.0$ million a year earlier.

Revenue ton-miles generated in the cumulative period were up $1.2 \%$ for all roads, while passengermiles declined by a similar percentage margin.

For further information, order the November issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications División, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, October $1976,-$ Advance Information.
Advance information: on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned.fruits and vegetables for the month of October is now available.
For further information; order the October issue of Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables (32-011, 30\$/\$3); or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 22, 1977:- Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 22 was 281;103 short toris - 255012 t (metric tonnes) - a decrease of $0.7 \%$ from the preceding week's total 'of 283;202 short tons:-'256:917 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 261,448 tons - 237 . 182.t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of $183 ; 227$ short tons $-166: 221$ t (metric tonnes) - equalling 100 was 153.4 in the current week, 154.6 a week earlier and 142.7 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Railway Operating Statistics, November 1976 Advance Information.
Six major railways in Canada reported a combined net operating income of $\$ 25.6$ million in November, up from $\$ 9.8$ million in November 1975. Total operating revenues increased $15.0 \%$ to $\$ 277.2$ million while operating expenses were $\$ 251.6$ million, an $8.8 \%$ increase.

Freight ton-miles aggregated $11,698.2$ million in the month, a gain of $2.5 \%$ over November 1975. Freight train-miles and freight car-miles, on the other hand,

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Saies Financing, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 223.7$ millions of retail finance paper in November, an increase of 2.2\% compared with the $\$ 219.0$ million purchased in November 1975.

Total purchases in the latest month comprised $\$ 55.4$ miltion for passenger cars, $\$ 33.2$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 81.2$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 54.0$ million for other commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the third quarter amounted to $\$ 1,309.1$ million, an decrease of $21.0 \%$ over the $\$ 1,656.1$ million financed during the third quarter of 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Sales Financing (63-013, 30థ/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.
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Fish Freezings and Stocks, October 1976 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)
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Breweries, November 1976 (32-019, 15\$/\$1.50)
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## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  | Nov. 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. <br> 1975 | To Date |  | \% Change From |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1976 | 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 11 Months $1976 / 75$ |
| Benefit Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross amount (\$000) | 261,116 | 207,056 | 209,853 | 3,089,387 | 2,877,447 | 26 | 24 | 7 |
| Net amount(1) (\$000) | 259,450 | 205,288 | 209,183 | 3,071,399 | 2,863,631r | 26 | 24 | 7 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 2,735 | 2,190 | 2,384 | 33,403 | 34,160 | 25 | 15 | -2 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 95.47 | 94.56 | 88.01 | 92.49 | 84.23 | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| Claims received (000) | 292 | 226 | 259 | 2,374 | 2,522 | 29 | 13 | -6 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 602p | 555p | 639 | 683(3)p |  | 8 | -6 | . |
| Claimants (2) at month end (000) | 956 | 875 | 925 | 1,000(3) | 1,047(3) | 9 | 3 | -4 |

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
(2) These figures are overstated in terms of active files. If claimants do not report that they became re-employed, a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before their claims are transferred to the inactive file.
(3) Monthly average.
p Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised

- Amount too small to be expressed
.. Figures not available
.. Figures not appropriate or not applicable.
Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.
For further information, order the November issue of Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 404/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.


## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, Novem-

 ber 1976 - Advance Information.The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in November rose to 602,000, up 8\% from the previous month but $6 \%$ fewer than in November 1975.

The net amount of unemployment insurance benefit paid to claimants in November totalled $\$ 259$ million, up $26 \%$ from the previous month and $24 \%$ from November 1975. The average weekly benefit reached $\$ 95.47$ in November, 8\% more than a year earlier. Net payments in the first 11 months of 1976 were $\$ 3,071$ million compared with $\$ 2,864$ million in the same period of 1975, an increase of $7 \%$.

Claims filed by persons seeking benefit numbered 292,000, 29\% more than in October and 13\% greater than in November 1975. Claims received for the first 11 months were $2,374,000$, down $6 \%$ from a year earlier.

Pack, Shlpments and Stocks of Selected Canned Frults and Vegetables, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned fruits and vegetables for November is now available.

For further information, order the November issue of Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables (32-011, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Jan. 21/77 <br> This week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. 14/77 } \\ & \text { Week ago } \end{aligned}$ | Dec. 23/76 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 99.6 | 100.2 | 98.2 |
| Industrials | 85 | 99.0 | 99.9 | 97.6 |
| Foods |  | 84.2 | 83.8 | 81.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 77.7 | 78.6 | 76.2 |
| Textlies and clothing | 3 | 113.0 | 110.6 | 113.1 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 131.7 | 132.1 | 131.1 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 103.2 | 106.2 | 104.9 |
| Primary metals |  | 104.4 | 105.2 | 102.8 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 90.7 | 90.8 | 87.2 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 178.1 | 181.7 | 185.8 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 84.2 | 84.9 | 83.8 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 92.5 | 93.8 | 92.0 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 108.1 | 111.6 | 103.2 |
| Construction | 5 | 212.5 | 214.2 | 207.9 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.8 | 81.8 | 80.0 |
| Utillites and services | 28 | 92.4 | 92.8 | 91.2 |
| Transportation | 6 | 119.1 | 121.1 | 118.9 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 80.8 | 80.9 | 80.2 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 101.1 | 99.4 | 96.6 |
| Telephone | 4 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 93.8 |
| Electric power | 3 | 119.4 | 120.6 | 121.1 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 71.5 | 71.6 | 69.8 |
| Finances | 21 | 113.8 | 112.9 | 111.7 |
| Banks | 8 | 117.7 | 117.0 | 116.7 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 104.9 | 104.5 | 100.9 |
| Insurance | 4 | 97.8 | 96.9 | 94.4 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 98.3 |
| Golds | 9 | 176.4 | 175.9 | 177.3 |
| Base metals | 8 | 63.2 | 63.3 | 60.4 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 189.8 | 193.3 | 192.2 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 106.6 | 104.2 | 102.5 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## New Housing Price Indexes

October 1976 - December 1976 - Advance Information
(1971=100)


For further information, order Construction Price Statistics Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

## Railway Carloadings

7-day period ending January 14

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,993,899 | 1,894,855 | 3,888,754 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 1,892,208 | 1,779,068 | 3,671,276 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1808835 | 1718984 | 3527819 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1716582 | 1613943 | 3330525 |
| \% change | 5.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Cars, 1977 | 32,239 | 29,493 | 61,732 |
| Cars, 1976r | 32,475 | 28,945 | 61,420 |
| \% change | -0.7 | 1.9 | 0.5 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 119,356 | 52,850 | 172,206 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 124,944 | 50,128 | 175,072 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 108278 | 47945 | 156223 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 113347 | 45475 | 158822 |
| \% change | -4.5 | 5.4 | -1.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 3,577 | 2,292 | 5,869 |
| Cars, 1976r | 4,019 | 2,084 | 6,103 |
| \% change | -11.0 | 10.0 | -3.8 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload trafflc: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 3,914,764 | 3,239,702 | 7,154,466 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 3,515,911 | 3,066,806 | 6,582,717 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 3551414 | 2939008 | 6490422 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 3189581 | 2782160 | 5971741 |
| \% change | 11.3 | - 5.6 | 8.7 |
| Cars, 1977 | 62,168 | 50,141 | 112,309 |
| Cars, 1976r | 57,689 | 49,372 | 107,061 |
| \% change | 7.8 | 1.6 | 4.9 |
| Piggyback trafflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 229,706 | 87,566 | 317,272 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 205,427 | 85,700 | 291,127 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 208386 | 79439 | 287825 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 186360 | 77746 | 264106 |
| \% change | 11.8 | 2.2 | 9.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 6,901 | 3,836 | 10,737 |
| Cars, 1976r | 6,601 | 3,587 | 10,188 |
| \% change | 4.5 | 6.9 | 5.4 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
rRevised figures.

Raliway Carioadings, 7 Days Ended January 14, 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Railways in Canada reported loadings of 3.9 million short tons ( 3.5 million metric tonnes) in the period, an increase of $5.9 \%$ over the second week of 1976. The volume of goods originated east and west of the Lakehead rose. $5.4 \%$ and $6.5 \%$, respectively. The number of cars required to haul this freight totalled 61,732, a gain of $0.5 \%$ over the previous year.

Trailer-container movements in the current seven days, while registering a $5.4 \%$ increase in the West, declined $4.5 \%$ in the East and showed a net decrease of $1.6 \%$ for Canada as a whole.
In the first two weeks of January the volume of rail carload traffic loaded was $8.7 \%$ above the 1976 level and piggyback shipments were up 9.0\%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A OT6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on hand of Sawmills East of the Rockles, October 1976 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in October to 428,762,000 feet board measure from $348,939,000$ feet board measure in October 1975.

Stocks on hand at the end of October totalled 896,638,000 feet board measure.
For further information, order the October issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies (35-002, 15\$/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Residential Buliding Construction Input Price Indexes
December 1976 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Dec. $/ 76$ <br> Nov./76 | Dec. $/ 76$ <br> Dec./75 |
| Canada, Total | 166.6 | 165.7 | 152.3 | 0.5 | 9.4 |
| Materials | 156.8 | 156.2 | 146.4 | 0.3 | 7.1 |
| Labour | 184.1 | 182.7 | 162.9 | 0.8 | 13.0 |
| Atlantic Provinces, Total | 177.1 | 176.0 | 159.9 | 0.6 | 10.8 |
| Materials | 159.8 | 159.3 | 148.3 | 0.3 | 7.8 |
| Labour | 207.0 | 205.1 | 180.1 | 0.9 | 14.9 |
| Quebec, Total | 167.3 | 165.9 | 155.1 | 0.9 | 7.9 |
| Materials | 161.4 | 161.3 | 151.2 | 0.1 | 6.7 |
| Labour | 178.5 | 174.4 | 162.6 | 2.3 | 9.8 |
| Ontario, Total | 162.5 | 162.2 | 149.4 | 0.2 | 8.8 |
| Materials | 153.5 | 153.2 | 145.5 | 0.2 | 5.5 |
| Labour | 177.8 | 177.5 | 155.9 | 0.2 | 14.0 |
| Pralrie Provinces, Total | 174.5 | 173.8 | 156.4 | 0.4 | 11.6 |
| Materials | 158.3 | 157.4 | 144.1 | 0.6 | 9.9 |
| Labour | 205.9 | 205.7 | 180.2 | 0.1 | 14.3 |
| British Columbla, Total | 164.9 | 162.8 | 149.2 | 1.3 | 10.5 |
| Materials | 157.1 | 155.2 | 143.1 | 1.2 | 9.8 |
| Labour | 178.8 | 176.2 | 160.1 | 1.4 | 11.7 |

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

VInyl-asbestos Floor Tlle, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 3,291 short tons 3066 t (metric tonnes) - or 6,725,800 square feet 624847 m 2 (square metres) - of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in December compared to 4,642 short tons 4211 t (metric tonnes) - or $9,605,157$ square feet 892348 m2 (square metres) - in December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin (47-001, $\$ 1.40$ a year) or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Precast Concrete Price Indexes, January 1977 Advance Information.
Price indexes for architectural and structural precast concrete in place are now available for the first time. The figures show a decrease of $0.1 \%$ at the Canada level from the second half of 1975 to the first half of 1976. This compares with an increase of $8.2 \%$ in the same period a year earlier.

For further information, order the January issue of Construction Price Statistics (62-007, \$4 a year), or contact Mr. D.S. Seymour (613-994-5833), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

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## Psychlatric Inpatient Movement, by Province and Sex, 1976



Psychiatric Inpatient Movement, by Type of Institution and Sex; 1976

| Province |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { On books } \\ & \text { January 1st } \\ & M \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{\mathrm{M}}^{\text {Admissions }} \mathrm{F}$ |  | $\underset{M}{\text { Separations }} \mathrm{F}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { On books } \\ & \text { December } 31 \\ & \mathrm{M} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public mental hospital | 43 | 13,479 | 10,024 | 19,633 | 13,002 | 20,624 | 13,675 | 12,488 | 9,351 |
| Institution for the mentally retarded | 91 | 11,373 | 8,559 | 2,435 | 1,597 | 2,880 | 2,134 | 10,928 | 8,022 |
| Public psychiatric unit | 137 | 1,603 | 2,250 | -25,799 | 38,596 | 25,679 | 38,617 | 1,723 | 2,229 |
| Federal psychiatric unit | 7 | 786 | 15 | 898 | 70 | 915 | 73 | 769 | 12 |
| Psychiatric hospital | 13 | 794 | 758 | 6,605 | 6,534 | 6,631 | 6,574 | 768 | 718 |
| Aged and senile home | 5 | 520 | 480 | 134 | 89 | 140 | 80 | 514 | 489 |
| Hospital for addicts | 19 | 376 | 59 | 7,114 | 1,330 | 7,185 | 1,330 | 305 | 59 |
| Treatment centre for emotionally Disturbed children | 60 | 1,314 | 673 | 1,558 | 904 | -1,518 | 949 | 1,354 | 628 |
| Epilepsy hospital | 2 | 131 | 62 | 129 | 102 | 119 | 103 | 141 | 61 |
| All Institutions | 377 | 30,376 | 22,880 | 64,305 | 62,224 | 65,691 | 63,535 | 28,990 | 21,569 |

For further information, contact the Mental Health Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6

## Mental Health Statistics, Patient Movement, 1976 -

 Advance Information.Psychiatric inpatient facilities reported 126,529 admissions in 1976, a 4\% decrease from 1975. Separations decreased by $4 \%$ to 129,226 .

The year-end census of patients on books stood at 50,559 , a decrease of $5 \%$ from the previous year. Males accounted for $51 \%$ of admissions and $57 \%$ of patients on books.

For further information, contact the Mental Health Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Railway Carloadings, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Freight loaded on lines in Canada totalled 17.9 million tons in December, an increase of $5.0 \%$ over the same 1975 month. Traffic received from United States connections was $1.1 \%$ higher at 1.8 million tons.
On a commodity basis, December loadings of pulpwood, pulpwood chips, newsprint and lumber were significantly above 1975 levels. This was primarily due to reduced shipments of these commodities in December 1975 resulting from labour problems in the forest products industry. Trailer-on-flat-car movements in the current period rose $87.1 \%$, gypsum was up $31.3 \%$, coal increased $14.9 \%$, and iron ore showed a gain of $7.0 \%$. Shipments of wheat declined 21.2\% and other grains dropped 40.6\%.
During 1976 all rail traffic carried, including domestic loadings and receipts from U.S. connections, was up 5.2\% over 1975 to 264.7 million tons. Notably higher in the cumulative period were carryings of forest products, container freight, iron ore and alumina.
For further information, order the December issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 30¢/\$3), or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Electric Power Statistics, November 1976 - Advance Information
In November net generation increased to 26.1 TW.h from 22.9 TW.h in November 1975. Hydro generation increased $4.7 \%$ while thermal production increased 40.1\%.

For further information, order the November issue of Electric Power Statistics (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Federal Government Employment In Metropolitan Areas, September 1976 - Advance Information.
General government employees of the federal government numbered 265,023 in Canadian metropolitan areas in September with a regular monthly payroll of $\$ 297,939,000$. The data include, for the first time, members of the Canadian Armed Forces totalling 34,952 with salaries of $\$ 45,885,000$.
Details of this employment by sex, occupational category and department are available. Direct information requests to Federal Government Section (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.


Import and Export Price and Volume index Price Indexes Welghted with Current Period Quantities Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation (1971=100)

|  | imports | Exports |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1976 |  |  |
| September | 154.2 | 174.7 |
| October | 156.0 | 179.1 |
| November | 157.2 | 176.1 |
| Change from same period 12 months earlier(1) | \% | \% |
| 1976 |  |  |
| June | 0.4 | 2.8 |
| July | -0.1 | 2.9 |
| August | 0.2 | 2.8 |
| September | -0.7 | 2.1 |
| October | -1.0 | 1.5 |
| November | 0.6 | 0.8 |

Voiume indexes Weighted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1976 |  |  |
| September | 155.7 | 132.0 |
| October | 140.2 | 112.5 |
| November | 153.4 | 114.5 |
| Change from same period 12 months earlier(1) | \% | \% |
| 1976 |  |  |
| June | 7.4 | 12.2 |
| July | 8.3 | 12.8 |
| August | 7.8 | 17.5 |
| September | 9.1 | 18.9 |
| October | 5.4 | 17.6 |
| November | 4.8 | 12.5 |

[^5]Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Both export and import price levels were unchanged in November compared with earlier months of 1976, and both were just under $1 \%$ higher than the 1975 period.
Export volume at 114.5 was about the same as October, though the latest two months were below the
third-quarter index level of 126.1. Import volume recovered in November following a decline in October. For further information, order the December issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40¢/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Production, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 89,588 units in December compared to 82,042 units in December 1975. Total 1976 production was $1,137,313$ units compared to $1,044,822$ units in 197,5...

All commercial vêhicles totalled 41:522 units compared to 32,505. Total 1976 production was 502,799 units compared to 379,184 .

For further information, order the December issue of Motor Vehicle: Shipments (42-002; $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manứfacturing and Primaiky Industries Division, Sțatistics, Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6

The Dairy Review, December 1976 - Advance Information.
An estimated $1,095,016,000$ pounds of milk was produced for all purposes in November, 11.2\% less than November 1975. This brought the total estimate of production during the first 11 months of the year to $15,812,287,000$ pounds, up $0.1 \%$ from the JanuaryNovember period a year earlier.

For further information, order the December issue of The Dairy Review (23-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Papermakers and Other Felts, Fourth Quarter 1976 Advance Information.
For 1976, the data on papermakers wet felts was suppressed due to confidentiality.

Details on dryer felts and fabrics and forming fabrics are available by ordering Miscellaneous Industries Service Bulletin (47-003, \$1.40 a year), or contacting Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Retall Chain Stores, 1975 - Advance Information.
Anṇual sales by chain organizations in Canada, * unadjusted for price changes, reached $\$ 15,867$ million in 1975, an increase of $16.1 \%$ over the 1974 figure of $\$ 13,672$ million. Results of the annual survey of chain organizations indicate that the number of such organizations in Canada decreased from 874 in 1974 to 853 in 1975 while the maximum number of chain outlets in operation increased by 1,120 to a total of 20,815.

The report Retail Chain Stores, 1975 (63-210, \$1.05), will be published later this year. However, detailed information on sales by chain organizations, including data by various kinds of business for the provinces and selected cities, are now available and may be obtained by contacting the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped $1,166,933,000$ square feet of corrugated boxes and wrappers in December, a decrease of $5.5 \%$ from 1,235,349,000 square feet in December 1975.

Shipments for all 1976 totalled 17,026,723,000 square feet compared to $15,475,845,000$ square feet in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-9922371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data
November 1976

| Industry Division and Area | Employment Index Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
| .. . | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{r} \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1975 1961 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct. } \\ 1975 \\ =100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 19760 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 19767. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 82.1 | 87.6 | 95.8 | 98.6 | 66.6 | 79.5 | 77.4 | 76.7 | 83.4 | 83.0 |
| Mining | 119.4 | 120.1 | 120.1 | 123.1 | 116.3 | 113.3 | 119.2 | 120.6 | 120.7 | 120.8 |
| Manufacturing | 127.5 | 128.4 | 129.1 | 131.1 | 125.8 | 127.0 | 127.1 | 126.5 | 127.1 | 128.7 |
| Durables | 140.9 | 140.3 | 138.9 | 141.3 | 141.1 | 141.2 | 139.6 | 138.0 | 137.4 | 140.5 |
| Non-durables | 116.7 | 118.9 | 121.3 | 122.8 | 113.5 | 115.5 | 116.8 | 117.5 | 118.5 | 119.4 |
| Construction | 116.3 | 121.1 | 115.2 | 123.3 | 122.9 | 130.7 | 111.6 | 108.9 | 101.9 | 108.8 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 130.4 | 130.9 | 131.9 | 132.8 | 116.3 | 118.2 | 130.1 | 129.6 | 130.1 | 131.0 |
| Trade | 178.6 | 175.8 | 171.2 | 168.1 | 175.4 | 173.3 | 171.9 | 172.1 | 171.1 | 172.3 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 187.9 | 187.4 | 186.8 | 185.5 | 177.5 | 177.1 | 188.0 | 187.5 | 187.2 | 184.7 |
| Service | 241.7 | 245.2 | 247.6 | 251.1 | 233.3 | 236.8 | 244.7 | 244.3 | 243.9 | 240.2 |
| Industrial Composite | 145.7 | 146.4 | 146.0 | 147.3 | 140.9 | 142.2 | 144.2 | 143.8 | 143.2 | 144.2 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 133.8 | 136.1 | 139.2 | 141.5 | 132.4 | 138.1 | 131.8 | 131.7 | 132.7 | 133.4 |
| Newfoundland | 138.3 | 141.1 | 146.3 | 147.5 | 135.0 | 147.4 | 134.9 | 133.6 | 135.4 | 138.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 154.6 | 159.2 | 163.2 | 169.6 | 143.9 | 156.9 | 152.8 | 150.7 | 149.7 | 149.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 129.0 | 129.8 | 130.4 | 132.0 | 129.1 | 131.5 | 127.8 | 127.3 | 126.6 | 127.5 |
| New Brunswick | 134.7: | 138.3 | 142.9 | 146.5 | 133.7 | 138.1 | 132.4 | 134.7 | 135.9 | 135.9 |
| Quebec | 130.3 | 130.4 | 129.2 | 131.9 | 128.4 | 130.4 | 128.5 | 127.4 | 126.2 | 129.1 |
| Ontario | 148.9 | 149.4 | 149.0 | 149.7 | 143.3 | 143.7 | 147.4 | 146.8 | 147.0 | 148.6 |
| Prairie Region | 159.6 | 160.2 | 160.2 | 160.8 | 150.8 | 151.6 | 158.9 | 158.3 | 157.0 | 156.1 |
| Manitoba | 129.2 | 129.9 | 130.5 | 130.9 | 129.3 | 131.1 | 128.3 | 128.7 | 127.6 | 128.6 |
| Saskatchewan | 145.2 | 146.3 | 145.2 | 145.7 | 139.3 | 138.0 | 143.9 | 143.9 | 141.7 | 140.4 |
| Alberta | 191.0 | 191.4 | 191.4 | 192.2 | 173.4 | 174.5 | 190.7 | 189.3 | 188.1 | 186.4 |
| British Columbia | 169.3 | 171.9 | 170.5 | 170.2 | 161.4 | 161.9 | 168.6 | 169.6 | 167.7 | 167.0 |
| Yukon | 162.6 | 167.2 | 166.9 | 170.0 | 182.4 | 190.7 | 164.4 | 164.7 | 160.4 | 157.7 |
| Northwest Territories | 150.9 | 152.4 | 162.5 | 171.4 | 147.1 | 152.8 | 160.3 | 156.3 | 148.5 | 153.3 |
| Canada | 145.7 | 146.4 | 146.0 | 147.3 | 140.9 | 142.2 | 144.2 | 143.8 | 143.2 | 144.2 |

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, November 1976 - Advance Information.
The first estimate of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment $(1961=100)$ for November was $0.3 \%$ above the October figure. Increases were reported in all industry divisions except for mining and trade which registered decreases. Excluding British Columbia, employment advanced in all regions.

Average weekly earnings rose $1.6 \%$ at the national industrial level in November. Gains were recorded in all industry divisions and in all regions.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in mining, manufacturing and construction. The average hourly earnings for these three industry divisions increased in November.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having

20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours.

Detailed information for October and November will be published in the December issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 709/\$7) and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

## Advance Employment, EarnIngs and Hours Data (continued)

| Industry Division and Area | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976f } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sept. } \\ \text { 19760 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Nov. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { do } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { Illars } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 19766 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Aug. 1976r |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 311.98 | 300.33 | 297.14 | 285.64 | 265.77 | 263.05 | 302.69 | 288.36 | 298.36 | 291.98 |
| Mining | 332.56 | 326.02 | 320.53 | 310.86 | 299.15 | 296.32 | 328.36 | 323.72 | 322.30 | 315.75 |
| Manufacturing | 251.26 | 247.97 | 246.21 | 241.87 | 224.48 | 222.80 | 249.46 | 244.74 | 244.67 | 244.39 |
| Durables | 268.23 | 264.16 | 263.14 | 258.44 | 240.76 | 239.48 | 265.60 | 258.68 | 258.77 | 260.26 |
| Non-durables | 234.74 | 232.57 | 230.57 | 226.50 | 208.06 | 206.27 | 234.13 | 232.10 | 232.24 | 228.67 |
| Construction | 349.26 | 343.96 | 337.32 | 332.78 | 318.51 | 321.57 | 344.27 | 330.57 | 324.60 | 327.41 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 272.01 | 270.01 | 268.16 | 266.55 | 249.75 | 248.02 | 273.27 | 270.82 | 269.40 | 267.35 |
| Trade | 179.29 | 180.90 | 178.34 | 178.98 | 162.90 | 163.37 | 182.46 | 182.07 | 179.09 | 177.00 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 218.56 | 217.24 | 215.47 | 214.12 | 198.56 | 197.80 | 221.10 | 219.50 | 218.55 | 217.12 |
| Service | 165.12 | 164.15 | 160.5 | 161.83 | 149.79 | 148.08 | 165.55 | 164.38 | 162.25 | 161.23 |
| Industrial Composite | 236.29 | 234.60 | 232.22 | 230.49 | 213.37 | 212.90 | 236.05 | 232.30 | 230.93 | 230.31 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 209.41 | 207.28 | 205.53 | 203.98 | 187.57 | 187.70 | 210.10 | 206.21 | 205.94 | 204.31 |
| Newfoundland | 230.34 | 227.44 | 226.25 | 223.53 | 204.71 | 206.88 | 231.52 | 224.01 | 225.82 | 224.04 |
| Prince Edward Island | 178.61 | 173.70 | 175.40 | 173.24 | 158.06 | 155.76 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 198.80 | 197.13 | 196.89 | 196.59 | 177.79 | 176.82 | 199.96 | 197.58 | 195.70 | 196.18 |
| New Brunswick | 210.94 | 208.94 | 204.41 | 202.49 | 190.58 | 190.37 | 211.15 | 208.48 | 208.18 | 204.54 |
| Quebec | 230.25 | 227.82 | 223.68 | 223.31 | 209.23 | 209.12 | 229.70 | 225.41 | 222.70 | 224.00 |
| Ontario | 236.12 | 235.33 | 233.15 | 231.35 | 214.89 | 214.31 | 235.84 | 232.77 | 231.74 | 231.56 |
| Prairie Region | 233.79 | 232.25 | 231.50 | 228.62 | 207.81 | 207.31 | 234.16 | 231.19 | 231.48 | 227.62 |
| Manitoba | 215.73 | 215.82 | 215.10 | 214.52 | 194.06 | 194.74 | 216.77 | 215.24 | 214.95 | 212.65 |
| Saskatchewan | 222.47 | 222.44 | 221.72 | 220.30 | 199.25 | 198.94 | 222.47 | 221.07 | 222.41 | 219.51 |
| Alberta | 247.56 | 244.69 | 243.92 | 239.27 | 219.21 | 217.94 | 247.66 | 243.69 | 243.65 | 238.36 |
| British Columbia | 271.17 | 267.42 | 266.41 | 263.88 | 240.84 | 236.32 | 265.20 | 261.05 | 261.73 | 260.49 |
| Yukon | 328.38 | 318.69 | 314.03 | 295.50 | 293.02 | 292.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 311.63 | 309.65 | 310.98 | 300.39 | 282.56 | 286.88 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 236.28 | 234.60 | 232.22 | 230.49 | 213.37 | 212.90 | 236.05 | 232.30 | 230.93 | 230.31 |

## Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products

November 1976 - Advance Information.

|  | Domestic |  | Export |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 23,914 | 21697 | 358 | 325 | 24,272 | 22022 |
| Rails | 26,621 | 24151 | 6,757 | 6130 | 33,378 | 30281 |
| Wire rods | 64,425 | 58372 | 17,667 | 16027 | 82,092 | 74399 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 33,817 | 30597 | 8,084 | 7333 | 41,901 | 37930 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 8,375 | 7598 | 1,165 | 1056 | 9,540 | 8654 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 46,318 | 42020 | - | - | 46,318 | 42020 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 93,624 | 84935 | 5,867 | 5322 | 99,491 | 90257 |
| Tire plates and track material | 4,894 | 4441 | 968 | 878 | 5,862 | 5319 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 103,118 | 93545 | 9,021 | 8184 | 112,139 | 101729 |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 225,703 | 204754. | 20,643 | 18727 | 246,346 | 223481 |
| Cold finished bars | 8,590 | 7790 | ${ }^{2} 63$ | 238 | 8,853 | 8028 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| other, coated Galvanized sheets | $\begin{array}{r} 167,128 \\ 71,200 \end{array}$ | 151615 64589 | 13,324 9,994 | $\begin{array}{r} 12087 \\ 9067 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 180,452 \\ 81,194 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \cdot 163702 \\ 73656 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 877,727 | 796104 | 94,111 | 85374 | 971;838 | 881478 |

[^6]
# Advance Employment, Earnings and Hours Data (continued) 

| Industry Division and Area | Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. 1976f | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Aug. $1976$ | Nov. 1975 num | Oct. <br> 1975 <br> er | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1976 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 p \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Aug. <br> 1976r |
| Average Weekly Hours: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining | 40.9 | 40.5 | 40.2 | 39.4 | 40.6 | 40.5 | 40.2 | 40.1 | 40.4 | 39.9 |
| Manufacturing | 39.0 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 38.6 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 38.7 |
| Durables | 39.9 | 39.5 | 39.7 | 39.3 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 39.4 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 39.6 |
| Non-durables | 38.1 | 38.0 | 38.3 | 37.8 | 38.2 | 38.4 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 38.0 | 37.8 |
| Construction | 39.1 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 39.8 | 40.9 | 38.9 | 38.0 | 37.3 | 38.2 |
| Building | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.1 | 37.3 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 37.1 | 36.5 | 35.8 | 36.5 |
| Engineering | 41.9 | 42.3 | 42.4 | 43.1 | 42.3 | 44.4 | 41.9 | 40.1 | 39.7 | 40.6 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 37.7 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.3 | 37.6 | 37.9 |
| Quebec | 39.3 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 38.8 | 39.4 | 39.8 | 38.8 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 38.8 |
| Ontario | 39.7 | 39.5 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 39.3 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 39.4 |
| Prairie Region | 37.3 | 37.3 | 37.6 | 36.9 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 36.9 | 36.9 | 37.5 | 37.1 |
| British Columbia | 36.6 | 35.9 | 36.4 | 35.8 | $\begin{gathered} 36.6 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | 36.3 | 36.3 | 35.8 | 36.5 | 36.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining | 7.72 | 7.62 | 7.51 | 7.37 | 6.95 | 6.88 | 7.69 | 7.61 | 7.53 | 7.42 |
| Manufacturing | 5.99 | 5.93 | 5.87 | 5.80 | 5.28 | 5.24 | 6.00 | 5.90 | 5.88 | 5.84 |
| Durables | 6.37 | 6.30 | 6.25 | 6.18 | 5.68 | 5.64 | 6.36 | 6.24 | 6.21 | 6.19 |
| Non durables | 5.57 | 5.54 | 5.48 | 5.40 | 4.83 | 4.78 | 5.59 | 5.56 | 5.54 | 5.45 |
| Construction | 9.17 | 8.93 | 8.79 | 8.57 | 8.19 | 8.04 | 9.01 | 8.86 | 8.78 | 8.69 |
| Building | 9.16 | 9.06 | 8.89 | 8.67 | 8.31 | 8.20 | 9.03 | 8.99 | 8.85 | 8.72 |
| Engineering | 9.17 | 8.72 | 8.65 | 8.42 | 7.98 | 7.78 | 9.06 | 8.64 | 8.63 | 8.58 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 5.54 | 5.47 | 5.27 | 5.19 | 4.70 | 4.73 | 5.52 | 5.46 | 5.39 | 5.37 |
| Quebec | 5.39 | 5.31 | 5.27 | 5.20 | 4.74 | 4.70 | 5.39 | 5.32 | 5.28 | 5.26 |
| Ontario | 6.07 | 6.02 | 5.95 | 5.89 | 5.42 | 5.38 | 6.07 | 6.00 | 5.94 | 5.93 |
| Prairie Region | 6.09 | 6.02 | 5.98 | 5.90 | 5.41 | 5.35 | 6.09 | 5.97 | 5.94 | 5.88 |
| British Columbia | 7.91 | 7.83 | 7.85 | 7.73 | 6.84 | 6.73 | 7.88 | 7.77 | 7.82 | 7.76 |

. . figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, December 1976 Advance Information.
Canadian egg production decreased $1.1 \%$ to 36.9 million dozen in December from 37.3 million in December 1975. The average number of layers was down $1.9 \%$ to 23.4 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased. $1 \%$ to 1,892 from 1,890 . Farm price of eggs sold for market was up $4.1 \%$ to $65.7 \$$ a dozen compared with 63.14.

For further information, order the December issue of Production of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, September 1976 - Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for September amounted to $1,360,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$, down $20.0 \%$ from $1,699,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ in September 1975. Natural gas production for the same period averaged 8,312,000 Mcf./D., a decrease of $4.1 \%$ from 8,669,000 Mcf./D. in the previous year.
For further information, order the September issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26$006,30 \Phi / \$ 3$ ), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021),

Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended January 29, 1977 — Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended January 29 was 282,292 short tons - 256091 t (metric tonnes) - an increase of $0.4 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 281,103 short tons - 255012 t (metric tonnes). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 258,988 tons - 234950 t (metric tonnes). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons - 166221 t (metric tonnes) - equalling 100 was 154.1 in the current week, 153.4 a week earlier and. 141.3 one year ago.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Bullding Permits

November 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Number of Dwelling Units |  |  | Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Instltutional |  |
|  | Singles | Multiples | Total | Residentlal (\$0 | Industrial 000) | Commercial | governmental | Total |
| Newtoundland | 59 | 138 | 197 | 5,972 | 63 | 2,484 | 368 | 8,887 |
| Prince Edward Island | 61 | - | 61 | 1,586 | 1,731 | 681 | 4,214 | 8,212 |
| Nova Scotia | 286 | 149 | 435 | 10,376 | 341 | 3,216 | 14,233 | 28,166 |
| New Brunswick | 79 | 7 | 86 | 3,030 | 210 | 8,193 | 4,669 | 16,102 |
| Quebec | 2,568 | 3,289 | 5,857 | 147,362 | 21,539 | 50,300 | 28,178 | 247,379 |
| Ontario | 2,367 | 5,639 | 8,006 | 223,088 | 29,431 | 62,525 | 39,801 | 354,845 |
| Manitoba | 257 | 430 | 687 | 18,854 | 2,087 | 2,885 | 4,222 | 28,048 |
| Saskatchewan | 415 | 359 | 774 | 22,167 | 2,228 | 13,599 | 9,891 | 47,885 |
| Alberta | 1,133 | 868 | 2,001 | 63,283 | 5,980 | 37,379 | 9,879 | 116,521 |
| British Columbia | 583 | 784 | 1,367 | 37,750 | 8,221 | 27,404 | 5,333 | 75,708 |
| Yukon | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Northwest Territories | 17 | - | 17 | 889 | 87 | 337 | 20 | 1,333 |
| Canada - Unadjusted | 7,825 | 11,663 | 19,488 | 534,357 | 68,918 | 209,003 | 120,808 | 933,086 |
| Canada - Adjusted | 8,514 | 11,504 | 20,018 | 589,335 | 78,032 | 214,055 | 116,162 | 997,584 |
| Metropolitan Areas | 4,594 | 9,440 | 14,034 | 380,491 | 40,778 | 148,637 | 92,654 | 662,560 |
| Caigary | 289 | 130 | 419 | 12,059 | 791 | 11,088 | 3,743 | 27,681 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 55 | 40 | 95 | 2,813 | 107 | 317 | - | 3,237 |
| Edmonton | 358 | 479 | 837 | 26,884 | 3,151 | 13,132 | 5,520 | 48,687 |
| Halifax | 93 | 44 | 137 | 4,329 | 9 | 1,703 | 10,209 | 16,250 |
| Hamilton | 363 | 348 | 711 | 17,003 | 1,819 | 2,352 | 1,133 | 22,307 |
| Hull | 41 | 2 | 43 | 1,765 | 688 | 343 | 8,644 | 11,440 |
| Kitchener | 201 | 446 | 547 | 16,440 | 2,359 | 4,068 | 215 | 23,082 |
| London | 98 | 459 | 557 | 10,328 | 950 | 1,527 | 118 | 12,923 |
| Montréal | 1,337 | 2,697 | 4,034 | 96,650 | 10,348 | 23,161 | 10,196 | 140,355 |
| Ottawa | 161 | 530 | 691 | 23,011 | 405 | 6,088 | 2,276 | 31,780 |
| Québec | 240 | 180 | 420 | 12,923 | 130 | 18,546 | 6,603 | 38,202 |
| Regina | 123 | 106 | 229 | 7,370 | 479 | 7,493 | 1,554 | 16,896 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 71 | 337 | 408 | 7,666 | 816 | 943 | 13 | 9,438 |
| Saint-John | 9 | 2 | 11 | 697 | 56 | 6,151 | 222 | 7,126 |
| St. John's | 16 | 132 | 148 | 4,632 | - | 1,976 | 252 | 6,860 |
| Saskatoon | 146 | 137 | 283 | 6,987 | 798 | 2,987 | 2,446 | 13,218 |
| Sudbury | 21 | - | 21 | 912 | 155 | 49 | 164 | 1,280 |
| Thunder Bay | 24 | 18 | 42 | 1,439 | 88 | 352 | 2 | 1,881 |
| Toronto | 450 | 2,316 | 2,766 | 85,027 | 11,103 | 21,057 | 32,851 | 150,038 |
| Vancouver | 204 | 310 | 514 | 12,913 | 4,193 | 19,941 | 3,456 | 40,503 |
| Victoria | 47 | 300 | 347 | 8,959 | 462 | 1,186 | 256 | 10,863 |
| Windsor | 71 | 9 | 80 | 3,441 | 276 | 1,944 | 129 | 5,790 |
| Winnipeg | 176 | 418 | 594 | 16,243 | 1,595 | 2,233 | 2,652 | 22,723 |

## Preliminary figures.

For further information order Building Permits, November 1976 (64-001, 70e/\$7).

Building Permits, November 1976 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issue in November remained practically unchanged at $\$ 1$ billion compared to the revised October total. In November 1975 the total was $\$ 1,014$ million.
Although the value of residential permits decreased only fractionally in November, the number of new dwellings authorized by municipalities dropped 11\%, mainly in the apartment category.

Non-residential permits showed a small increase compared to October, owing mainly to increased activity in the public sector which more than compen-
sated for a decrease in commercial construction.
Preliminary reports for December reflected a decrease of approximately $7 \%$ resulting from a slowdown of construction activity in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia. The total value of permits issued during 1976 is now expected to reach $\$ 12.2$ billion compared to $\$ 10.3$ billion in 1975.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act, Report for 1974, Part I Corporations (61-210, N/C)

Profile Studies, Socio-Economic Characteristics of Small Farm Operators in Canada, 1971 Census of Canada (99-731, \$1.00)

Cheques Cashed, November 1976 (61-001, 30\$/\$3)
Annual Supplement to Section 1, Canadian Statistical Review, 1975 (11-206, \$1.05)
Road and Street Mileage and Expenditure, 1972 (53-201, 70\$)
Annual Salaries of Hospital Nursing Personnel, 1976 (83-401, \$1.40)
Hospital Indicators, January-September 1976 (83-001, \$1.75/\$7)
Stoves and Furnaces, November 1976 (41-005; 30§/\$3)
Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, January 1977 (32-009, 30\$/\$3)
Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, November 1976 (46-003, 30థ/\$3)
(continued)

## Service Bulletins:

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 31, Supply and Disposition of Propane and butanes by month 1975 and 1974

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 15, 1976 Pack of Frozen Fruits and Vegetables as Reported up to the End of November 1976

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
(1971=100)


* These indexes are preliminary.
(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)
(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation

Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, December 1976 Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 164.9 in December 1976, up $0.7 \%$ from the revised November level of 163.7 and $4.6 \%$ higher than the December 1975 index of 157.6.
Increases in the indexes for food and beverage industries, wood industries and paper and allied industries were largely responsible for the December rise. Food and beverages rose $0.8 \%$ as miscellaneous food processors increased $2.8 \%$ and feeds rose $3.3 \%$. Wood industries were up $2.8 \%$ due mainly to increases of $3.6 \%$ in sawmills and planing mills and $3.2 \%$ in veneer and plywood mills. There was an increase of 2.5\% in paper and allied industries, largely due to a $3.4 \%$ rise in the index for pulp and paper mills.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Jan. 28/77 <br> This week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. 21/77 } \\ & \text { Week ago } \end{aligned}$ | Dec. 31/76 Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 100.4 | 99.6 | 101.9 |
| Industrials | 85 | 100.3 | 99.0 | 101.5 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.5 | 84.2 | 84.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 75.5 | 77.7 | 79.2 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 115.2 | 113.0 | 115.6 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 129.9 | 131.7 | 135.1 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 99.8 | 103.2 | 107.1 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 103.9 | 104.4 | 108.2 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 94.2 | 90.7 | 90.7 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 183.5 | 178.1 | 186.6 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 84.5 | 84.2 | 87.6 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 95.1 | 92.5 | 97.1 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 106.6 | 108.1 | 109.4 |
| Construction | 5 | 212.9 | 212.5 | 213.8 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.3 | 80.8 | 83.2 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 92.3 | 92.4 | 94.3 |
| Transportation | 6 | 120.8 | 119.1 | 124.4 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 80.2 | 80.8 | 82.6 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 101.5 | 101.1 | 98.9 |
| Telephone | 4 | 94.3 | 95.8 | 96.7 |
| Electric power | 3 | 119.5 | 119.4 | 123.2 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 72.4 | 71.5 | 72.2 |
| Finances | 21 | 112.8 | 113.6 | 115.7 |
| Banks | 8 | 117.0 | 117.7 | 121.1 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 104.1 | 104.9 | 104.3 |
| Insurance | 4 | 98.3 | 97.8 | 96.6 |
| MIning Index | 17 | 102.7 | 99.9 | 101.6 |
| Golds | 9 | 177.1 | 176.4 | 181.8 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.1 | 63.2 | 63.2 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 185.8 | 189.8 | 198.2 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 108.0 | 106.6 | 105.8 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Cement, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for December totalled 496,444 short tons - 450366 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 104,824 tons 95095 t (metric tonnes) - and in Ontario 168,214 tons - 152601 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Employment Indexes, Selected Industries, Canada
(1971=100)
(Seasonally-Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) | 1971 percentage weights | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { 1976 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite | 100.00 | 112.7 | 111.9 | 112.3 | 112.7 |
| Forestry | 1.21 | 104.4 | 104.9 | 96.6 | 97.3 |
| Mining, including milling | 3.16 | 105.0 | 105.1 | 104.9 | 103.8 |
| Manufacturing | 39.54 | 105.2 | 104.1 | 103.5 | 104.0 |
| Durable Goods | 19.14 | 103.3 | 101.1 | 101.6 | 102.7 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 20.39 | 104.9 | 104.1 | 103.1 | 102.5 |
| Construction | 5.85 | 94.9 | 89.2 | 95.2 | 97.6 |
| Transportatior, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 16.01 | 114.3 | 113.5 | 113.1 | 113.6 |
| Transportation | 9.53 | 106.3 | 106.8 | 104.8 |  |
| Storage | 0.38 | 101.1 | 100.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Communication | 3.96 | 131.7 | 130.6 | 131.6 |  |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water | 2.15 | 116.9 | 118.5 | 118.7 |  |
| Trade | 17.58 | 122.2 | 121.3 | 122.1 | 121.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5.84 | 119.0 | 118.0 | 118.3 | 117.4 |
| Retail Trade | 11.73 | 123.8 | 123.0 | 124.1 | 123.7 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 6.65 | 127.0 | 128.6 | 128.9 | 129.2 |
| Service | 10.01 | 129.7 | 131.9 | 132.1 | 132.3 |
| Recreational Services | 1.04 | 126.2 | 131.2 | 132.2 |  |
| Business Services | 2.31 | 141.0 | 141.8 | 141.1 |  |
| Personal Services | 4.68 | 124.4 | 125.2 | 125.5 |  |

. figures not available.
$f$ figures estimated based on limited number of returns. p preliminary figures.
$r$ revised figures.

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), November 1976 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The accompanying table presents seasonallyadjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961based data contained in Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 704/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

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Railway Transport (52-004, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 23, Railway Operating Statistics, November 1976

Aviatlon Statistlcs Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9, No. 1, Civil Aviation, October 1976


Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)
December 1976

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | October | November | December |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting* ** | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Revenue Earned: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 112,622,176 | 122,906,692 | 9,269,570 | 8,420,257 | 10.911.475 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 331,703 | 278,696 | 23,467 | 22,171 | 23.495 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 14,678,453 | 16,840,598 | 1,608,733 | 885,475 | 645,426 |
| Fare Passengers Carrled: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 33,242,010 | 32,354,550 | 2,303,982 | 2,282,479 | 2,637,500 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 926,085 | 687,275 | 58,688 | 56,851 | 58,887 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 2,575,209 | 1,963,451 | 232,347 | 174,418 | 153.353 |
| Vehicie Mlies: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | 116,367,810 | 120,028.667 | 9,206,193 | 8,632,517 | 11,691,961 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | 498,677 | 393,436 | 32.950 | 33,234 | 33,457 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | 12,610,584 | 13,241,260 | 1,352,349 | 705.700 | 593,161 |
| Fuel Consumed: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gasoline (gals.) | 20,256 | 15,874 | 1,491 | 1.165 | 1,501 |

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
** One carrier on strike.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), December 1976 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily. The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning $\$ 500,000$ or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available.
The following observations apply to the data:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Revenue vehicle miles run in a revenue service includes miles run empty which were necessary to provide the revenue service.
For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.


## Urban Transit, December 1976 - Advance Information.

In December 1976, 37 urban transit systems collected $102,870,362$ initial passenger fares. Their vehicles travelled $30,251,148$ vehicle miles and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 34,688,911$.
For further information, order the December issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact the Chief (613-996-9274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Railway Frelght Traffic, Third Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
Rail freight carried in the July-September period totalled 70.3 million tons, an increase of $13.1 \%$ over the 62.2 million tons hauled in the third quarter of 1975. Traffic received from United States connections, included above, was up $4.5 \%$ to 5.2 million tons.

Of the seven major commodity groups reported, increases were recorded in four during the quarter. Food, feed, beverages and tobacco showed only a slight gain of $1.5 \%$ while crude materials rose $14.9 \%$. The latter category showed substantially heavier loadings of iron ore and pulpwood chips, both of which were carried at below-normal levels in 1975 due to industrial labour problems. Fabricated materials were up 15.0\% and forest products were notable among the increases. Special types of traffic (piggyback, freight forwarder and mixed carload) rose $43.7 \%$, a gain almost entirely due to increased trailer-container movements.

Loadings (excluding U.S. receipts) on a regional basis showed improvements in Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec and the four Western provinces. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New 'Brunswick and the two Territories registered freight losses.

For further details, order the third quarter issue of Railway Freight Traffic (52-002, \$1.50/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended January 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traflic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,177,866 | 1,993,211 | 4,171,077 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,908,329 | 2,011,209 | 3,919,538 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1975727 | 1808211 | 3783938 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1731207 | 1824538 | 3555745 |
| \% change | 14.1 | -0.9 | 6.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 36776 | 30073 | 66849 |
| Cars. 1976 | 33586 | 30543 | 64129 |
| \% change | 9.5 | -1.5 | 4.2 |
| Piggyback Iraffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 150,557 | 57,873 | 208,430 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 113,903 | 49,594 | 163,497 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 136583 | 52502 | 189085 |
| \% change | 103331 | 44991 | 148322 |
| Cars, 1977 | 32.2 | 16.7 | 27.5 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4.431 | 2,467 | 6,898 |
| \% change | 3,992 | 1,991 | 5,983 |
| Year-to-date | 11.0 | 23.9 | 15.3 |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 6,092,630 | 5,232,913 | 11,325,543 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 5,424,240 | 5,078,015 | 10,502,255 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 5,527.141 | 4,747,219 | 10,274,360 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 4,920,788 | 4,606,698 | 9,527,486 |
| \% change | 12.3 | 3.1 | 7.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 98,944 | 80,214 | 179,158 |
| Cars, 1976 | 91,275 | 79,915 | 171,190 |
| \% change | 8.4 | 0.4 | 4.7 |
| Pliggyback traflic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 380,263 | 145,439 | 525,702 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 319,330 | 135,294 | 454,624 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 344,969 | 131,940 | 476,909 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 289,691 | 122,737. | 412,428 |
| \% change | 19.1 | 7.5 | 15.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 11,332 | 6,303 | 17,635 |
| Cars, 1976 | 10,593 | 5,578 | 16,171 |
| \% change | 7.0 | 13.0 | 9.1 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
NOTE: 1976 figures contain adjustments.

Railway Carioadings, 7 Days Ended January 21, 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail freight loaded in Canada in the third week of 1977 totalled 4.2 million short tons ( 3.8 million metric tonnes), an increase of $6.4 \%$ over the same 1976 period. Traffic originated east of the Lakehead, which accounted for just over $50.0 \%$ of the total, rose $14.1 \%$, while the West originations were down $0.9 \%$.

The number of cars loaded during the current seven days totalled 66,849' a gain of $4.2 \%$, and the average tons per car increased to 62.4 from 61.1.

Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) at 208,430 short tons ( 189085 metric tonnes) were $27.5 \%$ above the 1976 week. Tonnages of this traffic increased 32.2\% in the East and $16.7 \%$ in the West.

In the first three weeks of 1977, carload traffic at 11.3 million short tons ( 10.3 million metric tonnes) ran $7.8 \%$ ahead of the 1976 pace. Cumulative piggyback movements were up $15.6 \%$.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oli Plpeilne Transport, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian oil pipelines received $75,162,723$ B/D (11949918 m3/D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in November, down 7.9\% from 81,598,603 B/D (12 9731432 m3/D) received in November 1975. Domestic petroleum and products increased 1.0\% to $65,880,730 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ (10 $474199 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) while imported petroleum and products decreased $41.4 \%$ to $9,281,993 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ (1 $475719 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ).

For further information order the November issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 30\$/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Also, toll-free access to the regional statistical information service is provided in Calgary, Charlottetown, Moncton, Saint Johin and Sydney by calling the operator and asking for ZENITH 22066. Throughout Saskatchewan, the Regina office can be reached by dialing 1-800-667-3524. Throughout Alberta, the Edmonton office can be reached by dialing 1-800-222-6400.

Salt, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 728,361 tons in December from 503,466 tons in December 1975. This brought 1976 output to 6,454,310 tons from 5,646,670 tons in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Salt (26-009, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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Hardboard, December 1976 (36-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
Motor Vehicle Shipments, December 1976 (42-002, 15\$/\$1.50)
Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, January 1977 (32-012, 30¢/\$3)
Gypsum Products, December 1976 (44-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Mineral Wool, December 1976 (44-004, 15¢/\$1.50)
Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, October 1976 (35-002, 30¢/\$3)

## Service Bulletins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), vol. 5, No. 61, Factory Shipments of Valves, 1975

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 12, Floor Tiles, December 1976

## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

December 1976 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | Dec.$1976$ | Nov. 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Dec. $/ 76$ <br> Nov. $/ 76$ | Dec. $/ 76$ Dec. $/ 75$ |
| Total Index | 171.0 | 169.9 | 157.7 | 0.6 | 8.4 |
| Materials | $158.1^{\circ}$ | $158.0{ }^{\circ}$ | 151.3 | 0.1 | 4.5 |
| Steel and Metal Work - -.. | 173.7 | 175.1 | 168.8 | -0.8 | 2.9 |
| Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment | 144.9 | 144.9 | 138.1 | - | 4.9 |
| Electrical Equipment | 145.7 | 145.7 | 145.1 | - | 0.4 |
| Concrete Products | 174.2 | 173.5 | 158.3 | 0.4 | 10.0 |
| Lumber and Lumber Products | 167.2 | 161.6 | 155.5 | 3.5 | 7.5 |
| Other | 152.9 | 152.6 | 145.4 | 0.2 | 5.2 |
| Labour | 185.2 | 183.1 | 164.7 | 1.1 | 12.4 |

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year). or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Oilseeds, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Crushings of oilseeds for December, with oil produced and meal produced in brackets (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: $131,325(21,531 ; 103,450)$.
- Rapeseed: $79,140(32,499 ; 46,217)$.

For further information, order the December issue of Oilseeds Review (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J. M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Asbestos, December 1976 - Advance Information. Producer shipments of asbestos increased to 153,467 tons in December from 140,255 tons in December. 1975. This brought 1976 shipments to $1,693,742$ tons from 1,163,674 in 1975.
For further information, order the December issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15§/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Production, Shlpments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills In British Columbla, November 1976 Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced 939.9 million feet board measure of lumber and ties in November compared to 674.6 million in November 1975. January to November production increased to 9,732.2 million feet board measure from $6,762.3$ million feet for the same period in 1975.

For further information, order the November issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia (35-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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## Emotionally Disturbed Children

A new publication drawing together statistics on inpatient facilities for emotionally disturbed children has been prepared by Statistics Canada. It covers, for the year 1974, historical and administrative data, number of beds, patient movement, characteristics and services, personnel, educational programs, community participation, income, expenditure and research programs related to the facilities.

For further information, contact the Hospital.Section (613-995-0991), Health Division, Statistics: Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 and ask for Survey of Inpatient Facilities for the Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Children, 1974.

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Enérgy Statistics (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 11, No. 33, Refined Petroleum
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Provinclal Government Finance, Assets, Llabilities and Sources and Uses of Funds, 1974 - Advance Information.
The financial assets of provincial and territorial governments as at March 31, 1974, and as atMarch 31, 1975, amounted to $\$ 20,845.7$ million and $\$ 24,414.1$ million, respectively, for an increase of $\$ 3,568.4$ million or $17.1 \%$ between these dates. Their liabilities amounted to $\$ 21,940.8$ million and $\$ 25,097.4$ million, respectively, for an increase of $\$ 3,156.6$ million or $14.4 \%$.

For further information, order the 1974 issue of Provincial Government Finance, Assets, Liabilities and Sources and Uses of Funds (68-209, \$2.10), or contact the Public Finance Division (613-995-0718), Provincial Government Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countrles, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary statistics for December show that 1.5 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 8.6\% from December 1975. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, $7.2 \%$ above the previous year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. rose by $2.7 \%$ to 70,000 while Canadians returning from abroad numbered 76,000. Figures for Canadians visiting Hawaii in the above data have been assigned to the U.S. in 1976, affecting year-to-year comparisons.

During all 1976, the number of U.S. residents visiting Canada decreased by $6.8 \%$ to 32.2 million. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. including visits to Hawaii in both years rose between $8 \%$ and $9 \%$ to 35.9 million, while Canadian residents returning from countries other than the U.S. increased by $11.4 \%$ to 1.6 million. Residents of overseas countries increased substantially to 1.6 million, $18.8 \%$ over 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of International Travel - Advance Information (66-002, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-9950847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, December 1976 - Advance Information.
New motor vehicles sold in December reached 92,769 units, down 17.7\% from a year earlier. This included 59,468 passenger cars (down 20.4\%) and 23,267 commercial vehicles (down 5.3\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 9,181 passenger cars (down $24.1 \%$ ) and 853 commercial vehicles (down 40.5\%)
manufactured overseas.
Total sales value decreased $10.4 \%$ to $\$ 583.1$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 358.3$ million (down 13.2\%) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 175.1$ million (down $1.5 \%$ ). Sales of passenger cars from overseas decreased $15.3 \%$ to $\$ 45.7$ million and those of commercial vehicles decreased $39.7 \%$ to $\$ 3.9$ million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 260 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 8.3$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted December sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. increased 14.1\% from November to 75,023 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased $2.6 \%$ to 13,447 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up $3.3 \%$ to 29,497 units.

For the year 1976, total sales reached 1,291, 465 units ( $1,316,629$ in 1975) with an accumulated value of $\$ 7,743.8$ million. This represented an increase of $6.6 \%$ in value over sales for 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, 30 $/ \$ 3$ ), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, December 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators were 40,542 in December compared to 45,419 in December 1975 and month-end stocks totalled 79,394 units, down from 82,996. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 14,145 from 42,643 and month-end stocks increased to 58,674 from 12,679.

For further information, order the December issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Births and Rates, 1975
$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\hline & \text { Number } & & \begin{array}{c}\text { (\%) } \\ \text { Change }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Rate per 1,000 } \\ \text { population } \\ \text { (\%) }\end{array} \\ \text { Change }\end{array}\right)$
*Includes 1,268 delayed registrations pertaining to 1974 but filed in 1975.
**Figures adjusted to include expected delayed registrations.
**Represents estimate based on registrations filed during 1975.

Births, 1975 - Preliminary Information.
The estimated number of births to Canadian residents totalled 358,621 in 1975, an increase of $3.4 \%$ from those reported in 1974. The estimated birth rate for Canada was 15.7 per 1,000 population in 1975, an increase of $1.9 \%$ from the previous year. Among the provinces, as in the previous year, Newfoundland and Alberta registered higher birth rates with Quebec registering a
higher annual increase than any other province.
For further information contact Mr. D. Nagnur or Mr. J. Silins (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Marriages and Rates, 1975

|  | Number |  | (\%) | Rate per 1,000 |  | (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1974 | 1975 | 1975-1974 | 1974 | 1975 | 1975-1974 |
| Canada | 198,824 | 197,585 | -0.6 | 8.9 | 8.7 | -2.2 |
| Newfoundland | 4,276 | 4,313 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 7.8 | -1.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 990 | 936 | -5.5 | 8.5 | 7.9 | -7.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 7,112 | 7,059 | -0.7 | 8.7 | 8.6 | -1.1 |
| New Brunswick | 6,108 | 5,945 | -2.7 | 9.2 | 8.8 | -4.3 |
| Quebec | 51,532 | 50,377 | -2.2 | 8.4 | 8.1 | -3.6 |
| Ontario | 72,716 | 72,209 | -0.7 | 9.0 | 8.8 | -2.2 |
| Manitoba | 9,231 | 8,915 | -3.4 | 9.1 | 8.8 | -3.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 7,988 | 8,066 | 1.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | - |
| Alberta | 16,691 | 17,520 | 5.0 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 2.1 |
| British Columbia | 21,734 | 21,824 | 0.4 | 9.1 | 8.9 | -2.2 |
| Yukon | 190 | 201 | 5.8 | 9.8 | 9.7 | -1.0 |
| Northwest Territories | 256 | 220 | -14.1 | 6.8 | 5.8 | -14.7 |

Marriages, 1975 - Preliminary Information.
The number of marriages solemnized in Canada during 1975 totalled 197,585, reflecting a slight decline for the third successive year from an all-time high of over 200,000 registered in 1972. The rate per 1,000 population declined to 8.7 from 8.9 in 1974 and 9.2 in 1972.

The rate in Saskatchewan remained unchanged from the previous year while Alberta showed a slight increase; all other Provinces and Territories registered
declines in the rate compared to the previous year.
For further information contact D. Nagnur or Mr. J. Silins (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Wages and Salarles and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

f First estimates.
$p$ Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised figures.
(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.
(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, November 1976 Advance Information.
Labour income was estimated at $\$ 9,039.2$ million for November. Wages and salaries increased by $13.9 \%$ between November 1975 and the same month in 1976.

Seasonally-adjusted wages and salaries showed a decline of $0.2 \%$ from October to November 1976. The decline was the result of $\$ 175$ million in retro-active payments received by Quebec employees in hospitals and education during October 1976.

Further details will be published in the OctoberDecember issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72005, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) and additional information can be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Cauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Division, Ottawa K1A OV2.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmilis East of the Rockies, November 1976 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in November to 432,732,000 feet board
measure from 316,288,000 feet board measure in November 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of November totalled $885,536,000$ feet board measure.
For further information, order the November issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies (35-002, 154/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371); Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced $5,603,916$ phonograph records in December, down from 5,938,827 in December 1975.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8-track cartridges and cassettes only) increased to $1,486,926$ from 1,252,484.
For further information, order the December issue of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 5, 1977 — Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended February 5, 1977, totals 269,772 short tons (244 733 t), a decrease of $4.8 \%$ from the preceding week's total of

283,257 short tons (256 966 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 257,078 short tons ( 233217 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling (100) was 147.2 in the current week, 154.6 a week earlier and 140.3 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.



## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Security Transactions with Non-residents, October 1976 (67-002, 40\$/\$4)
National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Third Quarter 1976 (13-001, \$1.05/\$4.20)

Indexes of Real Domesilic Product by Indusiry, Including the Index of Industrial Production, November 1976 (61-005, 40థ/\$4)

Stocks of Frults and Vegetables, January 1, 1977 (32-010, 30 / / \$3)

- Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Frults and Vegetables, October 1976 (32-011, 30థ/\$3)
(continued)

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, December 1976 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)
Asbestos, December 1976 (26-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Salt, December 1976 (26-009, 15\$/\$1.50)
Rigid Insulating Board, December 1976 (36-002, 15\$/\$1.50)
Oll Burners and Oil-Fired Hot Water Heaters, December 1976 (41-008, 15\$/\$1.50)
Asphalt Roofing, December 1976 (45-001, 15\$/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletins:

Rallway Transport (52-004, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 24, Railway Carloadings, December 1976

Energy Statistics (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 11, No. 34, Energy Supply and Demand in Canada 1974

The Labour Force, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Employment and unemployment, on a seasonallyadjusted basis, both showed increases in January as the unemployment rate remained at $7.5 \%$, unchanged from December. The rate in January 1976 was $6.8 \%$.

The increase for employment was about equally divided between men and women and was concentrated among persons age 15 to 14 . It was the first increase in employment for women since August 1976.

The adjusted unemployment levels increased mainly among women 25 and over and slightly for men in the same age category. In the 15-24 bracket, an increase in unemployment for men was offset by a decrease for women.

The adjusted employment level was estimated at 9,631,000 in January, up 79,000 from December. The unemployment level was estimated at 780,000 , up 8,000 from December.

Without seasonal adjustment, the January labour force was $10,144,000$ with $9,255,000$ employed and 889,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 8.8\%. In December, the labour force was 10,230,000 with $9,476,000$ employed and 754,000 unemployed for a rate of $7.4 \%$. In January 1976, the labour force was $9,945,000$ with $9,145,000$ employed and 800,000 unemployed for a rate of $8.0 \%$.

Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces, with December rates in brackets: Newfoundland $13.6 \%$ (13.8\%); Prince Edward Island 8.5\% (8.6\%); Nova Scotia 9.9\% (9:8\%); New Brunswick 13.2\% (10.3\%); Quebec 9.0\% (9.8\%); Ontario 6.2\% (6.5\%); Manitoba 5.1\% (4.9\%); Saskatchewan 3.9\% (3.4\%); Alberta $4: 3 \%$ ( $4.0 \%$ ); British Columbia 8:8\% (8.8\%)

For further information, order the January issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55 $\$ / \$ 5.50$ ).

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing, January 1976 - Advance Information.
According to the January business conditions survey of the opinion of management of Canadian manufacturing establishments, $24 \%$ of the weighted response
anticipates an increase in the volume of production from February through April when compared with the activity in the immediately preceding three months and $30 \%$ expects production will decline. The balance expected it to be about the same in both periods.

The previous survey, taken in October 1976, indicated that for $22 \%$ of the weighted response, an increase in production was anticipated from November through January when compared with the AugustOctober period and 33\% forecast a decline. Management is asked to allow for normal seasonal conditions when responding.

The proportion reporting the level of new orders was rising, at 22\%, was 2\% higher than that in.October, with a correspondingly lower percentage reporting they were declining. For just under half of all manufacturers new orders were being received at about normal rates.

The proportion indicating higher-than-normal backlog of unfilled orders was just $5 \%$ in January compared with $11 \%$ in October. The percentage indicating the January backlog was lower than normal was $38 \%$ compared with $33 \%$ in October.

Three-quarters of the weighted response indicated that the finished products inventory level was about right in January. Of the remainder, 22\% reported that it was too high and $3 \%$ that it was too low."

There were declines in the proportions indicating that shortages of skilled and unskilled labour constituted a production difficulty and an increase in the percentage reporting difficulty procuring raw materials and supplies. Individual responsesindicated that the material shortage was primarily caused by inclement weather which affected production of components and created delivery problems.

The results, when classified by economic use or the type of market served by individual industries, showed that improvementsinithe all-industry categories were almost entirely a reflection of current activity and (continued)
expectations in industries whose products are primarily destined for export, particularly those of the motor vehicle manufacturing industry.

Response to the January survey was from management representing more than 6,000 establishments whose shipments account for about $50 \%$ of all Canadian manufacturing shipments. The value of shipments for the establishments represented by each response was assigned to the answer to each question. These values of shipments, or weights, were summed and expressed as a percentage of all similarly weighted response to the particular question.

Further details on conditions in manufacturing are shown in the accompanying tables. The survey was conducted by the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
(see table next page)
Farm Cash Recelpts, January-December, 1976 - (21001, 30§/\$3)
Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-December period of 1976 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operation in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled $\$ 9,737.7$ million compared to $\$ 9,877.0$ million realized during the same period of 1976. These estimates included cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the JanuaryDecember issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, $30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 017.

## Total Cash Recelpts from Farming Operatlons

January-December
(millions of dollars)

|  | 1976 | 1975 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 102.6 | 82.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 118.1 | 112.6 |
| New Brunswick | 108.3 | 96.3 |
| Quebec | $1,331.5$ | $1,322.9$ |
| Ontario | $2,667.3$ | $2,581.8$ |
| Manitoba | 888.5 | 934.5 |
| Saskatchewan | $2,262.1$ | $2,469.0$ |
| Alberta | $1,822.6$ | $1,873.1$ |
| British Columbia | . | 436.7 |
| Canada | $. .9,737.7$ | 405.6 |
|  |  | $9,877.0$ |

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, 1976 Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for October amounted to $1,490,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$, down $7.2 \%$ from $1,605,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ in October 1975. Natural gas production for the same period averaged $9,493,000 \mathrm{Mcf}$./D. an increase of $1.6 \%$ from 9,340,000 Mcf./D. in October 1975.

For further information, order the October issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production /F2(26006, 30\$/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1976 Advance Information.
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for all 1976 were valued at $\$ 1,305.8$ million, an increase of 17.6\% above the 1975 figure of $\$ 1,110.3$ million. Repair parts for the year had a value of $\$ 156.0$ million.

For further information, order the December issue of Farm Implements and Equipment Sales (63-009, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the month of January 1977 was 1,219,555 short tons (1 106361 t). Preliminary Pig Iron production for the month of January 1977 was 944,642 short tons ( 856965 t).

For further information, order the January issue of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact, Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A OV3.

Sales of Palnts, Varnlshes and Lacquers, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Producers trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$24,069,797 during December compared to $\$ 23,105,121$ a year earlier.

For further information, order the December issue of Sales of Paints, Varinishes and Lacquers (46-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primiary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Stoves and Ranges, December 1976 :- Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of èlectric stoves and ranges in December increased -14:9\% to 40,284 units from 35,072 units in December 1975. - Closing inventory of these products increased $52.0 \%$ to 89,184 units from 58,670 .

For further information, order the December issue of Stoves and-Furnaces ( $41-005,30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing Industries
January, 1977

| Date | Expected production, next 3 months compared to last 3 |  |  | New Orders Level |  |  | Unfilled <br> Orders <br> Backlog |  | Finished Product Inventory |  |  |  | Sources of Production DifficultiesShortages |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Percentage of weighted response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Manu | acturin | Ind | stri |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 34 | 16 | 50 | 27 | 24 | 49 | 8 | 30 | 62 | 19 | 7 | 74 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 67 |
| Apr. $/ 76$ | 33 | 14 | 53 | 31 | 21 | 49 | 13 | 27 | 60 | 21 | 7 | 72 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 74 |
| July/76 | 27 | 26 | 47 | 26 | 24 | 50 | 11 | 32 | 57 | 20 | 6 | 74 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 73 |
| Oct./76 | 22 | 33 | 44 | 20 | 31 | 49 | 11 | 33 | 57 | 23 | 8 | 68 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 73 |
| Jan./77 | 24 | 30 | 47 | 22 | 29 | 48 | 5 | 38 | 56 | 22 | 3 | 75 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 75 |
| Large Establishments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 34 | 16 | 50 | 27 | 24 | 49 | 8 | 30 | 62 | 19 | 7 | 74 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 67 |
| Apr./76 | 33 | 14 | 53 | 31 | 21 | 49 | 13 | 27 | 60 | 21 | 7 | 72 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 75 |
| July/76 | 27 | 26 | 47 | 26 | 24 | 50 | 11 | 32 | 57 | 20 | 6 | 74 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 73 |
| Oct. $/ 76$ | 22 | 33 | 44 | 20 | 31 | 49 | 11 | 33 | 57 | 23 | 8 | 68 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 74 |
| Jan./77 | 24 | 30 | 47 | 22 | 29 | 48 | 5 | 38 | 56 | 22 | 3 | 75 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 76 |
| Small Establishments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. $/ 76$ | 24 | 25 | 52 | 19 | 27 | 55 | 10 | 29 | 62 | 14 | 8 | 78 | 10 | 19 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 63 |
| Apr. $/ 76$ | 33 | 17 | 50 | 26 | 23 | 51 | 10 | 25 | 64 | 13 | 6 | 81 | 10 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 65 |
| July/76 | 26 | 26 | 48 | 27 | 26 | 47 | 13 | 31 | 56 | 13 | 8 | 79 | 12 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 61 |
| Oct. $/ 76$ | 21 | 35 | 44 | 22 | 30 | 48 | 11 | 32 | 57 | 15 | 8 | 77 | 12 | 23 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 61 |
| Jan./77 | 20 | 34 | 46 | 20 | 33 | 47 | 9 | 39 | 53. | 15 | 7 | 78 | 14 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 67 |
| Durable Consumer Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 40 | 19 | 41 | 36 | 15 | 49 | 17 | 21 | 62 | 25 | 12 | 63 | 5 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 67 |
| Apr./76 | 30 | 33 | 37 | 17 | 38 | 44 | 13 | 45 | 42 | 48 | 4 | 48 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 68 |
| July/76 | 37 | 34 | 29 | 25 | 27 | 48 | 10 | 38 | 53 | 38 | 6 | 56 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 74 |
| Oct./76 | 27 | 50 | 23 | 25 | 34 | 42 | 9 | 44 | 47 | 34 | 9 | 57 | 8 | 14 | 5 |  | 3 | 68 |
| Jan./77 | 21 | 49 | 30 | 11 | 46 | 43 | 4 | 65 | 31 | 53 | 3 | 45 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 79 |
| Non-Durable Consumer Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 27 | 15 | 59 | 21 | 17 | 63 | 6 | 11 | 83 | 13 | 5 | 82 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 69 |
| Apr. $/ 76$ | 39 | 11 | 50 | 24 | 18 | 58 | 8 | 11 | 81 | 13 | 5 | 82 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 77 |
| July/76 | 35 | 21 | 44 | 29 | 20 | 51 | 7 | 15 | 78 | 14 | 6 | 81 | 7 | 18 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 67 |
| Oct. $/ 76$ | 26 | 26 | 48 | 24 | 16 | 60 | 9 | 16 | 75 | 10 | 7 | 83 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 69 |
| Jan./77 | 21 | 31 | 48 | 25 | 16 | 58 | 5 | 22 | 73 | 12 | 3 | 84 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 80 |
| Machinery and Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. $/ 76$ | 16 | 30 | 53 | 8 | 54 | 38 | 14 | 42 | 44 | 32 | 2 | 66 | 4 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 65 |
| Apr./76 | 19 | 30 | 51 | 20 | 46 | 34 | 12 | 47 | 41 | 36 | 3 | 61 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 68 |
| July/76 | 18 | 40 | 42 | 15 | 49 | 36 | 10 | 47 | 44 | 31 | 4 | 65 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 75 |
| Oct./76 | 23 | 32 | 45 | 19 | 49 | 31 | 12 | 45 | 43 | 29 | 6 | 65 | 5 | 13 | 1 |  | 2 | 81 |
| Jan./77 | 20 | 37 | 43 | 19 | 50 | 31 | 14 | 49 | 37 | 27 | 3 | 70 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 79 |
| Construction Materials and Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 23 | 22 | 55 | 17 | 34 | 49 | 15 | 32 | 53 | 26 | 5 | 69 | 4 | 18 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 73 |
| Apr. $/ 76$ | 39 | 17 | 45 | 23 | 30 | 47 | 17 | 36 | 47 | 24 | 11 | 65 | 5 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 73 |
| July/76 | 20 | 28 | 53 | 19 | 41 | 40 | 10 | 49 | 42 | 23 | 8 | 69 | 5 | 21 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 68 |
| Oct./76 | 14 | 55 | 31 | 17 | 43 | 40 | 11 | 50 | 40 | 24 | 8 | 67 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 74 |
| Jan./77 | 15 | 45 | 40 | 14 | 47 | 39 | 6 | 51 | 43 | 28 | 5 | 67 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 81 |
| Other Intermediate Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. $/ 76$ | 41 | 17 | 42 | 32 | 26 | 42 | 6 | 38 | 56 | 15 | 4 | 81 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 75 |
| Apr. $/ 76$ | 40 | 13 | 47 | 46 | 17 | 37 | 12 | 33 | 55 | 18 | 6 | 76 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 74 |
| July/76 | 32 | 19 | 49 | 40 | 16 | 44 | 18 | 28 | 54 | 12 | 8 | 80 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 78 |
| Oct./76 | 26 | 28 | 46 | 24 | 36 | 40 | 17 | 28 | 55 | 19 | 9 | 72 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 77 |
| Jan./77 | 20 | 27 | 52 | 16 | 31 | 53 | 5 | 42 | 53 | 16 | 3 | 81 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 |  | 83 |

Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufacturing Industries (Continued)
January, 1977

| Date | Expected production, next 3 months compared to last 3 |  |  | New Orders Level |  |  | Unfilled <br> Orders <br> Backlog |  |  | Finished Product Inventory |  |  | Sources of Production Difficulties Shortages |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Percentage of weighted response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Export-Based Industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan./76 | 41 | 9 | 50 | 39 | 15 | 45 | 7 | 34 | 59 | 25 | 14 | 61 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 34 | 50 |
| Apr./76 | 21 | 5 | 74 | 26 | 10 | 64 | 16 | 17 | 66 | 21 | 10 | 69 | 5 | 6 |  | 7 | 10 | 76 |
| July/76 | 15 | 35 | 50 | 9 | 20 | 71 | 5 | 38 | 57 | 28 | 5 | 67 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 74 |
| Oct./76 | 13 | 37 | 50 | 11 | 25 | 63 | 1 | 40 | 58 | 40 | 10 | 49 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 71 |
| Jan./77 | 39 | 17 | 44 | 37 | 25 | 38 | 2 | 30 | 68 | 33 | 2 | 65 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 32 | 2 | 54 |

Note: The survey reflects management's opinion of expected production, current orders and inventory levels, and also current sources of production difficulties. Respondents were asked to allow for normal seasonal fluctuations. Individual replies were weighted by the value of the respondent's shipments as reported to the Census of Manufactures; these weighted replies were then summed and expressed as a percentage of all similarly weighted response to the particular question. Because of rounding and inclusion of reports indicating more than one source of difficulty, category totals may differ from $100 \%$.

Oils and Fats - Manufacturer's Sales
December 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Mergarine |  | Shortening* |  | Salad Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Retail Packages: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 21,438 | 9724 | 4,404 | 1998 | 5,112 | 2319 |
| 1975 | 22,956 | 10413 | 5,213 | 2364 | 5.698 | 2585 |
| Commercial Packages: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 1,539 | 698 | 10,488 | 4757 | 1.117 | 506 |
| 1975 | 736 | 334 | 11,067 | 5020 | 1.066 | 484 |
| Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1976 | 11,002 | 4991 | 2,342 | 1062 | 5.425 | 2461 |
| 1975 | 10,978 | 4980 | 2,838 | 1287 | 4,941 | 2241 |
| Bulk saies to other than packagers or bottlers: 1976 | - | - | 11,109 | 5039 | 2,033 | 922 |
| 1975 | - | - | 10,059 | 4563 | 3,514 | 1594 |

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the December issue of Oils and Fats (32-006, 30థ/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-9928619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


## Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Dec. $/ 76$ <br> Nov. $/ 76$ | Dec. $/ 76$ <br> Dec. $/ 75$ |
| - General wholesale index | 526.3 | 515.9r | 502.5 | 501.2 | 2.0 | 4.7 |
| Vegetable products | 450.3 | 439.9r | 457.5 | 463.9 | 2.4 | -1.6 |
| Animal products | 543.3 | 537.4r | 563.7 | 557.4 | 1.1 | -3.6 |
| Textile products | 466.5 | $763.4 \mathrm{r}^{\text {. }}$ | 423.0 | 416.5 | 0.7 | 10.3 |
| Wood products | 740.7 | 701.8 r | 652.3 | 644.5 | 5.5 | 13.6 |
| Iron products | 575.7 | 575.3 r | 548.1 | 548.1 | 0.1 | 5.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 461.9 | 453.3r | 416.7 | 422.5 | 1.9 | 10.8 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 443.1 | 442.9r | 412.6 | 406.9 | 0.1 | 7.4 |
| Chemical products | 395.8 | 394:7r | 388.3 | 386.8 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Summary indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | 618.0 | 612.1r | 573.2 | 576.7 | 1.0 | 7.8 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 481.6 | 471.3 r | 477.5 | - 478.7 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 550.4 | 540.1 r | 516.4 | 513.8 | 1.0 | 6.6 |

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), December 1976 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale index increased $2.0 \%$ from the revised November index of 515.9. It was $4.7 \%$ higher than in December 1975. Increases were recorded for all the eight major groups.

The wood products index increased $5.5 \%$ to 740.7 from the revised November index of 701.8. This reflected price increases for newsprint and wrapping paper ( $8.3 \%$ ), hemlock ( $6.9 \%$ ), fir ( $6.4 \%$ ) and cedar ( $5.5 \%$ ). The vegetable products index rose $2.4 \%$ due mainly to increases in tea, coffee and cocoa ( $7.0 \%$ ), fresh vegetables ( $4.6 \%$ ), dried fruits ( $4.1 \%$ ) and vegetable oil products ( $4.1 \%$ ). Advances of $8.5 \%$ for aluminum, $5.9 \%$ for antimony, and $5.6 \%$ for tin were mainly responsible for a $1.9 \%$ increase in the nonferrous products index. The animal products index increased $1.1 \%$. Increases in hides and skins (11.7\%), livestock ( $3.7 \%$ ), lard and tallow ( $2.9 \%$ ) were offset slightly by decreases of $2.4 \%$ for cured meats and $1.2 \%$ for leather. Increases of a lesser degree occurred in textile products ( $0.7 \%$ ), chemical products ( $0.3 \%$ ), iron products and non-metallic products (both $0.1 \%$ ).

Sugar Sales, January 1977 - Advance Information. For January Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 70597414 kilograms ( $155,640,679 \mathrm{lbs}$.) of all types of sugar, 66218802 kilograms ( $145,987,491$ lbs.) in domestic sales and 4378612 kilograms $(9,653,188$ lbs.) in export sales.

For further information, order the January issue of The Sugar Situation (32-013, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, December 1976 - Advance Information.
In December, packers, dealers and tanners held 252,379 cattle hides, down from 321,687 a year earlier. and 93,710 calf and kip skins, down from 152,143.

Cattle hide receipts decreased to 176,753 from 212,174 and wettings decreased to 170,591 from 193,595.

For further information, order the December issue of Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather (33-001, $30 ¢ / \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, K1A OV6.

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, December 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of television sets were 36,947 colour sets in December and 3,538 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 45,630 and 5,285.

For further information, order the December issue of Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004, 40థ/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sendev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Estimates of Labour Income, November 1976 Correction.
In the table accompanying this article in the Daily of Tuesday, February 8, three errors occurred in the figures. Two were in the section unadjusted for seasonal variation - the November 1975 figure for finance, insurance and real estate should read 446.3 and the October 1976 figure for total, wages and salaries should read 8,498.7. In the adjusted table, the September 1976 figure for total, labour income should read 8,779.7

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ Population \& Over
November 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Starts |  |  |  |  | Completions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
| Newfoundland | 57 | 2 | 35 | - | 94 | 83 | 2 | 208 | 51 | 344 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4 | - | - | - | 4 | 14 | - | - | - | 14 |
| Nova Scotia | 137 | 12 | 29 | 47 | 225 | 210 | 12 | 41 | 86 | 349 |
| New Brunswick | 159 | 26 | - | 59 | 244 | 277 | 6 | 14 | 40 | 337 |
| Quebec | 2,282 | 201 | 219 | 3,056 | 5,758 | 1,980 | 166 | 219 | 1,771 | 4,136 |
| Ontario | 2,147 | 795 | 1,629 | 2,112 | 6,683 | 2,095 | 667 | 1,470 | 2,213 | 6,445 |
| Manitoba | 324 | 126 | 78 | 300 | 828 | 255 | 48 | 179 | 493 | 975 |
| Saskatchewan | 749 | 50 | 51 | 731 | 1,581 | 425 | 40 | 110 | 328 | 903 |
| Alberta | 711 | 138 | 1,098 | 866 | 2,813 | 872 | 144 | 593 | 525 | 2,134 |
| British Columbia | 988 | 135 | 277 | 1,124 | 2,524 | 1,257 | 114 | 336 | 801 | 2,508 |
| Canada | 7,558 | 1,485 | 3,416 | 8,295 | 20,754 | 7,468 | 1,199 | 3,170 | 6,308 | 18,145 |
| Metropolltan Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 192 | 90 | 547 | 226 | 1,055 | 250 | 48 | 166 | 95 | 559 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 79 | 4 | - | 12 | 95 | 112 | - | - | - | 112 |
| Edmonton | 318 | 24 | 503 | 380 | 1,225 | 483 | 72 | 427 | 266 | 1,248 |
| Halifax | 105 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 137 | 177 | 12 | 41 | 66 | 296 |
| Hamilton | 141 | 12 | 113 | - | 266 | 102 | 22 | 338 | 37 | 499 |
| Hull | 77 | 8 | 115 | - | 200 | 87 | 8 | 6 | 134 | 235 |
| Kitchener | 94 | 18 | 20 | 121 | 253 | 188 | 30 | 60 | 242 | 520 |
| London | 115 | 18 | 89 | - | 222 | 83 | 14 | 60 | 28 | 185 |
| Montreal | 1,291 | 176 | 89 | 2,097 | 3,653 | 1,019 | 138 | 179 | 846 | 2,182 |
| Ottawa | 30 | 16 | 301 | , | 347 | 11 | 8 | - | - | 19 |
| Quebec | 350 | 6 | - | 512 | 868 | 334 | 10 | 28 | 591 | 963 |
| Regina | 140 | 4 | - | 336 | 480 | 154 | 40 | 80 | 96 | 370 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 102 | 64 | 31 | 35 | 232 | 147 | 22 | 45 | 44 | 258 |
| Saint-John | 70 | 14 | - | 24 | 108 | 113 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 145 |
| St. John's | 36 | - | 29 | - | 65 | 47 | - | 196 | 48 | 291 |
| Saskatoon | 347 | 40 | - | 120 | 507 | 84 | - | - | 226 | 310 |
| Sudbury | 55 | 6 | - | - | 61 | 95 | 12 | - | - | 107 |
| Thunder Bay | 71 | 2 | 64 | 18 | 155 | 89 | 2 | - | - | 91 |
| Toronto | 869 | 354 | 690 | 1,177 | 3,090 | 606 | 270 | 815 | 1,062 | 2,753 |
| Vancouver | 522 | 72 | 185 | 708 | 1,487 | 636 | 44 | 254 | 133 | 1.067 |
| Victoria | 67 | 12 | - | 172 | 251 | 104 | 12 | 51 | 357 | 524 |
| Windsor | 103 | 12 | - | 236 | 351 | 151 | 8 | 4 | 58 | 221 |
| Winnipeg | 259 | 126 | 78 | 272 | 735 | 229 | 46 | 171 | 457 | 903 |
| Sub-Total | 5,433 | 1,090 | 2,863 | 6,457 | 15,843 | 5,301 | 822 | 2,935 | 4,800 | 13,858 |
| Major Urban Areas | 775 | 286 | 313 | 732 | 2,106 | 856 | 305 | 133 | 615 | 1,909 |
| Other areas 10,000 + | 1,350 | 109 | 240 | 1,106 | 2,805 | 1,311 | 72 | 102 | 893 | 2,378 |
| All Areas 10,000 + | 7,558 | 1,485 | 3,416 | 8,295 | 20,754 | 7,468 | 1,199 | 3,170 | 6,308 | 18,145 |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, November 1976 (64-002, 409/\$4).




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## Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for November are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication Imports by Commodities (65-007, 80\$/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, November 1976 (73-001, N/C)
Canadian Statistical Review, December 1976 (11-003E, 70థ/\$7)
Housing Starts and Completions, November 1976 (64-002, 40థ/\$4)
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, September 1976 (26-006, 30\$/\$3)
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Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, December 1976 (32-021, 15\$/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletin

Rubber and Plastics Products Industries (47-002; \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 8, Plastic Film and Coated Products, 1974 and 1975

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

Consumer Price Index, January 1977 - Advance Information.
The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.9\% to 154.0 in January from 152.7 in December. This latest increase, the largest since late 1975, was mainly due to a sharp rise in the food index and to higher charges for shelter and selected household operation items. While the food index increased $1.2 \%$, the index for all items excluding food rose by $0.7 \%$. Between January 1976 and January 1977, the total CPI advanced $6.1 \%$.

The $1.2 \%$ increase in the food index, the largest since May 1976, was largely due to seasonally higher prices for fresh vegetables and to increased prices for poultry, coffee, chocolate bars, soft drinks consumed at home and restaurant meals. While the index for food consumed at home increased $1.4 \%$ in the latest month, the level of this index was still $0.5 \%$ below its level of 12 months earlier.

Higher shelter charges and increased electricity rates in many urban centres were largely responsible for the $0.7 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food. Price increases for new automobiles contributed notably to this latest advance as did higher movie admission charges.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, advanced $0.9 \%$ in the latest month while that for services increased $0.8 \%$. Between January 1976 and January 1977, the price level of services increased $10.8 \%$ while that for goods rose 3.5\%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced $0.9 \%$ from December to January. This included a $1.4 \%$ rise in the food index and a 0.7\% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In January, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $7.3 \%$.

Retail Trade, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for December were $\$ 5,074.4$ million, an increase of $5.8 \%$ from the $\$ 4,794.2$ million recorded in November. Sales increased in 21 of the 28 trade groups. Specialty shoe stores (19.4\%), all other food stores ( $15.8 \%$ ) and automotive parts and accessories stores (13.2\%) recorded the largest increases, while household appliance stores (-10.4\%) and personal accessories stores ( $-6.3 \%$ ) recorded the largest decreases. All provinces recorded higher sales than in November, ranging from a high of $9.8 \%$ for New Brunswick to $0.5 \%$ for Alberta.
Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 6,332.8$ million in December, an increase of $9.8 \%$ over December 1975. Sales increased in 24 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by specialty shoe stores (28.0\%) and sporting goods and accessories stores (21.3\%). All provinces recorded increased sales over December 1975, ranging from a high of $17.0 \%$ for Alberta to $5.8 \%$ for Ontario. Montreal sales rose $19.8 \%$, Toronto $9.7 \%$, Winnipeg $12.8 \%$ and Vancouver 12.4\%.
Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for November was $\$ 5,000.3$ million, an increase of 6.5\% from November 1975.
For further information, order the December issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 55 $/ \$ 5.50$ ), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and
Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

|  | All-items |  | Food |  | All-items excluding food |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted |
| 1973 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| July | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| August | 1.3 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| September | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| October | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| November | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 1974 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| February | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| March | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| April | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| May | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| June | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| July | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| August | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| September | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| October | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| November | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| December | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| February | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| March | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| April | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| May | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| June | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| July | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| August | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| September | 0.2 | 0.5 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| October | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| November | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| December | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| February | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| March | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.7 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| April | 0.4 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| May | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| July | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| August | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| September | 0.5 | 0.7 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| October | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| November | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| December | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |

[^7]Railway Carloadings
10-day period ending January 31

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafic: | . |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2.874,468 | 2,659,489 | 5.533.957 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,973,521 | 2,815,249 | 5,788,770 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2607674 | 2412648 | 5020322 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2697533 | 2553951 | 5251484 |
| \% change | -3.3 | -5.5 | -4.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 48,598 | 41.053 | 89.651 |
| Cars, 1976 | 51,904 | 44,367 | 96,271 |
| \% change | -6.4 | -7.5 | -6.9 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 217,352 | 75,611 | 292.963 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 185,582 | 77.982 | 263.564 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 197178 | 68583 | 265772 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 168357 | 70744 | 239101 |
| \% change | 17.1 | -3.0 | 11.2 |
| Cars, 1977 | 6,202 | 3,169 | 9.371 |
| Cars, 1976 | 6,349 | 3,232 | 9,581 |
| \% change | -2.3 | -1.9 | -2.2 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| 'Short tons, 1977 | 8,967.098 | 7,892,402 | 16,859,500 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 8,397,761 | 7,893,264 | 16,291,025 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 8134814 | 7159867 | 15294681 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 7618321 | 7160649 | 14778970 |
| \% change | 6.8 | - | 3.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 147542 | 121267 | 268809 |
| Cars, 1976 | 143179 | 124282 | 267461 |
| \% change | 3.0 | -2.4 | 0.5 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 597,615 | 221,050 | 818,665 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 504,912 | 213,276 | 718,188 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 542147 | 200533 | 742680 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 458048 | 193481 | 651529 |
| \% change | 18.4 | 3.66 | 14.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 17.534 | 9,472 | 27,006 |
| Cars, 1976 | 16,942 | 8,810 | 25,752 |
| \% change | 3.5 | 7.5 | 4.9 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: 1976 figures contain adjustments.

Railway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended January 31, 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Freight loaded by rail in Canada in this period totalled 5.5 million short tons ( 5.0 million metric tonnes), a decrease of $4.4 \%$ from the comparable 10 days of 1976. With one exception (the week ended December 7 last year) this represented the first decline in rail traffic since mid-June 1976.

The number of cars loaded during the current period at 89,651 was down $6.9 \%$ from 96,271 .

- Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) registered an $11.2 \%$ increase in the 10 days, due entirely to a gain of $17.1 \%$ east of the Lakehead. In the West, piggyback traffic was down3.0\%.

In the first month of 1977 railways reported loadings of 16.9 million short tons ( 15.3 million metric tonnes), an increase of $3.5 \%$ over January 1976. Cumulative piggyback movements were up $14.0 \%$. Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.


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## Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for December are now available, either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the reguiar publication Exports by Commodities (65-004, 80\$/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Profile Studies, Structure of Canadian Agriculture, 1971 Census of Canada (99-730, \$1.00)
Gas Utilities, September 1976 (55-002, 30\$/\$3)
Coal and Coke Statistics, October 1976 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in Britlsh Columbia,
October 1976 (35-003, 30¢/\$3)
Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Frults and Vegetabies, November 1976 (32-011, 30\$/\$3)

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Mineral Production, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Production of minerals for December and all 1976, with comparable 1975 figures in brackets:

- Primary copper: 59,310 tons; 797,628 tons $(67,863 ;$ 808,905).
- Primary nickel: 21,291 tons; 263,336 tons (21,995; 266,958).
- Iron ore: 4,217,579 tons; 61,743,998 tons (4,909,863; $49,485,544)$.
- Silver: 3,797,622 troy ounces; 42,135,515 troy ounces (3,642,190; 39,694,650).
- Refined lead: 18,406 tons; 193,698 tons $(20,595 ;$ 189,064).
- Refined zinc: 52,736 tons; 520,639 tons (44,857; 470,622).
- Gold: 148,082 troy ounces; $1,686,500$ troy ounces (133,961; 1,653,613).
For further information, order the December issues of Copper and Nickel Production (26-003, 15\$/\$1.50), Iron Ore (26-005, 15\$/\$1.50), Silver, Lead and Zinc Production (26-008, 15 $/ \$ 1.50$ ) and Gold Production (26-004, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-9920491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at February 1 amounted to 79.3 million pounds compared with last year's total of 52.4 million pounds.

For further information, order the February issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 ¢ / \$ 3$ ), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 L 7$.

Smail Boat Accidents, 1975 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The results of a special study show that fatal accidents involving small boats and other pleasure craft on Canadian waters accounted for 368 victims in 1975.

For further information, contact M. McRae (613-9969274), Transportation and Communications-Divisiōn; Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

Particie Board, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Canadian firms produced $35,448,000$ sq. ft. (5/8" basis) of particle board in December compared to $34,671,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1975, an increase of 2.2\%.

For further information, order the December issue of Particle Board (36-003, 45¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

General Wholesale Price Indexes, December 1976 Advance Information.
In the table accompanying this article in the Daily of Thursday, February 10, the figure under November 1976 for textile products should read 463.4r.


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Electrical Products (43-007, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 30, Electric Lamps, December 1976


Percentage Distribution of Families and Unattached Individuals by Income Groups, 1974

| Income Group | Families distributed by |  | Unattached individuals distributed by |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Money Income | Income After tax* | Total Money Income | Income After Tax* |
| Under \$1,000 |  | $\{$ | 7.4 | 7.5 |
| \$1,000-\$1,499 \} | 1.7 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| 1,500-1,999 |  |  | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| 2,000 - 2,999 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 18.3 | 18.8 |
| 3,000-3,999 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 8.3 | 9.9 |
| 4,000-4,999 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 7.8 |
| 5,000-5,999 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 6.9 | 9.4 |
| 6,000 - 6,999 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 8.4 |
| 7,000 - 7,999 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 7.4 |
| 8,000-8,999 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| 9,000-9,999 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 4.5 |
| 10,000-11,999 | 10.0 | 13.9 | 8.2 | 4.4 |
| 12,000-14,999 | 17.0 | 19.9 | 5.1 | 3.3 |
| 15,000-19,999 | 21.0 | 17.0 |  |  |
| 20,000-24,999 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 1.8 |
| 25,000 and over | 9.8 | 4.8 |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Average income \$ | 14,833 | 12,576 | 6,099 | 5,234 |
| Median Income \$ | 13,516 | 11,712 | 4,838 | 4,404 |
| Sample size |  |  |  | 2,884 |
| Estimated numbers (000) |  |  |  | 2,067 |

-Total money income less income tax payable.

Income After Tax, Distributions by Size in Canada, 1974, (13-210, \$1.05).
Average income after tax of Canadian families rose from \$10,771 in 1973 to $\$ 12,576$ in 1974, an increase of $17 \%$. Average money income before income tax deductions was $\$ 14,833$ in 1974, so the average estimated federal and provincial income tax paid by families was $\$ 2,256$, an increase of $16 \%$ from $\$ 1,945$ in 1973. The average after-tax income of unattached individuals increased by $18 \%$ from $\$ 4,424$ to $\$ 5,234$. With an average money income before income tax deductions of $\$ 6,099$ in 1974, unattached individuals paid an average $\$ 865$ in federal and provincial income tax, an increase of $19 \%$ from $\$ 725$ in 1973. The changes in 1974 income distributions, produced by income tax deductions from total money income, are illustrated in the accompanying table.
The estimates were derived from a sample survey conducted annually in the spring. A report containing 1974 estimates is available.

For further information, order Income After Tax, Distributions by Size in Canada, 1974 (13-210, \$1.05). Inquiries should be addressed to Data Dissemination Unit (613-992-4742), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1.A 0T6.

## Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing

 industrles, December 1976 - Advance Information. The preliminary estimate of manufacturers shipments in December, seasonally adjusted, was $\$ 8,703.4$ million, $4.8 \%$ higher than the revised November value of $\$ 8,301.9$ million. Durable goods shipments rose $4.7 \%$ to $\$ 3,972.0$ million from $\$ 3,795.1$ million and nondurable goods shipments increased $5.0 \%$ to $\$ 4,731.4$ million from $\$ 4,506.8$ million.New orders in all manufacturing industries rose 5.0\% to $\$ 8,686.7$ million from $\$ 8,276.8$ million. Durable goods new orders increased $5.4 \%$ to $\$ 3,935.3$ million from $\$ 3,734.0$ million and non-durable new orders rose $4.6 \%$ to $\$ 4,751.4$ million from $\$ 4,542.8$ million. The estimated value of unfilled orders in all manufacturing dropped $0.2 \%$ to $\$ 9,337.2$ million from $\$ 9,353.9$ million.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, rose $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 16,773.9$ million from $\$ 16,670.3$ million while total inventory held rose $0.8 \%$ to $\$ 17,729.6$ million from $\$ 17,583.8$ million. Goods in process and finished products inventories rose $4.3 \%$ and $0.3 \%$, respectively, while raw materials declined $0.9 \%$.

The ratio of total inventorv owned to shipments was 1.93:1 in December compared to 2.01:1 for November. The ratio of finished products to shipments dropped to 0.66:1 from 0.69:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers shipments for December were estimated at $\$ 8,325.3$ million, $4.2 \%$ below the revised November value of $\$ 8,692.6$ million. Cumulative shipments for the year 1976 were estimated at $\$ 98,166.3$ million; $12.1 \%$ higher than the corresponding 1975 estimate of $\$ 87,597.7$ million.

For further information, order the December issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, (31-001, 55\$/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population \& Over
December 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Starts |  |  |  |  | Completions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
| Newfoundland | 21 | 32 | 0 | 6 | 59 | 68 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 123 |
| Prince Edward Island | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 40 |
| Nova Scotia | 137 | 14 | 14 | 39 | 204 | 176 | 4 | 0 | 314 | 494 |
| New Brunswick | 86 | 22 | 0 | 60 | 168 | 275 | 40 | 0 | 218 | 533 |
| Quebec | 1,746 | 77 | 165 | 2,621 | 4,609 | 1,710 | 95 | 170 | 1,087 | 3,062 |
| Ontario | 1,859 | 632 | 1,691 | 2,311 | 6,493 | 2,117 | 501 | 1,440 | 1,715 | 5,773 |
| Manitoba | 219 | 60 | 128 | 108 | 515 | 326 | 20 | 10 | 397 | 753 |
| Saskatchewan | 370 | 100 | 23 | 257 | 750 | 613 | 16 | 0 | 186 | 815 |
| Alberta | 711 | 118 | 664 | 514 | 2,007 | 734 | 91 | 311 | 458 | 1,594 |
| British Columbia | 910 | 81 | 219 | 1,626 | 2,836 | 1,019 | 129 | 226 | 1,208 | 2,582 |
| Canada | 6,074 | 1,138 | 2,904 | 7,542 | 17,658 | 7,054 | 896 | 2,212 | 5,607 | 15,769 |
| Metropolltan Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 244 | 62 | 269 | 79 | 654 | 312 | 60 | 131 | 187 | 690 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 37 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 108 | 92 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| Edmonton | 330 | 22 | 191 | 300 | 843 | 308 | 24 | 160 | 123 | 615 |
| Halifax | 96 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 127 | 87 | 4 | 0 | 164 | 2.55 |
| Hamilton | 123 | 14 | 95 | 0 | 232 | 94 | 26 | 165 | 86 | 371 |
| Hull | 21 | 0 | 48 | 3 | 72 | 99 | 8 | 18 | 204 | 329 |
| Kitchener | 247 | 12 | 28 | 431 | 718 | 93 | 14 | 36 | 63 | 206 |
| London | 170 | 52 | 83 | 126 | 431 | 129 | 14 | 21 | 0 | 164 |
| Montreal | 1,073 | 62 | 117 | 2,291 | 3,543 | 1.019 | 78 | 150 | 638 | 1,885 |
| Ottawa | 287 | 92 | 567 | 120 | 1,066 | 349 | 40 | 359 | 187 | 935 |
| Quebec | 269 | 6 | 0 | 216 | 491 | 213 | 2 | 0 | 150 | 365 |
| Regina | 116 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 318 | 14 | 0 | 18 | 350 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 109 | 38 | 13 | 112 | 272 | 199 | 16 | 65 | 0 | 280 |
| Saint-John | 15 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 72 | 18 | 0 | 150 | 240 |
| St. John's | 18 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 40 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 95 |
| Saskatoon | 148 | 64 | 0 | 143 | 355 | 138 | 2 | 0 | 145 | 285 |
| Sudbury | 45 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 107 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 153 |
| Thunder Bay | 32 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 95 | 51 | 4 | 24 | 0 | 79 |
| Toronto | 343 | 250 | 508 | 534 | 1,635 | 369 | 92 | 635 | 852 | 1,948 |
| Vancouver | 505 | 30 | 141 | 1,203 | 1,879 | 469 | 51 | 204 | 677 | 1,401 |
| Victoria | 67 | 6 | 16 | 355 | 444 | 83 | 10 | 11 | 269 | 373 |
| Windsor | 87 | 0 | 31 | 9 | 127 | 116 | 8 | 0 | 58 | 182 |
| Winnipeg | 200 | 60 | 128 | 72 | 460 | 264 | 20 | 10 | 312 | 606 |
| Sub-Total | 4,582 | 874 | 2,312 | 6,068 | 13,836 | 5,021 | 555 | 2,044 | 4,283 | 11,903 |
| Major Urban Areas | 567 | 161 | 244 | 681 | 1,653 | 720 | 254 | 147 | 538 | 1,659 |
| Other areas 10,000 + | 925 | 103 | 348 | 793 | 2,169 | 1,313 | 87 | 21 | 786 | 2,207 |
| All Areas 10,000 + | 6,074 | 1,138 | 2,904 | 7,542 | 17,658 | 7,054 | 896 | 2,212 | 5,607 | 15,769 |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, December 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, December 1976 - Advance Information.
December production of rubber increased to 48,539,000 pounds - 22017000 kg (kilograms) compared to $39,300,000$ pounds - 17826000 kg - in December 1975. Consumption of rubber increased to $55,997,000$ pounds - 25399000 kg - compared to 49,016,000 pounds - 22233000 kg - for December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber (33-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Report of Livestock Surveys, Pigs, January 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Total pig numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at January 1, 1977, were up 3\% from January 1, 1976. In the West, numbers increased 2\%. In the East, numbers increased 4\% from the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the January 1 Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs (23-005, 35\$/\$1.40), or contact L.C. White (613-994-5855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Weekly Securlty Price Indexes
February 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Feb. 4/77 <br> This week | Jan. 28/77 <br> Week ago | Jan. 7/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 101.1 | 100.4 | 101.1 |
| Industrials | 85 | 101.2 | 100.3 | 100.8 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.9 | 84.5 | 83.7 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 77.2 | 75.5 | 78.7 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 114.7 | 115.2 | 115.8 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 128.7 | 129.9 | 133.6 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 99.5 | 99.8 | 107.3 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 104.3 | 103.9 | 107.1 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 95.2 | 94.2 | 90.6 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 183.4 | 183.5 | 186.3 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 85.0 | 84.5 | 85.5 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 97.5 | 95.1 | 95.3 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 107.5 | 106.6 | 111.5 |
| Construction | 5 | 216.5 | 212.9 | 216.0 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 83.1 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 93.2 | 92.3 | 93.4 |
| Transportation | 6 | 121.9 | 120.8 | 122.9 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 80.3 | 80.2 | 81.3 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 102.8 | 101.5 | 98.9 |
| Telephone | 4 | 95.9 | 94.3 | 95.9 |
| Electric power | 3 | 121.0 | 119.5 | 121.9 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 73.2 | 72.4 | 72.5 |
| Finances | 21 | 112.5 | 112.8 | 113.9 |
| Banks | 8 | 116.0 | 117.0 | 118.7 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 105.8 | 104.1 | 103.8 |
| Insurance | 4 | 97.5 | 98.3 | 96.1 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 100.7 |
| Golds | 9 | 178.4 | 177.1 | 178.5 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.8 | 67.1 | 63.3 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 184.9 | 185.8 | 194.1 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 106.0 | 108.0 | 104.0 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 12, 1977 Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended February 12, was 290,388 short tons ( 263435 t), an increase of $7.6 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 269,772 short tons ( 244733 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 278,075 tons ( 252265 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 158.5 in the current week, 147.2 a week earlier and 151.8 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Footwear Statistics, December 1976 - Advance Information.
December production of footwear of all types decreased to 2,891,341 pairs from 2,969,040 in December 1975.

For further information order the December issue of Footwear Statistics (33-002, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventorles and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

(Based on 1973 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1976 \mathrm{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct. } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,325.3 | 8,692.6 | 8,303.6 | 7,514.9 |
| Non-durable | 4,582.2 | 4,677.7 | 4,546.1 | 4,091.0 |
| Durable | 3,743.1 | 4,014.9 | 3,757.5 | 3,423.9 |
| New Orders: Total | 8,329.9 | 8,608.2 | 8,155.3 | 7.390 .9 |
| Non-durable | 4,586.4 | 4,693.4 | 4,547.4 | 4,078.3 |
| Durable | 3,743.6 | 3,914.8 | 3,608.0 | 3,312.5 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,289.5 | 9,284.8 | 9,369.2 | 10,174.8 |
| Non-durable | 1,303.4 | 1,299.2 | 1,283.5 | 1,218.8 |
| Durable | 7,986.1 | 7,985.5 | 8,085.7 | 8,956.0 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,738.6 | 16,543.6 | 16,502.6 | 15,750.1 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,665.9 | 17,471.1 | 17,393.3 | 16,529.2 |
| Raw materials | 7,330.6 | 7,239.0 | 7,307.4 | 7,116.8 |
| Goods in process | 4,694.2 | 4,617.7 | 4,572.6 | 4,343.1 |
| Finished Products | 5,641.0 | 5,614.3 | 5,513.3 | 5,069.3 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,703.4 | 8,301.9 | 8,063.7 | 7,838.1 |
| Non-durable | 4,731.4 | 4,506.8 | 4,426.5 | 4,235.8 |
| Durable | 3,972.0 | 3,795.1 | 3,637.2 | 3,602.3 |
| New Orders: Total | 8,686.7 | 8,276.8 | 7,873.2 | 7,670.8 |
| Non-durable | 4,751.4 | 4,542.8 | 4,407.5 | 4,236.9 |
| Durable | 3,935.3 | 3,734.0 | 3,465.7 | 3,433.9 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,337.2 | 9,353.9 | 9,379.0 | 10,214.9 |
| Non-durable | 1,349.7 | 1,329.7 | 1,293.7 | 1,261.4 |
| Durable | 7,987.5 | 8,024.2 | 8,085.3 | 8,953.5 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,773.9 | 16,670.3 | 16,651.5 | 15,750.9 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,729.6 | 17,583.8 | 17,528.3 | 16,559.8 |
| Raw materials | 7,163.6 | 7,232.1 | 7,314.8 | 6,949.3 |
| Goods in process | 4,787.9 | 4,592.5 | 4,569.0 | 4.425 .9 |
| Finished products | 5,778.1 | 5,759.2 | 5,644.5 | 5,184.6 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 1.93 | 2.01 | 2.06 | 2.01 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments | 0.66 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.66 |

## Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ | change | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ \text { 1976p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | change |
| (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundiand | 61.4 | 56.2 | 9.2 | 624.2 | 700.2 | -10.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 193.6 | 194.8 | -0.6 | 2,143.4 | 1,907.2 | 12.4 |
| New Brunswick | 154.8 | 151.7 | 2.1 | 1,824.8 | 1,647.0 | 10.8 |
| Quebec | 2,179.9 | 2,274.6 | -4.2 | 25,706.1 | 23,822.1 | 7.9 |
| Ontario | 4,243.3 | 4,502.2 | -5.7 | 50,264.1 | 44,082.9 | 14.0 |
| Manitoba | 214.3 | 221.9 | -3.4 | 2,642.7 | 2,554.2 | 3.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 84.7 | 87.4 | -3.1 | 1,119.7 | 1,084.5 | 3.2 |
| Alberta | 423.0 | 430.9 | -1.8 | 4,962.2 | 4,453.7 | 11.4 |
| British Columbia | 760.5 | 763.4 | -0.4 | 8,753.7 | 7,236.1 | 21.0 |
| Canada* | 8,325.3 | 8,692.6 | -4.2 | 98,166.3 | 87,597.7 | 12.1 |

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Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, November 1976 (73-001, 40థ/\$4)

Industry Price Indexes, September 1976 (62-011, 55\$/\$5.50)
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Breweries, December 1976 (32-019, 15¢/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletins:

Fabrlcated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 5, December 1976: No. 63, Builders and Shelf Hardware; No. 64, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools

Weekly Securlty Price Indexes
February 1976 - Advance Information.


For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers,

 December 1976 - Advance Information.Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,669 units in December, down from 34,934 in December 1975. Conventional washing machines sales were 4,245 units compared to 5,091 (revised) a year earlier. Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 30,820 units compared to 31,000 units. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 1,268 units compared to 1,218 .

For further information, order the December issue of Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Refined Petroieum Products, December 1976 Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 59,568,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in December, an increase of 7.0\% compared to the latest available data for December 1975.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 61,877,000 barrels, an increase of 6.2\% over December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, .404/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Farm Input Price Indexes
(1961=100)

|  | Eastern Canada | Western Canada |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| QIV | QIV | Canada <br> QIV |  |
|  | 1976 | 1976 | 1976 |
| Total Farm Input (p) |  |  |  |
| Land and farm building (p) | 227.9 | 232.9 | 230.2 |
| Farm machinery and motor vehicles | 248.3 | 276.8 | 262.7 |
| Hired farm labour | 202.6 | 199.1 | 200.4 |
| Other materials and services | 352.7 | 360.6 | 355.7 |

p Preliminary figures.
Farm Input Price Indexes, Fourth Quarter 1976 Advance Information.
The Farm Input Price Index for Canada (1961=100) increased $0.9 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 1976 to 230.2 from 228.1 (revised) for the third quarter. The eastern index rose $0.5 \%$ to 227.9 from 226.7 (revised) and the western index rose $1.4 \%$ to 232.9 from 229.7 (revised).
In the latest 12 months, the index rose $3.9 \%$ nationally - $4.3 \%$ in the East and $3.5 \%$ in the West. For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Farm Input Price Indexes (62-004, 35\$/\$1.40), or contact Mrs. A.J. Sprott (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1 to December 31, 1976 (63-009, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, December 1976 (43-005, 15\$/\$1.50)
Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, December 1976 (46-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Urban Transit, December 1976 (53-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
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Police Administration Statistics, 1973 and 1974 (85-204, \$2.80)
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Eiectrical Products (43-007, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 31, Domestic Water Tank Heaters, December 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 5, December 1976: No. 65, Domestic and Farm Water Systems; No. 66, Sanitaryware

Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes (47-004, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, No. 12, Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes in Canada, December 1976

Index of Industrial Production
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | 1971 <br> percentage weight | 1976 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Change |
| Index of Industrial Production | 29.497 | 120.2 | 119.1 | 120.2 | 121.0 | 0.7 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 112.3 | 113.9 | 113.4 | 112.4 | -0.9 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 115.6 | 112.1 | 107.6 | 102.3 | -4.9 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 108.7 | 115.3 | 118.9 | 121.8 | 2.4 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 119.7 | 126.0 | 123.8 | 124.7 | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 119.3 | 117.2 | 118.5 | 119.4 | 0.8 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 109.6 | 110.6 | 109.3 | $109.8$ | 0.5 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 114.2 | 101.0 | 105.5 | 113.2 | 7.3 |
| Rubber and plastics products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| industries | . 650 | 151.7 | 153.4 | 152.3 | 150.7 | -1.1 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 102.9 | 101.2 | 96.2 | 95.6 | -0.6 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 106.9 | 105.8 | 108.3 | 107.6 | -0.6 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 103.0 | 102.6 | 100.8 | 100.4 | -0.4 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 116.2 | 113.9 | 112.8 | 111.8 | -0.9 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 124.9 | 132.5 | 131.2 | 132.0 | 0.6 |
| Furniture and fixture industries , | . 420 | 115.5 | 114.0 | 113.0 | 112.5 | -0.4 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 118.5 | 121.2 | 117.2 | 112.6 | -3.9 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 116.3 | 116.4 | 115.6 | 116.6 | 0.9 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 104.4 | 98.6 | 96.9 | 102.4 | 5.7 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 119.5 | 118.6 | 119.9 | 119.4 | -0.4 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 129.4 | 131.0 | 131.6 | 131.9 | 0.2 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 135.4 | 116.1 | 131.5 | 137.5 | 4.6 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 120.4 | 119.0 | 118.8 | 117.7 | -0.9 |
| Non-metallic mineral products industries | . 905 | 115.2 | 115.0 | 118.4 | 117.2 | -1.0 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 117.4 | 120.0 | 124.8 | 130.7 | 4.7 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 132.3 | 135.1 | 134.5 | 135.4 | 0.7 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 110.9 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.9 | 0.4 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 137.5 | 141.2 | 143.2 | 146.3 | 2.2 |
| Special Industry groupings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.3 | 118.0 | 117.0 | 116.7 | -0.3 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 121.5 | 116.4 | 120.0 | 122.0 | 1.7 |

Index of Industrial Productlon, December 1976 Advance Information.
Several indexes have been revised back to January due to the incorporation of later data. Revised series will be published in the December issue.
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased $0.7 \%$ to a level of 121.0 in December from 120.2 in November. Manufacturing and utilities increased while mining declined.
For further information, order the December issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)(61-005,
$40 \$ / \$ 4$ ), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.
(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

Index of Industrial Production
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

Consumer Credit, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly was $\$ 21,856$ million at the end of December, $16.8 \%$ more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of December 1976, with percentage change from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: $\$ 16,177$ million, up 22.8\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 72$ million, up 24.1\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,212 million, up 5.5\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 236$ million, down $6.3 \%$; large $\$ 1,505$ million, up $0.1 \%$; instalment sales paper $\$ 1,150$ million, down 0.5\%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,505$ million, up $5.7 \%$.
- Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of $\$ 5,463$ million at the end of the third quarter of 1976, up 15.4\% from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of $\$ 3,700$ million, up $17.1 \%$. (Also included in
the quarterly total: other retail stores, other creditcard issuers, public utilities, and trust and mortgage companies.)
- Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the third quarter of 1976 totalled $\$ 26,527$ million, up 17.1\% from a year earlier.
For further information, order the December issue of Consumer Credit (61-004, 30\$/\$3), or contact Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Index of Industrial Production
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | 1971 percentage weight | 1975 | 1976 | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Index of Industrial Production | 29.497 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 4.6 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 109.5 | 110.5 | 0.9 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 102.8 | 108.4 | 5.4 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 119.3 | 112.7 | -5.5 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 101.4 | 114.9 | 13.3 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 113.8 | 119.1 | 4.7 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 107.4 | 110.6 | 3.0 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 108.2 | 114.3 | 5.6 |
| Rubber and plastics products industries | . 650 | 132.5 | 148.9 | 12.3 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 101.2 | 101.7 | 0.5 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 110.1 | 110.2 | 0.1 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 110.9 | 106.4 | -4.1 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 113.8 | 117.3 | 3.1 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 99.9 | 122.6 | 22.7 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | 420 | 110.7 | 116.5 | 5.3 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 99.8 | 114.3 | 14.6 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 115.4 | 115.5 | 0.1 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 107.0 | 103.7 | -3.0 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 115.5 | 120.5 | 4.3 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 132.0 | 129.8 | -1.7 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 120.0 | 132.2 | 10.1 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 119.0 | 121.1 | 1.8 |
| Non-metallic mineral products industries | . 905 | 118.5 | 119.1 | 0.6 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 123.5 | 125.9 | 1.9 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 125.2 | 132.0 | 5.5 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 112.9 | 111.7 | -1.1 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 126.2 | 137.4 | 8.8 |
| Speclal industry grouplngs: <br> Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 111.9 | 117.2 | 4.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 115.7 | 121.1 | 4.6 |

Wholesale Trade, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales by wholesale merchants for December were estimated at $\$ 3,877,679,000$, a $1.6 \%$ increase compared with December 1975. In the consumer goods trades one of the most significant sales changes from December 1975 was registered by the groceries and food specialties component, showing an increase of $2.8 \%$. In the industrial goods trades one of the most notable items was a decrease of $16.9 \%$ in the farm machinery category.
Wholesale inventories were valued at $\$ 7,144,215,000$, an increase of $16.9 \%$ over December. 1975.

For further details, order the December issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, 15\$/\$1.50).

Electric Power Statistics, December 1976 - Advance Information.
In December net generation increased to 29.5 TW.h from 26.2 TW.h in December 1975. Hydro generation increased $40 \%$ while thermal production increased 35.2\%.

For further information, order the December issue of Electric Power Statistics (57-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact

David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned fruits and vegetables for December is now available.

For further information, order the December issue of Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables (32-011, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Industrial Corporations Financlal Statistics
Fourth Quarter, 1976

|  | Sales |  | Year-over Year Change <br> Net income before Extraordinary items |  | Net income after Extraordinary items |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ali industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1976 | 60,748 |  | 2,177 |  | 2,182 |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1975 | 56,041 |  | 2,393 |  | 2,475 |  |
| change | 4,707 | 8.4 | -216 | -9.0 | -293 | -11.8 |
| Mining industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1976 | 4,115 |  | 515 |  | 516 |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1975 | 3,431 |  | 470 |  | 479 |  |
| change | 684 | 19.9 | 45 | 9.6 | 37 | 7.7 |
| Manufacturing industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1976 | 29,018 |  | 1,013 |  | 1,013 |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1975 | 26,605 |  | 1,141 |  | 1,116 |  |
| change | 2,413 | 9.1 | -128 | -11.2 | -103 | -9.2 |
| Other industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1976 | 27,615 |  | 649 |  | 653 |  |
| 4th Qtr. 1975 | 26,005 |  | 782 |  | 880 |  |
| change | 1,610 | 6.2 | -133 | -17.0 | -227 | -25.8 |

Industrial Corporations, FInancial Statlstics (Prellminary Data), Fourth Quarter 1976 - (61-003p, free to subscribers).
The accompanying table presents the highlights of preliminary financial statistics of industrial corporations for the fourth quarter of 1976.

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancles, Three Months Ended January 31, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended January 31 show a decrease in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended October 31, 1976. Vacancies for full-time, parttime and casual jobs declined to 37,800 from 55,100, a decrease of $31 \%$. The number of vacancies was $20 \%$ lower than in the comparable period a year ago.

Vacancies for full-time jobs decreased $30 \%$ to 33,700 from the preceding period and longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) declined 26\% to 12,700 .

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest threemonth period, four were vacant, a decrease of two from both the preceding period and the comparable period a year ago.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta ( 11 per 1,000 ) and Saskatchewan (six per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate, two per 1,000, occurred in Nova Scotia.

Compared with the preceding period, decreases in vacancy rates were observed in all provinces except Newfoundland and New Brunswick, where no change occurred. The largest decreases were noted in Saskatchewan, down to six from 11, and Alberta, down to 11 from 16.

In a year-to-year comparison, all provinces except one showed decreases in vacancy rates. The largest decrease was in Saskatchewan, down to six from 10 per 1,000 . The only increase occurred in Newfoundland, up to four from three per 1,000 .

## Vacancy Rates for Part- and Fuli-time Jobs Canada, Regions and Provinces

| T | Three-month Periods Ending |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Rates per thousand existing jobs |  |  |
| Canada | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Atlantic Region | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Newfoundland | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Nova Scotia | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| New Brunswick | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Quebec Region | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Ontario Region | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Prairie Region | 8 | 13 | 10 |
| Manitoba | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Saskatchewan* | 6 | 11 | 10 |
| Alberta | 11 | 16 | 12 |
| Pacific Region | 3 | 4 | 4 |

[^9]For further information, contact Mr.J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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## Historical Input-Output Data

Tables for this data for 1971, with comparable figures back to 1961, have now been completed. They will form a part of the publication The Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-71 (15-506, \$5.25). It is expected off press in March 1977 but advance information is available from the secretary (613-995-0631), Input-Output Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Empioyment Earnings and Hours, September 1976 (72-002, 70§/\$7)
Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, October-December 1976 (62-010, \$1.40/\$5.40)
Continulng Education, 1973-74 (81-253, \$1.05)
Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills In British Columbia, November 1976 (35-003, 30\$/\$3)

Steel WIre and Specifled WIre Products, December 1976 (41-006, 15\$/\$1.50)
Proflle Studles, Migration In Canada, 1971 Census of Canada (99-705, \$1)

## Service BulletIn:

Frult and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 16, Pack of Processed Peaches, 1976

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Rallway Carloadings
7-day period ending February 7

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
$r$ Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 7, 1977

- Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 4.3 million short tons, or 3.9 million metric tonnes, in the week, a gain of 9.4\% over the 1976 period. Traffic was up in both regions of the country with increases of $7.0 \%$ recorded east of the Lakehead and. $11.8 \%$ in the West. The number of cars loaded in the seven days rose $6.6 \%$ to 69,028 units.
Trailer-container movements (piggyback), which rose by more than $50 \%$ in the East, registered a net over-all gain of $37.3 \%$ to 219,606 short tons.

From January 1 through February 7 railways loaded 21.1 million short tons of revenue freight ( 19.2 million metric tonnes), an increase of $4.6 \%$ over 1976. Cumulative piggyback shipments were up 18.3\%.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Pulpwood and Wood Resldue, December 1976 Advance Information.
Roundwood production increased $45.2 \%$ to $1,220,706$ cunits in December from 840,782 cunits in December 1975. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased $44.0 \%$ to $2,325,001$ cunits from $1,615,053$ and the closing inventory of these two products decreased $9.6 \%$ to $11,461,467$ cunits from 12,675,232. Receipts of wood residue increased $38.9 \%$ to 958,283 cunits from 689,936.

For further information, order the December issue of Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics (25-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. C. Sturtón (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Dalry Factory Production, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of creamery butter decreased 36.2\% in January 1977 to 10.9 milion pounds from 17.1 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production also decreased $11.4 \%$ to 12.1 million pounds from 13.7 miliion pounds and production of ice cream mix decreased $12.9 \%$ to 1.8 million gallons from 2.0 miliion gallons.

For further information order the January issue of Dairy Factory Production (32-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 47.4 million pounds on February 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 74.3 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 56.2 miliion pounds from 64.4 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased $13.7 \%$ to 294.1 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased $19.5 \%$ to 24.2 million.
For further information, order the February issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 L 7$.

Stocks of Food Commodities In Cold Storage and Other Warehouses, 1976 - Advance İiformation:
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter decreased from 75.7 million pounds at January 1, 1976; to 54.7 miliion pounds at the year end. Stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 55.1 milion pounds from 65.3 miliion.

Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 2.9\% from 329.4 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased $15.3 \%$ from 32.5 million.

Stocks of frozen poultry products rose from 48.6 miliion pounds at January 1, 1976; to 76.4 miliion at January 1, 1977, and stocks of frozen meats rose from 84.6 million pounds to 125.5 milition.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of Stocks of Food Commoditios in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses (32-217, 70\$), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Consumer Price Index for Reglonal Clites, January 1977 (62-009, 30¢/\$3)
Iron Ore, December 1976 (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50)
Cement, December 1976 (44-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Particle Board, December 1976 (36-003, 15¢/\$1.50)
Radio and Television Recelving Sets, December 1976 (43-004, 30\$/\$3)
New Motor Vehicle Sales, December 1976 (63-007, 30థ/\$3)

## Service Bulietin:

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9, No. 3, Preliminary Aircraft Movement Statistics, December and Annual 1976

## Consumer Price Indexes for Reglongil Cities, January

 1977.The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPls show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between. cities. . Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately. For. reference see footnote to tables.
From December 1976 to January 1977, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from $0.1 \%$ in Saint John, N.B., to $1.1 \%$ in Calgary. Higher prices for food, new automobiles and widespread increases in electricity rates were largely responsible for these advances. Other contributing factors included higher shelter charges and increased prices for movie admissions.

## St. John's

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.6\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.4\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for chocolate bars, processed fruit and fresh vegetables; increased electricity rates, higher shelter charges and higher prices for new automobiles.

## Hailfax

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.3\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.2\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher prices for new cars. Movie admission charges increased while food at home prices declined slightly.

## Salnt John

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.1\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.5\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher electricity rates. Prices also up for new cars and movie admissions. Food at home prices declined while restaurant meal prices rose.

## Quebec City

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up $7.0 \%$.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for meat, chocolate bars and fresh vegetables; increased prices for new automobiles and higher electricity rates. Clothing prices declined.

## Montreal

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.4\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for meat, chocolate bars, fresh vegetables and restaurant meals. Higher prices for new cars and increased rates for electricity and newspaper subsciptions.

## Ottawa

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.8\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for chocolate bars, soft drinks consumed at home, fresh vegetables and restaurant meals; higher prices for new automobiles.
$\because$ Toronto"
All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.9\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 5.6\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, chocolate bars, pork and chicken; increased electricity rates and higher prices for new cars.

## Thunder Bay

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.3\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 4.8\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for chocolate bars, coffee, fresh vegetables and chicken. Increased telephone rates and higher new car prices.

## Winnipeg

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.6\%:

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher new car prices. Food prices increased, notably for fresh produce, chocolate bars, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and restaurant meals. Beer prices also up.

## Saskatoon

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.4\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.3\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges; higher prices for new cars and movie admissions. Food prices up mainly for fresh fruit, chocolate bars and restaurant meals.

## Regina

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 7.9\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and chocolate bars; higher prices for new automobiles and move; admissions.

## Edmonton

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.8\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.9\%.
Main contributors: increased domestic gas rates and higher prices for new cars. Prices also up for chocolate bars and beer for home consumption.

## Calgary

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 1.1\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 6.8\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef cuts, fresh fruit and chocolate bars; higher electricity rates. Prices also up for new cars, movie admissions and beer for home consumption.

## Vancouver

All items: December 1976 to January 1977, up 0.7\%; January 1976 to January 1977, up 8.7\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh vegetables and chocolate bars. Increased prices for new cars, gasoline, movie admissions and selected clothing items.
(see table on next page)

## Consumer Price Indexes for Reglonal Cltles of Canada

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities."

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing (19 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 71=100 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 159.4 | 183.1 | 157.3 | 131.0 | 154.2 | 160.2 | 139.8 | . 141.0 |
| December 1976 index | 158.4 | 181.4 | 156.0 | 130.7 | 153.1 | 159.0 | 138.9 | 141.0 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 1.1 |
| Halliax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 148.8 | 166.7 | 144.4 | 129.3 | 153.4 | 139.9 | 134.0 | 135.1 |
| December 1976 index | 148.3 | 166.8 | 143.9 | 128.7 | 152.5 | 139.7 | 133.5 | 135.1 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 5.2 | 0.8 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 6.6 |
| Saint John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 152.1 | -172.5 | 148.5 | 128.3 | 149.3 | 154.0 | 148.4 | 131.0 |
| December 1976 index | 152.0 | 173.9 | 147.8 | 128.9 | 148.4 | 153.4 | 147.9 | 130.9 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.1 | -0.8 | 0.5 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 5.5 | 1.2 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| Quebec City |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 150.0 | 172.0 | 144.3 | 129.2 | 151.6 | 140.9 | 138.8 | 139.5 |
| December 1976 index | 148.6 | 169.5 | 142.9 | 130.3 | 149.3 | 140.8 | 138.3 | 139.6 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.0 | -0.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 7.0 | 3.4 | 9.3 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 9.4 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 151.1 | 172.8 | 140.5 | 138.8 | 152.9 | 145.1 | 143.1 | 141.2 |
| December 1976 index | 149.8 | 170.5 | 139.4 | 138.1 | 150.9 | 144.8 | 141.8 | 141.2 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 9.5 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 151.4 | 164.0 | 149.4 | 143.4 | 147.8 | 147.4 | 136.4 | 140.1 |
| December 1976 index. | 150.0 | 161.4 | 148.6 | 143.1 | 145.3 | 146.7 | 135.2 | 140.1 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 5.8 | -0.8 | 10.1 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 8.3 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 150.7 | 166.0 | 147.2 | 132.5 | 149.0 | 155.6 | 139.5 | 138.3 |
| December 1976 index | 149.3 | 163.4 | 145.6 | 133.3 | 147.0 | 155.3 | 138.8 | 138.3 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.1 | -0.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 5.6 | -0.9 | 9.6 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 8.1. | 3.9 | 8.4 |
| Thunder Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 151.8 | 166.4 | 151.4 | 128.7 | 156.0 | 151.2 | 137.8 | 136.3 |
| December 1976 index | 151.3 | 165.9 | 150.9 | 128.1 | 154.9 | 150.7 | 137.4 | 136.3 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 4.8 | -0.5 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 8.0 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 154.6 | 169.3 | 159.3 | 133.7 | 146.2 | 154.7 | 137.9 | 140.6 |
| December 1976 index | 153.5 | 168.0 | 157.6 | 134.2 | 144.9 | 154.2 | 137.2 | 139.3 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | -0.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 12.7 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 9.7 |
| Saskatoon" |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 149.7 | 165.1 | 148.7 | 138.1 | 139.7 | 142.5 | 151.5 | 134.5 |
| December 1976 index | 149.1 | 164.8 | 147.7 | 138.0 | 138.9 | 142.5 | 150.2 | 134.4 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.3 | 1.8 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 8.8 |
| Regina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 151.3 | 161.7 | 152.8 | 135.5 | 142.5 | 150.2 | 154.7 | 137.2 |
| December 1976 index | 150.3 | 160.1 | 152.3 | 135.3 | 140.7 | 149.5 | 153.7 | 137.0 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 11.6 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 9.7 |

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.*

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing (1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 1=100 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 152.4 | 161.0 | 158.9 | 136.2 | 152.2 | 140.6 | 139.6 | 131.0 |
| December 1976 index | 151.2 | 160:8 | 156.5 | 136.2 | 150.4 | 140.1 | 139.0 | 129.9 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.9 | 2.5 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 8.0 | 2.2 |
| Calgary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 151.6 | 161.5 | 153.1 | 140.2 | 149.8 | 145.2 | 142.4 | 133.1 |
| December 1976 index | 149.9 | 158.5 | 151.7 | 139.8 | 147.8 | 144.6 | 141.2 | 131.9 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 6.8 | 1.2 | 11.3 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 3.9 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 1977 index | 156.3 | 174.1 | 152.6 | 138.8 | 157.2 | 150.7 | 134.1 | 137.5 |
| December 1976 index | 155.2 | 172.6 | 151.6 | 138.0 | 156.0 | 150.6 | 133.4 | 137.5 |
| \% change from December 1976 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| \% change from January 1976 | 8.7 | 2.7 | 10.7 | 6.3 | 18.2 | 9.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 |

[^10] 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Tobacco Products, January 1977 — Advance Information.
Production of cigarettes for January amounted to 6.3 billion compared to 5.2 billion for January 1976. Production of cigars was 45.2 million compared to 40.7 million in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin (32022, $\$ 1.40$ a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Electric Power Statlstics, December 1976 - Correction.
In the Daily of Thursday, February 17, the increase for hydro generation over December 1975 should read $4.0 \%$, not $40 \%$.


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Monthly estimates of the dollar values of manufacturers shipments, classified by industry group and province for which current data are published regularly in Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001, $55 \Phi / \$ 5.50$ ), are now available in the CANSIM data bank from January 1970 to December 1976 and will be maintained on a regular basis.
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Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance estimates of capital expenditures in Canada for 1976 and 1977 in the accompanying tables have been compiled for early release to make this information available as early as possible. As advance totals, the estimates are subject to revisions during the detailed provincial compilations now under way but the current information is considered adequate to indicate emerging patterns for 1976 and the year ahead. All amounts shown are in current dollars without any adjustments for price increases in 1976 or 1977. Data for the provinces, on repair expenditures charged to operating expenses, and other special tables will appear in Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977, to be released in April.

The total of capital expenditure during 1977 by all sectors of the Canadian economy is estimated at $\$ 44,967$ million, $7.1 \%$ above the 1976 level of $\$ 41,986$ million. The latest measurement for 1976 is $1.5 \%$ below the mid-year estimates of $\$ 42,599$ million and reflects some carryover of work into 1977.

Capital expenditure for new construction in 1977 is expected to reach $\$ 28,821$ million ( $\$ 27,036$ million, $+7 \%$ ). (In the following summary, the total for 1976 and the percentage change in 1977 will be shown parenthetically in the same way). In the construction program, residential construction is estimated at $\$ 9,642$ million ( $\$ 9,764$ million, $-1 \%$ ) on the basis of 235,000 starts projected for 1977 and reflecting carryover of work from the higher rate of starts in 1976. The remainder of the program, represented by nonresidential construction, is shown at $\$ 19,179$ million ( $\$ 17,272$ million, $+11 \%$ ). The total for acquisition of new machinery and equipment during 1977 is $\$ 16,146$ million ( $\$ 14,951$ million, $+8 \%$ ).

Capital outlays by the business group are shown at $\$ 28,194$ million ( $\$ 25,610$ million, $+10 \%$ ). The increase is smaller for outlays on social capital by institutions and governments which total $\$ 7,131$ million ( $\$ 6,612$ million, $+8 \%$ ).

In the business sector, utilities contribute the largest advance in value for 1977 with a total of $\$ 9,667$ million ( $\$ 8,349$ million, $+16 \%$ ), mainly because of increases for electric power, telephones, pipelines, urban transport and water transport and related services. Manufacturing registers an increase in total capital spending to $\$ 5,938$ million ( $\$ 5,254$ million, $+13.0 \%$ ) after a decrease of $5 \%$ from 1975 to 1976. Most notable gains were in the manufacture of chemical products (which also include heavy water), paper and allied products, transportation equipment, petroleum refineries and in
primary metal processing. Textile and electrical products were the only industry groups showing a decline in 1977.

In the remaining industries of the business sector, the mining group shows significant growth in the new 1977 level of $\$ 4,105$ million ( $\$ 3,450$ million, $+19 \%$ ) primarily because of the program for petroleum and gas. Capital spending on iron and coal mining shows the largest increases in the metal and non-metal mining groups. Only a small increase is recorded for the agriculture and primary fishing activities. Trade and finance also record a small increase in 1977 for capital spending but the commercial services group is down by $11 \%$, in large part reflecting the completion of installations for the Olympic games in 1976.

Capital outlays of the social capital group of institutions and governments at $\$ 7,131$ million ( $\$ 6,612$ million, $+8 \%$ ) show a higher rate of increase in 1977 over 1976 compared with the small increase of $2 \%$ in 1976 over 1975. The largest part of the gain for government capital expenditures amounts to $\$ 241$ million or $13 \%$ on the part of the municipal governments, followed by provincial departments with a gain of $\$ 175$ million or $8 \%$. Federal departments will be higher by $\$ 93$ million or $9 \%$. In the institutions group, increases shown for schools and hospitals are almost all offset by a decrease for universities, churches and other institutions.
(see tables on pages 3 to 5 )

Industrial Chemicals, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped $64,975,979$ pounds 29472609 kg (kilograms) - of polyethylene type synthetic resins in December compared to 53,641,776 pounds - 24331501 kg - in December 1975.
For further information; order the December issue of Specified Chemicals (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388); Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

Summary by Sectors, Canada, 1975 to 19771
(Millions of dollars)


|  |  | Capit <br> Con-struction | al expenditu Machinery and equipment | res <br> Subtotal |  |  | Capit <br> Con-struction | xpendit achinery and uipment | es <br> Subtotal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1975 | 9.2 | 20.6 | 29.8 | Urban transit | 1975 | 160.5 | 115.7 | 276.2 |
|  | 1976 | 8.3 | 11.9 | 20.2 | systems | 1976 | 163.1 | 128.5 | 291.6 |
|  | 1977 | 7.0 | 13.6 | 20.6 |  | 1977 | 216.2 | 158.9 | 375.1 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1975 | 110.1 | 467.2 | 577.3 | Pipelines | 1975 | 321.2 | 40.7 | 361.9 |
|  | 1976 | 156.7 | 565.9 | 722.6 |  | 1976 | 292.0 | 47.2 | 339.2 |
|  | 1977 | 157.9 | 711.9 | 869.8 |  | 1977 | 356.3 | 61.6 | 417.9 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1975 | 18.4 | 77.0 | 95.4 | Capital items charg- | 1975 | - | 23.8 | 23.8 |
|  | 1976 | 15.9 | 73.6 | 89.5 | ed to operating | 1976 | - | 22.8 | 22.8 |
|  | 1977 | 16.7 | 81.2 | 97.9 | expenses | 1977 | - | 24.1 | 24.1 |
| Primary metals | 1975 | 200.5 | 614.4 | 814.9 | Sub-total (items | 1975 | 966.9 | 962.6 | 1,929.5 |
|  | 1976 | 155.8 | 462.6 | 618.4 | 1 to 7) | 1976 | 889.8 | 807.8 | 1,697.6 |
|  | 1977 | 147.9 | 510.3 | 658.2 |  | 1977 | 1,057.1 | 817.2 | 1.874.3 |
| Metal fabricating | 1975 | 50.3 | 160.1 | 210.4 | Communication | 1975 | 51.4 | 101.6 | 153.0 |
|  | 1976 | 44.7 | 136.3 | 181.0 | Broadcasting | 1976 | 59.3 | 78.9 | 138.2 |
|  | 1977 | 46.5 | 143.7 | 190.2 |  | 1977 | 61.3 | 79.8 | 141.1 |
| Machinery | 1975 | 49.1 | 101.7 | 150.8 | Telephone and | 1975 | 533.9 | 1.158 .5 | 1,692.4 |
|  | 1976 | 32.1 | 88.3 | 120.4 | telegraph | 1976 | 565.2 | 1,265.2 | 1,830.4 |
|  | 1977 | 32.4 | 99.2 | 131.6 |  | 1977 | 632.6 | 1,406.3 | 2,038.9 |
| Transportation equipment | 1975 | 76.5 | 198.3 | 274.8 | Capital items charg- | 1975 | - | 22.1 | 22.1 |
|  | 1976 | 63.1 | 124.7 | 187.8 | ed to operating ex- | 1976 | - | 23.2 | 23.2 |
|  | 1977 | 71.2 | 224.1 | 295.3 | penses | 1977 | - | 25.6 | 25.6 |
| Electrical products | 1975 | 28.3 | 108.6 | 136.9 | Sub-total (items | 1975 | 585.3 | 1.282.2 | 1,867.5 |
|  | 1976 | 34.9 | 113.8 | 148.7 | 9 to 11) | 1976 | 624.5 | 1,367.3 | 1,991.8 |
|  | 1977 | 22.8 | 125.1 | 147.9 |  | 1977 | 693.9 | 1.511 .7 | 2,205.6 |
| Non-metallic mineral products | 1975 | 41.1 | 158.0 | 199.1 | Miscellaneous utilitie |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 | 45.3 | 194.3 | 239.6 | Grain elevators | 1975 | 18.2 | 16.6 | 34.8 |
|  | 1977 | 56.3 | 197.1 | 253.4 |  | 1976 | 18.3 | 28.6 | 46.9 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 1975 | 337.5 | 112.9 | 450.4 |  | 1977 | 34.3 | 33.3 | 67.6 |
|  | 1976 | 264.7 | 89.9 | 354.6 | Electric power | 1975 | 2,660.8 | 1,296.3 | 3,957.1 |
|  | 1977 | 308.6 | 105.1 | 413.7 |  | 1976 | 2,927.4 | 1,436.5 | 4,363.9 |
| Chemical and chemical products | 1975 | 374.7 | 599.8 | 974.5 |  | 1977 | 3.588.7 | 1,663.6 | 5,252.3 |
|  | 1976 | 422.9 | 684.1 | 1,107.0 | Gas distribution | 1975 | 150.2 | 42.5 | 192.7 |
|  | 1977 | 568.1 | 731.1 | 1,299.2 |  | 1976 | 147.0 | 42.1 | 189.1 |
| Miscellaneous | 1975 | 9.2 | 30.1 | 39.3 |  | 1977 | 152.9 | 44.2 | 197.1 |
|  | 1.976 | 11.6 | 30.5 | 42.1 | Other utilities | 1975 | 21.5 | 9.3 | 30.8 |
|  | 1977 | 10.0 | 33.3 | 43.3 |  | 1976 | 31.0 | 6.5 | 37.5 |
| Capital items charged to operating expenses | 1975 | - | 547.0 | 547.0 |  | 1977 | 36.2 | 8.5 | 44.7 |
|  | 1976 | - | 537.8 | 537.8 | Capital items charg- | 1975 | - | 20.4 | 20.4 |
|  | 1977 | - | 602.0 | 602.0 | ed to operating | 1976 |  | 22.0 | 22.0 |
| Total (items 1 to 21) | 1975 | 1,568.5 | 3,952.8 | 5,521.3 | expenses | 1977 | - | 25.3 | 25.3 |
|  | 1976 | 1,474.5 | 3,779.8 | 5,254.3 | Sub-total (items | 1975 | 2,850.7 | 1,385.1 | 4,235.8 |
|  | 1977 | 1,696.4 | 4,241.4 | 5,937.8 | 13 to 17) | 1976 | 3,123.7 | 1,535.7 | 4,659.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1977 | 3,812.1 | 1,774.9 | 5,587.0 |
| Utilities, Canada, (Millions of dollars) | 1975 | - 1977 |  |  | Total (items 8, | 1975 | 4,402.9 | 3,629.9 | 8,032.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12 and 18) | 1976 | 4,638.0 | 3,710.8 | 8,348.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1977 | 5,563.1 | 4,103.8 | 9,666.9 |
| Transportation: Air transport |  |  |  |  | Trade, Finance and Commercial, Canada, 1975 to 19771 <br> (Millions of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1975 | 29.8 | 234.3 | 264.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 | 31.4 | 67.1 | 98.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1977 | 30.6 | 69.6 | 100.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Railway transport | 1975 | 370.9 | 322.6 | 693.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 | 343.6 | 318.2 | 661.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1977 | 367.9 | 258.2 | 626.1 | Wholesale | 1975 | 115.9 | 171.5 | 287.4 |
| Water transport and services | 1975 | 59.0 | 89.3 | 148.3 |  | 1976 | 111.8 | 217.2 | 329.0 |
|  | 1976 | 28.6 | 83.8 | 112.4 |  | 1977 | 118.9 | 207.1 | 326.0 |
|  | 1977 | 54.5 | 101.9 | 156.4 | (continued) |  |  |  |  |
| Motor transport | 197 | 25.5 | 136.2 | 161.7 | (cọntinued) |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1976 | 31.1 | 140.2 | 171.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1977 | 31.6 | 142.9 | 174.5 |  |  |  |  |  |


|  |  | Capital expenditure Con- Machinery struc- and tion equipment |  | Subtotal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chain stores | 1975 | 75.9 | 141.6 | 217.5 |
|  | 1976 | 68.5 | 131.8 | 200.3 |
|  | 1977 | 84.0 | 148.6 | 232.6 |
| Independent stores | 1975 | 29.0 | 53.7 | 82.7 |
|  | 1976 | 30.7 | 46.8 | 77.5 |
|  | 1977 | 27.3 | 45.2 | 72.5 |
| Department stores | 1975 | 46.8 | 87.1 | 133.9 |
|  | 1976 | 58.2 | 85.8 | 144.0 |
|  | 1977 | 49.6 | $75.8{ }^{\text { }}$ | 125.4 |
| Automotive trade | 1975 | 83.3 | 133.0 | 216.3 |
|  | 1976 | 83.3 | 128.5 | 211.8 |
|  | 1977 | 84.8 | 133.3 | 218.1 |
| Capital items charged to operating expenses | 1975 | - | 57.8 | 57.8 |
|  | 1976 | - | 58.4 | 58.4 |
|  | 1977 | - | 58.9 | 58.9 |
| Sub-total (items 1 to 6) | 1975 | 350.9 | 644.7 | 995.6 |
|  | 1976 | 352.5 | 668.5 | 1,021.0 |
|  | 1977 | 364.6 | 668.9 | 1,033.5 |
| Finance: Banks |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1975 | 97.0 | 51.4 | 148.4 |
|  | 1976 | 106.2 | 82.6 | 188.8 |
|  | 1977 | 163.0 | 92.1 | 255.1 |
| Insurance, trust | 1975 | 49.0 | 34.3 | 83.3 |
| and loan | 1976 | 56.5 | 93.6 | 150.1 |
| companies | 1977 | 72.9 | 29.5 | 102.4 |
| Other finance | 1975 | 1,413.9 | 109.3 | 1,523.2 |
|  | 1976 | 1,273.7 | 115.1 | 1,388.8 |
|  | 1977 | 1,261.1 | 125.7 | 1,386.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sub-total (items } \\ & 8 \text { to 10) } \end{aligned}$ | 1975 | 1,559.9 | 195.0 | 1,754.9 |
|  | 1976 | 1,436.4 | 291.3 | 1,727.7 |
|  | 1977 | 1,497.0 | 247.3 | 1,744.3 |
| Commercial services: |  |  |  |  |
| Laudries and dry cleaners | 1975 | 2.0 | 8.3 | 10.3 |
|  | 1976 | 1.7 | 8.1 | 9.8 |
|  | 1977 | 1.6 | 7.7 | 9.3 |
| Motion picture theatres | 1975 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 8.9 |
|  | 1976 | 14.6 | 6.2 | 20.8 |
|  | 1977 | 10.4 | 7.9 | 18.3 |
| Hotels | 1975 | 162.9 | 49.6 | 212.5 |
|  | 1976 | 146.8 | 33.3 | 180.1 |
|  | 1977 | 114.3 | 35.5 | 149.8 |
| Other commercial services | 1975 | 686.4 | 1,547.2 | 2,233.6 |
|  | 1976 | 435.0 | 1,511.2 | 1,946.2 |
|  | 1977 | 165.9 | 1,579.5 | 1,745.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sub-total (items } \\ & 12 \text { to 15) } \end{aligned}$ | 1975 | 857.2 | 1,608.1 | 2,465.3 |
|  | 1976 | 598.1 | 1,558.8 | 2,156.9 |
|  | 1977 | 292.2 | 1,630.6 | 1,922.8 |
| Total (items 7. 11 and 16) | 1975 | 2,768.0 | 2,447.8 | 5,215.8 |
|  | 1976 | 2,387.0 | 2,518.6 | 4,905.6 |
|  | 1977 | 2,153.8 | 2,546.8 | 4,700.6 |

## Institutions and Government Departments, Canada 1975 to 19771

(Millions of dollars)
Institutions:

| Churches | 1975 | 36.2 | 2.9 | 39.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1976 | 36.5 | 2.7 | 39.2 |
|  | 1977 | 22.9 | 2.9 | 25.8 |


|  |  | Capita <br> Con- <br> struction | al expenditu Machinery and equipment | es <br> Subtotal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Universities | 1975 | 124.7 | 65.4 | 190.1 |
|  | 1976 | 108.1 | 62.7 | 170.8 |
|  | 1977 | 104.0 | 59.0 | 163.0 |
| Schools | 1975 | 649.0 | 103.3 | 752.3 |
|  | 1976 | 567.8 | 121.8 | 689.6 |
|  | 1977 | 589.2 | 128.8 | 718.0 |
| Hospitals | 1975 | 311.5 | 112.2 | 423.7 |
|  | 1976 | 331.9 | 102.9 | 434.5 |
|  | 1977 | 346.3 | 106.8 | 453.1 |
| Other institutions | 1975 | 69.2 | 9.6 | 78.8 |
|  | 1976 | 65.7 | 10.9 | 76.6 |
|  | 1977 | 48.5 | 12.0 | 60.5 |
| Sub-total (items 1 to 5) | 1975 | 1,190.6 | 293.4 | 1,484.0 |
|  | 1976 | 1,110.0 | 301.0 | 1,411.0 |
|  | 1977 | 1,110.9 | 309.5 | 1,420.4 |
| Government departments: |  |  |  |  |
| Federal | 1975 | 649.7 | 322.1 | 971.8 |
|  | 1976 | 722.0 | 366.6 | 1,088.6 |
|  | 1977 | 807.5 | 374.2 | 1,181.7 |
| Provincial | 1975 | 1,954.7 | 153.6 | 2,108.3 |
|  | 1976 | 2,074.5 | 116.8 | 2,191.3 |
|  | 1977 | 2,241.1 | 124.9 | 2,366.0 |
| Municipal | 1975 |  |  | 1,944.5 |
|  | 1976 | 1,777.7 | 143.9 | 1,921.6 |
|  | 1977 | 1,993.2 | 169.7 | 2,162.9 |
| Sub-total (items 7 to 9) | 1975 | 4,391.8 | 632.8 | 5,024.6 |
|  | 1976 | 4,574.2 | 627.3 | 5,201.5 |
|  | 1977 | 5,041.8 | 668.8 | 5,710.6 |
| Total (items 6 and 10) | 1975 | 5,587.0 | 926.2 | 6,508.6 |
|  | 1976 | 5,684.2 | 928.3 | 6,612.5 |
|  | 1977 | 6,152.7 | 978.3 | 7,131.0 |

1 Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.

Report on Livestock Surveys: Cattle, Sheep, January 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Total cattle and calves in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at January 1, 1977, were estimated at $13,147,000$ head, down $3.7 \%$ from 13,652,000 at January 1, 1976. Beef cow numbers were estimated at 3,902,200 head, down 4.9\% from 4,101,500 head on January 1, 1976.

Total sheep and lamb numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) were estimated at 461,900, down 8.4\% from 504,500 at January 1, 1976.

For further information, order the January 1, 1977, Report on Livestock Surveys: Cattle, Sheep (23-004, $35 ¢ / 70 ¢)$, or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Department Store Sales and Stocks, December 1976 - Advance Information.

Department store sales were $\$ 982.4$ million in December, an increase of $13.7 \%$ from $\$ 863.8$ million in December 1975. Sales rose in all 40 departments. The largest sales increases were recorded by china and glassware (22.5\%), housewares and small electrical appliances (20.6\%) and women's and girls' hoisery (18.6\%). All provinces reported increased sales over December 1975, ranging from a high of $24.7 \%$ for Prince Edward Island to 2.2\% for Newfoundland. Sales and percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal $\$ 117.8$ million, $13.4 \%$; Toronto $\$ 162.3$ million, 13.9\%; Winnipeg $\$ 49.8$ million, $10.1 \%$; and Vancouver $\$ 91.2$ million, $8.4 \%$.

The selling value of stocks held in December was $\$ 1,633.9$ million, an increase of 21.1\% over December 1975. Inventories increased in all departments with the exception of plumbing, heating and building materials $(-2.1 \%)$. The largest increases were recorded by millinery ( $70.3 \%$ ) and furs ( $46.6 \%$ ).

For further information order the December issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks (63-002, 40¢/\$4). or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, February 1977 Advance Information.
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of February amounted to 120.2 million pounds compared with 125.5 million last month and 88.7 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the February issue of Stocks of Frozen Meat Products (32-012, 30§/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (6.13-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 19, 1977 Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended February 19 was 296,417 short tons ( 268905 t) - an increase of $2.1 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 290,388 short tons (263 436 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 284,108 tons ( 257738 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 161.8 in the current week, 158.5 a week earlier and 155.1 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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> Boot and sto
> Boot aind Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
> The boot and shoe findings manufacturers industry shipped $\$ 36.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $16.2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $18.6 \%$ to $\$ 18.8$ million, the number of employees increased $10.4 \%$ to 1,355 and total salaries and wages increased $16.6 \%$ to $\$ 10.6$ million.

> For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Shoe Factories and Boot and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975 (33-203. 70¢).

Leather Giove industry, 1975 - Advance Information. The leather glove industry shipped $\$ 24.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 9.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $12.5 \%$ to $\$ 15.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $20.8 \%$ to 1,276 and total salaries and wages decreased $0.8 \%$ to $\$ 10.0$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Leather Glove Factories, 1975 (33-204, 70¢).

Tea and Coffee, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
During the fourth quarter of 1976, production of roasted coffee was $31,821,000$ pounds ( 14433762 kg ) compared to $26,671,000$ pounds ( 12097762 kg ) in the same quarter of 1975. Production of instant coffee was $4,566,000$ pounds (2071 103 kg) compared to $6,517,000$ pounds ( 2956061 kg ). Production of tea was $11,645,000$ pounds ( 5282083 kg ) compared to $11,490,000$ pounds ( 5211776 kg ).

For further information, order the December issue of Miscellaneous Food Preparations (32-018, 35¢ / \$1.40), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Employment Indexes $(1971=100)$, Selected Industriés, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) | 1971 <br> percentage weights | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sept } \\ \ldots \quad 197.6 r \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct } \\ 1976 p \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 p \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976 f \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite | 100.00. | 112.0 | 112.2 | 112.7 | 112.7 |
| Forestry : : | 1.21 | $\therefore 104.9$ | $95.7{ }^{\text { }}$ | 97.7 | 92.3 |
| Mining, including milling | 3.16 | 105.2 | 104.7 | 104.4 | 105.5 |
| Manufacturing | . 39.54 | . 104.1 | 103.5 ! | 104.1 | 104.2 |
| Durable Goods | 19.14 | 103.6 | 103.9 | 104.9 | 105.4 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 20.39 | 104.2 | 103.2 | 103.1 | 103.1 |
| Construction | : 5.85 | - 89.0 | 95.7 | 98.1 | 101.3 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 16.01 | 113.35 | 112.9 | 113.1 | 113.7 |
| Transportation | 9.53 | 106.8 | 104.3 | 104.9 | .. |
| Storage | 0.38 | 100.7 | 100.8 | 100.1 | .. |
| Communication | 3.96 | 130.6 | 131.7 | 131.6 | . |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water | 2.15 | 118.7 | 118.9 | 119.4 | . |
| Trade | 17.58 | 121.4 | 121.5 | 121.9 | 120.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5.84 | 118.0 | 118.6 | 118.1 | 119.0 |
| Retail Trade | 11.73 | 123.1 | 123.1 | 123.4 | 122.0 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 6.65 | 128.6 | 129.0 | 129.7 | 130.1 |
| Service | 10.01 | 131.9 | 132.1 | 132.2 | 133.0 |
| Recreational Services | 1.04 | 131.5 | 131.0 | 128.5 | .. |
| Business Services | 2.31 | 141.8 | 141.8 | 142.4 | .. |
| Personal Services | 4.68 | 125.2 | 125.8 | 126.9 | . |

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$f$ figures estimated based on limited number of returns.
$p$ preliminary figures.
$r$ revised figures.

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), December 1976 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The accompanying table presents seasonallyadjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961based data contained in Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70¢/\$7). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, December 1976 - Advance Information.
The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment $(1961=100)$ for December indicated a $0.1 \%$ increase over November. Increases were registered in all industry divisions with the exception of forestry and trade, which decreased. Except for Ontario, all regions contributed to the overall increase.

Average weekly earnings rose $2.3 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in December. All industry divisions, except forestry, and all regions posted gains.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners were augmented in manufacturing and in construction but decreased in mining. Average hourly earnings rose
in mining and in manufacturing while they declined in construction.
Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours.
Detailed information for November and December will be published in the January issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70\$/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
(see tables on pages 3-5)

## Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

December 1976

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. | Employment Index Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 f \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1975 \\ 1961 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \\ &= 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Sept. <br> $1976 r$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 69.3 | 82.3 | 86.9 | 95.8 | 58.6 | 68.6 | 73.4 | 77.6 | 76.1 | 83.4 |
| Mining, including milling | 120.1 | 120.2 | 119.8 | 120.3 | 116.1 | 116.3 | 121.4 | 120.0 | 120.3 | 120.9 |
| Manufacturing | 124.9 | 127.6 | 128.4 | 129.3 | 123.3 | 125.8 | 127.3 | 127.2 | 126.5 | 127.4 |
| Durable Goods | 138.1 | 140.5 | 140.1 | 138.9 | 138.6 | 141.1 | 139.9 | 139.2 | 137.8 | 137.4 |
| Non-durable Goods | 114.3 | 117.3 | 119.0 | 121.5 | 111.0 | 113.5 | 117.4 | 117.4 | 117.6 | 118.7 |
| Construction | 102.3 | 117.2 | 122.1 | 115.4 | 107.5 | 122.9 | 116.2 | 112.4 | 109.8 | 102.1 |
| Transportation. Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 128.5 | 129.9 | 130.6 | 131.9 | 125.1 | 116.3 | 130.3 | 129.6 | 129.3 | 130.1 |
| Trade | 178.1 | 178.6 | 175.0 | 171.3 | 177.0 | 175.4 | 170.3 | 171.9 | 171.3 | 171.2 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 188.8 | 188.7 | 187.6 | 186.8 | 177.5 | 177.5 | 189.4 | 188.8 | 187.7 | 187.2 |
| Service | 237.1 | 241.6 | 245.4 | 247.7 | 230.9 | 233.3 | 246.0 | 244.6 | 244.5 | 244.0 |
| Industrial Composite | 142.8 | 145.8 | 146.3 | 146.1 | 140.3 | 140.9 | 144.4 | 144.3 | 143.7 | 143.3 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 127.3 | 133.1 | 135.4 | 139.3 | 127.1 | 132.4 | 131.9 | 131.1 | 131.0 | 132.8 |
| Newfoundland | 129.0 | 137.5 | 139.8 | 146.3 | 124.7 | 135.0 | 135.2 | 134.1 | 132.4 | 135.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 136.1 | 143.9 | 153.9 | 163.2 | 140.3 | 143.9 | 145.4 | 142.2 | 145.7 | 149.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 124.4 | 129.3 | 130.1 | 130.4 | 126.4 | 129.1 | 126.7 | 128.1 | 127.6 | 126.6 |
| New Brunswick | 128.9 | 133.9 | 137.3 | 113.2 | 128.4 | 133.7 | 134.0 | 131.6 | 133.7 | 136.2 |
| Quebec | 127.3 | 130.0 | 130.0 | 129.3 | 127.8 | 128.4 | 129.3 | 128.2 | 127.0 | 126.3 |
| Ontario | 146.3 | 149.2 | 149.3 | 149.1 | 143.2 | 143.3 | 147.0 | 147.6 | 146.7 | 147.1 |
| Prairie Region | 156.8 | 159.3 | 160.3 | 160.4 | 150.7 | 150.8 | 159.2 | 158.6 | 158.4 | 157.2 |
| Manitoba | 126.5 | 128.4 | 130.0 | 130.5 | 127.6 | 129.3 | 128.0 | 127.5 | 128.8 | 129.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 142.8 | 145.1 | 146.3 | 145.4 | 140.0 | 139.3 | 145.6 | 143.8 | 143.9 | 141.9 |
| Alberta | 188.1 | 191.0 | 191.3 | 191.7 | 174.5 | 173.4 | 191.1 | 190.8 | 189.2 | 188.4 |
| British Columbia | 167.7 | 170.5 | 171.9 | 170.5 | 161.9 | 161.4 | 171.2 | 169.8 | 169.6 | 167.7 |
| Yukon | 169.3 | 174.5 | 166.8 | 166.9 | 178.8 | 182.4 | 176.5 | 176.5 | 164.4 | 160.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 149.1 | 151.7 | 152.5 | 162.5 | 139.2 | 147.1 | 165.4 | 161.2 | 156.4 | 148.6 |
| Canada | 142.8 | 145.8 | 146.3 | 146.1 | 140.3 | 140.9 | 144.4 | 144.3 | 143.7 | 143.3 |

Sales Financing, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 225.6$ millions of retail finance paper in December, a decrease of 2.4\% compared with the $\$ 231.1$ million purchased in December 1975. The total purchases comprised $\$ 48.2$ million for passenger cars, $\$ 36.1$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 77.4$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 63.9$ million for othei commercial and industrial goods. Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the third quarter amounted to $\$ 1,309.1$ million, a decrease of $21.0 \%$ over the $\$ 1,656.1$ million financed during the corresponding quarter in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Sales Financing (63-013, 30¢/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Road Motor Vehicles - Registrations, 1975 Advance Information.
Passenger automobile registrations in Canada during the 1975 licence year totalled $8,870,307$, up $4.7 \%$ from the 1974 licence year according to figures reported by the provinces and territories. Registrations of trucks and buses totalled $2,157,804$, a rise of $6.4 \%$, while motorcycle registrations increased $3.2 \%$ to 331,347 .

The number of drivers licences in force during the 1975 licence year was reported at 11.9 million, up 9.8\% from the 1974 total.

For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the 1975 issue of Road Motor Vehicles, Registrations (53-219, 70¢).

## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area1960 S.I.C. | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally-adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \text { llars } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Sept $1976 r$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 264.43 | 312.44 | 302.09 | 297.34 | 214.18 | 265.77 | 294.01 | 303.13 | 290.05 | 298.56 |
| Mining, including milling | 332.57 | 333.66 | 327.29 | 320.77 | 299.20 | 299.15 | 332.94 | 329.44 | 324.98 | 322.54 |
| Manufacturing | 251.80 | 251.79 | 247.71 | 245.76 | 222.30 | 224.48 | 256.91 | 249.99 | 244.48 | 244.22 |
| Durable Goods | 267.13 | 269.71 | 264.20 | 262.30 | 236.34 | 240.76 | 276.27 | 267.07 | 258.72 | 257.94 |
| Non-durable Goods | 236.86 | 234.50 | 232.19 | 230.51 | 208.07 | 208.06 | 239.45 | 233.89 | 231.73 | 232.18 |
| Construction | 314.42 | 350.31 | 346.16 | 337.73 | 280.03 | 318.15 | 353.12 | 345.30 | 332.69 | 324.99 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 273.12 | 273.52 | 271.12 | 268.51 | 244.89 | 249.75 | 275.63 | 274.78 | 271.94 | 269.75 |
| Trade | 185.35 | 179.70 | 180.21 | 178.10 | 168.08 | 162.90 | 187.15 | 182.88 | 181.37 | 178.85 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service | 219.54 | 217.17 | 217.23 | 215.47 | 201.96 | 198.56 | 220.98 | 219.70 | 219.49 | 218.55 |
| Industrial Composite | 167.45 | 164.68 | 163.49 | 160.85 | 151.42 | 149.79 | 168.48 | 165.11 | 163.72 | 162.52 |
| Industrial Composite: | 235.26 | 236.77 | 235.36 | 232.12 | 210.43 | 213.37 | 242.06 | 236.53 | 233.05 | 230.83 |
| Atlantic Region | 210.00 | 210.14 | 207.17 | 204.89 | 185.49 | 187.57 | 215.03 | 210.84 | 206.10 | 205.30 |
| Newfoundland | 229.70 | 230.35 | 227.63 | 226.25 | 199.17 | 204.71 | 237.39 | 231.53 | 224.20 | 225.82 |
| Prince Edward Island | 181.47 | 185.00 | 176.02 | 175.40 | 158.23 | 158.06 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 199.11 | 199.66 | 197.15 | 195.23 | 177.79 | 177.79 | 205.10 | 200.82 | 197.60 | 194.05 |
| New Brunswick | 212.61 | 211.34 | 208.25 | 204.41 | 188.69 | 190.58 | 214.71 | 211.55 | 207.79 | 208.18 |
| Quebec | 230.81 | 231.69 | 228.62 | 223.67 | 205.88 | 209.23 | 237.31 | 231.14 | 226.20 | 222.69 |
| Ontario | 235.20 | 236.34 | 235.57 | 233.00 | 211.98 | 214.89 | 241.45 | 236.06 | 233.01 | 231.59 |
| Prairie Region | 232.16 | 233.85 | 232.40 | 231.52 | 205.67 | 207.81 | 237.21 | 234.22 | 231.34 | 231.50 |
| Manitoba | 216.31 | 215.93 | 215.82 | 215.10 | 193.10 | 194.06 | 220.21 | 216.97 | 215.24 | 214.95 |
| Saskatchewan | 225.61 | 223.08 | 222.73 | 223.95 | 198.96 | 199.25 | 227.48 | 223.08 | 221.36 | 224.65 |
| Alberta | 243.15 | 247.32 | 244.89 | 243.27 | 215.58 | 219.21 | 249.28 | 247.42 | 243.89 | 243.00 |
| British Columbia | 264.89 | 270.31 | 266.55 | 266.49 | 236.61 | 240.84 | 270.05 | 264.36 | 260.20 | 261.80 |
| Yukon | 310.05 | 327.05 | 323.60 | 314.03 | 285.19 | 293.02 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 301.76 | 314.53 | 307.35 | 310.98 | 271.92 | 282.56 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 235.26 | 236.77 | 235.36 | 232.12 | 210.43 | 213.37 | 242.06 | 236.53 | 233.05 | 230.83 |

## Corporation Financial Statistics, 1974 - Advance

 information.The strong economic growth generated in previous years carried into 1974, and is reflected in the financial characteristics reported by corporations. Total assets for all industries rose from $\$ 360$ billion in 1973 to $\$ 427$ billion in 1974, an increase of 19\%, compared to $16 \%$ in 1973. The fastest rates of growth took place in the storage industry, where assets were up $76 \%$, and in petroleum and coal products, up $35 \%$.
Non-financial corporations reported a $27 \%$ increase in total revenue, up from $\$ 202$ billion reported in 1973. This compares with a $19 \%$ rise in the previous year. The largest increases occurred in the petroleum and coal products industry, $54 \%$, and mineral fuels, $51 \%$. reflecting the jump in worid prices of oil.
Profits, in contrast, did not sustain the previous period's exceptional rates of growth. After-tax profits of non-financial corporations rose $\$ 2.5$ billion, up $25 \%$, compared to a $50 \%$ increase in the previous year. Wood industries showed a decline of $65 \%$ in profits, while paper and allied industries reported an increase of $47 \%$ compared to a ninefold increase in the previous 12 months. Profits in metal mining dropped $5 \%$ from 1973 after quadrupling in the previous year. There were, however, some notable exceptions, with services
to business management reporting an increase of $134 \%$, and profits in chemicals and chemical products up $82 \%$.

Some of the industries recording the highest returns of profits after tax on equity were in the wholesale trade sector, with grain reporting $31 \%$, metal products $30 \%$ and farm machinery $29 \%$.
Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. Dorland (613-996-5980), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z7. Additional details on a 182 -industry basis, including key corporate financial ratios, will be available in the 1974 issue of Corporation Financial Statistics (61-207, \$2.80).

## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)


. .figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

International Travel Recelpts and Payments, 1976 Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for 1976 show that Canada earned $\$ 1,941$ million from international travel, $6.9 \%$ above 1975, while Canadians abroad spent $\$ 3,123$ million, up $22.9 \%$ from 1975. The result was an unprecedented deficit of $\$ 1,182$ million on international travel.

Travel receipts from the United States amounted to $\$ 1,348$ million, while payments totalled $\$ 1,958$ million for an estimated deficit of $\$ 610$ million. This abnormal deficit with the U.S., the second in a row, was mainly caused by a $6.8 \%$ decrease in the number of U.S. residents entering Canada and an $8.6 \%$ increase of Canadǐan residents visiting the U.S. For the first time the statistics indicate that the number of Canadian residents visiting the U.S. was greater than the number of U.S. residents entering Canada.

Receipts from countries other than the U.S. reached $\$ 593$ million, $24.1 \%$ higher than last year. Payments to these countries attained $\$ 1,165$ million, resulting in a deficit of $\$ 572$ million.

For further information, order the OctoberDecember issue of Travel Between Canada and Other Countries (66-001, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), Financial Flows and Multinational Enterprises Division, International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## University Salary Scaies

The first edition of the bulletin Salary Scales for Teachers at Canadian Universities, 1976-77 is now available. For more information please contact Patty Brady (613-995-1105), Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Weekiy Security Price Indexes
February 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Feb. 18/77 <br> This week | Feb. 11/77 <br> Week ago | Jan. 21/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 101.1 | 100.7 | 99.6 |
| Industrials | 85 | 101.0 | 100.6 | 99.0 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 84.2 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 79.8 | 79.1 | 77.7 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 114.0 | 114.8 | 113.0 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 126.7 | 126.0 | 131.7 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 98.0 | 97.1 | 103.2 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 104.8 | 103.5 | 104.4 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 90.7 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 179.1 | 180.5 | 178.1 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 84.5 | 85.2 | 84.2 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 101.6 | 100.6 | 92.5 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 107.6 | 107.0 | 108.1 |
| Construction | 5 | 219.6 | 217.4 | 212.5 |
| Trade | 15 | 78.8 | 79.4 | 80.8 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 93.9 | 93.2 | 92.4 |
| Transportation | 6 | 123.6 | 121.6 | 119.1 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 80.8 | 80.4 | 80.8 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 104.5 | 104.4 | 101.1 |
| Telephone | 4 | 96.9 | 96.0 | 95.8 |
| Electric power | 3 | 123.5 | 120.9 | 119.4 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 72.2 | 72.6 | 71.5 |
| Finances | 21 | 113.0 | 112.8 | 113.6 |
| Banks | 8 | 116.3 | 116.1 | 117.7 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 106.4 | 106.4 | 104.9 |
| Insurance | 4 | 98.0 | 97.0 | 97.8 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 106.5 | 105.2 | 99.9 |
| Golds | 9 | 191.8 | 186.3 | 176.4 |
| Base metals | 8 | 65.6 | 66.3 | 63.2 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 185.3 | 186.0 | 189.8 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 103.8 | 105.7 | 106.6 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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## EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES



Prellminary Statement of Canadlan Trade, January 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.
Seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis, Canadian exports and imports both rose slightly in January from December. Exports advanced marginally to $\$ 3,323$ million following a $9.5 \%$ gain in December. Imports increased $1 \%$ to $\$ 3,204$ million after a similar rise in December. The merchandise trade surplus accordingly declined from $\$ 130$ million to $\$ 119$ million in January. In a three-month comparison, however, the surplus contracted more sharply to $\$ 131$ million in November-January from $\$ 982$ million in the previous period, as merchandise exports declined $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 9,632$ million while imports increased $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 9,501$ million.

## Exports (Customs Basis)

At $\$ 2,364$ million in January, seasonally-adjusted exports to the United States were marginally higher
than in December. After three successive monthly increases, the January total almost recovered to the peak 1976 level reached in August. Reduced shipments in January of many crude and fabricated materials (in particular, newsprint), machinery, passenger cars and automotive parts were offset by increased exports of other industrial materials and trucks.

Overseas exports rose smartly from the low level in December to $\$ 1,004$ million in January, as shipments increased to all destinations except Japan. Substantial gains were recorded in shipments overseas of wheat, metallic ores and non-ferrous metals. Exports of asbestos, pulp, fertilizers and machinery declined in January. Seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. in (continued)

## Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis* <br> Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unadjusted |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | Trade Balance |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 7,748 | 8,119 | 7,874 | 7,966 | 8.445 | 8,503 | -58 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,853 | 8,918 | 8,998 | 8,746 | 8,581 | 8,542 | 39 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 8,788 | 9,133 | 8,635 | 8,989 | 9,088 | 9,210 | -122 |
| Second Quarter | 10,113 | 10,026 | 10,151 | 9,885 | 9,502 | 9,253 | 249 |
| Third Quarter | 9,342 | 8,724 | 9,317 | 8,598 | 9,973 | 9,180 | 793 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,834 | 9,550 | 9,916 | 9,415 | 9,456 | 9,244 | 212 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 3,062 | 2,868 | 3,104 | 2,833 | 3.463 | 3,121 | 342 |
| September | 3,237 | 2,935 | 3,255 | 2,889 | 3,472 | 3,032 | 440 |
| October | 3.189 | 2,995 | 3,239 | 2,979 | 3,147 | 2,947 | 200 |
| November | 3,382 | 3,484 | 3,410 | 3,457 | 3,008 | 3,126 | -118 |
| December | 3,262 | 3,071 | 3,267 | 2,979 | 3,301 | 3,171 | 130 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,103 | 3,006 | 3,082 | 2,975 | 3,323 | 3,204 | 119 |


#### Abstract

"In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timing adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).


November-January stood at $\$ 6,762$ million, up $1.5 \%$ over the preceding period. Rising export commodities included natural gas, lumber, liquefied petroleum gases, trucks and automotive parts. Shipments of passenger cars, metallic ores, pulp and fertilizers declined.
Exports to overseas countries fell $9.5 \%$ to $\$ 2,908$ million, with the decline involving all principal markets. Shipments of wheat, pulp, newsprint, processed metal materials and automotive products fell while exports of metallic ores, asbestos and lumber increased in the three months ending in January.

## Imports (Customs Basis)

Seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. declined $3.5 \%$ to $\$ 2,252$ million in January, following a $7.5 \%$ rise in December. Imports of motor vehicle parts fell sharply from the revised December total, the highest in 1976. Imports of industrial machinery, motor vehicles and other equipment decreased more moderately.

At $\$ 939$ million, imports in January from overseas countries were a shade lower than December. An appreciable rise in the value of crude oil landings was recorded in January. Imports of equipment, other than automotive, and consumer goods were lower.

Most of the $4.5 \%$ rise in adjusted imports between the August-October period and the three latest months originated in the U.S. Imports from this country advanced over $6 \%$ to $\$ 6,766$ million. Roughly twothirds of the increase was due to motor vehicles and parts, in particular to parts. Machinery imports were also noticeably higher.

Imports increased in November-January period from the United Kingdom and Japan but declined from other European Economic Community and remaining countries.
The most prominent increases occurred in seasonally-adjusted imports of petroleum and passenger cars. Smaller declines were recorded in imports of a number of commodities, including meat, sugar and motor vehicle parts.
For further information on area and commodity trade, order the January issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40¢/\$4).
(see tables on pages 4-9)

Shipments of Plastic Pipe, Tubes, Rigid and Semi-rigid Tubing, 1975 - Advance Information.
Advance information on shipments of plastic pipe, tubes, rigid and semi-rigid tubing for 1975 is now available.
For further information, order Rubber and Plastics Industries Service Bulletin (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | U.S.A. | U.K. ilions) | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 8,676.9 | 6,505.9 | 6,026.9 | 290.6 | 2,359.4 | 484.4 | 260.4 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,704.3 | 6,524.3 | 6,080.5 | 286.3 | 2,337.5 | 508.5 | 265.5 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,294.8 | 6,981.3 | 6,333.4 | 306.4 | 2,655.0 | 510.3 | 369.0 |
| Second Quarter | 9,381.7 | 7,123.1 | 6,358.2 | 289.2 | 2,734.3 | 492.6 | 366.1 |
| Third Quarter | 9,365.0 | 6,994.0 | 6,482.6 | 256.7 | 2,625.7 | 492.6 | 383.4 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,358.4 | 6,995.2 | 6,497.4 | 300.8 | 2,560.2 | 537.0 | 401.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 3,158.4 | 2,324.8 | 2,204.8 | 86.9 | 866.7 | 154.8 | 123.2 |
| September | 3,107.7 | 2,341.8 | 2,175.6 | 84.7 | 847.4 | 173.3 | 131.6 |
| October | 2,929.1 | 2,246.4 | 1,982.9 | 97.9 | 848.3 | 195.4 | 128.8 |
| November | 3,148.9 | 2,372.6 | 2,176.1 | 109.7 | 863.1 | 168.8 | 135.3 |
| December | 3,280.4 | 2,376.1 | 2,338.4 | 93.2 | 848.8 | 172.8 | 137.7 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,191.1 | 2,306.0 | 2,251.7 | 93.1 | 846.3 | 174.2 | 137.4 |
| Percent changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January/December | -2.7 | $-2.9$ | -3.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| Current 3 months/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previous 3 months | 4.6 | 2.0 | 6.3 | 9.8 | -0.1 | -1.4 | 6.9 |
| Jan. $77 / J a n .76$ | 4.5 | -1.9 | 11.0 | -6.6 | -8.5 | 1.9 | 18.4 |

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas


Table 3
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Nov. 1976 | Jan. <br> 1976 <br> (\$ mi | Dec. 1975 illions) |  | Jan. | Dec. | Nov. |
| Live Animals | 3.8 | 4.4 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 6.7 | -10.3 | 6.4 | 29.0 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 222.3 | 246.2 | 262.2 | 194.7 | 200.6 | 252.0 | 14.1 | 22.6 | 4.0 |
| Meat and fish | 37.1 | 48.2 | 54.2 | 38.0 | 31.6 | 37.4 | -2.1 | 52.5 | $45.0$ |
| Fruits and vegetables | 62.3 | 77.6 | 77.9 | 64.1 | 62.2 | 61.9 | -2.7 | 24.6 | 25.7 |
| Raw sugar | 22.6 | 23.1 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 24.4 | 65.3 | 99.0 | -5.1 | -79.8 |
| Crude Materials, Inedible | 433.9 | 339.3 | 426.0 | 573.7 | 465.9 | 356.2 | -24.3 | -27.1 | 19.6 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 34.1 | 47.6 | 30.8 | 26.9 | 30.8 | 48.8 | 26.8 | 54.3 | -37.0 |
| Coal | 24.7 | 42.2 | 64.8 | 42.5 | 61.1 | 66.2 | -41.8 | -31.0 | -2.1 |
| Crude petroleum | 292.1 | 173.3 | 260.7 | 423.2 | 308.0 | 192.9 | -30.9 | -43.7 | 35.1 |
| Fabricated Materlals, Inedible | 466.3 | 491.9 | 573.3 | 495.7 | 483.2 | 526.0 | -5.9 | 1.7 | 8.9 |
| Wood and paper | 49.1 | 48.5 | 56.2 | 71.9 | 73.4 | 79.2 | -31.6 | -33.9 | -29.0 |
| Textiles | 66.2 | 64.5 | 75.3 | 78.8 | 60.0 | 70.4 | -15.8 | 7.5 | 6.8 |
| Chemicals | 130.7 | 133.2 | 148.2 | 128.6 | 126.3 | 129.2 | 1.6 | 5.5 | 14.7 |
| Iron and steel | 54.4 | 59.1 | 83.4 | 53.7 | 58.0 | 66.4 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 25.5 |
| Bars and rods, steel | 8.8 | 7.9 | 13.2 | 6.5 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 34.5 | -17.7 | 23.1 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 17.2 | 15.3 | 21.4 | 15.6 | 18.6 | 17.7 | 10.4 | -17.8 | 20.4 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 33.2 | 49.9 | 49.5 | 33.7 | 42.7 | 34.7 | -1.4 | 16.9 | 42.3 |
| End Products, Inedlble | 1,821.9 | 1,952.3 | 2,170.3 | 1,601.6 | 1,649.6 | 1,819.7 | 13.7 | 18.3 | 19.2 |
| General purpose machinery | 96.2 | 101.4 | 131.8 | 115.8 | 101.7 | 104.1 | -16.9 | -0.2 | 26.6 |
| Special industry machinery | 155.5 | 148.0 | 165.7 | 150.7 | 136.0 | 130.9 | 3.2 | 8.8 | 26.5 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 11.4 | 12.9 | 16.7 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.6 | -10.3 | 0.5 | 33.3 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 111.9 | 101.3 | 110.3 | 95.6 | 96.3 | 85.9 | 17.0 | 5.2 | 28.4 |
| Transportation equipment | 828.4 | 946.4 | 1,017.0 | 672.5 | 798.5 | 936.6 | 23.1 | 18.5 | 8.5 |
| Sedans, new | 170.8 | 235.8 | 290.0 | 132.9 | 225.8 | 287.6 | 28.4 | 4.4 | 0.8 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 18.2 | 28.8 | 40.6 | 18.8 | 24.1 | 28.1 | -3.1 | 19.4 | 44.6 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 63.8 | 72.6 | 73.9 | 49.1 | 69.6 | 70.1 | 30.0 | 4.2 | 5.4 |
| Other motor vehicles | 22.1 | 25.3 | 30.0 | 16.3 | 20.7 | 27.2 | 35.7 | 22.0 | 10.1 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 36.4 | 35.8 | 48.2 | 36.2 | 45.1 | 44.9 | 0.7 | -20.5 | 7.4 |
| Motor vehicle engine parts | 49.7 | 50.0 | 52.3 | 30.8 | 27.5 | 40.2 | 61.2 | 81.5 | 29.8 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 383.3 | 408.8 | 408.8 | 301.4 | 305.8 | 355.9 | 27.1 | 33.6 | 14.8 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 7.1 | 17.0 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 11.8 | 10.4 | -3.5 | 44.2 | -49.3 |
| Other equipment and tools | 338.1 | 355.6 | 402.3 | 302.4 | 281.1 | 304.5 | 11.8 | 26.4 | 32.1 |
| Electronic computers | 42.8 | 39.3 | 41.6 | 28.5 | 33.1 | 29.1 | 50.4 | 18.5 | 43.2 |
| Special Transactlons, Trade | 58.2 | 37.1 | 43.6 | 29.1 | 26.4 | 26.0 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 67.7 |
| Total | 3,006.3 | 3,071.3 | 3,484.0 | 2,898.9 | 2,829.9 | 2,986.7 | 3.7 | 8.5 | 16.6 |

Domestic Mobile Homes, Fourth Quarter 1976 -
Advance Information.
Shipments of domestic mobile homes decreased to 2,611 single units in the December quarter from 4,338 single units in the same quarter of 1975.

Shipments of double wide units decreased to 830 from 1,079.

For further information, order the December issue of Fabricated Metal Products Service Bulletin (41-009, \$3 a year), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A

Table 3 (Continued)
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | Year-to-Date |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1974 \end{aligned}$ | Jan.-Jan. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Dec. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { (\$ million } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Animais | 3.8 | 108.6 | 4.2 | 75.3 | 10.4 | 111.8 | -10.3 | -59.5 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 222.3 | 2,763.3 | 194.7 | 2,606.7 | 239.7 | 2,404.4 | 14.1 | -18.7 |
| Meat and fish | 37.1 | 545.8 | 38.0 | 337.7 | 29.1 | 314.0 | -2.1 | 30.3 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 62.3 | 861.1 | 64.1 | 773.5 | 62.3 | 693.3 | -2.7 | 2.8 |
| Raw sugar | 22.6 | 249.6 | 11.3 | 459.2 | 70.9 | 401.8 | 99.0 | -83.9 |
| Crude Materials, Inedibie | 433.9 | 5,087.4 | 573.7 | 5,087.1 | 502.0 | 4,072.7 | -24.3 | 14.2 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 34.1 | 424.4 | 26.9 | 468.4 | 37.5 | 397.3 | 26.8 | -28.3. |
| Coal | 24.7 | 544.3 | 42.5 | 576.3 | 28.1 | 302.9 | -41.8 | 51.2 |
| Crude petroleum | 292.1 | 3,272.6 | 423.2 | 3,303.6 | 352.9 | 2,646.2 | -30.9 | 19.9 |
| Fabricated Materiais, Inedible | 466.3 | 6,220.1 | 495.7 | 5,944.3 | 557.3 | 6,481.6 | -5.9 | -11.0 |
| Wood and paper | 49.1 | 736.5 | 71.9 | 644.6 | 39.1 | 559.3 | -31.6 | 83.9 |
| Textiles | 66.2 | 840.7 | 78.8 | 740.4 | 62.0 | 816.9 | -15.8 | 26.9 |
| Chemicals | 130.7 | 1,682.7 | 128.6 | 1,475.6 | 130.6 | 1,537.2 | 1.6 | -1.4 |
| Iron and steel | 54.4 | 723.0 | 53.7 | 936.8 | 127.4 | 1,259.6 | 1.2 | -57.8 |
| Bars and rods, steel | 8.8 | 93.4 | 6.5 | 136.1 | 21.5 | 247.5 | 34.5 | -69.6 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 17.2 | 205.8 | 15.6 | 276.9 | 52.1 | 472.2 | 10.4 | -70.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 33.2 | 493.7 | 33.7 | 426.6 | 52.1 | 608.1 | -1.4 | -35.3 |
| End Products, Inedible | -1,821.9 | 22,748.2 | 1,601.6 | 20,597.5 | 1,502.2 | 18,332.3 | 13.7 | 6.6 |
| General purpose machinery | 96.2 | 1,313.7 | 115.8 | 1.347 .8 | 111.8 | 1.142 .9 | -16.9 | 3.6 |
| Special industry machinery | 155.5 | 1,907.6 | 150.7 | 1,860.2 | 153.4 | 1,577.5 | 3.2 | -1.7 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 11.4 | 145.6 | 12.8 | 172.2 | 15.0 | 149.1 | -10.3 | -15.0 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 111.9 | 1,318.8 | 95.6 | 1,237.4 | 83.3 | 901.7 | 17.0 | 14.8 |
| Transportation equipment | 828.4 | 10,263.2 | 672.5 | 9,474.7 | 611.9 | 8,399.9 | 23.1 | 9.9 |
| Sedans, new | 170.8 | 2,446.6 | 132.9 | 2,288.8 | 116.7 | 1,817.4 | 28.4 | 13.8 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 18.2 | 359.2 | 18.8 | 259.4 | 12.1 | 204.8 | -3.1 | 55.6 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 63.8 | 839.6 | 49.1 | 809.5 | 47.3 | 829.5 | 30.0 | 3.8 |
| Other motor vehicles | 22.1 | 336.5 | 16.3 | 324.2 | 20.4 | 281.8 | 35.7 | -20.0 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 36.4 | 507.9 | 36.2 | 437.3 | 31.9 | 400.5 | 0.7 | 13.4 |
| Motor vehicle engines parts | 49.7 | 460.9 | 30.8 | 390.7 | 22.2 | 333.3 | 61.2 | 38.9 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 383.3 | 4,344.3 | 301.4 | 3,627.5 | 260.1 | 3,227.1 | 27.1. | 15.8 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 7.1 | 110.8 | 7.3 | 290.9 | 17.1 | 376.4 | -3.5 | -57.0 |
| Other equipment and toois | 338.1 | 4,193.3 | 302.4 | 3,530.0 | 291.1 | 3,486.5 | 11.8 | 3.8 |
| Electronic computers | 42.8 | 428.0 | 28.5 | 343.3 | 31.6 | 333.1 | 50.4 | -9.8 |
| Special Transactlons, Trade | 58.2 | 505.2 | 29.1 | 324.7 | 25.1 | 289.4 | 100.0 | 15.8 |
| Total | 3,006.3 | 37,432.8 | 2,898.9 | 34.635.6 | 2,836.6 | 31,692.1 | 3.7 | 2.2 |

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | Total excluding cars and wheat | U.S.A. <br> \$ millions) | U.K. | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other <br> E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 8,253.0 | 6,536.3 | 6,103.5 | 5,489.4 | 450.6 | 2,313.0 | 600.9 | 564.3 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,494.9 | 6,805.7 | 6,274.6 | 5,687.1 | 356.2 | 2,451.6 | 507.4 | 547.5 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,168.8 | 7,258.0 | 6,732.7 | 6,127.0 | 433.8 | 2,608.0 | 613.9 | 675.5 |
| Second Quarter | 9,517.5 | 7,307.3 | 6,892.5 | 6,515.4 | 484.3 | 2,517.8 | 622.6 | 566.2 |
| Third Quarter | 9,898.0 | 7,815.5 | 7,365.0 | 6,704.8 | 508.3 | 2,684.9 | 726.6 | 582.6 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,419.3 | 7,558.4 | 7,176.1 | 6,423.1 | 425.1 | 2,571.1 | 706.8 | 615.4 |
| 1976 . 7 . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 3,384.7 | 2,625.4 | 2,520.9 | 2,367.9 | 162.6 | 854.2 | 287.7 | 144.4 |
| September | 3.375 .4 | 2,683.8 | 2,528.3 | 2,266.6 | 170.0 | 938.8 | 250.4 | 237.5 |
| October | 3,116.7 | 2,672.6 | 2,448.2 | 2,025.2 | 138.8 | 952.7 | 229.0 | 247.3 |
| November | 3,053.7 | 2,372.7 | 2,293.9 | 2,041.5 | 158.4 | 853.8 | 295.3 | 153.3 |
| December | 3.249 .0 | 2,513.1 | 2,434.0 | 2,356.4 | 128.0 | 764.6 | 182.5 | 214.9 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,367.7 | 2,523.5 | 2,391.9 | 2,363.9 | 169.3 | 834.5 | 220.5 | 195.2 |
| Percent cnanges |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January/December | 3.6 | 0.4 | -1.7 | 0.3 | 32.2 | 9.1 | 20.8 | -9.1 |
| Current 3 months/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previous 3 months | -2.0 | -7.1 | -5.0 | 1.5 | -3.3 | -10.6 | -8.9 | -10.4 |
| Jan. $77 / J a n .76$ | 10.7 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 18.5 | 31.6 | -9.0 | 1.2 | -12.0 |

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

|  | Monthly |  |  |  |  |  | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1976$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1975 | Jan.D | ec. 8 Nov . |  |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 2,132.2 | 2,283.5 | 2,260.9 | 1,820.7 | 1,896.6 | 1 1,972.3 | -17.1 | 20.4 | 14.6 |
| United Kingdom | 157.2 | 139.8 | 161.1 | 121.3 | 150.1 | 122.9 | 29.5 | -6.8 | 31.0 |
| Other E.E.C. | 232.4 | 212.5 | 299.1 | 229.1 | 222.3 | 3191.8 | - 1.4 | -4.3 | 55.9 |
| Japan | 188.3 | 195.7 | 191.2 | 216.9 | 197.8 | - 128.5 | -13.1 | -1.0 | 48.7 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 80.1 | 78.6 | 112.3 | 63.8 | 75.4 | 463.3 | - 25.6 | 4.1 | 77.4 |
| Other America | 95.4 | 108.9 | 140.8 | 136.1 | 121.6 | -150.3 | -29.9 | -10.4 | -6.2 |
| Other Countries | 217.7 | 242.8 | 216.9 | 268.3 | 273.2 | 2 , 281.3 | -18.8 | -11.0 | -22.8 |
| All Countrles | 3,103.3 | 3,261.8 | 3,382.3 | 2,856.2 | 2,937.0 | ) 2,910.4 | -8.6 | 11.0 | 16.2 |
|  | Year-to-Date |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan.-Jan. Percent Changes |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ | Dec. <br> 1974 | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| United States | 2,132.2 | 25,800.0 | 1,820.7 |  |  | 1.652 .0 | 21,399.5 | 17.1 | 10.2 |
| United Kingdom | 157.2 | 1,853.2 | 121.3 |  |  | 181.7 | 1,928.5 | 29.5 | -33.2 |
| Other E.E.C. | 232.4 | 2,657.0 | 229.1 |  |  | 204.7 | 2,174.6 | 1.4 | 11.8 |
| Japan | 188.3 | 2,392.4 | 216.9 |  |  | 213.5 | 2,231.3 | -13.1 | 1.5 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 80.1 | 1,056.7 | 63.8 |  |  | 79.7 | 1,132.6 | 25.6 | -20.0 |
| Other America | 95.4 | 1,743.5 | 136.1 |  |  | 147.3 | 1,584.9 | -29.9 | -7.5 |
| Other Countries | 217.7 | 2,574.0 | 268.3 |  |  | 232.4 | 1,989.9 | -18.8 | 15.4 |
| All Countrles | 3,103.3 | 38,076.8 | 2,856.2 |  |  | 2,711.3 | 32,441.3 | 8.6 | 5.3 |

Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  | Jan. <br> 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Monthly |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \\ & \text { illions) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Nov. <br> 1976 | Jan. <br> 1976 <br> (\$ m |  |  | Jan. | Dec. | Nov. |
| Live Animals | 9.1 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 10.0 | 15.8 | 13.5 | -8.9 | -15.7 | 0.9 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco Meat and fish | 296.0 48.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 349.2 \\ 5.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 332.6 \\ 55.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 354.2 \\ 45.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 410.9 \\ 45.9 \end{array}$ | 358.5 57.1 | -16.4 5.4 | -15.0 14.4 | -7.2 -3.0 |
| Meat and fish | $48.0$ | $52.5$ | 55.4 | $45.6$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cereals and preparations Wheat | 183.0 121.7 | 212.5 124.0 | 189.8 | 253.8 158.0 | 291.8 | 239.8 172.9 | -27.9 -22.9 | -27.1 | -20.8 -37.0 |
| Crude Materiais, Inedible | 692.2 | 689.9 | 727.4 | 740.4 | . 789.9 | 692.4 | -6.5 | -12.6 | 5.0 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 200.5 | 184.2 | 222.1 | 151.7 | 219.8 | 204.6 | 32.1 | -16.1 | 8.5 |
| Crude petroleum | 170.6 | 166.5 | 168.7 | 291.3 | 270.3 | 264.0 | -41.4 | -38.4 | -36.1 |
| Natural gas | 152.1 | 147.0 | 153.5 | 136.7 | 132.5 | 115.6 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 32.7 |
| Fabricated Materlais, Inedible | 1,064.1 | 991.2 | 1,089.3 | 849.2 | 736.7 | 803.4 | 25.3 | 34.5 | 35.5 |
| Wood and paper | 541.0 | 540.5 | 611.2 | 406.3 | 340.2 | 332.0 | 33.1 | 58.8 | 84.1 |
| Lumber, softwood | 156.2 | 144.7 | 160.3 | 99.6 | 78.5 | 69.6 | 56.7 | 84.3 | 130.2 |
| Wood pulp and similar pulp | 158.4 | 171.7 | 186.0 | 171.5 | 145.3 | 123.1 | -7.6 | 18.1 | 51.1 |
| Newsprint paper | 166.4 | 177.0 | 195.9 | 84.6 | 84.1 | 105.8 | 96.5 | 110.4 | 85.1 |
| Textiles | 7.7 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 7.0 | 8.0 | -21.4 | 17.9 | 26.1 |
| Chemicals | 117.4 | 107.2 | 112.5 | 97.0 | 90.8 | 100.3 | 21.0 | 17.9 | 12.1 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materials | 50.0 | 39.7 | 39.7 | 42.2 | 37.5 | 47.5 | 18.5 | 5.8 | -16.4 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 57.5 | 45.2 | 43.3 | 73.5 | 54.0 | 71.0 | -21.7 | -16.3 | -39.0 |
| Iron and steel | 86.0 | 57.6 | 67.3 | 60.6 | 54.7 | 73.2 | 41.9 | 5.3 | -8.0 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 191.8 | 167.8 | 179.8 | 149.4 | 144.7 | 166.4 | 28.3 | 15.9 | 8.0 |
| Copper and alloys | 44.1 | 37.7 | 41.3 | 42.6 | 38.8 | 38.6 | 3.5 | -2.8 | 6.8 |
| Nickel and alloys | 33.4 | 45.0 | 43.0 | 23.6 | 22.5 | 30.7 | 41.3 | 100.1 | 39.7 |
| End Products, Inedible | 979.9 | 1,133.0 |  | 843.5 | 918.6 | 966.8 | 16.1 |  |  |
| Industrial machinery | 68.5 | 90.1 | 78.3 | 67.5 | 72.4 | 83.9 | 1.3 | 24.4 | -6.5 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 34.4 | 49.5 | 36.9 | 31.1 | 43.7 | 42.6 | 10.4 | 13.1 | -13.2 |
| Transportation equipment | 737.9 | 792.8 | 820.4 | 609.1 | 654.9 | 680.9 | 21.1 | 21.0 | 20.4 |
| Passenger automobiles and chassis | 317.4 | 327.2 | 325.0 | 264.7 | 259.3 | 304.0 | 19.9 | 26.1 | 6.9 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 134.9 | 126.6 | 129.9 | 105.7 | 97.5 | 98.6 | 27.6 | 29.8 | 31.7 |
| Other motor vehicles | 7.6 | 11.8 | 20.0 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 16.4 | -13.2 | 27.6 | 21.7 |
| Motor vehicle engines and parts | 72.0 | 85.2 | 84.2 | 49.4 | 43.3 | 52.7 | 45.8 | 96.6 | 59.9 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 169.1 | 184.8 | 203.0 | 140.1 | 134.6 | 154.8 | 20.6 | 37.3 | 31.1 |
| Other equipment and tools | 58.5 | 84.5 | 82.2 | 50.2 | 64.0 | 64.5 | 16.3 | 32.0 | 27.5 |
| Special transactions, Trade | 15.5 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 8.9 | 12.0 | 155.8 | -46.3 | -43.2 |
| Total | 3,056.7 | 3,181.5 | 3,304.7 | 2,803.2 | 2,880.9 | 2,846.6 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 16.0 |

Table 6 (Continued)
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \hline \quad 1977 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Date |  |  | Dec. <br> 1974 | Jan.Jan. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Dec. } \\ \text { 1975 } \\ \text { ( } \$ \text { million } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Animals | 9.1 | 133.8 | 10.0 | 83.3 | 2.7 | 89.9 | -8.9 | 264.2 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco Meat and fish | 296.0 48.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 4,109.5 \\ 716.8 \end{array}$ | 354.2 45.6 | $\begin{array}{r} 4,013.5 \\ 576.7 \end{array}$ | 383.5 40.5 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,780.5 \\ 524.8 \end{array}$ | -16.4 5.4 | $\begin{aligned} & -7.6 \\ & 12.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| Cereals and preparations | 183.0 | 2,571.0 | 253.8 | 2,703.9 | 277.2 | 2,555.6 | -27.9 | -8.4 |
| Wheat | 121.7 | 1,707.8 | 158.0 | 2,001.2 | 231.1 | 2,064.9 | -22.9 | -31.6 |
| Crude Materlals, Inedibie | 692.2 | 8,261.0 | 740.4 | 7,950.6 | 716.5 | 7,793.2 | -6.5 | 3.3 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 200.5 | 2,504.8 | 151.7 | 2,231.1 | 165.9 | 2,375.8 | 32.1 | -8.5 |
| Crude petroleum | 170.6 | 2,286.7 | 291.3 | 3,051.5 | 328.4 | 3,419.9 | -41.4 | -11.2 |
| Natural gas | 152.1 | 1,616.5 | 136.7 | 1,092.2 | 63.2 | 493.6 | 11.2 | 116.4 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedible | 1,064.1 | 12,131.2 | 849.2 | 9,840.3 | 866.0 | 10,695.7 | 25.3 | -1.9 |
| Wood and paper | 541.0 | 6,422.5 | 406.3 | 5,011.4 | 435.8 | 5,508.8 | 33.1 | -6.7 |
| Lumber, softwood | 156.2 | 1.610 .0 | 99.6 | 948.6 | 58.0 | 1,254.5 | 56.7 | 71.6 |
| Woodpulp and similar pulp | 158.4 | 2,176.3 | 171.5 | 1,826.6 | 170.2 | 1,888.8 | -7.6 | 0.7 |
| Newsprint paper | 166.4 | 1,997.4 | 84.6 | 1,742.6 | 168.0 | 1,725.9 | 96.5 | -49.6 |
| Textiles | 7.7 | 99.2 | 9.8 | 99.5 | 8.1 | 136.2 | -21.4 | 21.7 |
| Chemicals | 117.4 | 1,364.1 | 97.0 | 1,020.0 | 96.1 | 984.8 | 21.0 | 0.9 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materia/s | 50.0 | 547.2 | 42.2 | 456.3 | 49.3 | 421.2 | 18.5 | -14.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 57.5 | 557.6 | 73.5 | 638.5 | 58.6 | 611.3 | -21.7 | 25.4 |
| Iron and steel | 86.0 | 834.4 | 60.6 | 747.8 | 79.1 | 755.8 | 41.9 | -23.3 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 191.8 | 2,136.5 | 149.4 | 1,715.2 | 139.7 | 2,004.9 | 28.3 | 6.9 |
| Copper and alloys | 44.1 | 516.4 | 42.6 | 475.0 | 37.0 | 653.8 | 3.5 | 15.3 |
| Nickel and alloys | 33.4 | 443.2 | 23.6 | 413.6 | 40.6 | 440.3 | 41.3 | -41.8 |
| End Products, inedible | 979.9 | 12,488.9 | 843.5 | 10,358.7 | 677.8 | 9,235.5 | 16.1 | 24.4 |
| Industrial machinery | 68.5 | 881.0 | 67.5 | 918.5 | 81.1 | 762.9 | 1.3 | -16.7 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 34.4 | 538.8 | 31.1 | 541.5 | 36.9 | 398.5 | 10.4 | -15.7 |
| Transportation equipment | 737.9 | 8,873.4 | 609.1 | $7,083.3$ | 424.7 | 6,333.0 | 21.1 | 43.4 |
| Passenger automobiles and chassis | 317.4 | 3,628.9 | 264.7 | $3,014.3$ | 176.0 | 2,731.4 | 19.9 | 50.4 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 134.9 | 1,395.2 | 105.7 | 1,056.1 | 79.0 | 895.5 | 27.6 | 33.8 |
| Other motor vehicles | 7.6 | 160.5 | 8.7 | 144.3 | 8.0 | 114.9 | -13.2 | 8.2 |
| Motor vehicle engines and parts | 72.0 | 775.6 | 49.4 | 518.3 | 27.0 | 460.8 | 45.8 | 82.8 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 169.1 | 2,183.2 | 140.1 | 1,616.4 | 93.2 | 1,514.0 | 20.6 | 50.2 |
| Other equipment and tools | 58.5 | 829.1 | 50.2 | 742.2 | 59.9 | 662.4 | 16.3 | -16.1 |
| Special Transactions, Trade | 15.5 | 134.4 | 6.0 | 78.7 | 3.1 | 79.6 | 155.8 | 92.2 |
| Total | 3,056.7 | 37,258.8 | 2,803.2 | 32,325.1 | 2,649.6 | 31,674.5 | 9.0 | 5.8 |

## Rallway CarloadIngs

7-day period ending February 14

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,076,867 | 2,203,905 | 4,280,772 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 2,166,498 | 1,894,681 | 4,061,179 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1884102 | 1999349 | 3883451 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1965414 | 1718826 | 3684240 |
| \% change | -4.1 | 16.3 | 5.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 36,088 | 33,690 | 69,778 |
| Cars, 1976r | 38,020 | 30,252 | 68,272 |
| \% change | -5.1 | 11.4 | 2.2 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 152,945 | 53,772 | 206,717 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 141,194 | 41,462 | 182,656 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 138749 | 48781 | 187530 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 128089 | 37614 | 165703 |
| \% change | 8.3 | 29.7 | 13.2 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,713 | 2,391 | 7.104 |
| Cars, 1976r | 4,681 | 1,797 | 6,478 |
| \% change | 0.7 | 33.1 | 9.7 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 13,157,298 | 12,340,239 | 25,497,537 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 12,553,056 | 11,716,986 | 24,270,042 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 11936100 | 11194877 | 23130977 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 11387941 | 10629471 | 22017412 |
| \% change | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 219,100 | 189,546 | 408,646 |
| Cars, 1976r | 215,261 | 185,207 | 400,468 |
| \% change | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 924,716 | 335,211 | 1,259,927 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 761,216 | 299,530 | 1,060,746 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 838888 | 304098 | 1142986 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 690564 | 271729 | 962293 |
| \% change | 21.5 | 11.9 | 18.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 27,665 | 14,417 | 42.082 |
| Cars, 1976r | 25,445 | 12,527 | 37,972 |
| \% change | 8.7 | 15.1 | 10.8 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
$r$ Revised figures.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 14, 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 4.3 million short tons ( 3.9 million metric tons), an increase of $5.4 \%$ from the comparable 7 days of 1976. Traffic originated east of the Lakehead was down $4.1 \%$ while the West showed an increase of $16.3 \%$.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 206,717 short tons (187 530 metric tonnes) were 13.2\% above the 1976 week.

January 1-February 14 rail carload shipments at 25.5 million short tons ( 23.1 million metric tonnes) were up $5.1 \%$ from 1976. Cumulative piggyback loadings were also higher at 1.3 million short tons ( 1.1 million metric tonnes), an increase of $18.8 \%$.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Winerles 1975 - Advance Information.
The wine industry shipped $\$ 79.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $7.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $22.0 \%$ to $\$ 44.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.9 \%$ to 1,198 and total salaries and wages increased $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 13.2$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Wineries, 1975 (32207, 70¢).


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Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, January 1977: No. 1, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 2, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese
Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ a year), Vol. 9, No. 4, International Air Charter Statistics, August 1976


## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | To Date |  | \% Change From |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $1976$ | $: 1975$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 12 Months 1976:75 |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\because$ |  |  |  |
| Benefit Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross amount (\$000) | 272,186 | 261,116 | 281,833 | 3.361.573 | 3,159,280 | 4 | -3 | 6 |
| - Net amount(1) (\$000) | 270,848 | 259,450 | 280.391 | 3.342,247 | 3,144,022 | 4 | -3 | 6 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 2,787 | 2,735 | 3.167 | 36,190 | 37,327 | 2 | -12 | -3 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 97.65 | 95.47 | 89.00 | 92.89 | 84.64 | 2 | 10 | 10 |
| Claims received (000) | 304 | 292 | 335 | 2,678 | 2,857 | 4 | -9 | -6 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 719p | 602p | 720 | 686(3)p | . . | 19 | - |  |
| Claimants (2) at month end (000) | 1.068 | 956 | 1,066 | 1,006(3) | 1,04S(3) | 12 | - | -4 |

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
(2) These figures are overstated in terms of active files. If claimants do not report that they became re-employed. a period of 5 weeks is allowed to elapse before their claims are transferred to the inactive file.
(3) Monthly average.
p Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised

- Amount too small to be expressed
.. Figures not available
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.
Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.
For further information, order the December issue of Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 40¢/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.


## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, Decem-

 ber 1976.Some 719,000 persons received unemployment insurance benefit in December, 19\% greater than in November but virtually unchanged from a year earlier.

Net unemployment insurance benefits paid. in December amounted to $\$ 271$ million, up 4\% from November but 3\% less than December 1975. Net payments for the calendar year were $\$ 3,342$ million versus $\$ 3,144$ million in 1975, an increase of $6 \%$. The average weekly benefit, based on the whole year, rose 10\% to \$92.89.

Persons seeking benefit filed 304,000 claims in December, up 4\% from November but 9\% less than in December 1975. The claim intake for the calendar year was $2,678,000,6 \%$ fewer than in 1975.

## Real Domestic Product, December 1976 - Advance

 Information.The RDP indexes for a number of industries have been revised back to January 1976 due to the incorporation of more recent data. Revised series for the period January to August can be obtained from the December issue.

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased $0.5 \%$ to 124.7 in December from a level of 124.1 in November. The index of industrial production increased $0.7 \%$ in December. Goodsproducing industries rose $0.8 \%$ while serviceproducing industries were up 0.3\%.

In the goods-producing industries, increases were recorded in manufacturing, utilities, agriculture, forestry and construction. Mining and fishing and
trapping declined slightly. In manufacturing, the most significant increases were registered by manufacturers of motor vehicles and smelting and refining. The gain in smelting and refining was due to resumption of production at several smelters which had been affected by strikes since June.
Manufacturers of food and beverages, tobacco products, petroleum and coal products and chemicals and chemical products also recorded increases. The most significant decline was in pulp and paper mills, which appeared to be affected by weakening demand reflected by layoffs at a number of mills. Utilities continued to show substantial growth and the increase in December, resulting from advances in both electric power and gas distribution, has been attributed to colder-than-normal weather conditions. Agriculture, forestry and construction recorded moderate increases, with the increase in construction resulting primarily from non-residential building activity.

In the service-producing industries, trade and finance, insurance and real estate made significant gains. In trade, major increases were recorded in retail trade, most notably by new motor vehicle dealers, department stores, food stores, clothing stores and drug stores. Wholesale trade increased slightly. Transportation, storage and communications remained unchanged from November, with increases in air transport and communications, while grain elevators (continued)

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products
December 1976 - Advance Information.

|  | Domestic |  | Export |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tons of $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | metric tonnes | tons of $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 27,684 | 25115 | 658 | 597 | 28,342 | 25712 |
| Rails | 27,964 | 25368 | 12.936 | 11735 | 40,900 | 37103 |
| Wire rods | 56.837 | 51561 | 11.133 | 10100 | 67,970 | 61661 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 34,826 | 31595 | 5,828 | 5287 | 40,654 | 36882 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 7,698 | 6985 | 1,118 | 1014 | 8,816 | 7999 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 44,371 | 40253 | 20 | 18 | 44,391 | 40271 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 64,133 | 58183 | 5,509 | 4997 | 69,642 | 63180 |
| Tire plates and track material | 8,072 | 7322 | 900 | 816 | 8,972 | 8138 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 77,616 | 70411 | 18,357 | 16653 | 95,973 | 87064 |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 206,488 | 187321 | 17,208 | 15611 | 223,696 | 202932 |
| Cold finished bars | 4.917 | 4461 | 171 | 156 | 5,088 | 4617 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip. cold rolled other, coated | 114,007 | 103422 | 13,234 | 12006 | 127,241 | 115428 |
| Galvanized sheets | 57,342 | 52021 | 6,850 | 6215 | 64,192 | 58236 |
| Total | 731,955 | 664018 | 93,922 | 85205 | 825,877 | 749223 |

- Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.

For further information, order the December issue of Primary Iron and Steel(41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
declined substantially. Public administration and defence services were unchanged from November but community, business and personal services were down slightly, mainly due to declines in accommodation and food services.

## Fourth Quarter

In the fourth quarter of 1976, the seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product advanced $0.6 \%$ to 124.1 from 123.4 in the third quarter. The index of industrial production was unchanged from the third quarter.

Goods-producing industries declined slightly, mainly due to decreases in manufacturing, agriculture, forestry and fishing and trapping. However, significant increases were made in construction, mining and, most notably, utilities. Service-producing industries continued to grow in the fourth quarter with increases in trade, finance, insurance and real estate industries, community, business and personal services and public administration and defence services. Transportation, storage and communications recorded the only decline among the service-producing industries during the fourth quarter.

## Year 1976

In 1976, real domestic product increased by $4.6 \%$ from 117.6 to 123.0 . The index of industrial production showed an increase of $4.6 \%$ to 119.7. The nonagricultural economy recorded an increase of 4.4\%. Goods-producing industries output increased by $5.0 \%$ compared to a 4.4\% increase for service-producing industries.

For further information, order the December issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production) (61-005, $40 \Phi / \$ 4$ ), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.
(see tables on pages 4-6)

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped $1,307,363,000$ square feet ( 121458000 m 2 ) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in January, an increase of $3.8 \%$ over the $1,259,483,000$ square feet ( 117010000 m 2 ) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-9922371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Indexes of Real Domestic Product
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | 1971 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ - $\quad$. | percentage weight | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{st} \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2nd Qtr. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3rd } \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4th } \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | Change |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 121.5 | 122.9 | 123.4 | 124.1 | 0.6 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 95.4 | 98.5 | 97.7 | 94.1 | -3.7 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 90.1 | 105.5 | 121.3 | 114.3 | -5.7 |
| Fishing and Trapping | . 181 | 113.0 | 110.0 | 91.3 | 82.5 | -9.6 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 109.5 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 113.2 | 3.8 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 118.1 | 120.5 | 119.9 | 118.4 | -1.3 |
| Construction Industry | 6.990 | 119.2 | 118.5 | 112.4 | 113.8 | 1.3 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 127.8 | 128.3 | 132.6 | 131.7 | -0.7 |
| Transportation . | 5.874 | 119.9 | 119.7 | 124.5 | 122.0 | -2.1 |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| air transport. | . 679 | 175.9 | 156.7 | 174.6 | 169.7 | -2.8 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 112.7 | 113.1 | 121.4 | 113.9 | -6.2 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 128.7 | 133.3 | 131.7 | 126.7 | -3.8 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 113.9 | 115.5 | 122.5 | 116.2 | -5.2 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 119.2 | 124.4 | 122.7 | 131.2 | 7.0 |
| Storage | . 258 | 91.9 | 88.3 | 99.2 | 93.7 | -5.5 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 82.7 | 78.8 | 95.4 | 85.5 | -10.3 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 146.6 | 149.0 | 151.4 | 154.2 | 1.8 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 133.9 | 135.1 | 136.8 | 143.6 | 5.0 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 131.4 | 132.5 | 132.8 | 134.2 | 1.0 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 128.3 | 127.4 | 125.1 | 124.1 | -0.8 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 129.6 | 129.5 | 126.6 | 125.5 | -0.9 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 133.4 | 135.8 | 137.9 | 140.9 | 2.2 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 110.1 | 114.2 | 116.6 | 118.5 | 1.6 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 136.2 | 137.7 | 141.3 | 142.6 | 0.9 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 154.7 | 157.1 | -162.3 | 164.0 | 1.0 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 109.2 | 109.3 | 110.5 | 111.4 | 0.8 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 156.2 | 158.9 | 154.7 | 156.9 | 1.4 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 124.6 | 125.5 | 128.8 | 132.3 | 2.8 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 115.2 | 119.0 | 124.4 | 121.3 | -2.4 |
| Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores | . 177 | 145.6 | 146.3 | 151.1 | 146.3 | -3.2 |
| Drug stores . | . 290 | 161.6 | 166.6 | 169.7 | 172.0 | 1.4 |
| Finance, Insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 125.6 | 127.4 | 128.7 | 131.3 | 2.0 |
| Community, business and personal service industries | 19.359 | 121.9 | 123.1 | 124.3 | 126.0 | 1.4 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 110.6 | 111.9 | 113.0 | 114.4 | 1.2 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 127.7 | 127.9 | 128.9 | 130.4 | 1.2 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 144.8 | 145.4 | 155.7 | 150.0 | -3.7 |
| Services to business management | 2.31 .1 | 132.1 | 132.1 | 132.8 | 134.7 | 1.4 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 109.1 | 108.3 | 106.8 | 106.8 | - |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 128.1 | 132.6 | 134.5 | 138.8 | 3.2 |
| Public administration and defence | 7.388 | 121.0 | 121.5 | 123.5 | 124.2 | 0.6 |
| Special groupings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 118.5 | 120.4 | 120.1 | 120.1 | - |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 122.5 | 123.8 | 124.3 | 125.2 | 0.7 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 116.2 | 118.0 | 116.8 | 116.6 | -0.2 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 118.0 | 119.7 | 118.5 | 118.6 | 0.1 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 125.2 | 126.4 | 128.0 | 129.3 | 1.0 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341. | 122.9 | 124.4 | 124.8 | 125.4 | 0.5 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970. | 124.1 | 125.6 | 126.0 | 126.7 | 0.6 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 115.9 | 116.4 | 117.6 | 118.5 | 0.8 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 115.5 | 118.5 | 118.1 | 117.2 | -0.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 120.6 | 122.5 | 121.7 | 119.5 | -1.9 |

Indexes of Real Domestic Product
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | 1976 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Change |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 123.5 | 123.6 | 124.1 | 124.7 | 0.5 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 97.4 | 94.1 | 94.0 | 94.1 | 0.1 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 122.6 | 112.5 | 113.2 | 117.3 | 3.6 |
| Fishing and Trapping | . 181 | 86.3 | 89.3 | 81.9 | 76.4 | -6.7 |
| Mines (Including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 112.3 | 113.9 | 113.4 | 112.4 | -0.9 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 119.3 | 117.2 | 118.5 | 119.4 | 0.8 |
| Construction Industry | 6.990 | 107.3 | 113.6 | 113.1 | 114.7 | 1.4 |
| Transportatlon, storage and communication | 9.096 | 133.3 | 131.7 | 131.7 | 131.6 | -0.1 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 124.7 | 121.8 | 122.0 | 122.1 | 0.1 |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| air transport | . 679 | 174.3 | 169.8 | 168.8 | 170.5 | 1.0 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 122.9 | 114.8 | 113.8 | 113.1 | -0.6 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 133.4 | 130.0 | 126.1 | 123.9 | -1.7 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 122.2 | 119.0 | 115.7 | 113.9 | -1.6 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 116.9 | 125.4 | 134.3 | 134.0 | -0.2 |
| Storage | 258 | 103.4 | 95.6 | 97.8 | 87.7 | -10.3 |
| Grain elevators | 177 | 101.4 | 88.4 | 91.6 | 76.6 | -16.4 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 152.9 | 154.4 | 153.9 | 154.2 | 0.2 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 137.5 | 141.2 | 143.2 | 146.3 | 2.2 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 133.2 | 133.5 | 134.0 | 135.1 | 0.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 125.9 | 123.4 | 124.3 | 124.6 | 0.2 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 127.3 | 125.6 | 125.4 | 125.5 | 0.1 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 138.0 | 140.2 | 140.4 | 142.0 | 1.1 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 117.8 | 118.3 | 118.1 | 119.1 | 0.8 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 143.3 | 143.9 | 142.7 | 141.2 | -1.1 |
| Department stores | 927 | 164.8 | 164.3 | 162.6 | 165.0 | 1.5 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 111.8 | 114.1 | 113.6 | 106.4 | -6.3 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 149.0 | 154.9 | 152.6 | 163.2 | 6.9 |
| Clothing stores | 462 | 132.6 | 133.4 | 130.5 | 133.1 | 2.0 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 124.3 | 121.6 | 120.0 | 122.4 | 2.0 |
| Furniture, television, radio and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | 177 | 144.5 | 141.7 | 148.9 | 148.2 | -0.5 |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 169.8 | 163.4 | 174.3 | 178.4 | 2.4 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 129.4 | 130.6 | 131.3 | 132.0 | 0.5 |
| Community, business and personal service industries | 19.359 | 125.0 | 125.8 | 126.2 | 126.1 | -0.1 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 113.5 | 114.3 | 114.4 | 114.4 | - |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 129.4 | 129.8 | 130.4 | 131.0 | 0.5 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 151.5 | 150.1 | 148.9 | 150.9 | 1.3 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 133.4 | 134.3 | 134.8 | 134.9 | 0.1 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 106.8 | 106.6 | 106.7 | 107.1 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 137.1 | 138.9 | 140.0 | 137.6 | -1.7 |
| Public administration and defence | 7.388 | 124.5 | 124.0 | 124.3 | 124.4 | 0.1 |
| Special groupings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 120.2 | 119.1 | 120.2 | 121.0 | 0.7 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 124.4 | 124.6 | 125.2 | 125.8 | 0.5 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 116.0 | 115.8 | 116.5 | 117.5 | 0.9 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 117.6 | 117.8 | 118.5 | 119.6 | 0.9 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 128.7 | 128.9 | 129.3 | 129.7 | 0.3 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 124.7 | 124.8 | 125.4 | 126.1 | 0.6 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 125.9 | 126.1 | 126.7 | 127.4 | 0.6 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 118.2 | 118.2 | 118.6 | 118.7 | 0.1 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.3 | 118.0 | 117.0 | 116.7 | -0.3 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 121.5 | 116.4 | 120.0 | 122.0 | 1.7 |

Indexes of Real Domestic Product
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | 1971 <br> percentage weight | 1975 | 1976 | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 117.6 | 123.0 | 4.6 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 85.9 | 97.8 | 13.8 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 11.3 |
| Flshing and Trapping | . 181 | 74.6 | 94.2 | 26.3 |
| Mines (inciuding mililing), quarrles and oll wells | 3.819 | 109.5 | 110.5 | 0.9 |
| Manufacturing Industries | 22.862 | 113.8 | 119.1 | 4.7 |
| Constructlon Indusiry | 6.990 | 112.9 | '115.6 | 2.3 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 124.3 | 130.1 | 4.7 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 118.1 | 121.6 | 2.9 |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |
| air transport | . 679 | 164.0 | 169.6 | 3.4 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 111.1 | 115.1 | 3.6 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 129.0 | 130.2 | 0.9 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 114.6 | 116.8 | 1.9 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 126.3 | 124.3 | -1.6 |
| Storage | . 258 | 96.2 | 93.3 | -3.0 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 89.2 | 85.7 | -4.0 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 139.0 | 150.2 | 8.1 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilitles | 2.816 | 126.2 | 137.4 | 8.8 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 125.9 | 132.8 | 5.5 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 121.3 | 126.1 | 3.9 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 122.7 | 127.6 | 4.0 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 128.9 | 137.2 | 6.4 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 106.6 | 114.7 | 7.6 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 132.8 | 139.4 | 5.0 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 148.1 | 160.1 | 8.1 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 110.4 | 109.3 | -1.0 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 157.1 | 156.8 | -0.2 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 119.0 | 128.2 | 7.7 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 115.2 | 120.5 | 4.6 |
| Furniture, television, radio and |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | . 177 | 144.1 | 147.2 | 2.1 |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 149.5 | 167.5 | 12.0 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 122.6 | 128.3 | 4.6 |
| Community, business and personal service Industrles | 19.359 | 119.1 | 123.7 | 3.8 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 109.9 | 112.1 | 2.0 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 124.6 | 128.7 | 3.3 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 132.9 | 149.1 | 12.2 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 129.1 | 132.9 | 3.0 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 107.0 | 107.8 | 0.7 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 122.3 | 133.6 | 9.2 |
| Public administration and defence | 7.388 | 118.8 | 122.6 | 3.3 |
| Speclal groupings: |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 4.6 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 118.7 | 123.9 | 4.4 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 111.3 | 116.9 | 5.0 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 113.6 | 118.6 | 4.4 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 121.9 | 127.2 | 4.4 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 118.3 | 124.4 | 5.1 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 119.7 | 125.6 | 4.9 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 114.3 | 117.0 | 2.3 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 111.9 | 117.2 | 4.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 115.7 | 121.1 | 4.6 |

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Imports by Commodities, November 1976 (65-007, 80¢/\$8)
Retail Trade, December 1976 (63-005, 55\$/\$5.50)
Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, December 1976 (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
Footwear Statistics, December 1976 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)
Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (32-017, 35 $/$ / $\$ 1.40$ )

Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, December 1976 (33-003, 304/\$3)

## Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 5, No. 17, Pack of Canned Pears, 1976

Energy Statistics (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ a year), Vol. 11, No. 36, Refined Petroleum Products, December 1976

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income
Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification


## f First estimates.

p Preliminary figures.
(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.
(2) Includes fishing and trapping.

Estimates of Labour Income, December 1976 Advance Information.
Wages and salaries advanced $1.6 \%$ to $\$ 8,490.5$ million from November to December 1976. On a seasonallyadusted basis, the increase was $4.4 \%$.

The gain was the result of retro-active payments. These special payments were estimated at $\$ 283$ million for December.

Total labour income for 1976 was estimated at $\$ 104,328.2$ million compared to $\$ 90,586,7$ million for 1975.

Further details will be published in the OctoberDecember issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72$005, \$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) and additional information can be obtained on request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-9958067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for November was .1,489,000 B/D, down 5.3\% from 1,573,000 B/D in November 1975.
Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,138,000 Mcf./D, an increase of $1.6 \%$ from 9,976,000 Mcf. /D.

For further information, order the November issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, $30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } / 77 \\ & \text { Dec. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } / 77 \\ & \text { Jan. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| Canada, Total | 167.5 |  | 166.6 | 153.5 | 0.6 | 9.1 |
| Materials | 158.1 |  | 156.8 | 148.3 | 0.9 | 6.6 |
| Labour | 184.3 | ¢ | 184.1 | 163.0 | 0.1 | 13.1 |
| Atlantlc Provinces, Total | 178.7 |  | 177.1 | 161.7 | 0.9 | 10.5 |
| Materials | 162.4 |  | 159.8 | 150.6 | 1.6 | 7.8 |
| Labour | 207.0 |  | 207.0 | 180.9 | - | 14.4 |
| Quebec, Total | 168.2 |  | 167.3 | 156.7 | 0.5 | 7.3 |
| Materials | 162.3 |  | 161.4 | 153.6 | 0.6 | 5.7 |
| Labour | 179.3 |  | 178.5 | 162.6 | 0.4 | 10.3 |
| Ontarlo, Total | 163.2 |  | 162.5 | 149.6 | 0.4 | 9.1 |
| Materials | 154.6 |  | 153.5 | 145.9 | 0.7 | 6.0 |
| Labour | 177.8 |  | 177.8 | 155.9 | - | 14.0 |
| Pralrle Provinces, Total | 175.4 |  | 174.5 | 159.1 | 0.5 | 10.2 |
| Materials | 159.7 |  | 158.3 | 148.2 | 0.9 | 7.8 |
| Labour | 206.0 |  | 205.9 | 180.2 | 0.1 | 14.3 |
|  | 166.4 |  | 164.9 | 151.4 | 0.9 | 9.9 |
| Materials | 159.4 |  | 157.1 | 146.6 | 1.5 | 8.7 |
| Labour | 178.8 |  | 178.8 | 160.1 | - | 11.7 |

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, $\$ 4$ per year), or contact Mr. L.J. Seary (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Fourth quarter and annual figures for the chemical and mineral process plant Indexes are now available. For further information, contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division.

Motor Vehicie Shipments, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 98,286 units in January compared to 98,919 units in January 1976. All commercial vehicles totalled 46,479 units compared to 38,864.

For further information, order the January issue of Motor Vehicle Shipments (42-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended February 26, 1977 Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended February 26 was 290,957 short tons, ( 263952 t), a decrease of $1.8 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 296,417 short tons ( 268905 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 282,968 tons ( 256704 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 i) equalling 100 was 158.8 in the current week, 161.8 a week earlier and 154.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
Thursday, March 3, 1977

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Corporation Taxation Statistics, 1974 - Advance Information.
Income taxes declared by corporations in Canada (excluding insurance carriers and credit unions) amounted to $\$ 6,544$ million for the 1974 taxation year compared with $\$ 4,766$ million for 1973. The rise of $\$ 1,7.78$ million or $37 \%$ in this year of decelerating economic growth was nevertheless well ahead of the 29\% reported in 197.3.

A 31\% increase in corporation book profits before taxes was the main factor underlying the growth in taxable income - the tax base - which rose $41 \%$ to *\$15,53. million in 1974. The faster growth of taxable -income compared to book profits represented a departure from the usual relationship in which taxable income lags behind book profits. This change, which occurred despite higher claims by oprporations of capital cost allowances, exploration and development expenses and depletion allowances than those recorded on the company books, reflected, in large part, the impact of changing tax legislation. In particular, 1973 marked the end of the tax-exempt status of income from new mines in the first three years of operation. In addition, in 1974 the federal budget introduced legislation which disallowed royalties paid by resource corporations to provincial governments as a deduction from income for tax purposes.

As a consequence of higher world prices for petroleum and metals and of changing tax legislation related to resource based companies, the $\$ 1,165$ million income taxes payable by corporations in the mining and petroleum industries were well over double those reported for 1973. In paper and allied industries, where exports to the United States were up substantially, income taxes of $\$ 300$ million were declared, an increase of more than $100 \%$ for the second year running. Income taxes payable by the chemical and chemical products industry rose $67 \%$ in line with soaring prices due to world shortages of chemical products in 1974. The only major decline in taxes payable occurred in the wood industries, down 46\%, which came from sagging lumber exports to the U.S. housing market.

Notable increases in corporate taxable income were recorded for every province in 1974. By far the fastest growing were the Prairie provinces, with taxable income nearly doubling. in Alberta and rising 78\% in Saskatchewan and 45\% in Manitoba. Sharply higher world commodity prices, particularly of oil, potash and cereal grains, led to buoyant corporation profits which, together with the effects of changing tax legislation, were the main factors underlying the increase in taxable income.

Taxable income allocated to Quebec grew marginally less than the national average rate to reach $\$ 3,221$ million, some $21 \%$ of the Canadian total. The paper and allied industries produced the largest gain in this province with taxable income more than tripling the previous year's level.

Paper and allied industries were also significant in the growth of taxable income in the Atlantic provinces, which rose $36 \%$ in 1974.

In Ontario, corporate taxable income rose 33\% to $\$ 6,433$ million, about two-fifths of the Canadian total. Among industries recording the largest gains were
metal mining, petroleum and coal products and paper.
The slowest growth of taxable income occurred in British Columbia, up 19\%, a rate considerably below the $52 \%$ increase of the previous year when it led all other provinces. This slowdown largely reflected adverse economic conditions in the wood industry in 1974.

Further details will be contained in the 1974 issue of Corporation Taxation Statistics (61-208, \$2.80). Additional information can be obtained on request from Mr . L.A. Bowen (613-996-5980), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing on CANSIM.

Capacity utilization rates are now available on the CANSIM data bank by quarters for the period 19611976 (fourth quarter). The rates cover Canadian manufacturing by major group according to the 1970 Standard Industrial Classification, with aggregates for durable, non-durable and total manufacturing. A description of the methodology used to derive the rates is given in the publication Capacity Utilization Rates in Candaian Manufacturing (31-003, \$1.40/\$5.60).
For further information, contact Mr. S. Bernard (613-994-5601), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. To order any data from CANSIM on magnetic tape or computer printouts, contact Mrs. Gina Pilozzi (613-995-7406), CANSIM staff, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Production, Shlpments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockles, December 1976 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in December to 422,031,000 feet board measure from 293,204,000 feet in December 1975. Stocks on hand at the end of December totalled $937,717,000$ feet board measure.

For further information, order the December issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies (35-002; 15\$/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Salt, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 707,593 short tons in January from 665,541 short tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Salt (26-009, 15 $\$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ended February 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,065,073 | 2,201,187 | 4,266,260 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 2,223,105 | 1,919,916 | 4,143,021 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1873403 | 1996883 | 3870286 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2016767 | 1741718 | 3758485 |
| \% change | -7.1 | 14.7 | 3.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 36,824 | 33,127 | 69,951 |
| Cars, 1976r | 38,998 | 31,493 | 70,491 |
| \% change | -5.6 | 5.2 | -0.8 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 158,518 | 51,126 | 209,644 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 120,517 | 52,701 | 173,218 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 143805 | 46381 | 190186 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 109331 | 47810 | 157141 |
| \% change | 31.5 | -3.0 | 21.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,867 | 2,307 | 7,174 |
| Cars, 1976r | 4,145 | 2,261 | 6,406 |
| \% change | 17.4 | 2.0 | 12.0 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Totai carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 15,222,371 | 14,541,426 | 29,763,797 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 14,776,161 | 13,636,902 | 28,413,063 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 13809503 | 13191760 | 27001263 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 13404708 | 12371189 | 25775897 |
| \% change | 3.0 | 6.6 | 4.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 255,924 | 222,763 | 478,597 |
| Cars, 1976r | 254,259 | 216,700 | 470,959 |
| \% change | 0.7 | 2.8 | 1.6 |
| Pigqyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,083,234 | 386,337 | 1,469,571 |
| Short tons, 1976r | 881,733 | 352,231 | 1,233,964 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 982693 | 350479 | 1333172 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 799895 | 319539 | 1119434 |
| \% change | 22.9 | 9.7 | 19.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 32,532 | 16,724 | 49,256 |
| Cars, 1976r | 29,590 | 14,788 | 44,378 |
| \% change | 9.9 | 13.1 | 11.0 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
$r 1976$ figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended February 21, 1977

- Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Railways in Canada loaded 4.3 million short tons of revenue freight ( 3.9 million $t$ ) in the week, a modest gain of $3.0 \%$ over the 1976 week. Carryings east of the Lakehead declined 7.1\% but those in the.West were up $14.7 \%$. The total number of cars loaded $(69,951)$ declined 0.8\%.
Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose sharply in the East (31.5\%) but were off $3.0 \%$ in the West for a net national increase of $21.0 \%$.

In the January 1 - February 21 period the volume of rail freight rose $4.8 \%$ over 1976 to 29.8 million short tons ( 27.0 million t). At the same time piggyback shipments were $19.1 \%$ above the 1976 level.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, January 1977 Advance information.
Canadian egg production decreased $1.9 \%$ to 36.9 million dozen in January from 37.6 million a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased 1.7\% to 23.3 million from 23.7 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased $0.2 \%$ to 1,900 from 1,904. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 4.0\% to 65.64 a dozen from 63.14.

For further information, order the January issue of Production of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Television Recelving Sets, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sates of television sets in January were 25,458 colour sets and 2,528 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 29,114 and 3,365.
For further information, order the January issue of Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Asbestos, January 1976 - Advance Information. Producer shipments of asbestos decreased to 121,856 tons in January from 122,187 tons in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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Rates per 10,000 Population (June 1975 Estimates) for All Reporting Residential Special Care Facillties, 1975

| Canada, Provinces Per 10,000 population | Number of facilities | Beds occupied | : Máximum bed capacity | Vacant beds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada* | 1.20 | 51.12 | 55.02 | 3.89 |
| Newfoundland | ; 1.14 | - 42.27 | 45.22 | 2.95 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1.68 | . 80.32 | 84.19 | 3.87 |
| Nova Scotia | 1.64 | 74.47 | -80.32 | 5.85 |
| New Brunswick | 1.99 | 60.91 | 66.75 | 5.84 |
| Ontario | 1.47 | 72.18 | $\therefore 7.64$ | 5.46 |
| Manitoba | 2.46 | 87.66 | 91.47 | 3.81 |
| Saskatchewan | 1.66 | 89.51 | 91.65 | 2.13 |
| Alberta | 1.12 | 54.17 | 57.28 | 3.11 |
| British Columbia | 2.25 | 68.11 | 76.40 | 8.30 |
| Yukon | 2.40 | 40.38 | 63.94 | 23.56 |
| Northwest Territories | 3.97 | 32.80 | 55.56 | 22.75 |

*Excludes Quebec.

Special Care Facilities, 1975 - Advance Information. A survey of special care facilities, such as nursing homes and homes for the aged, was carried out for the second time in 1975 and results, except for Quebec, are now available. The survey covered characteristics of the residents and levels of care delivered.

Initial statistics are available on facilities caring for the following types of residents: aged, 1,195 facilities with 81,041 residents; physically handicapped, 160 facilities with 9,941 residents; blind, 17 facilities with 583 residents; deaf, two facilities with 365 residents; mentally handicapped, 706 facilities with 14,520 residents; emotionally disturbed children, 312 facilities with 3,475 residents; alcoholics and drug addicts, 67 facilities with 1,858 residents; delinquents, 99 facilities with 1,610 residents; unmarried mothers, 23 facilities with 379 residents; transients, 14 facilities with 705 residents.

The accompanying table shows data on the number of facilities, beds occupied, maximum bed capacity and vacant beds per 10,000 population.

Two publications, List of Special Care Facilities (83211) and Special Care Facilities - Residential Facilities and Services (83-222), are to be published shortly with the full range of information from the survey. Price has not yet been determined.

The Health Division also has available statistics on the resident characteristics and movement, personnel, expenditures and revenues of residential special care facilities, the first time such institutions have been surveyed in this way. A total of 885 facilities reported to this survey out of a total population of 2,732 . Quebec conducted a separate survey but provincial data could not be processed into the Statistics Canada file. This information will be published later in catalogue 83-222.

For further information, contact B. Spector (613-995-0991), Special Care Facilities Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Railway Carloadings, January 1977 — Advance Information.
Rail freight loaded in Canada totalled 17.0 million short tons ( 15.4 million metric tonnes) in January, an increase of $3.4 \%$ over January 1976. Traffic received from the United States was up 1.9\%.

January loadings of major forest products rose 42.3\% collectively, a continued reflection of labour problems experienced by that industry in 1976. Container freight movements increased 27.5\% and loadings of copper-nickel ores showed a $23.1 \%$ gain. Commodity carryings notably below 1976 levels were alumina (affected by a strike in January), phosphate rock, grains other than wheat and sulphur.

For further information, order the January issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 30\$/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975 Census of Manufactures - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of asphalt roofing products shipped $\$ 121.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 19.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $2.8 \%$ to $\$ 53.4$ million, the number of employees increased $2.5 \%$ to 1,438 , and total salaries and wages increased $15.6 \%$ to $\$ 17.5$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-996-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975 (36-205, 70¢).

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Farm Cash Recelpts, December 1976 (21-001, 30\$/\$3)
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Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)
January 1977

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1977 \end{array}$ | November | December | January |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting* ** |  | 19 | 19 | -18 | 18 | 19 |
|  |  |  | : |  |  |  |
| Revenue Earned: |  | 7,913,067 | 8,318,396 | 8,420,257 | 10,911,475 | 8,318,396 |
| Intercity \& Rural Services Urban-Suburban Services $\hat{H}$ 会 |  | 23,151 | 22,193. | 22,171 | . $\cdot 23,495$ | 22,193 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) |  | 733,557 | 771,374 | 885,475 | 645.426 | 771,374 |
| Fare Passengers Carried: |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | No. | 2,453,010 | 2,164,695 | 2,282,479 | 2,637,500 | 2,164,695 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | No:* | 59,075. | \% 55,915 | 56,851 | 58,887 | 55.915 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | No. | 46,398 | 157,719 | 174,418 | 153,353 | 157,719 |
| Vehicle Miles: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | miles | 8,614,280 | 8,670,314 | 8,632,517 | 11,691,961 | 8,670,314 |
|  | km | 13863339 | 13953517 | 13892689 | 18816387 | 13953517 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | miles | 34,757 | 32,851 | 33,234 | 33.457 | 32,851 |
|  | km | 55935 | 52868 | 53484 | 53843 | 52868 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | miles | 739,701. | 558,998 | 705,700 | 593,161 | 588,998 |
|  | km | 1190433 | 899620 | 1135714 | 954600 | 899620 |
| Fuel Consumed:Diesel Oil |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | gal. | .1,439,841 | 1,408,635 | 1,376,369 | 1,723,842 | 1,408,635 |
|  | litres | 6545646 | 6403781 | 6257097 | 7836740 | 6403781 |
| Gasoline | gals. | 1,941 | 1,353 | 1,165 | 1,501 | 1,353 |
|  | litres | 8823 | 6150 | 5296 | 6823 | 6150 |

- Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
** One carrier on strike.
Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercily and Rural) January 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada' Daily. The accompanying table contains statistics on passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations. Cumulative data for the year serves as preliminary information on a significant portion of the industry until definitive annual statistics are available. Figures have been added showing total distance run and fuel consumed, using the International System of Units. This is the most modern version of the metric system, supported by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. It is the system of units which Canada is adopting.

The following observations apply to the data in this release:

- Data relating to other services such as charter or contract are specific to the surveyed passenger bus carriers and are not indicative of over-all charter and contract operations.
- Passengers paying a fare to the operator of one vehicle and travelling on a second or third vehicle on a transfer are counted for the first vehicle only.
- Total distance run in a revenue service includes distance run empty which was necessary to provide the revenue service.
For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

Urban Transit, January 1977 - Advance Information. In January 38 urban transit systems collected 103,117,849 initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 29.905,481 miles ( 48128206 km ) and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 34,843,790$.
For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6 or order the January issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Refined Petroleum Products, 1975 - Advance Information.
In 1975 sales of kerosene and stove oil, light, heavy and diesel fuel oil, motor gasoline, lubricating oils and greases, aviation gasoline, turbo fuel and asphalt amounted to $548,228,000$ barrels, a decrease of $0.8 \%$ from $552,456,000$ barrels in 1974.
For further information, order the 1975 issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-208, 704), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, December 1976 - Advance Information.
December coal production increased $16.7 \%$ to 2,997,806 tons ( 2719564 metric tons) from 2,568,246 tons (2 329874 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports decreased to $1,214,403$ tons ( 1101688 metric tonnes) from 1,945,700 tons ( 1765109 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used $2,648,335$ tons (2 402529 metric tonnes) of coal, up 546,010 tons ( 495331 metric tonnes) and 485,919 tons ( 440818 metric tonnes) of coke, up 6,588 tons ( 5977 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the December issue of Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Iron Ore, January 1977 - Advance Information. Canadian mines shipped 2,841,963 tons of iron ore in January compared to 1,891,567 tons in January 1976. For further information, order the January issue of Iron Ore (26-005, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industrles Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, January 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of refrigerators in January were 32,765 compared to 32,161 in January 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 83,214 units, down from 87,832 . Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 16,524 from 34,297 (revised) and month-end stocks increased to 55,099 from 22,988 (revised).

For further information, order the January issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. Raj Sedev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 27,283 units in January, up from 25,442 in January 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,242 units compared to 5,697 . Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 26,060 units compared to 23,123 . Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 897 units compared to 736.

For further information, order the January issue of Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers (43002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Raj Sehdev (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 4,298,592 phonograph records in January, down from 4,699,468 in January 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes ( 8 track cartridges and cassettes only) decreased to 809,734 from 858,506.

For further information, order the January issue of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes Service Bulletin (47-004, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Special Care Facillties, 1975 - Correction.

In the table accompanying this article in the Daily of. Friday, March 4, incorrect figures were given for the Canada totals. Correct figures are: number of facilities 1.64; beds occupied 75.5; maximum bed capacity 70.2; vacant beds 5.35.



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Energy Statistics (57-002, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 11, No. 35, Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, 3rd Quarter 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 67, Shipments of Domestic Mobile Homes, December 1976

Avlation Statistics Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9: No. 6, Canada - U.S.A. Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Second Quarter of 1975 and 1976; No. 7, Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Third Quarter of 1975 and 1976

Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes
January 1977 - Advance Information
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For further information, order the January issue of Construcition Price Statistics (62-007, 404/\$4), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.
Union wage rate indexes, including selected pay supplements, are now available for January 1977.

New Motor Vehicie Saies, January 1977 - Advance Information.
New motor vehicles sold in January reached 93,760 units, up 33.5\% from a year earlier. This included 59,590 passenger cars (up $42.3 \%$ ) and 24,446 commercial vehicles (up 26.7\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 8,836 passenger cars (up 7.8\%) and 888 commercial vehicles (up 0.2\%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased $42.3 \%$ to $\$ 598.3$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 362.8$ million (up $53.9 \%$ ) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 188.9$ million (up $33.2 \%$ ). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased $9.3 \%$ to $\$ 42.2$ million and those of commercial vehicles decreased $2.1 \%$ to $\$ 4.2$ million. included in total commercial vehicles sold were 231 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 6.4$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted January sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. increased 8.2\% from December to 79,619 units and those of passenger cars from overseas increased. $3.6 \%$ to 14,020 units. Similarly adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up $2.9 \%$ to 30,786 units.

For further information, order the January issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, 30 $\$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, January 1977 - Advance Information.

Producers trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled $\$ 28,255,637$ in January compared to $\$ 24,432,933$ in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers (46-001, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, January 1977 - Advance Information.

In January, packers, dealers and tanners held 341,303 cattle hides, up from 279,067 a year earlier, and 87,226 calf and kip skins, down from 142,027. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 181,730 from 191,292 and wettings decreased to 160,052 from 212,913.

For further information, order the January issue of Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather (33-001, $30 ¢ / \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 5, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 5 was 292,642 short tons ( 265480 t ), an increase of $0.6 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 290,957 short tons (263 952 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,559 tons ( 241818 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t ) equalling 100 was 159.7 in the current week, 158.8 a week earlier and 145.5 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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## Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing

(1971=100)

| $\because$ | Relative Importance(1) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan.* } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | Index Dec.* 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Percentag Jan. $/ 77$ Dec. $/ 76$ | Change Jan. $/ 77$ Jan. $/ 76$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry Selling Price Index: | : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | 100:0 | 166.1 | 165.1 | 158.4 | 0.6 | 4.9 |
| SIC Major Groups: |  | - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Food and Beverage Industries | 19.9 | 177.5 | 175.3 | 173.2 | 1.3 | 2.5 |
| 3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries | 2.5 | 144.8 | 143.5 | 137.6 | 0.9 | 5.2 |
| 4. Leather Industries | 0.9 | 166.8 | 163.0 | 153.7 | 2.3 | 8.5 |
| 5. Textile Industries | 3.5 | 146.1 | 145.1 | 139.6 | 0.7 | 4.7 |
| 6. Knitting Mills | 0.9 | 128.4 | 127.3 | 122.6 | 0.9 | 4.7 |
| 8. Wood Industries | 4.7 | 175.2 | 175.1 | 162.1 | 0.1 | 8.1 |
| 9. Furniture and Fixture Industries | 1.6 | 168.5 | 166.9 | 160.2 | 1.0 | 5.2 |
| 10. Paper and Allied Industries | 8.2 | 189.5 | 188.1 | 179.6 | 0.7 | 5.5 |
| 12. Primary Metal Industries | 8.4 | 174.7 | 174.3 | 163.8 | 0.2 | 6.7 |
| 13. Metal Fabricating Industries | 7.5 | 165.2 | 164.5 | 159.2 | 0.4 | 3.8 |
| 14. Machinery Industries | 4.4 | 155.5 | 154.5 | 148.5 | 0.6 | 4.7 |
| 16. Electrical Products Industries | 6.8 | 142.4 | 142.0 | 138.9 | 0.3 | 2.5 |
| 17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries | 3.2 | 168.2 | 165.7 | 156.5 | 1.5 | 7.5 |
| 18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries | 4.2 | 226.4 | 226.4 | 200.6 | - | 12.9 |
| 19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries | 6.6 | 170.7 | 169.9 | 164.4 | 0.5 | 3.8 |
| Other Major Groups(2) | 16.7 | 141.0 | 140.6 | 135.0 | 0.3 | 4.4 |

* These indexes are preliminary.
(1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)
(2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

Industry Selling Price Index, January 1977 — Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 166.1 in January, up $0.6 \%$ from the revised December level of 165.1 and $4.9 \%$ higher than the January 1976 index of 158.4.

The latest rise was mainly due to increases of $1.3 \%$ in foods and beverages and $0.7 \%$ in paper and allied products. Within the food and beverage group, there were increases in the index levels for feeds (3.7\%), miscellaneous food processors (2.7\%), slaughtering and meat processors ( $0.8 \%$ ) and confectionery manufacturers (7.2\%). The rise in paper and allied products mostly reflected a $1 \%$ increase in the index for pulp and paper mills. There were no decreases in January at the major group level.

Industrial Chemicals, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped $45,898,020$ pounds ( 20818992 kg ) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in January compared to a revised 49,117,099 pounds ( 22279141 kg ) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Specified Chemicals (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Fur Productlon, 1975-76 - Advance Information.
Value of pelts sold during the 1975-76 season was $\$ 53,942,714$, up $29 \%$ from the previous season. Wildlife pelts brought in $\$ 34,167,853$ or $63 \%$ of the total.

Fur Farm production accounted for $\$ 19,774,861$ in the 1975-76 season, up from $\$ 16,591,658$ the previous year.

For further information, order the 1975-76 issue of Fur Production (23-207, 70థ), or contact P. Beerstecher (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Refractories Manufacturers, 1975 — Advance Information.
Refractories manufacturers shipped $\$ 69.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $13.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $23.3 \%$ to $\$ 45.8$ million, the number of employees decreased $9.4 \%$ to 1,260 and total salaries and wages increased $15.8 \%$ to $\$ 16.7$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Refractories Manufacturers, 1975 (44-214, 70\$).

Abrasives Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

Abrasives manufacturers shipped $\$ 101.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 3.7\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $4.6 \%$ to $\$ 43.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $13.6 \%$ to 2,318 and total salaries and wages decreased $2.3 \%$ to $\$ 26.5$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Abrasives Manufacturers, 1975 (44-202, 70¢).

Stoves and Ranges, January 1977 — Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in January increased 18.7\% to 29,045 units from 24,466 units (revised) in January 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased $55.1 \%$ to 93,582 units from a revised 60,354 .

For further information, order the January issue of Stoves and Furnaces (41-005, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. Raj Sedev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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Full details on commodity-country import trade for December are now available either on microfiche or by: telephone in advance of the regular publication Imports by Commodities (65-007, 80¢/\$8). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Consumer Price Movements, February 1977 (62-001, 30¢ / \$3) - Available March 11, 1977 at 7 a.m.

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## Bullding Permits

December 1976 - Advance Information

|  | Number of Dwelling Units |  |  | Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles | Multiples | Total | Residential | ```Indus- trial 000)``` | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |
| Newfoundland | 22 | 89 | 111 | 3,373 | 67 | 1,061 | 53 | 4,554 |
| Prince Edward Island | 33 | 17 | 50 | 1,353 | 17 | 1,107 | 15 | 2,492 |
| Nova Scotia | 245 | 394 | 639 | 14,626 | 1,690 | 10,105 | 378 | 26,799 |
| New Brunswick | 41 | 63 | 104 | 2,600 | 335 | 2,380 | 1,992 | 7,307 |
| Quebec | 1,068 | 2,477 | 3.545 | 84,046 | 20,448 | 72,107 | 63,981 | 240,582 |
| Ontario | 1,616 | 2,305 | 3,921 | 117,831 | 31,513 | 58,436 | 26,048 | 233,828 |
| Manitoba | 165 | 319 | 484 | 13,100 | 154 | 2,726 | 2,260 | 18,240 |
| Saskatchewan | 217 | 414 | 631 | 15,919 | 2,121 | 7,361 | 4,210 | 29,611 |
| Alberta | 1,008 | 1,255 | 2,263 | 61,194 | 4,239 | 26,941 | 11,219 | 103,593 |
| British Columbia | 965 | 1,057 | 2,022 | 61,251 | 6,276 | 34,967 | 5,124 | 107,618 |
| Yukon | - | , | , | , | 6, |  | , | - |
| Northwest Territories | 1 | - | 1 | 27 | - | 867 | - | 894 |
| Canada - Unadjusted | 5,381 | 8,390 | 13,771 | 375,320 | 66,860 | 218,058 | 115,280 | 775,518 |
| Canada - Adjusted | 9,835 | 10,170 | 20,005 | 560,543 | 85,064 | 197,325 | 127,184 | 893,558 |
| Metropolitan Areas | 3,089 | 6,325 | 9,414 | 255,024 | 40,541 | 179,601 | 98,545 | 573,711 |
| Calgary | 225 | 664 | 889 | 19,126 | 53 | 4,666 | 2,978 | 26,823 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 19 | 44 | 63 | 1,538 | 115 | 79 | , | 1,732 |
| Edmonton | 162 | 341 | 503 | 15,733 | 2,192 | 11,621 | 3,725 | 33,271 |
| Halifax | 96 | 372 | 468 | 11,015 | 1,013 | 9,379 | 119 | 21,526 |
| Hamilton | 74 | 195 | 269 | 7,231 | 5,363 | 1,507 | 1,043 | 15,144 |
| Hull | 39 | 155 | 194 | 5,691 | - | 707 | 51,541 | 57,939 |
| Kitchener | 44 | 393 | 437 | 10,751 | 415 | 10,744 | 130 | 22,040 |
| London | 172 | - 40 | 212 | 5,886 | 1,073 | 12,944 | 26 | 19,929 |
| Montréal | 445 | 1,559 | 2,004 | 47,928 | 9,057 | 8,683 | 8,724 | 74,392 |
| Ottawa | 12 | 39 | 51 | 1,763 | 222 | 3,084 | 10,722 | 15,791 |
| Québec | 158 | 282 | 440 | 9,607 | 1,024 | 56,720 | 3,151 | 70,502 |
| Regina | 82 | 174 | 256 | 6,244 | 66 | 3,950 | 3,402 | 13,662 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 55 | 38 | 93 | 2,951 | 1,398 | 4,398 | 122 | 8,869 |
| Saint-John | 10 | 39 | 49 | 1,387 | 249 | 238 | 15 | 1,889 |
| St. John's | 10 | 82 | 92 | 2,777 |  | 818 | - | 3,595 |
| Saskatoon | 69 | 157 | 226 | 5,033 | 11 | 1,188 | 1 | 6,233 |
| Sudbury | 5 | - | 5 | 259 | 18 | 15 | 59 | 351 |
| Thunder Bay | 15 | 6 | 21 | 783 | 208 | 269 | 4 | 1,264 |
| Toronto | 713 | 799 | 1,512 | 50,108 | 15,367 | 17,033 | 8,447 | 90,955 |
| Vancouver | 428 | 447 | 875 | 27,242 | 1,788 | 27,046 | 2,861 | 58,937 |
| Victoria | 69 | 233 | 302 | 9,037 | 433 | 1,687 | 400 | 11,557 |
| Windsor | 61 | - | 61 | 1,979 | 377 | 516 | 227 | 3,099 |
| Winnipeg | 126 | 266 | 392 | 10,955 | 99 | 2,309 | 848 | 14,211 |

Preliminary figures.
For further information order Building Permits, December 1976 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).

Building Permits, December 1976 — Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issued during December decreased 13\% to $\$ 970$ million from $\$ 1,118$ million in November. In December 1975 the total was $\$ 1,025$ million.

Residential permits, estimated at $\$ 560$ million, accounted for the December decrease while nonresidential permits were virtually unchanged from the November total.
Permits issued for new single-detached homes remained high at a seasonally-adjusted level of 9,835 units in December but multiple dwellings decreased
$19 \%$ to 10,170 units. In the non-residential sector, commercial projects were down for the second consecutive month but industrial and governmentsponsored projects showed a slight increase over November.

The value of permits of all types issued during 1976 reached a total of $\$ 12.2$ billion compared to $\$ 10.6$ billion in 1975. This represents an increase of $15 \%$ in current dollars.

Railway CarloadIngs
7-day period ending February 28

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,428,291 | 2,199,727 | 4,628,018 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,634,685 | 2,029,820 | 4,664,505 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2202909 | 1995559 | 4198468 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2390146 | 1841422 | 4231568 |
| \% change | -7.8 | 8.4 | -0.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 42,565 | 32,930 | 75,495 |
| Cars, 1976 | 46,646 | 31,611 | 78,257 |
| \% change | -8.7 | 4.2 | -3.5 |
| Plggyback trafilc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 166,718 | 57,903 | 224,621 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 147,419 | 52,135 | 199,554 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 151244 | 52529 | 203773 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 133736 | 47296 | 181032 |
| \% change | 13.1 | 11.1 | 12.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,993 | 2,497 | 7,490 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,874 | 2,193 | 7,067 |
| \% change | 2.4 | 13.9 | 6.0 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 17,650,662 | 16,741,153 | 34,391,815 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 17,410,846 | 15,666,722 | 33,077,568 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 16012411 | 15187319 | 31199730 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 15794854 | 14212611 | 30007465 |
| \% change | 1.4 | 6.9 | 4.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 298,489 | 255,603 | 554,092 |
| Cars, 1976 | 300,905 | 248,311 | 549,216 |
| \% change | -0.8 | 2.9 | 0.9 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,249,952 | 444,240 | 1,694,192 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,029,152 | 404,366 | 1,433,518 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1133937 | 403008 | 1536945 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 933631 | 366835 | 1300466 |
| \% change | 21.5 | 9.9 | 18.2 |
| Cars, 1977 | 37,525 | 19,221 | 56,746 |
| Cars, 1976 | 34,464 | 16,981 | 51,445 |
| \% change | 8.9 | 13.2 | 10.3 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carioadings, 7 Days Ended February 28, 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 4.6 million short tons ( 4.2 million $t$ ) in the last week of February, a decline of $0.8 \%$ from the eight-day period of 1976. Freight originating east of the Lakehead fell 7.8\%, while in the West an $8.4 \%$ gain was recorded. The total number of cars loaded was down 3.5\% to 75,495 units.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose $12.6 \%$, an increase shared almost equally in Eastern and Western Canada.

In the first two months of 1977, rail carload traffic was $4.0 \%$ above the year-earlier level at 34.4 million short tons ( 31.2 million t). Piggyback shipments advanced $18.2 \%$.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ ) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1977 - Advance Information.

Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January were valued at $\$ 64.7$ million, an increase of $12.0 \%$ over the January 1976 figure of $\$ 57.7$ million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of $\$ 14.1$ million.

For further information, order the January issue of Farm Implement and Equipment Sales (63-009, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact the Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, December 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian mills shipped 199,723,000 sq. ft. of softwood plywood in December, up from 188,707,000 sq. ft. in December 1975.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to $31,737,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. surface measure for December, an increase of 67,000 sq. ft. from December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywood (35-001, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sugar Sales, February 1977 - Advance Information. For February Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 77908586 kilograms (171,759,058 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 68384618 kilograms ( $150,762,300 \mathrm{lbs}$.) and export sales totalled 9523968 kilograms ( $20,996,758$ lbs.).

For further information, order the February issue of The Sugar Situation (32-013, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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## Service Bulletins:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 20, Pack of Processed Peas; No. 24, Pack of Processed Strawberries
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Chemicals (46-004, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 3, No. 9, Sulphuric Acid, Caustic Soda and Chlorine, 1975

Water Transport (54-003, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 2, Cargo Loaded and Unloaded in Coastwise Shipping by Vessels of Foreign Registries, October-December 1976 and 1975

Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components
(1971=100)
(Not seasonally adjusted)

|  | Relative importance(1) | Indexes |  |  | \% Change |  | \% Contribution to total change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1977 |  | 1976 | February 1977 from |  |  |  |
|  |  | Feb. | Jan. | Feb. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |
| All items | 100 | 155.4 | 154.0 | 145.6 | 0.9 | 6.7 | 100 | 100 |
| Food | 27 | 171.4 | 168.0 | 166.3 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 58 | 13 |
| All items excluding food | 73 | 149.7 | 149.0 | 138.4 | 0.5 | 8.2 | 42 | 87 |
| Housing | 33 | 156.9 | 155.9 | 143.3 | 0.6 | 9.5 | 21 | 45 |
| Clothing | 9 | 136.4 | 135.4 | 128.9 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 7 | 8 |
| Transportation | 15 | 150.4 | 150.1 | 139.0 | 0.2 | 8.2 | 3 | 18 |
| Health and personal care | 4 | 150.7 | 148.8 | 140.7 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 6 | 4 |
| Recreation, education and reading | 6 | 139.7 | 139.5 | 133.0 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5 |
| Tobacco and alcohol | 6 | 139.2 | 138.3 | 128.5 | 0.6 | 8.3 | 4 | 7 |
| Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar | - | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.69 |  |  |  |  |
| All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100 |  | 207.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(1) These rounded weights, provided as a general guide, show the relative importance of the major components of the CPI, on average, during the year 1976.

## Consumer Price Index, February 1977 - Advance

 Information.The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced 0.9\% to 155.4\% in February from 154.0 in January. Nearly three-fifths of this latest relatively-large increase was due to a $2.0 \%$ rise in the food index; this marked the second consecutive month in which this index has registered a sharp increase following a year of relative price stability. Higher prices for shelter and, to a lesser extent, for clothing also contributed notably to the all-items index rise in the latest month. While the food index increased $2.0 \%$, the index for all items excluding food rose by $0.5 \%$. Between February 1976 and February 1977, the total CPI advanced 6.7\%.

The 2.0\% increase in the food index, the largest since July 1975, was largely due to higher prices for fresh produce (vegetables in particular), for coffee, pork, bread and restaurant meals. The 2.4\% increase in February in the index for food consumed at home resulted in the first year-over-year rise in the level of this index since mid-1976.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as generally-higher clothing prices were largely responsible for the $0.5 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other notable contributing factors to this advance included higher electricity rates in some municipalities, increa-
sed charges for barber and hairdressing services and higher beer prices in Ontario.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased $1.1 \%$ in the latest month while that' for services increased $0.6 \%$. Between February 1976 and February 1977, the price level of services increased 10.4\% while that for goods rose 4.6\%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced $0.8 \%$ from January to February. This included a $1.7 \%$ rise in the food index and a 0.6\% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In February, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $9.2 \%$.
(see table on next page)

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Index for Canada*

|  | All-items |  | Food |  | All-items excluding food |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted |
| 1973 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| July | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| August | 1.3 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| September | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| October | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| November | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 1974 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| February | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| March | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| April | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| May | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| June | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| July | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| August | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| September | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| October | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| November | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| December | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| February | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| March | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| April | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| May | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| June | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| July | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| August | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| September | 0.2 | 0.5 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| October | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| November | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | $i .0$ | 0.9 |
| December | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| February | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| March | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.7 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| April | 0.4 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| May | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| July | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| August | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| September | 0.5 | 0.7 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| October | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| November | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| December | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| February | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |

[^12]Local Government Finance, Preliminary 1975 and Estimates 1976 - Advance Information.
A survey of budgets and other sources of financial information indicates that in 1976 local government revenue rose to $\$ 15.8$ billion, up $11.8 \%$ over 1975 , while expenditures rose $12.0 \%$ and exceeded $\$ 16.8$ billion.

Pending publication of Local Government Finance, Preliminary 1975 and Estimates 1976 (68-203, \$1.40), copies of the principal revenue and expenditure tables which will appear in this publication are available upon request from Mr. G.A. Marr (613-995-0713), Chief, Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Production, Consumptlon and Inventories of Rubber, January 1977 - Advance Information.
January production of rubber decreased to 41,783,000 pounds ( 18951000 kg ) from $42,730,000$ pounds ( 19382000 kg ) in January 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to 53,447,000 pounds (24 242000 kg ) from 47,257,000 pounds (21 436000 kg ) in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber (33-003, 304/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Automobile Fabric Accessories Industry, 1975 Advance Information.
The automobile fabric accessories industry shipped $\$ 227$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $5 \%$ to $\$ 100$ million, the number of employees decreased $16 \%$ to 4,843 and total salaries and wages increased $6 \%$ to $\$ 56.5$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Automobile Fabric Accessories Industry, 1975 (34-222, 70\$).

Airport Activity, 1976 - Advance Information. Scheduled enplaned and deplaned passengers at Toronto International Airport increased $4.3 \%$ to 4,728,201 in the first six months of 1976 from 4,533,515 in the corresponding period of 1975.

Similar figures for Montreal Mirabel and Dorval airports combined show a decrease of $0.7 \%$ to $3,149,083$ in the first six months of 1976 from 3,170,576 passengers in the corresponding period of 1975.

Monthly airport activity statistics for the top 50 airports in Canada are now available for the first six months of 1976. The airport tables, and further information can be obtained by calling Mr. W. Benoit (613-995-9897), Airport Activity Survey, Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A ON9.

Telephone Statlstics, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Thirteen major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of $\$ 283.6$ million in January, up 12.2\% over January 1976. Operating expenses were $\$ 198.5$ million, an increase of $18.3 \%$. Net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 85.1$ million in January, an increase of 0.2\% over January 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased 9.8\% to 76.4 million in the latest month.

For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, March 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at March 1 amounted to 80.9 million pounds compared with last year's total of 54.5 million pounds.

For further information, order the March issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact C. M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 L 7$.

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Wholesale Price Indexes
(1935-39=100)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977^{*} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976^{*} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } / 77 \\ & \text { Dec. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } / 77 \\ & \text { Jan. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| General wholesale Index | 533.0 | 526.5r | 504.6 | 502.5 | 1.2 | 5.6 |
| Vegetable products | 467.2 | 450.5r | 461.5 | 457.5 | 3.7 | 1.2 |
| Animal products | 542.4 | 542.6 r | 555.6 | 563.7 | - | -2.4 |
| Textile products | 471.4 | 467.0r | 426.8 | 423.0 | 0.9 | 10.4 |
| Wood products | 746.4 | 741.2r | 663.9 | 652.3 | 0.7 | 12.4 |
| Iron products | 578.8 | 575.8r | 543.4 | 548.1 | 0.5 | 6.5 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 467.0 | 461.3r | 422.6 | 416.7 | 1.2 | 10.5 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 451.2 | 444.8r | 417.5 | 412.6 | 1.4 | 8.1 |
| Chemical products | 396.1 | 395.8 r | 388.5 | 388.3 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Summary Indexes |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | 623.2 | 617.7 r | 574.6 | 573.2 | 0.9 | 8.5 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 491.6 | 481.8 r | 477.4 | 477.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 555.2 | 550.5r | 518.3 | 516.4 | 0.9 | 7.1 |

[^13]General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), January 1977 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale index increased $1.2 \%$ to 533.0 in January from the revised December 1976 index of 526.5. It was $5.6 \%$ higher than in January 1976. Increases were shown for seven of the major groups while one remained unchanged.

The vegetable products index increased $3.7 \%$ to 467.2 from the revised December level of 450.5 due to price increases for fresh vegetables (16.7\%), tea, coffee and cocoa ( $14.1 \%$ ), dried fruits ( $9.6 \%$ ), sugar and its products (5.0\%), vegetable oil products (4.9\%) and livestock and poultry feeds ( $3.4 \%$ ). Advances of $13.7 \%$ for tin, $4.9 \%$ for solder, $3.9 \%$ for lead and its products and 2.8\% for nickel were mainly responsible for a $1.2 \%$ increase in the non-ferrous products index. The non-metallic minerals index moved 1.4\% higher in January, reflecting increases for crushed stone (8.1\%), plaster ( $6.4 \%$ ), sand and gravel (5.2\%) and lime ( $4.3 \%$ ). Smaller increases were shown for textile products ( $0.9 \%$ ), wood products $(0.7 \%$ ), iron products $(0.5 \%)$ and chemical products $(0.1 \%)$. The animal products index remained unchanged.

Retall Trade, January 1977 - Advance Information. Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for January were $\$ 5,202.8$ million, an increase of $3.1 \%$ from the $\$ 5,045.3$ million recorded in December. Sales increased in 19 of the 28 trade groups. Family shoe stores (15.8\%), household appliance stores ( $14.7 \%$ ) and women's clothing stores (12.0\%) showed the largest increases, while book and stationery stores (-12.3\%) registered the largest decrease. Eight of the 10 provinces recorded increased sales from December, gains ranging from $7.6 \%$ for British Columbia to $0.9 \%$ for Ontario. The only declines were recorded in Manitoba ( $-0.5 \%$ ) and Saskatchewan ( $-1.7 \%$ ).

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 4,243.0$ million in January, an increase of $9.5 \%$ over January 1976. Sales were up in 23 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by florists (24.8\%), motor vehicle dealers (24.2\%) and garages ( $24.2 \%$ ). All provinces recorded increased sales over January 1976, ranging from a high of 11.4\% for Ontario to $2.0 \%$ for Newfoundland. Montreal sales rose $6.8 \%$; Toronto $13.7 \%$; Winnipeg $7.9 \%$; Vancouver 9.7\%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for December 1976 was $\$ 6,296.5$ million, up 9.2\% from December 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 55 $/$ /\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section, (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Caṇada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countrles, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary statistics for January show that 1.2 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 14.2\% from January 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.3 million, an increase of $4.5 \%$ over last year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. totalled 39,700, virtually unchanged from last year, while Canadian travellers returning from countries other than the U.S. rose $16.9 \%$ to 195,000.
For further information, order the January issue of International Travel - Advance Information (66-002, $15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-9950847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Farm Cash Receipts, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates indicate that in January farmers' total cash receipts from farming operation in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$1,202.9 million compared to $\$ 1,744.6$ million realized during January 1976. These estimates included: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction was made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January
(millions of dollars)

|  | 1977 | 1976 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 10.4 | 11.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 9.9 | 10.0 |
| New Brunswick | 10.0 | 10.6 |
| Quebec | 84.6 | 98.4 |
| Ontario | 206.3 | 210.5 |
| Manitoba | 102.4 | 153.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 519.6 | 849.0 |
| Alberta | 228.2 | 365.6 |
| British Columbia | 31.5 | 35.9 |
| Canada | $1,202.9$ | $1,744.6$ |

Mineral Production, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of minerals for January, with January 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold, 138,132 troy ounces $(148,947)$.
- Silver, 3,131,433 troy ounces $(3,422,343)$.
- Primary copper, 69,560 short tons $(75,976)$.
- Primary nickel, 25,441 short tons $(23,695)$.
- Refined lead, 17,903 short tons $(19,370)$.
- Refined zinc, 53,374 short tons $(42,042)$.

For further information, order the January issues of Gold Production (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), Silver, Lead and Zinc Production (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50) and Copper and Nickel Production (26-003, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Hat and Cap Industry, 1975 - Advance Information. The hat and cap industry shipped $\$ 24.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $15 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $25.6 \%$ to $\$ 16.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $17 \%$ to 1,176 and total salaries and wages increased $8.3 \%$ to $\$ 8.9$ million.
For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-218, 70¢).

Footwear Statistics, January 1977 - Advance Information.
January production of footwear of all types decreased to $3,241,336$ pairs from $3,309,449$ in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Footwear Statistics (33-002, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oll Plpeline Transport, December 1976 - Advance Information.

Canadian oil pipe lines received $2,813,000$ B/D ( $447231 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in December, up $0.6 \%$ from 2,797,000 B/D ( $444688 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ) received in December 1975. Domestic petroleum and products increased $8.5 \%$ to $2,499,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ ( $397309 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) while imported petroleum and products decreased $36.4 \%$ to $314,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ ( $49922 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ).

For further information, order the December issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 30\$/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

Narrow Fabric Milis, 1975 - Advance Information. Narrow fabric mills shipped $\$ 50.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975 , down $1.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 7.3\% to $\$ 27.8$ million, the number of employees decreased $4 \%$ to 2,248 and total salaries and wages increased $11 \%$ to $\$ 16.8$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Textile Industries, 1975 (34-210, \$1.05).

Feit and Fibre Processing Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
The felt and fibre processing industry shipped $\$ 23.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 7\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $4 \%$ to $\$ 10.6$ million, the number of employees increased $4 \%$ to 688 and total salaries and wages increased $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 5.83$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Felt and Fibre Processing Mills, 1975 (34-219, 70¢) .

Tobacco Products Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Tobacco products manufacturers shipped $\$ 581.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $15.2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $17.7 \%$ to $\$ 341.8$ million, the number of employees increased $1.7 \%$ to 8,357 , and total salaries and wages increased $18.8 \%$ to $\$ 106.2$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Tobacco Products Industries, 1975 (32-225, 70\$).


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## Financial Flows

Advance information on the fourth quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available from the Financial Flows Section.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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Population: Current Fertility for Married Women, 197.1 Census of Canada (92-777, \$2.80)

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## Service Bulletin:

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9, No. 8, Civil Aviation, Aircraft Operating Expenses, Year 1975 and First Six months 1976


Ouarterly Esilmaies of the Canadlan Balance of Iniernailonal Paymenis, Fourth Quarter 1976.
On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the deficit balance on current account expanded to $\$ 1,363$ million in the fourth quarter of 1976. This was more than double the deficit in the preceding quarter and slightly more than the previous record quarterly deficit, which occurred in the first quarter of 1976. A sizeable drop of $5.2 \%$ in merchandise exports during the fourth quarter and a marginal increase of $0.7 \%$ in merchandise imports combined to produce a reduction of more than $\$ 0.5$ billion in the balance on merchandise trade. This movement was reinforced by a jump of neariy $\$ 250$ million in the deficit on service transactions, mainly as a result of increased payments of interest and dividends. There was also a small decrease in the surplus on net transfers.

The seasonally-adjusted deficit on goods and services increased by over $\$ 800$ million in the fourth quarter to $\$ 1,482$ million. With similar small percentage increases occurring in the prices of exports and imports, in real terms the deficit on goods and services jumped by $40 \%$. This substantial movement, reinforced by a deceleration in inventory accumulation and a drop in government real current expenditure, more than offset increases in both personal expenditure on goods and services and real gross fixed capital expenditure. As a result, Gross National Product at constant prices declined by $0.6 \%$ In the fourth quarter.
Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, resulted in a net capital inflow of \$1,275 million in the fourth quarter of 1976, a turnaround of $\$ 1,323$ million from the net outflow of $\$ 48$ million in the previous quarter. With the capital inflow exceeding the current account deficit, Canada's official reserves rose by $\$ 20$ million.

Capital transactions in long-term forms provided a net inflow of $\$ 1,146$ million, about one third less than the net inflow in these forms in the preceding quarter. New issues of Canadian securities raised \$1,849 million. This was less than in each of the four preceding quarters but was still very high by comparison with earlier quarters. Other forms of portfolio investment produced a net outflow of $\$ 261$ million, which was double the net outflow in these forms in the third quarter. As in the previous quarter, purchases by Canada of existing foreign direct investments more than offset the net inflow for other direct investments in Canada during the quarter. Consequently, foreign direct investment in Canada registered a net outflow of $\$ 160$ million, which was over $40 \%$ less then the net outflow for this item in the third quarter. The net outflow for Canadian direct investment abroad in the fourth quarter of 1976 was estimated at $\$ 215$ million, almost twice what it was in the preceding quarter. Other capital movements in long-term forms combined to produce a net outflow of $\$ 67$ million. Loans and subscriptions by the Government of Canada of \$126 million and export credits of $\$ 72$ million at its direct or indirect risk more than offset miscellaneous transactions.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net inflow of $\$ 129$ million. This small net result was based on recorded net inflows in most short-term items and a very large balancing item, representing transactions not identified in the existing data collec-
tion systems. As presently estimated, the balancing item totalled about $\$ 1.75$ billion.

It is not surprising for the balancing item to become enlarged during a period when a marked change occurs in the Canadian dollar exchange rate, as was the case in the fourth quarter of 1976. But on this occasion the increase was particularly large. At such times there may be abnormal shifts in the types of transactions not covered in a precise and up-to-date manner by the various data sources used in compiling the balance of payments. Also, when a currency is under downward pressure, there is a tendency for short-term capital outflows to occur, e.g., in the form of advanced payments for imports of goods and services and delayed receipts for exports ("leads and lags").
During the fourth quarter there was a net inflow of over $\$ 1$ billion in the form of a decrease in net claims mainly in foreign currency, of Canadian chartered banks on non-residents (including their foreign branches). This involved a swing of over $\$ 2.5$ billion from the outflow reflected by an increase in such claims in the third quarter. Trading in Canadian money market paper resulted in a net inflow of $\$ 417$ million, about $20 \%$ more than in the third quarter.

## Annual Summary 1976

At $\$ 4,329$ million, Canada's current account deficit in 1976 was $\$ 600$ million less than in 1975. A swing of $\$ 1,771$ million in the balance on merchandise trade to a surplus of $\$ 1,132$ million in 1976 was the main positive contribution to the reduced current account deficit. As export prices increased faster than import prices, in real terms the deficit on goods and services rose by 2.6\% in 1976 and had a negative effect on Real Gross National Product. However, mainly as a result of increased personal expenditures on goods and services, Gross National Product at constant prices grew by $4.6 \%$ in 1976
The seasonally-adjusted balance on International transactions in goods and services was a record deficit of $\$ 1,456$ million in the first quarter of 1976. In the second quarter the deficit balance contracted by about $\$ 200$ million and it dropped by a further $50 \%$ in the third quarter. However, in the fourth quarter the balance on goods and services reached a new record deficit of $\$ 1,482$ million. With the exception of the first quarter, these deficits were attributable solely to the balance on service transactions which, compared with 1975, increased by $\$ 1,270$ million to an unprecedented $\$ 6$ billion in 1976. Almost half of the increase came from a sharp rise in net payments of interest and dividends, caused largely by servicing of new capital inflows in debt form. Net payments on international travel jumped by nearly $\$ 0.5$ billion for the second year in succession, mainly as a result of increased payments by Canadians travelling abroad, particularly to the United States.
The balance on mercharidise trade, which showed a deficit in 1975 for the first time since 1960, reverted to a surplus in 1976. At $\$ 1,132$ million this surplus was about half the size of the average annual surplus on merchandise trade during the years 1970 through 1974. The value of exports of merchandise grew by (continued on next page)
$14 \%$, with an important factor being the relativelystronger economic recovery in the United States and Japan. In dollar terms merchandise imports rose by less than $9 \%$ as the Canadian economy proceeded through the early stages of a relatively-slower recovery from a shallower recession.

With merchandise export prices rising by less than $2 \%$ and import prices by less than $1 \%$, the volume of exports expanded by $12 \%$ and imports, in real terms, rose by $8 \%$. As calculated, Canada's terms of trade improved slightly in 1976 compared with 1975.

Capital movements during 1976 produced a massive net inflow of $\$ 4.9$ billion, nearly $\$ 300$ million more than the previous record inflow which was received in 1975. The net inflow of $\$ 7.5$ billion in long-term forms was based on new issues of Canadian securities which brought in $\$ 8.9$ billion in 1976. This was over $\$ 3.5$ billion more than in 1975. These issues were fairly well spread throughout the year with some concentration in the first quarter. During 1976, as Canadian interest rates were substantially above those available abroad, foreign borrowing was attractive to Canadian residents. Increased emphasis was placed on the Eurobond market by Canadian borrowers.

The jump in the net inflow from new issues of Canadian securities was partially offset by a swing of over $\$ 1$ billion in foreign direct investment in Canada from a net inflow of over $\$ 600$ million in 1975 to a net outflow of about $\$ 400$ million in 1976. This unusual occurrence was brought about by the purchase during the year by Canada of some very large existing foreign direct investments in Canada. Trading in Canadian securities produced a net inflow about $\$ 200$ million greater than in 1975. There was a reduction of over $\$ 100$ million in export credits at the direct or indirect risk of the Government of Canada and miscellaneous capital transactions in long-term forms resulted in a net inflow $\$ 300$ million more than in 1975.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net outflow of $\$ 2.7$ billion during 1976, a swing of over $\$ 3$ billion from the net inflow recorded in 1975. There was a shift of $\$ 1.8$ billion as Canadian chartered banks moved from a net decrease in 1975 in their net claims on non-residents (including their foreign branches) to a net increase (outflow) of nearly $\$ 800$ million in 1976. This was partially offset by an increase of about $\$ 750$ million in the inflow resulting from trading in Canadian money market paper. However, the most substantial movement affecting the short-term balance was in other short-term capital transactions, where an increase of $\$ 2.2$ billion in the outflow in 1976 rested mainly on the balancing item. This represented unidentified transactions in the current and capital accounts which, on present estirinates, accounted for an outflow of about $\$ 2.75$ billion. The greater part of this balancing item relates to the fourth quarter when a long-anticipated but abrupt downward movement in the Canadian dollar exchange rate may have been associated with "leads and lags" in payments and with other abnormal shifts in the types of transactions not covered in a precise and up-to-date manner by the various data sources used in compiling the balance of payments.

During 1976 the performance of the Canadian economy differed from that of its major trading partners. In particular, Canada experienced a lower
rate of growth in Real Gross National Product. Canada achieved a significant reduction in the rate of increase in prices but they continued in 1976 to rise somewhat faster than in the United States. Wage settlements and labour costs per unit of output also rose more strongly in Canada than in the United States. While these movements might have a significant long-run impact on Canada's trading position, in 1976 they were offset by the upsurge in demand from expanding foreign markets.

The impacts of higher energy prices and relative scarcities of particular forms of energy continued to work their way through the economy. But the future course of energy price increases became somewhat confused when in December 1976, OPEC members did not agree on the size of a proposed increase in crude petroleum prices, and a two-tiered price system subsequently came into operation. During 1976 Canada adhered to its programme of progressive reductions in exports of crude petroleum which are to be phased out by the end of 1983.

The investment climate in Canada remained weak. Corporation profits did not increase in 1976. In real terms business non-residential construction fell 6.8\% and investment in machinery and equipment rose by only $0.5 \%$.

Major features of the Canadian authorities' efforts to subdue inflation during 1976 included a reduction in the rate of increase in government expenditure and a monetary policy which led to a significant decrease in the rate of growth in narrowly-defined money supply. Simultaneously, interest rates remained at relativelyhigh levels above Unites States rates and very large borrowings were made by Canadians in foreign markets, including the Eurobond market. The conversion of these borrowings to Canadian currency kept the Canadian dollar at relatively-high rates compared with the United States dollar for most of the year. Some uncertainty developed in financial markets late in 1976. The exchange rate for the Canadian dollar subsequently shifted downward but recovered to some extent in the latter part of December.

Major disturbances occurred during the year in the exchange rates for various other currencies. Currencies under downward pressure at various times included those of Britain, Italy, Mexico, France and Australia. The German and Swiss currencies were amongst the strongest throughout the year.

Preliminary estimates produced on the basis of available data indicate that Canada's balance of international indebtedness reached a book value of about $\$ 48.5$ billion by the end of 1976 . Long-term foreign investment at $\$ 80$ billion had increased by about $\$ 12$ billion reflecting predominantly an inflow of long-term portfolio capital and an increase in earnings accruing to non-residents. Other long-term liabilities including non-resident equity in Canada's assets abroad brought the total of long-term liabilities to over $\$ 84$ billion. Various short-term claims on Canadians increased the total of Canada's external liabilities to about $\$ 96$ billion.

Canadian long-term investment abroad increased by some $\$ 2.5$ billion to over $\$ 23.5$ billion at the end of (continued on next page)
1976. The major elements in this increase were outflows of long-term direct investment capital, reinvested earnings accruing to Canadians from their investments abroad, export credits and loans and subscriptions of the Government of Canada to foreign countries and international investment agencies. Short-term claims on non-residents including net official monetary assets brought the total of Canada's external assets to about $\$ 47.5$ billion.

## Commercial Failures, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance

 Information.Preliminary figures show that the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts was 720 in the fourth quarter of 1976, up from 466 in the October-December period of 1975. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms rose to $\$ 105,531,205$ in the latest period from \$74,814,435.

For further information, order the Fourth Quarter 1976 issue of Commercial Failures (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80).

Breweries, 1975 - Advance Information.
Breweries shipped $\$ 693.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $12.4 \%$ to $\$ 476.2$ million, the number of employees increased $2.0 \%$ to 11,652 and total salaries and wages increased $20.4 \%$ to $\$ 172.4$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Breweries, 1975 (32-205, 70¢).

Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information. Biscuit manufacturers shipped $\$ 271.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $16.1 \%$ to $\$ 141.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.6 \%$ to 7,712 and total salaries and wages increased $17.9 \%$ to $\$ 74.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975 (32-202, 70¢).

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for the month of January is now available. For further information, order the January issue of Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables (32-011, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 12, 1977 — Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 12 was 298,203 short tons ( 270525 t ), an increase of $1.9 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 292,642 short tons (265 480 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t ) equalling 100 was 162.8 in the current week, 159.7 a week earlier and 154.6 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



## Unemployment



The Labour Force, February 1977.
Employment and unemployment, on a seasonallyadjusted basis, both showed increases in February, but Canada's unemployment rate rose to $7.9 \%$ from 7.5\% in January. The rate in February 1976 was 7.0\%. The adusted employment level was estimated at $9,656,000$ in February, up 25,000 from January. The unemployment level was estimated at 829,000, up 49,000 from January.

The increase in employment was entirely concentrated among women 25 years of age and over. The levels for men and women 15-24 decreased by 10,000 and 5,000 , respectively.

The adjusted unemployment level for men 25 and over increased by 15,000 in February. For men and women 15-24, the levels rose by 11,000 and 21,000 , respectively.

Seasonally-adjusted February unemployment rates for the provinces, with January rates in brackets: Newfoundland 15.1\% (13.6\%); Prince Edward Island 9.0\% (8.5\%); Nova Scotia 11.0\% (9.9\%); New Bruns-
wick 13.0\% (13.2\%); Quebec 9.7\% (9.0\%); Ontario 6.8\% (6.2\%); Manitoba 6.0\% (5.1\%); Saskatchewan 3.7\% (3.9\%); Alberta 4.0\% (4.3\%); and British Columbia 8.2\% (8.8\%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the February labour force was $10,222,000$ with $9,290,000$ employed and 932,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of $9.1 \%$. In January, the labour force was $10,144,000$ with $9,255,000$ employed and 889,000 unemployed for a rate of $8.8 \%$. In February 1976, the labour force was $9,978,000$ with $9,178,000$ employed and 800,000 unemployed for a rate of $8.0 \%$.

For further information, order the February issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55 $\$ / \$ 5.50$ ).

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Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.

|  | 4th Quarter 1976 \$'000 | Change From Same Period a Year Earlier |  | Amount Change from 3rd Quarter 1976 <br> \$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Amount } \\ \$ \mathbf{2} 000 \end{array}$ | \% |  |
| Trust Companies |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgages | 13,169,743 | 2,113,969 | 20.1 | 574,648 |
| Total Assets | 18,334,597 | 3,092,488 | 21.2 | 959,928 |
| Demand Deposits | 3,155,476 | 255,303 | 9.1 | 96,507 |
| Term Deposits | 13,402,563 | 2,433,300 | 23.2 | 704,113 |
| Mortgage Companies |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgages | 7,547,888 | 1,213,434 | 18.5 | 233,334 |
| Total Assets | 9,332,325 | 1,566,536 | 19.5 | 334,439 |
| Demand Deposits | 804,362 | 80,033 | 10.4 | 31,084 |
| Term Deposits | 5,525,045 | 906,760 | 18.2 | 225,230 |
| Mortgage Investment Trust Corp's. Mortgages | 708,109 | 90,399 | 14.7 | 11,598 |
| Total Assets | 1,267,482 | 209,480 | 19.9 | 35,627 |
| Sales FInance and Consumer Loan Companies |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Financing |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial and Commercial | 2,250,010 | 183,864 | 8.9 | 51,371 |
| Consumer Business | 2,311,725 | 99,629 | 4.4 | 148,833 |
| Wholesale Financing | 1,797,923 | 125,654 | 7.5 | 82,287 |
| Small Loans Act | 235,025 | -18,260 | -7.2 | 8,059 |
| Other Personal Loans | 1,537,339 | -6,713 | -0.4 | -25,954 |
| Total Assets | 11,140,549 | 756,241 | 7.3 | 398,610 |
| Mutual Funds (Cost) |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian Preferred Shares | 106,176 | -19,701 | -15.3 | -5,870 |
| Canadian Common Shares | 1,062,714 | -112,003 | -9.9 | -32,131 |
| Foreign Pref. and Common Shares | 459,629 | -71,046 | -14.4 | -4,430 |
| Total Assets | 2,761,671 | -127,760 | -4.6 | -28,765 |
| Total Portiolio - Cost | 2,671,621 | -137,519 | -5.0 | -33,431 |
| - Market | 2,783,570 | 97,654 | 3.6 | 1,037 |
| Fire and Casualty Ins. Co's. |  |  |  |  |
| Net Premiums | 1,029,105 | 166,369 | 19.3 | 39,440 |
| Underwriting Gain | -83,883 | -30,823 |  | -157,086 |
| Total Assets | 6,679,069 | 1,080,359 | 19.4 | 303,222 |
| Closed-End Funds (Cost) Canadian Common Shares | 349,020 | 10,440 | 3.2 | 1,634 |
| Total Portiolio - Cost | 492,174 | 20,405 | 2.8 | -574 |
| - Market | 681,915 | 24,643 | 3.7 | -61,490 |
| Finance Leasing Corp. |  |  |  |  |
| Lease Contracts | 717,410 | 95,988 | 17.2 | 33,905 |
| Total Assets | 1,055,243 | 204,136 | 25.3 | 73,241 |

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication Financial Institutions, Fourth Quarter 1976 (61-006, $\$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$ ).

Refined Petroleum Products, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced $58,263,000$ barrels of refined petroleum products in January, an increase of $7.4 \%$ compared to the latest available data for January 1976.

Preliminary data shows net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to $55,553,000$ barrels, an increase of $0.4 \%$ over January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, 40\$/\$4), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Oils and Fats - Manufacturers' Sales
January 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Margarine |  | Shortening* |  | Salad Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| : | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Retail Sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 20,122 | 9127 | 4,703 | 2133 | 7,076 | 3210 |
| 1976 | 23,015 | 10439 | 4,134 | 187.5 | 6,225 | 2869 |
| Commercial Sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 1,865 | 846 | 9,333 | 4234 | 1,333 | 605 |
| 1976 | 880 | 399 | 11,644 | 5281 | 1,202 | 545 |
| Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.977 | 14,244 | 6461 | 1,500 | 680 | 4,624 | 2098 |
| 1976 | 11,765 | 5337 | 2,653 | 1204 | 6,456 | 2928 |
| Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | - | - | 11,776 | 5342 | 2,128 | 965 |
| 1976 | - | - | 13,228 | 6000 | 4,544 | 2061 |

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the January issue of Oils and Fats (32-006, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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## New Market Research Handbook

Market Research Handbook, 1976 (Catalogue 63-244, $\$ 7.50$ in Canada, $\$ 9$ abroad), an annual edition collecting key data from numerous Statistics Canada surveys into one volume of special use to businessmen, marketers and other decision-makers, is now available.
The publication is 537 pages, 181 pages longer than the previous edition. One hundred and eighty tables set out in great detail information on industrial output, imports and exports, price indexes, merchandising and services, population characteristics, personal income and expenditure, housing, vehicle ownership, household facilities and equipment and detailed statistical information for metropolitan areas and census agglomerations. The tables present information over a span of years in order to identify trends and are backed up by extensive notes as well as references to other Statistics Canada publications.
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> Exports by Commodities
> Full details on commodity-country export trade for January are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication Exports by Commodities ( $65-004,80 \$ / \$ 8$ ). Direct information.requests to $G$. L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Labour Force Information, Week Ended February 19, 1977 (7.1-001P, N/C)
Exports by Countries, January-December 1976 (65-003, \$2.10/\$8.40)
Retail Trade, Business Location Statistics, 1971 Census of Canada (97-705, \$1.40)
Gas Utilities, October 1976 (55-002, 30\$/\$3)
Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, February 1977 (32-009, 30\$/\$3)
Shipping Statistics, November 1976 (54-002, 30\$/\$3)
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, November 1976 (26-006, 30\$/\$3)
Fisheries Statistics of Canada, 1975 (24-201, 70\$)
Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976 (35-006, 35¢/\$1.40)

Breweries, January 1977 (32-019, 15\$/\$1.50)
Distilled Beverage Splrits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, January 1977 (32-021, 15\$/\$1.50)

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, January 1977 (43-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Specified Chemicals, January 1977 (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50)
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Urban Transit, January 1977 (53-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Service Bulletins:
Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes (47-004, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, January 1977

Fruit-and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 5, 1976: No. 22, Pack of Processed Corn; No. 28, Pack of Canned Tomatoes and Tomato Juice; No. 29, Pack of Processed Cherries

Communlcatlons (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 4, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, September 1976

Aviation Statistics Centre (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9, No. 10, Preliminary International Air Charter Statistics, September 1976

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancles, Three Months Ended February 28, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended February 28 show a decrease in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended November 30, 1976. Vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs declined to 37,300 from 47,200 , a decrease of $21 \%$. The number of vacancies was $17 \%$ lower than in the comparable period a year ago.
Vacancies for full-time jobs decreased to 33,000 from 41,800 , a $21 \%$ drop from the preceding period. Longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) declined $23 \%$ to 12,000 .

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest threemonth period, four were vacant, a decrease of two from the preceding period. The comparable rate a year ago was five vacancies per 1,000 jobs.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (nine per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (six per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate, two per 1,000, occurred in Nova Scotia.

Compared with the preceding period, decreases in vacancy rates were observed in all provinces except Newfoundland, where no change occurred. The largest decreases were noted in Alberta, down to nine from 14, and Saskatchewan, down to six from nine.
In a year-to-year comparison, all provinces except one showed decreases in vacancy rates. The largest decreases were noted in New Brunswick, down to three from six, Saskatchewan, down to six from nine, and Alberta down to nine from 12 per 1,000 . Newfoundland remained unchanged at four vacancies per 1,000 jobs.

## Vacancy Rates for Part- and Full-time Jobs Canada, Regions and Provinces

|  | Three-month Periods Ending |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Rates per thousand existing jobs |  |  |
| Canada | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Atlantic Region | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Newfoundland | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| New Brunswick | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Quebec Region | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Ontario Region | 4 |  | 4 |
| Prairie Region |  | 11 | 10 |
| Manitoba | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Saskatchewan | 6 | 9 | 9 |
| Alberta | 9 | 14 | 12 |
| Pacific Region | 3 | 4 | 4 |

[^14]Provinclai Government Employment, OctoberDecember 1976 - Advance Information.
The general government services in Canada's provincial and territorial governments (excluding British Columbia) reported gross payrolls for the fourth quarter of 1976 of $\$ 1,194.0$ million, an increase of $8.6 \%$ over the $\$ 1,096.1$ million reported for the previous quarter. The increase resulted from an additional pay period occurring during the period for employees paid on a bi-weekly basis, along with retroactive payments of salary and wage increases.

The number of employees reported for the last pay period in December was 336,461, a decrease of 3.7\% from the 349,063 reported for the same pay period in September 1976.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Provincial Government Employment (72-007, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ), or contact Mr. T.D. Harris (613-9950676), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Consumer Credit, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$21,731 million at the end of January, $16.3 \%$ more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of January 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Charted banks' personal loans: $\$ 16,243$ million, up 22.5\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 72$ million, up 24.1\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,216 million, up 5.7\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 230$ million, down $6.9 \%$; large $\$ 1,437$ million, down $3.8 \%$; instalment sales paper $\$ 1,137$ million, up 0.6\%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,396$ million, up 3.4\%.
- Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of $\$ 5,760$ million at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976, up 14.0\% from a year earlier. The largest such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported preliminary balances outstanding of $\$ 3,820$ million, up $17.8 \%$. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issues; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies.)
- Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of 1976 totalled $\$ 27,611$ million, up 16.2\% from December 31, 1975.
For further information, order the January issue of Consumer Credit (61-004, 30\$/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


## Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Mar. 11/77 This week | Mar. 4/77 <br> Week ago | Feb. 11/77 Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 102.1 | 101.9 | 100.7 |
| Industrials | 85 | 102.2 | 101.9 | 100.6 |
| Foods | 9 | 83.5 | 83.4 | 85.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 79.7 | 80.6 | 79.1 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 114.7 | 113.1 | 114.8 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 134.0 | 131.9 | 126.0 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 97.1 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 106.1 | 106.6 | 103.5 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 95.8 | 94.7 | 92.6 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 180.4 | 181.9 | 180.5 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 86.9 | 84.7 | 85.2 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 100.6 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 109.3 | 108.7 | 107.0 |
| Construction | 5 | 223.6 | 223.6 | 217.4 |
| Trade | 15 | 78.4 | 78.3 | 79.4 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 94.6 | 94.7 | 93.2 |
| Transportation | 6 | 124.8 | 124.5 | 121.6 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 82.3 | 81.3 | 80.4 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 102.3 | 104.4 | 104.4 |
| Telephone | 4 | 96.9 | 98.0 | 96.0 |
| Electric power | 3 | 122.9 | 125.3 | 120.9 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 73.2 | 72.9 | 72.6 |
| Finances | 21 | 112.6 | 112.9 | 112.8 |
| Banks | 8 | 115.1 | 115.4 | 116.1 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 107.1 | 108.0 | 106.4 |
| Insurance | 4 | 104.2 | 102.3 | 97.0 |
| Mining index | 17 | 115.1 | 114.8 | 105.2 |
| Golds | 9 | 212.8 | 214.1 | 186.3 |
| Base metals | 8 | 68.2 | 67.2 | 66.3 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 181.8 | 177.9 | 186.0 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 102.3 | 103.3 | 105.7 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Typewriter Supplies, 1975 - Advance Information.
The typewriter supplies manufacturing industry shipped $\$ 25.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 15.0\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $23.0 \%$ to $\$ 8.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $4.6 \%$ to 842 and total salaries and wages decreased $6.1 \%$ to $\$ 5.5$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Button, Buckle and Fastener Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
The button, buckle and fastener manufacturing industry shipped $\$ 43.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $9.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industy increased $3.9 \%$ to $\$ 24.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.1 \%$ to 1,890 and total salaries and wages increased $7.2 \%$ to $\$ 15.8$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries

Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Stamps and Stencils (Rubber and Metal), 1975 Advance Information.
The stamps and stencils (rubber and metal) manufacturing industry shipped $\$ 27.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 0.6\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $6.0 \%$ to $\$ 14.7$ million, the number of employees increased 7.8\% to 1,655 and total salaries and wages increased $8.5 \%$ to $\$ 11.3$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Fur Dressing and Dyeing, 1975 - Advance Information.
The fur dressing and dyeing industry shipped $\$ 16.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $30.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $30.7 \%$ to $\$ 11.7$ million, the number of employees increased $51.8 \%$ to 1,491 and total salaries and wages increased $51.9 \%$ to $\$ 9.1$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingot production for February was 1,159,880 short tons (1 052225 t). Preliminary pig iron production for February was 889,387 short tons (806 838 t).
For further information, order the February issue of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-001, 40 $/ \$ 4$ ), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV3.

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Index of Industrial Production, January 1977 Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production advanced $0.2 \%$ to 121.5 in January from 121.2 in December. Manufacturing and utilities increased while mining declined.

For further information, order the January issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry
(including the Index of Industrial Production), (61-005, $40 \Phi / \$ 4)$, or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Registered Nurses, 1975 - Advance Information.
Socio-economic and demographic data on registered nurses for the period ending December 31, 1975 are now available. The cross-tabulated data, available in computer printout form or on magnetic tape, include the variables of age, sex, marital status, basic nursing education, highest level of education in nursing, activity status, type of employer, position, primary area of responsibility and broad geographic location of employment and residence.

Complete data will be published later in Health Manpower - Registered Nurses, 1975 (83-220, \$2.10). For advance details, contact Mr. F.J. Grabowiecki (613-995-0984), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Oliseeds, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Crushings of oilseeds for January, with oil produced and meal produced in brackets (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: $134,649(22,666 ; 106,444)$.
- Rapeseed: 88,494 (36,321; 50,449).

For further information, order the January issue of Oilseeds Review (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Radio Alr-TIme Sales, October 1976 - Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 8.4$ million in October, an increase of $29.2 \%$ from $\$ 6.5$ million in October 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to $\$ 7.1$ million, up 26.8\% from $\$ 5.6$ million.

Net local air-time sales rose $17.5 \%$ to $\$ 16.1$ million in October from $\$ 13.7$ million a year earlier.

For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
There were $137,112,000$ plastic bottles produced during the fourth quarter of 1976, up from 119,436,000 in the corresponding quarter of 1975. Shipments of plastic bottles (excluding intra-company transfers) amounted to $105,198,000$ compared to $82,068,000$. These shipments were valued f.o.b. plant at $\$ 9,222,000$ in 1976 compared to $\$ 6,707,000$ in 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Rubber and Plastics Products Industries Service Bulletin (47-002, $\$ 1.40$ per year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Dairy Factory Production, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of creamery butter decreased $40.2 \%$ in February 1977 to 9.8 million pounds from 16.4 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production increased $9.2 \%$ to 12.4 million pounds from 11.4 million pounds and production of ice cream mix decreased $0.7 \%$ to 1.89 million gallons from 1.90 million gallons.

For further information, order the February issue of Dairy Factory Production (32-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, March 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 35.8 million pounds on March 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 69.3 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 55.0 million pounds from 61.0 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased $24.9 \%$ to 258.7 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk increased $2.6 \%$ to 19.7 million.

For further information, order the March issue of Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products (32-009, $30 \Phi / \$ 3$ ), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Tobacco Products, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of cigarettes for February amounted to 5.5 billion compared to 5.1 billion for February 1976. Production of cigars was 40.2 million compared to 44.5 million for February 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Service Bulletin (32022, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
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Fish Freezings and Stocks; Deçember 1976 (24-001, 40¢/\$4)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, February 1977.

The consumer price index for each regional city measures price change from one time-period to another within that specific city. Thus, while city CPI's show the movement of prices in each city, they do not indicate price level differences between cities. Sorme such inter-city price comparisons are published. separátely: for reference see footnote to tables.
From January to February, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from $0.4 \%$ in St. John's, Nfld. to $1.4 \%$ in Thunder Bay. Rising food prices - notably for fresh fruit and vegetables, coffee, and selected meat items as well as restaurant meals - contributed substantially to these changes. Other important contributions also came from higher housing charges, and, to a lesser extent, from price advances for new cars, personal care services, alcoholic beverages and selected clothing items.

## St. John's

All items: January to February 1977، up 0.4\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.3\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and restaurant meals; increased shelter charges and higher electricity rates. New car prices and automobile insurance rates also up.

## Halifax

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 5.7\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef cuts and coffee; higher charges for both owned and rented accommodation and increased prices for new automobiles.

## Saint John

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.4\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh produce, meat and coffee; higher prices for new cars and increased homeownership charges.

## Quebec City

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.5\%.
Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and restaurant meals; higher clothing prices and increased charges for barber and hairdressing services. Shelter costs also up.

## Montreal

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.0\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee and soft drinks consumed at home; increased clothing prices and higher housing charges. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services.

## Ottawa

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.2\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.0\%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and shelter charges; higher prices for fresh produce, meat, coffee and restaurant meals. Prices for beer and hairdressing services also up.

## Toronto

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.9\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.4\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, mainly for fresh produce, pork, bread, coffee and restaurant meals; increased shelter charges and higher beer prices. Charges for barber services also up.

## Thunder Bay

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.4\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 5.9\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for electricity and domestic gas, as well as higher shelter charges; higher prices for fresh vegetables and pork. Price increases for new cars, beer and hairdressing services also reported.

## Winnipeg

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.1\%; February 1976 February 1977, up 7.6\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks for home consumption and pork cuts; increased housing charges and higher prices for selected clothing items and for new cars.

## Saskatoon

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.8\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 6.8\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, bread, coffee, eggs and restaurant meals; higher shelter charges and increased new car prices. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services and alcoholic beverages consumed in licensed premises.

## Regina

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.9\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 8.7\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef cuts, fresh vegetables, soft drinks and coffee; increased shelter charges and higher prices for new cars. Prices also up for barber and hairdressing services.

## Edmonton

All items: January to February 1977, up 1.2\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.9\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges, notably for rented accommodation and increased water rates; higher prices for fresh produce, bread, alcoholic beverages and new cars.

## Calgary

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.7\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up 7.2\%.

Main contributors: higher shelter charges and increased water rates; higher prices for fresh produce, coffee and alcoholic beverages. Increased prices also recorded for selected clothing items and men's haircuts.
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## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.*

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing (19 | Trans: portation $771=100)$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 160.1 | 184.6 | 158.1 | 131.2 | 155.5 | 160.2 | - 135.2 | 140.8 |
| January 1977 index | 159.4 | 183.1 | 157.3 | 131.0 | 154.2 | 160.2 | 139.8 | 141.0 |
| \% change from. January 1977 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | -3.3 | - 0.1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 3.0 | '0.8 |
| Hallax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 150.5 | 171.6 | 145.3 | 130.2 | 154.5 | 140.8 | 134.4 | 135.3 |
| January 1977 index | 148.8 | 166.7 | 144.4 | 129.3 | -153.4 | 139.9 | 134.0 | 135.1 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 5.7 | 2.6 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 7.4 | : 7.5 | 4.9 | 6.5 |
| Salnt John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 153.8 | 177.7 | 149.2 | 128.9 | 150.7 | 154.5 | 148.8 | 131.7 |
| January 1977 index | 152.1 | 172.5 | 148.5 | 128.3 | 149.3 | 154.0 | 148.4 | 131.0 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 8.8 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 5:9 | 5.8 |
| Quebec City |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 151.7 | 176.8 | 144.8 | 131.2 | 151.2 | 144:4 | 139.0 | 139:5 |
| January 1977 index | 150.0 | 172.0 | 144.3 | 129.2 | 151.6 | 140.9 | 138.8 | 139.5 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 1.5 | -0.3 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 9.2 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 152.8 | 176.8 | 141.0 | 140.6 | 153.0 | 148.4 | 143.4 | :141:4 |
| January 1977 index | 151.1 | 172.8 | 140.5 | 138.8 | 152.9 | 145.1 | 143.1 | 141.2 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0:1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 9.4 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 153.2 | 167.5 | 151.7 | 143.1 | 147.8 | 149.0 | 136.5 | 142.1 |
| January 1977 index | 151.4 | 164.0 | 149.4 | 143.4 | 147.8 | . 147.4 | 136.4 | 140.1 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 1.5 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.0 | 2.1 | 11.2 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 3.8 | 9.1 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 152.1 | 170.0 | 147.7 | 132.7 | 149.1 | 157.4 | 139.8 | 139.8 |
| January 1977 index | 150.7 | 166.0 | 147.2 | 132.5 | 149.0 | 155.6 | 139.5 | 138.3 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 3.6 | 9.6 |
| Thunday Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 153.9 | 168.9 | 154.3 | 129.0 | 157.2 | $\bigcirc 152.8$ | 138.2 | \138.1 |
| January 1977 index | 151.8 | 166.4 | 151.4 | 128.7 | 156.0 | 1512 | 137.8 | 136.3 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 | $\therefore 1.1$ | 0.3 | 1.3 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 5.9 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 9.4 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 156.3 | 173.1 | 160.3 | 136.1 | 147.4 | 155.9 | 137.8 | $\because 140.7$ |
| January 1977 index | 154.6 | 169.3 | 159.3 | 133.7 | 146.2 | $154: 7$ | 137.9 | 140.6 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 1.8. | 0.8 | $\bigcirc .8$ | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.6 | 3.3 | 12.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 9.5 |
| Saskatoon** |  |  |  |  |  | $\therefore \quad \because$. | $\because$ | $\therefore$ |
| February 1977 index | 150.9 | 168.0 | 149.4 | 138.2 | 140.7 | 145.4 | $\therefore 151.5$ | - 13515 |
| January 1977 index | 149.7 | 165.1 | 148.7 | 138.1 | 139.7 | 142.5 | 151.1 | 134.5 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 6.8 | 4.0 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 7.8 |
| Regina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 152.7 | 165.9 | 153.5 | 135.5 | 143.5 | 152.0 | 155.0 | 137.2 |
| January 1977 index | 151.3 | 161.7 | 152.8 | 135.5 | 142.5 | 150.2 | 154.7 | 137.2 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 11.2 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 11.4 | 7.9 | 9.0 |

## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities of Canada (continued)

The indexes in this table measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities.*

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { items } \end{array}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing | Trans-portation $1=100)$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 154.2 | 164.0 | 161.6 | 136.6 | 152.3 | 141.2 | 139.8 | 132.2 |
| January 1977 index | 152.4 | 161.0 | 158.9 | 136.2 | 152.2 | 140.6 | 139.6 | 131.0 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.9 | 5.0 | 11.8 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 3.1 |
| Calgary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 152.6 | 162.6 | 155.1 | 140.9 | 149.6 | 147.0 | 142.1 | 134.6 |
| January 1977 index | 151.5 | 161.5 | 153.1 | 140.2 | 149.8 | 145.2 | 142.4 | 133.1 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 11.7 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 5.0 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 1977 index | 157.4 | . 176.9 | 153.3 | 139.7 | 157.6 | 151.0 | 134.3 | 137.8 |
| January 1977 index | 156.3 | 174.1 | 152.6 | 138.8 | 157.2 | 150.7 | 134.1 | 137.5 |
| \% change from January 1977 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| \% change from February 1976 | 9.1 | 4.6 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 18.7 | 8.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 |

*For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 50¢/\$5.50).

* These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-005).


## Vancouver

All items: January to February 1977, up 0.7\%; February 1976 to February 1977, up $9.1 \%$.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, coffee, bread and pork; higher charges for both owned and rented accommodation. Prices also up for new cars and selected clothing items.

Wholesale Trade, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales by wholesale merchants for January were estimated at $\$ 3,665,423,000$, a $5.8 \%$ increase compared with January 1976. In the consumer goods trades one of the most significant sales changes from January 1976 , was registered by the household electrical appliances component, showing an increase of $14.3 \%$. In the industrial goods trades one of the most notable items was an increase of $24.4 \%$ in the industrial and transportation equipment and supplies category.

Wholesale inventories were valued at $\$ 7,137,288,000$, an increase of $14.5 \%$ over January 1976.

For further details, order the January issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).


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-day period ending March 7

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,502,601 | 2,129,577 | 4,632,178 |
| Short tons, 1976 * | 2,382,665 | 1,791,324 | 4,173,989 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2270321 | 1931920 | 4202241 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2161517 | 1625062 | 3786579 |
| \% change | 5.0 | 18.9 | 11.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 41,713 | 32,002 | 73,715 |
| Cars, 1976 | 39,670 | 27,368 | 67,038 |
| \% change | 5.1 | 16.9 | 10.0 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 166,688 | 57,705 | 224,393 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 126,035 | 47,258 | 173,293 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 151217 | 52349 | 203566 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 114337 | 42872 | 157209 |
| \% change | 32.3 | 22.1 | 29.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 5,149 | 2,535 | 7,684 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,143 | 2,037 | 6,180 |
| \% change | 24.3 | 24.4 | 24.3 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 20,153,263 | 18,870,730 | 39,023,993 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 19,794,056 | 17,458,046 | 37,252,102 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 18282733 | 17119238 | 35401971 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 17956866 | 15837673 | 33794539 |
| \% change | 1.8 | 8.1 | 4.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 340,202 | 287,605 | 627,807 |
| Cars, 1976 | 340,575 | 275,679 | 616,254 |
| \% change | -0.1 | 4.3 | 1.9 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,416,640 | 501,945 | 1,918,585 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,155,187 | 451,624 | 1,606,811 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1285154 | 455357 | 1740511 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1047968 | 409706 | 1457674 |
| \% change | 22.6 | 11.1 | 19.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 42,674 | 21,756 | 64,430 |
| Cars, 1976 | 38,607 | 19,018 | 57,625 |
| \% change | 10.5 | 14.4 | 11.8 |

- Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 7, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Canadian railways reported loadings totalling 4.6 million short tons ( 4.2 million $t$ ) in the first week of March, up 11.0\% from the previous year. Freight originating east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong increased $5.0 \%$, while west of these points tonnages were $18.9 \%$ above the 1976 level. The number of cars loaded in the latest period was up $10.0 \%$ to 73,715 units

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) at 224,393 short tons (203 566 t) were $29.5 \%$ higher than a year ago.

From January 1 through March 7, rail carload traffic advanced 4.8\% over the corresponding period in 1976, increasing to 39.0 million short tons ( 35.4 million t ). Piggyback shipments showed a gain of $19.4 \%$.

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, March 1977 Advance Information.
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of March amounted to 128.4 million pounds compared with 121.0 million last month and 94.5 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the March issue of Stocks of Frozen Meat Products (32-012, 30\$/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Pressed and Punched Felt Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
The pressed and punched felt industry shipped $\$ 11.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 29.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $27.7 \%$ to $\$ 5.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $19.3 \%$ to 343 and total salaries and wages decreased $14.5 \%$ to $\$ 3.02$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Felt and Fibre Processing Mills, 1975 (34-219, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 19, 1977 — Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 19 was 309,429 short tons ( 280709 t), an increase of $3.8 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 298,203 short tons ( 270525 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 277,534 tons ( 251776 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 168.9 in the current week, 162.8 a week earlier and 151.5 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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## Trade With the United States

Canada's deficit in automotive trade with the United States was almost halved in 1976 to $\$ 1$ billion from $\$ 1,917$ million in 1975 , and stood well below that of $\$ 1,218$ million for 1974. The negative balances for these thiree years were the highest recorded, though, as the annual deficit did not approach the $\$ 1$ billion level in any other year since 1965.

Both exports and imports of motor vehicles and parts reached record levels in 1976. The value of shipments to the United States (as measured by import statistics of that country) advanced by one-third to \$7,879 million, following a 9\% increase in 1975. Imports rose $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 8,879$ million in 1976 , after a larger increase of $17.5 \%$ in the preceding year.

Both exports and imports, after seasonal adjustment, rose during the first three quarters of 1976. Largely on account of the industrial dispute involving the Ford Motor Company, exports of automotive goods fell more than $10 \%$ in the final quarter, while imports declined more moderately. From a quarterly deficit topping $\$ 550$ million in October-December 1975, the deficit dropped sharply in the first quarter of 1976 and continued to moderate in the following two periods. The deficit then rebounded to well over $\$ 400$ million in the final quarter of the year.

One-half of the $\$ 1,976$ million gain in exports was attributable to motor vehicles. The sharp recovery in 1976 in automobile and light truck sales in the United States contributed to Canadian export gains of 20\% and $44 \%$, respectively, for cars and trucks. Shipments of automotive parts rose $44 \%$ to $\$ 2,942$ million, while tire exports increased $\$ 95$ million to $\$ 163$ million, on account of the lengthy strike in the U.S. rubber industry in 1976.

Continually-rising imports of vehicle parts, up 21\% from 1975 to $\$ 5,474$ million, accounted for about $90 \%$ of the $\$ 1,059$ million increase in total automotive imports from the United States. Car imports rose 6\% to \$2,320 million, and truck imports increased 3\% to \$970 million. The relatively-small increase in vehicle imports was associated with a modest rate of growth of retail sales of new vehicles in Canada in 1976. In unit terms, passenger cars sold declined from the record high level of 1975 . Tires were the only category of automotive goods imports which fell in 1976 - due to the production disruption noted above - by one-third.

In summary, the parts deficit of $\$ 2,532$ million in 1976 was partly offset by surpluses of $\$ 1,110$ million for cars, $\$ 374$ million for trucks and $\$ 48$ million for tires. In contrast, cars constituted in the two preceding years the only category recording a surplus.

## Overseas Trade

Canadian exports of motor vehicles and parts stood at $\$ 591$ million in 1976, up marginally from the previous year. Following a slight decline in 1975, automotive imports rose $21 \%$ to $\$ 846$ million in 1976. The deficit in automotive trade more than doubled to $\$ 255$ million from the unusually-low level of $\$ 112$ million in 1975. But the 1976 deficit was still lower than that of any other year since 1970.

Following, a $55 \%$ advance in 1975, exports of passenger cars increased 39\% to \$211 million in 1976. This rise was concentrated in shipments to OPEC countries. From nothing in 1975, automobile exports to Iran expanded to $\$ 23$ million in 1976. Smaller increases were recorded in shipments to other member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Kuwait and also to Syria and Jordan. Exports of other motor vehicles dropped 18\% to $\$ 199$ million from an unusually-high total in 1975. Reduced shipments of trucks in 1976 to South Africa, Iran, Yugoslavia, the Philippines, Taiwan and to several Latin American countries were partly offset by higher exports to Venezuela and Australia.

Some $80 \%$ of the $\$ 148$ million rise in imports was due to passenger cars, which advanced $33 \%$ in value to $\$ 485$ million, following a 6.5\% decline in 1975. At $\$ 231$ million, vehicle parts imports were $12 \%$ higher in 1976; and the increase was traced to overseas sources such as Sweden, the European Economic Community, Mexico and Japan.

## Passenger Car Imports

The number of passenger cars imported into Canada in 1976 totalled 747,200 units, up $9.9 \%$ over the previous year. The increase was only $2 \%$ in 1975. At $76.1 \%$ and $16.1 \%$ in 1976 , as compared with $81.2 \%$ and $10.6 \%$ in 1975, the shares of automobiles originating respectively in the United States and Japan reverted more to the pattern of 1974. The dominance of the import market by cars from these two countries and West Germany expanded from 94.6\% in 1974 to $96.4 \%$ in 1976.

After the substantial rise of some $23 \%$ in the unit value of imported automobiles in 1975, the average price increase in 1976 was marginal. While the exchange value of foreign currencies generally strengthened against the Canadian dollar in 1975, the situation was reversed in 1976. Both the United States dollar and the Japanese yen depreciated, on the average, between the two years by about $3 \%$ and the West German mark by some 5.5\%.

For further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see tables on pages 3 and 4)
Leaf Tobacco Processors, 1975 - Advance Information.
Leaf tobacco processors shipped $\$ 249.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 24.8\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $54.3 \%$ to $\$ 25.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.4 \%$ to 1,329 and total salaries and wages increased 21.8\% to $\$ 11.1$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Tobacco Products Industries, 1975 (32-225, 70\$).

## Canada-United States Trade in Automotive Products

|  | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | Change '75 to '76 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Uniled States Imports from Canada* |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 2,540 | 2,858 | 3,430 | 572 |
| Trucks, etc. | 867 | 932 | 1,344 | 412 |
| Parts | 1,953 | 2,045 | 2,942 | 897 |
| Tires and tubes | 64 | 68 | 163 | 95 |
| Total | 5,424 | 5,903 | 7,879 | 1,976 |
| Canadian Imports from United States |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 1,632 | 2,183 | 2,320 | 137 |
| Trucks, etc. | 899 | 942 | 970 | 28 |
| Parts | 3,892 | 4,522 | 5,474 | 952 |
| Tires and tubes | 219 | 173 | 115 | -58 |
| Total | 6,642 | 7,820 | 8,879 | 1,059 |
| Balance |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 908 | 675 | 1,110 | 435 |
| Trucks, etc. | -32 | -10 | 374 | 384 |
| Parts | -1,939 | -2,477 | -2,532 | -55 |
| Tires and tubes | -155 | -105 | 48 | 153 |
| Total | -1,218 | -1,917 | -1,000 | 917 |
| Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges | 159 | 38 | - |  |

*A more accurate measurement of trade in automotive products is obtained by nomparing the import statistics of each country. Accordingly, Canadian exports are derived from the counterpart U.S. statistics of imports.

Canada-Other Countries Trade in Automobile Products

|  | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | Change 1975 to 1976 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (\$ milions) |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian exports |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 98 | 152 | 211 | 59 |
| Other motor vehicles | 106 | 242 | 199 | -43 |
| Parts | 137 | 177 | 163 | -14 |
| Tires and tubes | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Re-exports | 7 | 10 | 10 | - |
| Total | 353 | 586 | 591 | 5 |
| Canadian imports |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 390 | 365 | 485 | 120 |
| Other motor vehicles | 60 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| Parts | 190 | 206 | 231 | 25 |
| Tires and tubes | 70 | 82. | 80 | -2 |
| Total | 710 | 698 | 846 | 148 |
| Balance | -357 | -112 | -255 | -143 |

## Canadian Passenger Car Imports

|  | 1975 |  | 1976 |  | Change Between Years |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Units (000) | Share \% | Units (000) | Share $\%$ | Volume | Average Price \% | Exchange Rate \% |
| United States | 552.0 | 81.2 | 568.7 | 76.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | -3.1 |
| Japan | 71.9 | 10.6 | 120.0 | 16.1 | 66.9 | 2.2 | -3.0 |
| West Germany | 27.5 | 4.0 | 31.6 | 4.2 | 14.9 | -3.5 | -5.4 |
| United Kingdom | 12.9 | 1.9 | 13.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 5.9 | -21.2 |
| France | 5.5 | 0.8 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 40.6 | -1.8 | -13.0 |
| Italy | 8.4 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 0.4 | -67.3 | -8.8 |  |
| Other Countries | 1.6 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 93.5 | -3.1 | - |
| All Countries | 679.8 | 100.0 | 747.2 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 0.2 | -7.8 |

*Minus (-) sign indicates depreciation of the value of the currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR, a weighted average of sixteen major world currencies calculated by. the International Monetary Fund.

Summary of Net Shipments* of Rolled Steel Products
January 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Domestic |  | Export |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric <br> tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 32,609 | 29583 | 26,027 | 23611 | 58,636 | 53194 |
| Rails | 18,915 | 17160 | 7,692 | 6978 | 26,607 | 24138 |
| Wire rods | 49,822 | 45198 | 12,332 | 11187 | 62,154 | 56385 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 38,342 | 34782 | 8.535 | 7743 | 46,877 | 42525 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 11,907 | 10801 | 1,510 | 1370 | 13,417 | 12171 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 29,396 | 26666 | - | - | 29,396 | 26666 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 73,840 | 66987 | 5,762 | 5226 | 79,602 | 72213 |
| Tie plates and track material | 6,989 | 6341 | 21 | 19 | 7,010 | 6360 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 76,188 | 69115 | 13,214 | 11988 | 89,402 | 81103 |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 209,856 | 190376 | 15,735 | 14274 | 225,591 | 204650 |
| Cold finished bars | 8,403 | 7623 | 269 | 244 | 8,672 | 7867 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated | 165,649 | 150277 | 9,674 | 8777 | 175,323 | 159054 |
| Galvanized sheets | 66,493 | 60320 | 11,171 | 10135 | 77,664 | 70455 |
| Total | 788,409 | 715229 | 11,942 | 101552 | 900,351 | 816781 |

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## Weekly Security Price Indexes

March 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Mar. 18/77 This week | Mar. 11/77 Week ago | Feb. 18/77 Month agc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 103.5 | 102.1 | 101.1 |
| Industrials | 85 | 104.1 | 102.2 | 101.0 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.0 | 83.5 | 84.6 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 79.9 | 79.7 | 79.8 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 115.0 | 114.7 | 114.0 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 139.8 | 134.0 | 126.7 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 104.1 | 101.5 | 98.0 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 108.3 | 106.1 | 104.8 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 97.8 | 95.8 | 92.6 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 183.9 | 180.4 | 179.1 |
| Non-metalic minerals | 4 | 85.5 | 86.9 | 84.5 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 99.4 | 98.6 | 101.6 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 110.3 | 109.3 | 107.6 |
| Construction | 5 | 219.7 | 223.6 | 219.6 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.9 | 78.4 | 78.8 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 95.0 | 94.6 | 93.9 |
| Transportation | 6 | 129.4 | 124.8 | 123.6 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 82.1 | 82.3 | 80.8 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 101.2 | 102.3 | 104.5 |
| Telephone | 4 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 96.9 |
| Electric power | 3 | 120.1 | 122.9 | 123.5 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 71.8 | 73.2 | 72.2 |
| Finances | 21 | 113.1 | 112.6 | 113.0 |
| Banks | 8 | 115.6 | 115.1 | 116.3 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 107.7 | 107.1 | 106.4 |
| Insurance | 4 | 104.7 | 104.2 | 98.0 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 114.7 | 115.1 | 106.5 |
| Golds | 9 | 210.7 | 212.8 | 191.8 |
| Base metals | 8 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 65.6 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 181.6 | 181.8 | 185.3 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 102.6 | 102.3 | 103.8 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, January 1977 Advance Information.
Roundwood production increased $52.0 \%$ to 1,077,609 cunits ( 3051000 m 3 ) in January from 709,082 cunits ( $2009000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in January 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased $46.0 \%$ to $2,199,370$ cunits ( 6228000 m 3 ) from 1,506,245 cunits ( $4266000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased $11.3 \%$ to $11,188,132$ cunits ( $31680000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) from 12,614,216 ( 35719486 m 3 ). Receipts of wood residue increased $26.4 \%$ to 879,456 cunits ( $2490000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) from 696,014 (1970 892 m 3 ).
For further information, order the January issue of Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics (25-001, $15 \Phi / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables, March 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on March 1 totalled 30.5 million pounds compared with 34.0 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 117.3 million pounds ( 131.2 million in 1976).
For further information, order the March issue of Stocks of Fruit and Vegetables (32-010, 30¢/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.


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## New Market Research Handbook

Market Research Handtook, 1976 (Catalogue 63-224, $\$ 7.50$ in Canada, $\$ 9$ abroad), an annual edition collecting key data from numerous Statistics Canada surveys into one volume of special use to businessmen, marketers and other decision-makers, is now available.
The: publication is 537 pages, 181 pages longer than the previous edition. One hundred and eighty tables set out in great detail information on industrial output, imports and exports, price indexes, merchandising and services, population characteristics, personal income and expenditure, housing, vehicle ownership, household facilities and equipment and detailed statistical information for metropolitan areas and census agglomerations. The tables present information over a span of years in order to identify trends and are backed up by extensive notes as well as references to other Statistics Canada publications.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, January 1977 (62-003, 15\$/\$1.50)

Footwear Statistics, January 1977 (33-002, 30¢/\$3)
Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, December 1976 (35-001, 30¢/\$3)
(continued)

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, February 1977 (41-002, 15¢/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletins:

Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, February 1977: No. 3, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 4, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 30, Pack of Processed Beans, Green and Wax, 1976

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers' shipments in January, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 8,888.4$ million, $2.9 \%$ higher than the revised December 1976 estimate of $\$ 8,639.5$ million. Durable goods shipments rose $4.3 \%$ to $\$ 4,104.3$ million from $\$ 3,933.4$ million; non-durable goods shipments, estimated at $\$ 4,784.1$ million, were $1.7 \%$ above the December estimate of $\$ 4,706.1$ million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 9,061.5$ million, $7.1 \%$ higher than the revised December estimate of $\$ 8,461.0$ million. As a result of higher values of both shipments and unfilled orders estimates in most of the durable goods industries, a 13.0\% increase in the value of new orders for this group was recorded. Estimated new orders values were sharply higher in the primary metals, metal fabricating, transportation equipment and electrical products industries. Non-durable goods new orders increased $2.3 \%$ to $\$ 4,789.8$ million from $\$ 4,680.4$ million. Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries rose $1.9 \%$ to $\$ 9,348.5$ million from the revised December estimate of $\$ 9,175.4$ million.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, increased fractionally to $\$ 16,769.6$ million from $\$ 16,765.8$ million. Total inventory held also increased fractionally , with increases of $0.1 \%$ and $1.0 \%$, respectively, in raw materials and goods in process and a decrease of 0.9\% in finished products.
The ratio of total inventory owned to shipments, seasonally adjusted, was 1.89:1 in January compared to $1.94: 1$ (revised) for December. The finished products to shipments ratio in January was $0.64: 1$, down from the revised December ratio of 0.67:1.
Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in January were estimated at $\$ 8,146.5$ million, 2.0\% lower than the revised December 1976 estimate of $\$ 8,311.5$ million. Revised 1976 estimated shipments were $\$ 98,152.5$ million, $12.0 \%$ higher than the 1975 estimated value of $\$ 87,597.7$ million.
For further information, order the January issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries ( $31-001,55 \$ / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries "Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.
(see tables on page 3)
Foundation Garment Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The foundation garment industry shipped \$68.8 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $9.7 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $14.6 \%$ to 51.8 million, the number of
employees decreased 10.9\% to 3,846 and total salaries and wages increased $8.3 \%$ to $\$ 29.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A.0V6. Complete data will be published later in Foundation Garment Industry, 1975 (34-212, 70¢).

Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The coffin and casket industry shipped $\$ 25.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $0.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $7.0 \%$ to $\$ 14.4$ million, the number of employees decreased $8.9 \%$ to 1,120 and total salaries and wages increased $1.9 \%$ to $\$ 8.9$ million.

For further information, contact C.F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975 (35-210, 70¢).

Cordage and Twine Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The cordage and twine industry shipped $\$ 25.08$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $16.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $11.4 \%$ to $\$ 14.34$ million, the number of employees increased $12.9 \%$ to 700 and total salaries and wages increased $26.2 \%$ to $\$ 6.32$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Cordage and Twine Industry, 1975 (34-203, 70¢).

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries
(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1976 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,146.5 | 8,311.5 | 8,692.6 | 7,187.1 |
| Non-durable | 4,400.0 | 4,570.6 | 4,677.7 | 3,883.8 |
| Durable | 3,746.6 | 3,740.8 | 4,014.9 | 3,303.3 |
| New Orders: Total | 8,366.7 | 8,233.4 | 8,608.2 | 7,092.1 |
| Non-durable | 4,428.9 | 4,538.2 | 4,693.4 | ,3,921.1 |
| Durable | 3,937.8 | 3,695.2 | 3,914.8 | 3,170.9 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,426.8 | 9,206.7. | 9,284.8 | 10,079.7 |
| Non-durable | 1,295.7 | 1,266.8 | 1,299.2 | 1,256.1 |
| Durable | 8,131.1 | 7,939.9 | 7,985.5 | 8,823.6 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,890.8 | 16,749.2 | 16,543.6 | 15,823.3 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,740.7 | 17,589.8 | 17,471.1 | 16,629.2 |
| Raw materials | 7,318.1 | 7,367.2 | 7,239.0 | 6,974.1 |
| Goods in process | 4,675.8 | 4,583.3 | 4,617.7 | 4,445.2 |
| Finished Products | 5,746.8 | 5.639.2 | 5,614.3 | 5,210.0 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,888.4 | 8,639.5 | 8,301.9 | 7,669.9 |
| Non-durable | 4.784 .1 | 4,706.1 | 4,506.8 | 4,130.7 |
| Durable | 4,104.3 | 3,933.4 | 3,795.1 | 3,539.2 |
| New Orders: Total | 9,061.5 | 8,461.0 | 8,276.8 | 7,463.7 |
| Non-durable | 4,789.8 | 4,680.4 | 4,542.8 | 4,142.7 |
| Durable | 4,271.7 | 3,780.6 | 3,734.0 | 3,321.0 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,348.5 | 9,175.4 | 9,353.9 | 10,010.0 |
| Non-durable | 1,309.7 | 1,304.0 | 1,329.7 | 1,274.1 |
| Durable | 8,038.8 | 7,871.4 | 8,024.2 | 8,735.9 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,769.6 | 16,765.8 | 16,670.3 | 15,729.7 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,629.2 | 17,620.7 | 17,583.8 | 16,555.3 |
| Raw materials | 7,241.5 | 7,230.9 | 7,232.1 | 6,894.0 |
| Goods in process | 4,666.5 | 4,618.6 | 4,592.5 | 4,470.7 |
| Finished products | 5,721.2 | 5,771.2 | 5,759.2 | 5,190.6 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 1.89 | 1.94 | 2.01 | 2.05 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.69 | 0.68 |

## Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | change | Jan.-Dec. 1976r | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \% \\ \text { change } \end{array}$ |
|  | (\$ millions) |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Newfoundiand | 43.1 | 56.6 | -23.8 | 619.5 | 700.2 | -11.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 192.5 | 196.6 | -2.1 | 2,146.4 | 1,907.2 | 12.5 |
| New Brunswick | 149.6 | 155.9 | -4.0 | 1;825.9 | 1,647.0 | 10.9 |
| Quebec | 2,149.5 | 2,202.1 | -2.4 | 25,728.3 | 23,822.1 | 8.0 |
| Ontario | 4,186.8 | 4,250.3 | -1.5 | 50,271.0 | 44,082.9 | 14.0 |
| Manitoba | 201.4 | 209.5 | -3.9 | 2,637.9 | 2,554.2 | 3.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 86.5 | 83.3 | 3.8 | 1,118.3 | 1,084.5 | 3.1 |
| Alberta | 411.6 | 416.7 | -1.2 | 4,955.9 | 4,453.7 | 11.3 |
| British Columbia | 717.8 | 731.5 | -1.9 | $8,724.7$ | 7,236.1 | 20.6 |
| Canada* | 8,146.5 | 8,311.5 | -2.0 | 98,152.5 | 87,597.7 | 12.0 |

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## New Housing Price Indexes

November 1976 - February 1977 - Advance Information

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 a year) or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Instruments and Related Products Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of scientific instruments and related products shipped $\$ 414.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $15.8 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $9.2 \%$ to $\$ 277.9$ million, the number of employees increased $3.8 \%$ to 11,961 and total salaries and wages increased $15.5 \%$ to $\$ 141.0$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975 (47-206, \$1.05).

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Building Permits, December 1976 (64-001, 70\$/\$7)
Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and Provinces, January 1977 (91-001, 35\$/\$1.40)

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Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, February 1977 (32-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, December 1976 (35-002, 30థ/\$3)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December 1976 (31-001, 55 $\$ / \$ 5.50$ )

Coal and Coke Statistics, December 1976 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
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# Grain Milling Statistics, January 1977 (32-003, 30¢/\$3) 

## Service Bulletins:

Aviation Statistics Centre - (51-004, $\$ 4.20$ per year), Vol. 9, No. 11, Aircraft Movement Statistics, January 1977

Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 5, Monthly Telephone Statistics, January 1977

Rubber and Plastic Products Industries (47-002, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 11, Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, Quarter Ended December 31, 1976

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 2, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, February 1977

Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, February 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.
Both exports and imports of merchandise (seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis) recorded gains in February of 5\% to 6\% to reach the high levels of $\$ 3,490$ million and $\$ 3,381$ million, respectively. For exports, February was the third successive month of advance and for imports, the fourth. The merchandise trade surplus stood at $\$ 109$ million in February; down slightly from $\$ 130$ million in January. At $\$ 369$ million, the surplus for the three months ending in February compared with surpluses of $\$ 522$ million for the September-November period and $\$ 354$ million for the three months ending in August 1976.

## Exports (Customs Basis)

The increase to $\$ 2,363$ million in exports to the United States accounted for less than 10\% of the moderate over-all increase in February exports. The value of seasonally-adjusted shipments to the U.S. remained flat during the three most recent months. Among largely-offsetting changes in February, increases were recorded in exports of automotive goods, natural gas, pulp, other industrial materials and machinery. Exports of metallic ores and concentrates (mainly of iron), lumber and crude oil declined in February, the last due in part to an apparent change in sourcing by U.S. west coast refineries.

Seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. increased almost $12 \%$ to $\$ 7,078$ million in the months of December-February from the period preceding. Motor vehicles and parts accounted for roughly two-thirds of the rise, followed by forestry products (except newsprint), liquefied petroleum gases, non-ferrous metals and machinery. Shipments of metallic concentrates and crude oil fell in the latest three-month period.

Exports to overseas countries rose almost $6 \%$ to $\$ 1,074$ million in February, following a sharper recovery in the previous month. Except for the United Kingdom, exports increased in February to all overseas areas. Seasonally-adjusted wheat shipments rose for the third successive month. Exports of pulp, some other industrial materials and machinery were higher in February, but shipments of metallic ores and metals declined.

Between the two most recent three-month periods, exports to overseas countries fell $7 \%$ to $\$ 2,982$ million, with approximately two-thirds of the decline being attributable to the European Economic Community. Apart from higher shipments of wheat, metallic ores and concentrates and machinery in DecemberFebruary, exports of most other commodities declined - including forestry products, refined metals and automotive goods.

## Imports (Customs Basis)

Following a 4\% decline in January, seasonallyadjusted imports from the U.S. rose almost $9 \%$ to reach the highest-recorded level of $\$ 2,445$ million in February. Well over half of this increase was due to automotive products and, in particular, to parts. Industrial machinery imports rebounded from the low level of January.

At $\$ 7,030$ million, imports from the U.S. in December-February stood 11\% over the total for the three preceding months. Much-larger imports of motor vehicles and parts (recovering from the effects of a strike) accounted for approximately two-thirds of the over-all increase. Imports of machinery were appreciably higher in the three months ending in February, and more moderate increases were recorded in seasonally-adjusted imports of coal, industrial materials and other equipment.

Imports from overseas countries rose $9.5 \%$ to $\$ 1,031$ million in February, with all the areas contributing. While there was a drop in crude oil landings from the high January level, increases occurred in February in imports of meat, industrial materials, motor vehicle parts and other equipment.

Seasonally-adjusted imports from overseas countries totalled $\$ 2,913$ million in December-February, up 2\% over the preceding three-month period: Increased imports of motor vehicles, some industrial materials, other equipment and consumer goods were offset in part by reduced arrivals of some food commodities, crude oil, machinery and automotive parts.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the February issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40\$/\$4).
(see graph and tables on pages 4-11)

Employment, Earnings and Hours, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1977 - Advance Information.
The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for January 1977 showed a $0.1 \%$ decrease from December. Decreases were recorded in all industry divisions except for manufacturing, which remained unchanged, and for trade and finance, insurance and real estate which increased. Excluding Ontario, which did not change, all regions registered declines.

Average weekly earnings declined by $1.3 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in January. Decreases were recorded in all industry divisions except forestry and mining, which posted gains: British Columbia and the Prairie region were the only regions showing an increase.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in January in mining but decreased in manufacturing and in construction. Average hourly earnings rose in all three industry divisions.

Industrial composite is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, education and related services, health and welfare services, religious organizations, private households and public administration and defence. All statistics are based on returns received from employers having 20 or more employees in any month of the year. Notes on concepts and methods can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours.

Detailed information for November and December will be published in the January issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70థ/\$7), and is also available from Mr. R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
(see tables on pages 12-14)
Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), January 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The accompanying table presents seasonallyadjusted employment indexes with a 1971 base period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically converted from 1961based data contained in Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70¢ $/ \$ 7$ ). The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally-adjusted data are the same as those used for the 1961-based data.

For further information concerning these series, contact Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.
(see table on page 15)
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for December amounted to $1,683,000$ B/D, up $4.5 \%$ from $1,610,000$ B/D in December 1975. Natural gas production for the same period averaged $10,502,000 \mathrm{Mcf} . / \mathrm{D}$, an increase of 2.0\% from 10,294,000 Mcf./D in December 1975.

For further information, order the December issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, $30 \Phi / \$ 3$ ), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockles, January 1977 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in January to 489,608,000 feet board measure from 315,035,000 feet board measure in January 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of January totalled 1,083,496,000 feet board measure.

For further information, order the January issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies (35-002, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Vinyl-asbestos Fioor Tilè, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 4,280 short tons ( 3883 t ) or $8,616,579$ square feet ( 800506 m 2 ) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in February compared to 4,407 short tons ( 3998 t ) or $9,835,086$ square feet ( 913709 m 2 ) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile Service Bulletin (47-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Cotton and Jute Bags Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The cotton and jute bags industry shipped $\$ 31.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 16.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $21.3 \%$ to $\$ 10.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $9.4 \%$ to 717 and total salaries and wages increased $2.4 \%$ to $\$ 5.6$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9923141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will. be published later in Canvas Products and Cotton and Jute Bags Industries, 1975 (34-202, 70¢).

## EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

## Seasonally Adjusted

Balance of Payments Basis
Billions of Dollars


Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics, Fourth
Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
After-tax profits of industrial corporations (not seasonally adjusted) were $\$ 2,173$ million for the fourth quarter of 1976, a decrease of $\$ 302$ million (12.2\%) from the fourth quarter of 1975.

Total sales of $\$ 61.0$ billion increased $\$ 5.0$ billion ( $8.9 \%$ ) from the fourth quarter of 1975. Assets increased $\$ 4.2$ billion ( $2.6 \%$ ) over the third quarter of 1976 and $\$ 12.9$ billion ( $8.5 \%$ ) from the fourth quarter of 1975.
(Please note that these figures represent the latest data for the fourth quarter of 1976 and supersede the preliminary estimates for the same period released last month. The figures are also available on CANSIM.)

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (61-003. \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. R.B. Smadella (613-996-2130). Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis* Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis* |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unadjusted |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trade } \\ & \text { Balance } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 7,748 | 8,119 | 7,874. | '7,966 | 8,445 | 8,503 | -58 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,853 | 8.918 | 8,998 | $\because 8,746{ }^{*}$ | 8,581 | 8,542 | 39 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 8,788 | 9,133 | 8,636 | 8,989 | 9,088 | 9,210 | -122 |
| Second Quarter | 10,113 | 10,026 | 10,151 | 9,885 | 9,502 | 9,253 | 249 |
| Third Quarter | . 9,342 | 8,724 | 9,317. | 8,598 | 9,973 | 9,180 | 793 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,834 | . 9.550 | 9,916 | 9.415 | 9,456 | 9,244 | 212 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September | 3,237 | 2,935 | 3,255 | 2.889 | 3,472 | 3,032 | 440 |
| October | 3,189 | 2,995 | 3,239 | 2,979 | 3.147 | 2,947 | 200 |
| November | 3,382 | 3,484 | 3,410 | 3,457 | 3,008 | 3,126 | -118 |
| December | 3.262 | 3,071 | 3,267 | 2,979 | 3,301 | 3,171 | 130 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,110 | 3103 | 3,077 | 2,959 | 3,318 | 3,188 | 130 |
| February | 3.162 | 3186 | 3,222 | 3,137 | 3:490 | 3,381 | 109 |

"In the above table, export and import totals are shown on both a "customs" and a "balance-of-payments" basis. The figures on a customs basis are the totals of detailed merchandise trade data tabulated from customs documents according to procedures and' concepts explained in Summary of External Trade. The figures on a balance-of-payments basis reflect a number of adjustments applied to the customs totals to make them consistent with the concepts and definitions used in the system of national accounts. The adjustments include timirig adjustments to exports of crude petroleum, natural gas and wheat and to receipts and payments for capital equipment deduction of transportation charges included in the customs returns and the reduction of import values calculated for customs duty purposes to values which reflect transaction prices. For more information about these adjustments, please refer to Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments. (67-001, \$1.05/\$4.20).

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | U.S.A. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.K. } \\ & \text { illions) } \end{aligned}$ | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other <br> E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 8,676.9 | 6,505.9 | 6,026.9 | 290.6 | 2,359.4 | 484.4 | 260.4 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,704.3 | 6,524.3 | 6,080.5 | 286.3 | 2,337.5 | 508.5 | 265.5 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,294.8 | 6,981.3 | 6,333.4 | 306.4 | 2,655.0 | 510.3 | 369.0 |
| Second Quarter | 9,381.8 | 7,123.2 | 6,358.3 | 289.2 | 2,734.3 | 492.6 | 366.1 |
| Third Quarter | 9.365 .1 | 6,994.0 | 6,482.7 | 256.7 | 2,625.7 | 492.6 | 383.4 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,358.4 | 6,995.2 | 6,497.4 | 300.8 | 2,560.2 | 537.0 | 401.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September | 3,107.7 | 2,341.8 | 2,175.6 | $\cdots 84.7$ | 847.4 | 173.3 | 131.6 |
| October | 2,929.1 | 2,246.4 | 1,982.9 | 97.9 | 848.3 | 195.4 | 128.8 |
| November | 3,148.9 | 2,372.6 | 2,176.1 | 109.7 | 863.1 | 168.8 | 135.3 |
| December | 3,280.4 | 2,376.1 | 2,338:4 | $\cdots 93.2$ | 848.8 | 172.8 | 137.7 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,187.3 | 2,301.6 | 2,246.5 | 93.0 | 847.8 | 174.9 | 137.5 |
| February | 3,475.3 | 2,484.3 | 2,444.7 | 104.0 | 926.6 | 204.2 | 152.1 |
|  | Percent changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February/January | 9.0 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 16.7 | 10.5 |
| Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months | 8.2 | 2.8 | 10.9 | -0.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 7.9 |
| Feb. 77/Feb. 76 | 8.6 | 4.9 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 8.7 | 17.9 | 15.3 |

Table 2
Imports by Princlpal Trading Areas

|  | Monthly |  |  |  |  |  | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { nillions) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { 7. } & \text { Dec. } \\ 6 & 1975 \end{array}$ | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. |
| United States | 2,279.7 | 2,027.7 | 2,189.2 | 2,137.0 | 1,833.1 | 1 1,931.1 | 6.6 | 10.6 | 13.3 |
| United Kingdom | 92.4 | 88.9 | 83.6 | 93.4 | 96.0 | - 86.2 | -1.0 | -7.3 | -3.1 |
| Other E.E.C. | 166.7 | 162.6 | 161.6 | 142.5 | 157.3 | - 170.5 | 16.9 | 3.3 | -5.2 |
| Japan | 133.2 | 132.4 | 132.2 | 115.5 | 115.4 | 479.2 | 15.3 | 14.7. | 66.8 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 85.7 | $102: 9$ | 121.8 | 75.3 | 99.8 | 8 86.3 | 13.8 | 3.0 | 41.1 |
| Other America | 175.7 | 205.6 | 138.9 | 125.4 | 207.3 | 3151.3 | 40.0 | -0.7 | -8.2 |
| Other Countries | 252.9 | 282.9 | 244.0 | 311.5 | 390.0 | - 325.3 | -18.8 | -27.4 | -24.9 |
| All Countrles | 3,186.3 | 3,003.0 | 3,071.3 | 3,000.6 | 2,898.9 | 9 2,829.9 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 8.5 |
| : | Year-to-Date |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb. } \\ : 1977 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| United States | 4,307.4 | 2,027.7 | 3,970.1 |  |  | 3,458.5 | 1,742.8 | 8.5 | 14.7 |
| United Kingdom | 181.3 | 88.9 | 189.5 |  |  | 204.9 | . 107.4 | $\because-4.2$ | -7.5 |
| Other E.E.C. : | 329.3 | 162.6 | 299.8 |  |  | 347.8 | 185.5 | ' 9.8 | -13.7 |
| Japan | - 265.7 | 132.4 | . 230.8 |  |  | 262.3 | 145.3 | 15.0 | -11.9 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | - 188.6 | 102.9 | $\therefore 175.1$ |  |  | 169.2 | 84.7 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| Other America | 381.3 | 205.6 | 332.7 |  |  | 339.8 | 201.0 | 14.6 | -2.0 |
| Other Countries | 535.8 | 282.9 | 701.5 |  |  | 657.1 | 369.9 | -23.6 | 6.7 |
| All Countrles | 6,189.4 | 3,003.0 | 5,899.5 |  |  | 5,439.6 | 2,836.6 | 4.9 | 8.4 |

Table 3
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Feb. 1976 <br> (\$ mil | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \\ & \text { Illions) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Feb. | Jan. | Dec: : |
| Live Animais | , | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 7.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | -60.0 | -16.5. | 6.4 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco |  | 226.0 | 224.0 | 246.2 | 184.8 | 194.7 | 200.6. | 22.3 | 15.0 | 22.6 |
| Meat and fish |  | 40.7 | 37.7 | 48.2 | 40.2 | 38.0 | 31.6 | 1.3 | -0.5 | 52.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables |  | 73.7 | 62.7 | 77.6 | 58.6 | 64.1 | 62.2 | 25.6 | -2.1 | 24.6 |
| Raw sugar . |  | 12.8 | 22.6 | 23.1 | 16.1 | 11.3 | 24.4 | -20.3 | 99.0 | -5.1: |
| Crude Materials, Inedible |  | 330.4 | 434.8 : | 339.3 | 342.3 | 573.7 | 465.8 | -3.4 | -24.2 | -27.1 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap |  | 21.4 | 34.1 | 47.6 | 22.0 | 26.9 | 30.8 | :-2.7. | 27.0 | 54.3 |
| Coal . |  | 5.1 | 24.7: | 42.2 | 2.3 | 42.5 | 61.1 | 122.7 | -41.8 | -31.0 |
| Crude petroleum |  | 223.5 | 292.0 | 173.3 | 249.2 | 423.2 | 308.0 | -10.3 | -30.9: | -43:7. |
| Fabricated Materiais, Inedibie |  | 486.9 | 472.2 | 491.9 | 512.9 | 495.7 | 483.2 | -5.0 | -4.7. | . 1.7 |
| Wood and paper |  | 52.4 | 50.0 | 48.5 | 75.5 | 71.9 | 73.4 | -30.6 | -30.4 | -33.9 |
| Textiles |  | 68.0 | 67.4 | 64.5 | 73.4 | 78.8 | 60.0 | -7.3 | -14.4 | $\because 7.5$ |
| Chemicals : |  | 147.5 | 132.5 | 133.2 | 136.1 | 128.6 | 126.3 | 8.3 | 3.0 | 5:5. |
| Iron and steel |  | 56.6 | 55.0 | 59.1 | 55.7 | 53.7 | 58.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.8 |
| Bars and rods, steel |  | 6.5 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 9.6 | . 15.0 | 35.1 | -17.7, |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel |  | 21.3 | 17.4 | 15.3 | 18.1 | 15.6 | 18.6 | 17.1 | 11.7 | -17.8 |
| Non-ferrous metals |  | 31.0 | 33.3 | 49.9 | 27.8 | 33.7 | 42.7 | 11.2 | -1.3. | 16.9 |
| End Products, Inedible |  | 2,091.4 | 1,835.3 | 1,952.3 | 1,913.1 | 1,601.6 | 1,649.6 | 9.3 | -.14:5 | 18.3 |
| General purpose machinery |  | 111.8 | 96.9 | 101.4 | 112.4 | 115.8 | 101.7 | -0.5 | -16.3 | - -0.2 |
| Special industry machinery |  | 186.5 | 157.4 | 148.0 | 162.8 | 150.7 | 136.0 | 14.5 | 4.4 | 8.8 |
| Machine tools, metalworking |  | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 11.0 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 0:5 | -10.0 | 0.5 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors |  | 118.5 | 111.7. | 101.3 | 109.4 | 95.6 | 96.3 | 8.2 | 16.7 | 5.2 |
| Transportation equipment |  | 1,028.1 | 830.2 | 946.4 | 897.7 | 672.5 | 798.5 | 14.5 | 23.4 | 18.5 |
| Sedans, new |  | 230.9 | 170.8 | 235.8 | 209.2 | 132.9 | 225.8 | 10.3 | 28.4 | 4.4 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis |  | 27.2 | 18.2 | 28.8 | 29.5 | 18.8 | 24.1 | -7.9 | -3.0 | 19.4 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis |  | 93.5 | 64.0 | 72.6 | 74.3 | 49.1 | 69.6 | 25.8 | - 30.4 | 4.2 |
| Other motor vehicles |  | 26.6 | 22.2 | 25.3 | 22.8 | 16.3 | 20.7 , | . 16.6 | 36.3 | 22.0 |
| Motor vehicle engines |  | 44.6 | 36.5 | 35.8 | 46.0 | 36.2 | 45.1 | -3.1 | 0.9 | -20.5 |
| Motor vehicle engine parts |  | 51.2 | 49.7 | 50.0 | 41.6 | 30.8 | 27.5 | 23.1 | 61.4 | 81.5 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines |  | 458.4 | 384.0 | 408.8 | 391.4 | 301.4 | 305.8 | 17.1 | 27.4 | 33.6 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines |  | 6.5 | 7.1 | 17.0 | 7.0 | 7.3 | . 11.8 | -8.1 | -3.4 | 44.2 |
| Other equipment and tools |  | 332.2 | 343.5 | 355.6 | 329.6 | 302.4 | 281.1 | 0.8 | -13.6 | 26.4 |
| Electronic computers |  | 43.8 | 43.9 | 39.3 | 28.7 | 28.5 | 33.1 | 52.4 | 54.2 | 18.5 |
| Speciai Transactions, Trade |  | 48.7 | 33.4 | 37.1 | 40.4 | 29.1 | 26.4 | 20.5 | 14.6 | 40.6 |
| Totai |  | 3,186.3 | 3,003.0 | 3,071.3 | 3,000.6 | 2,898.9 | 2,829.9 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 8.5 |

Table 3 (Continued)
Imports From All Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

| . | Year-to-Date |  |  |  |  |  | Feb.-Feb. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | Feb. $1976$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ <br> millions | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Animais | 6.4 | 3.5 | 11.4 | 4.2 | 15.2 | 10.4 | -44.1 | -25.1 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 450.0 | 224.0 | 379.5 | 194.7 | 405.3 | 239.7 | 18.5 | -6.3 |
| Meat and fish | 78.4 | 37.7 | 78.1 | 38.0 | 54.7 | 29.1 | 0.3 | 42.7 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 136.4 | 62.7 | 122.7 | 64.1 | 116.1 | 62.3 | 11.1 | 5.7 |
| Raw sugar | 35.4 | 22.6 | 27.4 | 11.3 | 74.4 | 70.9 | 29.0 | -63.1 |
| Crude Materiais, Inedible | 765.2 | 434.8 | 915.9 | 573.7 | 875.4 | 502.0 | -16.4 | 4.6 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 55.5 | 34.1 | 48.9 | 26.9 | 60.8 | 37.5 | 13.6 | -19.6 |
| Coal | 29.8 | 24.7 | 44.8 | 42.5 | 45.6 | 28.1 | -33.4 | -1.8 |
| Crude petroleum | 515.5 | 292.0 | 672.4 | 423.2 | 630.9 | 352.9 | -23.3 | 6.5 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedibie | 959.1 | 472.2 | 1,008.6 | 495.7 | 1,018.5 | 557.3 | -4.9 | -0.9 |
| Wood and paper | 102.4 | 50.0 | 147.4 | 71.9 | 73.3 | 39.1 | -30.5 | 101.2 |
| Textiles | 135.3 | 67.4 | 152.1 | 78.8 | 115.5 | 62.0 | -11.0 | 31.7 |
| Chemicals | 280.0 | 132.5 | 264.8 | 128.6 | 243.2 | 130.6 | 5.7 | 8.8 |
| Iron and steel | 111.7 | 55.0 | 109.4 | 53.7 | 213.9 | 127.4 | 2.0 | -48.8 |
| Bars and rods, steel | 15.3 | 8.8 | 12.1 | 6.5 | 37.1 | 21.5 | 25.8 | -67.2 |
| Plate, sheot and strip, steol | 38.7 | 17.4 | 33.8 | 15.6 | 78.8 | 52.1 | 14.6 | -57.1 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 64.2 | 33.3 | 61.5 | 33.7 | 87.3 | 52.1 | 4.3 | -29.4 |
| End Products, Inedible | 3,926.7 | - 1,835.3 | 3,514.7 | 1,601.6 | 3,078.8 | 1,502.2 | 11.7 | 14.1 |
| General purpose machinery | 208.7 | 96.9 | 228.2 | 115.8 | 222.3 | 111.8 | -8.5 | 2.6 |
| Special industry machinery | 343.9 | 157.4 | 313.5 | 150.7 | 296.7 | 153.4 | 9.6 | 5.6 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 22.6 | 11.5 | 23.8 | 12.8 | 29.1 | 15.0 | -5.1 | -18.3 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 230.1 | 111.7 | 205.1 | 95.6 | 176.9 | 83.3 | 12.2 | 15.9 |
| Transportation equipment | 1,858.3 | 830.2 | 1,570.3 | 672.5 | 1,300.6 | 611.9 | 18.3 | 20.7 |
| Sedans, new | 401.6 | 170.8 | 342.2 | 132.9 | 266.7 | 116.7 | 17.3 | 28.3 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 45.4 | 18.2 | 48.4 | 18.8 | 30.6 | 12.1 | -6.0 | 58.0 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 157.5 | 64.0 | 123.4 | 49.1 | 116.1 | 47.3 | 27.6 | 6.2 |
| Other motor vehicles | 48.7 | 22.2 | 39.0 | 16.3 | 41.3 | 20.4 | 24.8 | -5.5 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 81.0 | 36.5 | 82.2 | 36.2 | 58.3 | 31.9 | -1.3 | 40.8 |
| Motor vehicle engines parts | 100.9 | 49.7 | 72.4 | 30.8 | 48.4 | 22.2 | 39.4 | 49.4 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 842.5 | 384.0 | 692.7 | 301.4 | 532.6 | 260.1 | 21.6 | 30.0 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 13.5 | 7.1 | 14.4 | 7.3 | 28.4 | 17.1 | -5.7 | -49.3 |
| Other equipment and tools | 675.7 | 343.5 | 631.9 | 302.4 | 570.2 | 291.1 | 6.9 | 10.8 |
| Electronic computers | 87.7 | 43.9 | 57.2 | 28.5 | 58.1 | 31.6 | 53.3 | -1.6 |
| Speclai Transactlons, Trade | 82.0 | 33.4 | 69.5 | 29.1 | 46.3 | 25.1 | 18.0 | 50.1 |
| Total | 6,189.4 | 3,003.0 | -5,899.5 | 2,898.9 | 5,439.6 | 2,836.6 | 4.9 | 8.4 |

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally:Adjusted, Customs Basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | Total excluding cars and wheat | U.S.A. (\$ millions) | U.K. | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 8,253.0 | 6,536.3 | 6,103.5 | 5,489.4 | 450.6 | 2,313.0 | 600.9 | 564.3 |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,494.9 | 6,805.7 | 6,274.6 | 5,687.1 | 356.2 | 2,451.6 | 507.4 | 547.5 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 9,168.8. | 7,258.0 | 6,732.7. | 6,127.0 | 433.8 | 2,608.0 | 613.9 | 675.5 |
| Second Quarter | 9,517.5 | 7,307.3 | 6,892.5 | 6,515.4 | 484.3 | 2,517.8 | 622.6 | 566.2 |
| Third Quarter | 9,898.0. | 7,815.5 | 7,365.0 | 6,704.8 | 508.3 | 2,684.9 | 726.6 | 582.6 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,419.3 | 7,558.4 | 7,176.1 | 6,423.1 | 425.1 | 2,571.1 ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | 706.8 | 615.4 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September | 3,375.4 | 2,683.8 | 2,528.3 | 2,266.6 | 170.0 | 938.8 | 250.4 | 237.5 |
| October | 3,116.7 | 2,672.6 | 2,448.2 | 2,025.2 | 138.8 | 952.7 | 229.0 | 247.3 |
| November : | 3,053.7 | 2,372.7 | 2,293.9 | 2.041 .5 | 158.4 | 853.8 | 295.3 | 153.3 |
| December | 3,249.0 | 2,513.1 | 2,434.0 | 2,356.4 | 128.0 | 764.6 | 182.5 | 214.9 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,373.7 | 2,529.2 | 2,398.1 | 2,358.3 | 170.9 | 844.5 | 220.5 | 202.2 |
| February | 3,437.5 | 2,669.6 | 2,508.3 | 2,363.4 | 140.3 | 933.8 | 248.6 | 216.5 |
|  |  | Percent changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February/January | 1.8 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -17.8 | 10.5 | 12.7 | 7.0 |
| Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months | 5.3 | -0.2 | 0.9 | 11.7 | -5.9 | -7.3 | -15.8 | -0.6 |
| Feb. $77 / \mathrm{Feb} .76$ | 9.9 | 8.1 | 10.6 | 12.6 | -4.5 | 6.0 | 21.3 | -16.5 |

Table 5
Total Exports by Principal Trading Areas

|  | Monthly |  |  |  |  |  | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Jan. <br> 1977 | Dec. <br> 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 2,261.3 | 2,127.2 | 2,283.5 | 2,037.9 | 1,820.7 | $7 \quad 1.896 .6$ | 10.9 | 16.8 | 20.4 |
| United Kingdom. | 131.0 | 158.7 | 139.8 | 150.3 | 121.3 | 3150.1 | -12.8 | 30.8 | -6.8 |
| Other E.E.C. | 203.3 | 232.4 | 212.5 | 167.5 | 229.1 | 1222.3 | 21.3 | 1.4 | -4.3 |
| Japan | 182.8 | 195.1 | 195.7 | 225.6 | 216.9 | - 197.8 | -18.9 | -10.0 | -1.0 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 99.7 | 80.6 | 78.6 | 83.6 | 63.8 | 875.4 | 19.2 | 26.4 | 4.1 |
| Other America | 104.8 | 95.3 | 108.9 | 99.9 | 136.1 | 121.6 | 4.8 | -29.9 | -10.4 |
| Other Countries | 179.5 | 220.2 | 242.8 | 186.4 | 268.3 | 373.2 | -3.7 | -17.9 | -11.0 |
| All Countries | 3,162.4 | 3,109.5 | 3,261.8 | 2,951.2 | 2,856.2 | 2 2,937.0 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 11.0 |
|  | Year-to-Date |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb.-Feb. } \\ & \text { Percent Changes } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Feb. <br> 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Feb $1976$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| United States | 4,388.5 | 2,127.2 | 3,858.6 |  |  | 3,343.5 | 1,652.0 | 13.7 | 15.4 |
| United Kingdom | 289.7 | 158.7 | 271.7 |  |  | 358.1 | 181.7 | 6.6 | -24.1 |
| Other E.E.C. | 435.6 | 232.4 | 396.6 |  |  | 386.1 | 204.7 | 9.8 | 2.7 |
| Japan | 378.0 | 195.1 | 442.5 |  |  | 323.2 | 213.5 | -14.5 | 36.8 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 180.3 | 80.6 | 147.4 |  |  | 159.6 | 79.7 | 22.3 | -7.6 |
| Other America | 200.1 | 95.3 | 236.1 |  |  | 287.6 | 147.3 | -15.2 | -17.8 |
| Other Countries | 399.7 | 220.2 | 454.7 |  |  | 377.7 | 232.4 | -12.1 | 20.4 |
| All Countries | 6,271.9 | 3,109.5 | 5,807.6 |  |  | 5,235.8 | 2,711.3 | 8.0 | 10.9 |

Table 6
Domestic Exports to all Countries by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dec. <br> 1976 | Feb. <br> 1976 <br> (\$ m | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \\ & \text { illions) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. |
| Live Animals | 7.0 | 9.2 | 13.4 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 15.8 | -25.4 | -7.7 | -15.7 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco Meat and fish | 263.1 51.3 | $\begin{array}{r} 293.9 \\ 48.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 349.2 \\ 52.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 318.1 \\ 52.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 354.2 \\ 45.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 410.9 \\ 45.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -17.2 \\ -1.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -16.9 \\ 5.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -15.0 \\ 14.4 \end{array}$ |
| Cereals and preparations | 132.4 | 181.4 | 212.5 | 215.5 | 253.8 | 291.8 | -38.5 | -28.5 | -27.1 |
| Wheat | 102.7 | 121.2 | 124.0 | 150.2 | 158.0 | 212.1 | -31.5 | -23.2 | -41.5 |
| Crude Materiais, Inedible | 629.6 | 706.8 | 689.9 | 627.1 | 740.4 | 789.9 | 0.4 | -4.5 | -12.6 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 140.7 | 207.2 | 184.2 | 137.6 | 151.7 | 219.8 | 2.2 | 36.6 | -16.1 |
| Crude petroleum . | 139.9 | 169.4 | 166.5 | 196.9 | 291.3 | 270.3 | -28.9 | -41.8 | -38.4 |
| Natural gas | 170.6 | 152.1 | 147.0 | 136.9 | 136.7 | 132.5 | 24.6 | 11.2 | 10.9 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedible | 1,054.5 | 1,063.1 | 991.2 | 901.8 | 849.2 | 736.7 | 16.9 | 25.1 | 34.5 |
| Wood and paper | 545.1 | 541.8 | 540.5 | 430.1 | 406.3 | 340.2 | 26.7 | 33.3 | 58.8 |
| Lumber, softwood | 148.5 | 156.8 | 144.7 | 111.8 | 99.6 | 78.5 | 32.8 | 57.3 | 84.3 |
| Wood pulp and similar pulp | 190.3 | 159.5 | 171.7 | 182.9 | 171.5 | 145.3 | 4.0 | -6.9 | 18.1 |
| Newsprint paper | 157.3 | 166.3 | 177.0 | 90.6 | 84.6 | 84.1 | 73.6 | 96.4 | 110.4 |
| Textiles | 10.0 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 9.8 | 7.0 | 25.4 | -27.8 | 17.9 |
| Chemicals | 129.7 | 118.5 | 107.2 | 110.1 | 97.0 | 90.8 | 17.7 | 22.1 | 17.9 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materials | 53.3 | 50.7 | 39.7 | 48.5 | 42.2 | 37.5 | 9.8 | 20.0 | 5.8 |
| Petroleum and coal products | - 68.5 | 57.7 | 45.2 | 63.2 | 73.5 | 54.0 | 8.3 | -21.4 | -16.3 |
| Iron and steel | 68.3 | 83.0 | 57.6 | 70.0 | 60.6 | 54.7 | -2.3 | 36.9 | 5.3 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 153.5 | 192.1 | 167.8 | 159.3 | 149.4 | 144.7 | -3.6 | 28.5 | 15.9 |
| Copper and alloys | 36.0 | 44.6 | 37.7 | 44.8 | 42.6 | 38.8 | -19.6 | 4.7 | -2.8 |
| Nickel and alloys | 22.1 | 33.5 | 45.0 | 29.5 | 23.6 | 22.5 | -25.1 | 41.9 | 100.1 |
| End Products, inedibie | 1,125.6 | 982.5 | 1,133.0 | 1,018.0 | 843.5 | 918.6 | 10.5 | 16.4 | 23.3 |
| Industrial machinery | 91.5 | 68.5 | 90.1 | 68.1 | 67.5 | . 72.4 | 34.3 | 1.4 | 24.4 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 48.2 | 35.0 | 49.5 | 57.2 | 31.1 | 43.7 | -15.6 | 12.3 | 13.1 |
| Transportation equipment | 826.9 | 748.8 | 805.8 | 722.5 | 618.4 | 663.4 | 14.4 | 21.0 | 21.4 |
| Passenger automobiles and chassis | 337.8 | 314.5 | 327.2 | 302.7 | 264.7 | 259.3 | 11.5 | 18.8 | 26.1 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 152.2 | 135.0 | 126.6 | 111.6 | 105.7 | 97.5 | 36.3 | 27.6 | 29.8 |
| Other motor vehicles | 12.2 | 7.6 | 11.8 | 12.2 | - 8.7 | 9.2 | -0.2 | -12.6 | 27.6 |
| Motor vehicle engines and parts | 84.3 | 72.4 | 85.2 | 65.3 | 49.4 | 43.3 | 29.1 | 46.6 | 96.6 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 185.6 | 172.2 | 184.8 | 181.6 | 140.1 | 134.6 | 2.2 | 22.8 | 37.3 |
| Other equipment and tools | 73.9 | 58.7 | 84.5 | 64.5 | 50.2 | 64.0 | 14.5 | 16.8 | 32.0 |
| Speciai transactions, Trade | 13.5 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 13.7 | 6.0 | 8.9 | -1.2 | -6.8 | -46.3 |
| Total | 3,093.4 | 3,061.2 | 3,181.5 | 2,888.1 | 2,803.2 | 2,880.9 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 10.4 |

Table 6 (Continued)
Domestic Exports to all Countrles by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings


Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data
January 1977

| Industry Division and Area1960 S.I.C. | Employment Index Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\underset{\text { Jan. }}{\substack{\text { Ja77f }}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \\ 1961 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \\ &= 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { Jan. }}{\substack{\text { Janf }}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 62.1 | 69.3 | 80.8 | 87.5 | 56.4 | 58.6 | 69.2 | 73.4 | 76.2 | 76.6 |
| Mining, including milling | 118.9 | 119.3 | 120.3 | 119.8 | 116.3 | 116.1 | 120.6 | 120.6 | 120.1 | 120.3 |
| Manufacturing | 123.8 | 124.7 | 127.4 | 128.6 | 124.1 | 123.3 | 126.8 | 127.1 | 127.0 | 126.7 |
| Durable Goods | 136.2 | 138.1 | 140.4 | 140.1 | 139.2 | 138.6 | 138.8 | 139.9 | 139.1 | 137.8 |
| Non-durable Goods | 113.8 | 113.9 | 116.9 | 119.2 | 111.9 | 111.0 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 117.8 |
| Construction | 93.8 | 102.1 | 117.4 | 122.2 | 101.5 | 107.5 | 109.2 | 116.0 | 112.6 | 109.8 |
| T.ransportation; Communiciation and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 126.9 | 128.8 | 130.7 | 130.6 | 124.4 | 125.1 | 130.2 | 130.6 | 130.4 | 129.3 |
| Trade | 169.9 | 178.7 | 178.3 | 175.0 | 170.6 | 177.0 | 172.1 | 170.9 | 171.6 | 171.3 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 190.3 | 189.0 | 188.7 | 187.5 | 177.7 | 177.5 | 191.9 | 189.6 | 188.8 | 187.6 |
| Service | 236.3 | 238.2 | 243.4 | 245.4 | 229.0 | 230.9 | 246.7 | 247.2 | 246.5 | 244.5 |
| Industrial Composite | 140.0 | 143.0 | 145.9 | 146.3 | 138.9 | 140.3 | 144.4 | 144.6 | 144.4 | 143.7 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 122.1 | 127.6 | 133.0 | 135.5 | 124.1 | 127.1 | 130.0 | 132.2 | 131.0 | 131.1 |
| Newfoundland | 122.6 | 129.7 | 136.8 | 139.7 | 119.6 | 124.7 | 133.5 | 136.0 | 133.5 | 132.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 132.3 | 139.1 | 144.0 | 153.9 | 130.1 | 140.3 | 150.2 | 148.6 | 142.3 | 145.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 120.4 | 125.0 | 129.3 | 130.5 | 124.1 | 126.4 | 126.1 | 127.3 | 128.1 | 128.0 |
| New Brunswick | 123.1 | 128.5 | 133.9 | 137.3 | 126.7 | 128.4 | 131.7 | 133.6 | 131.6 | 133.7 |
| Quebec | 124.8 | 127.2 | 130.0 | 130.1 | 126.3 | 127.8 | 128.6 | 129.2 | 128.2 | 127.1 |
| Ontario | 144.0 | 146.7 | 149.4 | 149.4 | 142.6 | 143.2 | 147.4 | 147.4 | 147.8 | 146.8 |
| Prairie Region | 153.2 | 156.4 | 159.1 | 160.3 | 149.1 | 150.7 | 158.5 | 158.8 | 158.4 | 158.4 |
| Manitoba | 123.2 | 125.6 | 128.3 | 130.0 | 125.6 | 127.6 | 126.6 | 127.0 | 127.4 | 128.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 139.1 | 143.6 | 146.1 | 146.3 | 136.0 | 140.0 | 145.2 | 146.4 | 144.8 | 143.9 |
| Alberta | 184.1 | 187.4 | 190.2 | 191.3 | 174.1 | 174.5 | 190.2 | 190.4 | 190.0 | 189.2 |
| British Columbia | 165.3 | 168.1 | . 171.3 | 171.9 | 160.6 | 161.9 | 171.4 | 171.6 | 170.6 | 169.6 |
| Yukon | 175.1 | 168.3 | 178.4 | 166.8 | 173.7 | 178.8 | 188.9 | 175.5 | 180.4 | 164.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 147.4 | 146.8 | 149.6 | 154.0 | 145.1 | 139.2 | 165.3 | 162.8 | 158.9 | 157.9 |
| Canada | 140.0 | 143.0 | 145.9 | 146.3 | 138.9 | 140.3 | 144.4 | 144.6 | 144.4 | 143.7 |

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area1960 S.I.C. | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for.seasonal.variations .. is |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\underset{1977 f}{\text { Jan. }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov: } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} :-\quad \text { Oct. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { dol } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Dec. } \\ 1975 \\ \text { Illars } \end{array}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Jan. } \\ \hline \\ \hline}}{ }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{array}$ |
| Industry Division: | - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 308.92 | 249.31 | 313.22 | 301.31 | 279.03 | 214.18 | 306.59 | 277.20 | 303.89 | 289.30 |
| Mining. including milling | 340.31 | 333.67 | 334.16 | 327.29 | 306.10 | -299.20 | 336.14 | 334.04 | 329.94 | 324.98 |
| Manufacturing | 255.96 | 251.97 | 251.92 | 248.16 | 229.34 | 222.30 | 254.33 | 257.09 | 250.12 | 244.93 |
| Durable Goods | 272.63 | 268.13 | 269.91 | 264.93 | 245.60 | 236.34 | 271.44 | 277.31 | 267.26 | 259.43 |
| Non-durable Goods | 239.89 | 236.19 | 234.52 | 232.27 | 213.02 | 208.07 | 238.65 | 238.77 | 233.91 | 231.81 |
| Construction | 336.95 | 310.80 | 351.34 | 346.70 | 317.46 | 280.03 | 338.00 | 349.06 | 346.32 | $333: 21$ |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 273.54 | 271.58 | 272.59 | 271.26 | 250.39 | 244.89 | 272.12 | 274.07 | 273.85 | 272.08 |
| Trade | 185.11 | 185.65 | 179.85 | 180.33 | 167.12 | 168.08 | 187.42 | 187.45 | 183.03 | 181.49 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 219.01 | 218.90 | 216.07 | 216.64 | 203.93 | 201.96 | 218.03 | 220.33 | 218.58 | 218.89 |
| Service | 166.86 | 165.80 | 163.17 | 163.84 | 155.35 | 151.42 | 166.10 | 166.82 | 163.60 | 164.07 |
| Industrial Composite | 238.25 | 234.49 | 236.46 | 235.03 | 217.03 | 210.43 | 238.13 | 241.27 | 236.22 | 232.73 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 215.47 | 209.01 | 210.08 | 207.61 | 193.01 | 185.49 | 212.64 | 214.02 | 210.78 | 206.54 |
| Newfoundland | 234.19 | 227.85 | 229.44 | 227:63 | 211.36 | 199.17 | 232.52 | 235.48 | 230.62 | 224.20 |
| Prince Edward Island | 185.01 | 175.02 | 184.05 | 176.02 | 166.98 | 158.23 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 204.86 | 200.15 | 200.11 | 198.34 | 183.86 | 177.79 | 202.49 | 206.17 | 201.28 | 198.80 |
| New Brunswick | 218.64 | 210.40 | 211.38 | 208.24 | 194.95 | 188.69 | 213.62 | 212.48 | 211.59 | 207.78 |
| Quebec | 232.26 | 230.34 | 231.37 | 228.74 | 211.25 | 205.88 | 231.96 | 236.83 | 230.82 | 226.32 |
| Ontario | 238.18 | 234.46 | 236.23 | 235.82 | 218.29 | 211.98 | 237.89 | 240.69 | 235.95 | 233.25 |
| Prairie Region | 235.04 | 231.25 | 233.42 | 232.40 | 212.17 | 205.67 | 236.43 | 236.28 | 233.79 | 231.34 |
| Manitoba | 217.59 | 215.45 | 215.01 | 215.82 | 195.33 | 193.10 | 218.79 | 219.33 | 216.05 | 215.24 |
| Saskatchewan | 224.47 | 235.72 | 222.76 | 222.73 | 202.04 | 198.96 | 226.39 | 227.59 | 222.76 | 221.36 |
| Alberta | 248.07 | 241.86 | 247.17 | 244.89 | 225.60 | 215.58 | 248.47 | 247.96 | 247.27 | 243.89 |
| British Columbia | 270.26 | 263.84 | 267.46 | 266.81 | 246.89 | 236.61 | 269.77 | 268.98 | 263.53 | 260.45 |
| Yukon | 305.02 | 310.50 | 321.28 | 323.60 | 294.99 | 285.19 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 287.41 | 287.89 | 300.75 | 310.62 | 274.79 | 271.92 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 238.25 | 234.49 | 236.46 | 235.03 | 217.03 | 210.43 | 238.13 | 241.27 | 236.22 | 232.73 |

Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area(1960 S.I.C.) | Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings adjusted for seasonal variations Seasonally adju |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{1977 f}{\text { Jan. }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Oct. } \\ 1976 \mathrm{r} \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { numl } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ <br> er | $\underset{1977 \mathrm{f}}{\mathrm{Jan}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ |
| Average Weekly Hours: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 41.5 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 40.3 |
| Manufacturing | 38.6 | 38.3 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 38.7 | 37.7 | 38.5 | 39.9 | 38.7 | 38.4 |
| Durable Goods | 39.2 | 39.2 | 40.1 | 39.7 | 39.4 | 38.3 | 39.1 | 40.9 | 39.6 | 39.0 |
| Non-durable Goods | 37.9 | 37.5 | 38.2 | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.1 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.0 | 37.8 |
| Construction | 36.8 | 34.3 | 39.3 | 39.6 | 38.6 | 35.1 | 37.7 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 38.1 |
| Building | 36.4 | 34.1 | 37.7 | 37.8 | 37.6 | 34.8 | 36.8 | 38.2 | 37.2 | 36.6 |
| Engineering | 37.8 | 34.7 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 41.1 | 35.7 | 39.1 | 41.0 | 42.3 | 40.5 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.5 | 37.1 | 38.5 | 37.2 | 37.3 | 39.6 | 37.7 | 37.2 |
| Quebec | 39.0 | 38.7 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 38.9 | 37.9 | 38.9 | 40.6 | 39.2 | 38.5 |
| Ontario | 38.9 | 38.8 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 38.2 | 38.9 | 40.3 | 39.2 | 39.0 |
| Prairie Region | 37.1 | 36.8 | 37.5 | 37.3 | 37.4 | 36.8 | 37.1 | 37.5 | 37.1 | 36.9 |
| British Columbia | 36.9 | 36.3 | 37.0 | 36.2 | $\begin{gathered} 36.9 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | 35.7 | 36.9 | 37.3 | 36.7 | 36.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 7.80 | 7.85 | 7.72 | 7.63 | 7.10 | 7.01 | 7.81 | 7.80 | 7.69 | 7.62 |
| Manufacturing | 6.11 | 6.05 | 5.98 | 5.92 | 5.42 | 5.34 | 6.10 | 6.04 | 5.99 | 5.89 |
| Durable Goods | 6.50 | 6.41 | 6.37 | 6.30 | 5.83 | 5.71 | 6.50 | 6.45 | 6.36 | 6.24 |
| Non-durable Goods | 5.68 | 5.66 | 5.55 | 5.52 | 4.95 | 4.91 | 5.67 | 5.63 | 5.57 | 5.54 |
| Construction | 9.28 | 8.94 | 9.19 | 8.97 | 8.39 | 7.88 | 9.14 | 9.06 | 9.03 | 8.90 |
| Building | 9.23 | 8.98 | 9.19 | 9.12 | 8.37 | 8.06 | 9.13 | 9.11 | 9.06 | 9.05 |
| Engineering | 9.38 | 8.85 | 9.19 | 8.74 | 8.42 | 7.48 | 9.28 | 9.08 | 9.08 | 8.66 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 5.70 | 5.57 | 5.45 | 5.44 | 4.75 | 4.73 | 5.56 | 5.34 | 5.43 | 5.43 |
| Quebec | 5.46 | 5.44 | 5.40 | 5.31 | 4.87 | 4.80 | 5.47 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.32 |
| Ontario : : $\quad$, . . $\because$ | $6.21{ }^{\text { }}$ | 6.13 | 6.07 | 6.02 | 5.55 | 5.45 | 6.18 | 6.14 | 6.07 | 6.00 |
| Prairie Region | 6.14 | 6.15 | 6.03 | 5.99 | 5.45 | 5.40 | 6.19 | 6.19 * | 6.03 | 5.94 |
| British Columbia | 8.03 | 7.94 | 7.85 | 7.78 | 7.10 | 7.02 | 8.01 | 7.89 | 7.83 | 7.79 |

. figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

Employment Indexes, (1971=100), Selected Industries, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weights } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Nov } \\ 1976 p \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Dec. } \\ \text { 1976p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 f \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite | 100.00 | 112.2 | 112.6 | 112.8 | 112.8 |
| Forestry | 1.21 | 96.4 | 95.9 | 92.3 | 87.1 |
| Mining, including milling | 3.16 | 104.7 | 104.5 | 104.9 | 104.9 |
| Manufacturing | 39.54 | 103.5 | 103.9 | 104.0 | 103.8 |
| Durable Goods | 19.14 | 104.0 | 104.9 | 105.4 | 104.7 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 20.39 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 102.7 | 102.8 |
| Construction | 5.85 | 95.8 | 98.2 | 101.2 | 95.4 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 16.01 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 113.1 | 112.7 |
| Transportation | 9.53 | 104.3 | 104.8 | 104.4 | .. |
| Storage | 0.38 | 100.8 | 97.6 | 96.1 | .. |
| Communication | 3.96 | 131.7 | 131.6 | 132.3 | .. |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water | 2.15 | 118.9 | 119.2 | 119.4 | . |
| Trade | 17.58 | 121.5 | 121.5 | 121.1 | 121.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5.84 | 118.6 | 118.3 | 119.3 | 118.1 |
| Retail Trade | 11.73 | 123.1 | 122.8 | 122.3 | 123.1 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 6.65 | 128.9 | 129.9 | 130.4 | 132.1 |
| Service | 10.01 | 132.1 | 133.2 | 133.5 | 133.2 |
| Recreational Services | 1.04 | 131.0 | 134.2 | 130.1 | .. |
| Business Services | 2.31 | 141.8 | 142.6 | 141.2 | .. |
| Personal Services | 4.68 | 125.8 | 127.2 | 128.2 | * |

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Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics, October-December 1976 (32-014, 70¢/\$2.80)

Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, January 1977 (32-020, 15¢/\$1.50)
Wholesale Trade, January 1977 (63-008, \$1.50 per year)
Service Bulletin:
Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 11, No. 37, Net Sales of Selected Refined Petroleum Products, 1975


Real Domestic Product, Januany 1977 是 $A$ dvancé Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product remained relatively unchanged in January at a level of 125.0 compared to 124.9 in December. The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased $0.2 \%$. Output of goods-producing industries declined $0.3 \%$ while service-producing industries rose 0.3\%.

In goods-producing industries, agriculture, forestry and mining declined. Manufacturing, construction, utilities and fishing and trapping each recorded increases. In agriculture, lower crop estimates for 1977 compared to 1976 were mainly responsible for the decline. The decrease in mining was due to a sharp decline in production of crude petroleum. In manufacturing, non-durables increased $0.6 \%$ while durables remained unchanged. The increase in non-durables manufacturing was due mainly to output increases in food and beverages, tobacco products, paper and allied industries, petroleum and coal products, and chemical and chemical products industries. In durables manufacturing, significant increases were recorded in the wood industries and primary metals industries. These increases were offset by significant declines in the transportation equipment, electrical products and non-metallic mineral products industries.

In service-producing industries, increases were recorded in almost all components. In transportation, storage and communication, the communication component increased, but transportation and storage declined primarily because of declines in railway transport, pipeline transport and grain elevators. In trade, both wholesale and retail trade were up, due to increases for wholesale merchants, wholesalers of petroleum products and motor vehicle dealers. The only significant decline in retail trade occurred in food stores (coinciding with a sharp increase in the consumer price index for food). Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services recorded moderate increases. Public administration and defence declined slightly due to decreases throughout federal, provincial and local administration.
For further information, order the January issue of Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production), (61-005, $40 ¢ / \$ 4$ ), or contact R.W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.
(see table on next page)
Particie Board, January 1977 - Advance Information. Canadian firms produced $39,419,000$ sq. ft. ( $3662000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) 5/8" ( 15.9 mm .) basis of particle board in January 1977 compared to $38,768,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. ( 3602000 m 2 ) in January 1976, an increase of $1.7 \%$.

For further information, order the January issue of Particle Board (36-003, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Battery Mänufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information. Canadian battery manufacturers shipped $\$ 109$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $12.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $26.2 \%$ to $\$ 71$ million, the number of employees increased $6.5 \%$ to 2,755 and total salaries and wages increased $20.3 \%$ to $\$ 28$ million

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj. Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Battery Manufacturers, 1975 (43-208, 70¢).

Thread Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
Thread mills shipped $\$ 28.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $1.7 \%$ to $\$ 15.4$ million, the number of employees increased $0.3 \%$ to 1,015 and total salaries and wages increased 18.7\% to $\$ 9.1$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Textile Industries, 1975 (34-210, \$1.05).

Indexes of Real Domestic Product
(1971=100)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

|  | 1971 percentage weight | Oct. | 1976 <br> Nov. | Dec. | 1977 <br> Jan. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 123.6 | 124.2 | 124.9 | 125.0 | 0.1 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 94.1 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 84.6 | -10.0 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 112.5 | 113.2 | 117.3 | 112.6 | -4.0 |
| Fishing and Trapping | . 181 | 89.3 | 81.9 | 77.5 | 78.4 | 1.2 |
| Mines (Including mililing), quarries and oll wells | 3.819 | 113.9 | 113.3 | 113.0 | 110.6 | -2.1 |
| Mànufacturing Industries | 22.862 | 117.4 | 118.5 | 119.5 | 120.2 | 0.6 |
| Construction Industry | 6.990 | 113.6 | 113.2 | 114.9 | 116.0 | 1.0 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 131.1 | 131.5 | 132.1 | 132.9 | 0.6 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 121.5 | 121.6 | 122.9 | 122.9 | - |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air transport | . 679 | 169.8 | 168.8 | 180.6 | 182.8 | 1.2 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 114.8 | 113.8 | 113.1 | 111.8 | -1.1 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 130.0 | 126.1 | 123.9 | 118.0 | -4.8 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 119.0 | 115.7 | 113.9 | 121.8 | 6.9 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 125.4 | 134.3 | 134.2 | 127.1 | -5.3 |
| Storage | . 258 | 95.6 | 97.8 | 87.6 | 85.1 | -2.9 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 88.4 | 91.6 | 76.6 | 73.1 | -4.6 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 153.2 | 154.2 | 154.2 | 156.8 | 1.7 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilitles | 2.816 | 141.2 | 143.3 | 146.4 | 147.2 | 0.5 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 133.6 | 133.8 | 135.6 | 136.5 | 0.7 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 123.4 | 124.5 | 124.6 | 126.1 | 1.2 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 125.7 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 126.7 | 1.0 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 140.3 | 139.9 | 142.8 | 143.3 | 0.4 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 118.3 | 118.1 | 118.0 | 116.2 | -1.5 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 143.9 | 139.9 | 141.2 | 142.1 | 0.6 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 164.3 | 162.6 | 165.0 | 165.4 | 0.2 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 114.1 | 106.9 | 106.5 | 108.1 | 1.5 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 154.9 | 152.6 | 163.1 | 167.2 | 2.5 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 134.2 | 132.0 | 140.5 | 140.6, | 0.1 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 121.6 | 120.0 | 122.6 | 126.6 | 3.3 |
| Furniture, television, radio and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | . 177 | 141.7 | 148.9 | 145.2 | 144.3 | -0.6 |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 163.4 | 174.3 | 181.5 | 175.1 | -3.5 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 130.6 | 131.3 | 132.2 | 132.5 | 0.2 |
| Communlit, business and personai service industries | 19.359 | 125.9 | 126.4 | 126.3 | 126.7 | 0.3 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 114.5 | 114.7 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 0.4 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 129.8 | 130.4 | 130.9 | 131.2 | 0.2 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 150.1 | 151.8 | 151.6 | 151.3 | -0.2 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 134.3 | 135.0 | 135.0 | 135.7 | 0.5 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 106.9 | 107.1 | 107.0 | 107.5 | 0.5 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 138.9 | 140.1 | 137.4 | 137.9 | 0.4 |
| Pubilc administration and defence | 7.388 | 124.4 | 124.7 | 124.7 | 124.3 | -0.3 |
| Special groupings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 119.2 | 120.2 | 121.2 | 121.5 | 0.2 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 124.7 | 125.2 | 126.0 | 126.4 | 0.3 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 115.9 | 116.6 | 117.6 | 117.2 | -0.3 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 117.9 | 118.6 | 119.8 | 120.1 | 0.3 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 128.9 | 129.4 | 130.0 | 130.4 | 0.3 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 124.8 | 125.4 | 126.3 | 126.4 | 0.1 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 126.1 | 126.7 | 127.7 | 128.2 | 0.4 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 118.4 | 118.8 | 118.9 | 118.9 |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 118.1 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 118.3 | 1.1 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 116.7 | 120.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | - |



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## Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for January are now available either on microfiche or by telephone in advance of the regular publication Imports by Commodities ( $65-007,80 ¢ / \$ 8$ ). Direct information requests to G.L. Blaney (613-992-8896), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEEASED

Imports by Commodities, December 1976 (65-007, 80\$/\$8)
Employment, Earnings and Hours, December 1976 (72-002, 70¢/\$7)
(continued)

Retail Trade, Business Location Statistics and Ancillary Únits, 19171 Census of Canada (97-706, 70¢)

Oil Pipe Line Transport, December 1976 (55-001, 30\$/\$3)
Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, January 1977 (46-003, 30\$/\$3)
International Air Charter Statistics, July-September 1976 (51-003, \$1.05/\$4.20)

## Service Bulletin:

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No. 31, Pack of Processed Cauliflower, 1976

## Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended March 14

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,455,971 | 2,055,179 | 4,511,150 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,422,136 | 1,660,392 | 4,082,528 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2228019 | 1864427 | 4092446 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2197325 | 1506282 | 3703607 |
| \% change | 1.4 | 23.8 | 10.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 41,866 | 31,324 | 73,190 |
| Cars, 1976 | 41,349 | 26,174 | 67,523 |
| \% change | 1.3 | 19.7 | 8.4 |
| Piggyback trafflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 169,372 | 59,372 | 228,744 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 124,863 | 49,989 | 174,852 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 153652 | 53861 | 207513 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 113274 | 45349 | 158623 |
| \% change | 35.6 | 18.8 | 30.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 5,223 | 2,545 | 7,768 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,318 | 2,088 | 6,406 |
| \% change | 21.0 | 21.9 | 21.3 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 22,609,234 | 20,925,909 | 43,535,143 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 22,216,192 | 19,118,438 | 41,334,630 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 20510752 | 18983665 | 39494417 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 20154190 | 17343955 | 37498145 |
| \% change | 1.8 | 9.5 | 5.3 |
| Cars, 1977 | 382,068 | 318,929 | 700,997 |
| Cars, 1976 | 381,924 | 301,853 | 683,777 |
| \% change | - | 5.7 | 2.5 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,586,012 | 561,317 | 2,147,329 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,280,050 | 501,613 | 1,781,663 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1438806 | 509218 | 1948024 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1161242 | 455056 | 1616298 |
| \% change | 23.9 | 11.9 | 20.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 47,897 | 24,301 | 72,198 |
| Cars, 1976 | 42,925 | 21,106 | 64,031 |
| \% change | 11.6 | 15.1 | 12.8 |

[^18]Railway Carloadings, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Carload and non-carload freight originating on lines in Canada in February totalled 17.5 million short tons ( 15.9 million t), an increase of $3.5 \%$ over February 1976. Traffic received from United States connections declined by $12.1 \%$.

On a commodity basis, February loadings of forest products continued to show fairly significant increases in comparison with last year, reflecting again (continued on next page)
the labour problems of that industry in 1976. Sulphur movements increased 116.0\% and loadings of fertilizers (excluding potash) advanced 114.9\%.

In the first two months of 1977, rail freight loadings totalled 34.5 million short tons ( 31.3 million $t$ ) of carload and non-carload freight, an increase of 3.5\% over January-February 1976. Among commodities showing notable increases during the latest period were pulpwood, fertilizers and sulphur. Shipments of phosphate rock declined.

For further information, order the February issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 30¢/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Rallway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 14, 1977 — Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Railways loaded 4.5 million short tons ( 4.1 million t) in the above seven days, $10.5 \%$ more than in the comparable 1976 week. East of Thunday Bay and Armstrong, orginating freight was up $1.4 \%$ in the current period, while West of these points traffic advanced $23.8 \%$. The total number of cars loaded was 73,190 , an increase of $8.4 \%$ and the average number of tons per car was 61.6 compared to 60.5 .

Container-trailer movements (piggyback) accounted for 228,744 short tons ( 207513 t) in the most recent week, $30.8 \%$ above the year-earlier level. Eastern shipments (which represented $74.0 \%$ of total piggyback) were up $35.6 \%$, while in the West an $18.8 \%$ gain was recorded.

In the three and one-half months since January 1, Canadian carload traffic rose 5.3\% from 1976 to 43.5 million short tons ( 39.5 million t).

Short tons have been converted to metric tonnes using the conversion factor one short ton ( $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) equals 907.18474 kilograms.

For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Asbestos, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 132,482 short tons in February from 127,188 short tons in February 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 254,338 short tons from 249,375 in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Salt, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 723,264 short tons in February from 726,403 short tons in February 1976. This brought 1977 output to $1,430,857$ short tons from $1,390,944$ short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of Salt (26-009, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Vegetable Oll Mills, 1975 - Advance Information.
Vegetable oil mills shipped $\$ 289.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $11.7 \%$ to $\$ 31.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.4 \%$ to 730 and total salaries and wages increased $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 8.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Vegetable Oil Mills, 1975 (32-223, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Clothing Industrles (N.E.S.), 1975 Advance Information.
Miscéllaneous clothing industries (N.E.S.) shipped $\$ 24.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $8.2 \%$ to 13.7 million, the number of employees decreased $6.9 \%$ to 1,059 and total salaries and wages increased $4.3 \%$ to $\$ 7.7$ million.
For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-218, 70¢).

Frozen Frult and Vegetable Processors, 1975 Advance Information.
The frozen fruit and vegetable processing industry shipped $\$ 205.2$ million worth of products of own manuiacture in 1975, up $12.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $7.1 \%$ to $\$ 81.9$ million, the number of employees increased $1.5 \%$ to 3,912 and total salaries and wages increased $18.5 \%$ to $\$ 31.1$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, 1975 (32-218, 70§).

Shoe Factorles, 1975 - Advance Information.
The shoe factories industry shipped $\$ 353.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $9.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $8.4 \%$ to $\$ 179.8$ million, the number of employees increased $2.7 \%$ to 16,860 and total salaries and wages increased $13.1 \%$ to $\$ 119.2$ million.

For further information, contact C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Shoe Factories and Shoe Findings Manufacturers, 1975 (33-203, 70¢).

Electric Lamp and Shade Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
Manufacturers of electric lamps and shades shipped $\$ 42.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $1.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 21.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.2 \%$ to 1,791 and total salaries and wages increased $5.7 \%$ to $\$ 12.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Electric Lamp and Shade Manufacturers, 1975 (35-214, 704).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended March 26, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended March 26 was 307,115 short tons ( 278610 t), a decrease of $0.7 \%$ from the preceding week's total of

309,429 short tons (280 709 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,415 tons ( 241688 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 167.6 in the current week, 168.9 a week earlier and 145.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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Hardboard, February 1977 (36-001, 15థ/\$1.50)
Dairy Factory Production, February 1977 (32-002, 15¢/\$1.50)


Housing Starts and Completlons in Centres of 10,000 Population \& Over
January 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Starts |  |  |  |  | Completions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
| Newfoundland | 45 | - | - | - | 45 | 139 | 1 | 133 | 152 | 425 |
| Prince Edward Island. | 4 | 2 | - | - | 6 | 6 | 2 | - | 6 | 14 |
| Nova Scotia | 133 | 10 | 14 | 39 | 196 | 235 | 18 | - | 33 | 286 |
| New Bruņswịck | 21 | 2 | - | 10 | 33 | 164 | 4 | - | 163 | 331 |
| Quebec | 1,504 | 104 | 25 | 2,100 | 3,733 | 1,605 | 133 | 55 | 1,248 | 3.041 |
| Ontario | 797 | 414 | 841 | 1,130 | 3,182 | 1,456 | 470 | 1,245 | 2,027 | 5.198 |
| Manitoba | 178 | 115 | 37 | 146 | 476 | 321 | 38 | 66 | 177 | 602 |
| Saskatchewan | 244 | 20 | - | 194 | 458 | 326 | 24 | - | 370 | 720 |
| Alberta | 466 | 52 | 137 | 193 | 848 | 885 | 76 | 274 | 404 | 1,639 |
| British Columbia | 772 | 166 | 366 | 1,189 | 2,493 | 1.191 | 160 | 224 | 733 | 2,308 |
| Canada | 4,164 | 885 | 1,420 | 5,001 | 11,470 | 6,328 | 926 | 1,997 | 5,313 | 14,564 |
| Metropolitan Areas | 250 | 30 | 17 | 32 | 329 | 155 | 44 | - | 16 | 215 |
| Calgary | 117 | 16 | - | - | 133 | 118 | 8 | - | - | 126 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 165 | 16 | 120 | 123 | 424 | 461 | 20 | 263 | 332 | 1,076 |
| Edmonton | 71 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 122 | 124 | 18 | - | - | 142 |
| Halifax | 72 | 18 | 117 | - | 207 | 108 | 66 | 266 | 286 | 726 |
| Hamilton | 14 | - | - | 85 | 99 | 97 | 8 | 11 | 31 | 147 |
| Hull | 53 | 16 | 54 | 463 | 586 | 142 | 34 | 80 | 28 | 284 |
| Kitchener | 98 | 30 | 117 | 72 | 317 | 84 | 32 | 142 | - | 258 |
| London | 829 | 74 | 18 | 1,690 | 2,611 | 778 | 106 | 39 | 1,111 | 2,034 |
| Montreal | 7 | 30 | 42 | - | 79 | 52 | 17 | 136 | - | 205 |
| Ottawa | 16 | 2 | - | - | 18 | 15 | 14 | 94 | - | 123 |
| Quebec | 203 | 12 | 7 | 38 | 260 | 227 | 8 | - | 59 | 294 |
| Regina | 109 | 6 | - | - | 115 | 117 | 18 | - | 235 | 370 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 33 | - | - | - | 33 | 127 | 10 | 20 | - | 157 |
| Saint-John | 13 | 2 | - | 4 | 19 | 64 | 2 | - | 148 | 214 |
| St. John's | 42 | - | - | - | 42 | 101 | 1 | 133 | 152 | 387 |
| Saskatoon | 81 | - | - | 72 | 153 | 117 | 4 | - | 135 | 256 |
| Sudbury | 14 | 4 | - | - | 18 | 43 | 28 | - | - | 71 |
| Thunder Bay | 57 | 8 | - | - | 65 | 73 | - | 9 | 181 | 263 |
| Toronto | 163 | 200 | 334 | 330 | 1,027 | 286 | 194 | 289 | 1,053 | 1,822 |
| Vancouver | 427 | 102 | 314 | 619 | 1,462 | 649 | 57 | 143 | 487 | 1,336 |
| Victoria | 47 | 14 | - | 393 | 454 | 138 | 30 | 44 | 212 | 424 |
| Windsor | 49 | - | - | - | 49 | 86 | 6 | 11 | - | 103 |
| Winnipeg | 173 | 113 | 37 | 146 | 469 | 262 | 35 | 66 | 177 | 540 |
| Sub-Total | 3,103 | 703 | 1,191 | 4,094 | 9,091 | 4,424 | 760 | 1,746 | 4,643 | 11,573 |
| Major Urban Areas | 381 | 64 | 66 | 195 | 706 | 545 | 64 | 176 | 268 | 1,053 |
| Other areas 10,000 + | 680 | 118 | 163 | 712 | 1,673 | 1,359 | 102 | 75 | 402 | 1,938 |
| All Areas 10,000 + | 4,164 | 885 | 1,420 | 5,001 | 11,470 | 6,328 | 926 | 1,997 | 5,313 | 14,564 |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, January 1977 (64-002, 40థ/\$4).

Motor Vehicle Production, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 96,363 units in February compared to 95,120 units in February 1976. January to February production was 194,649 units compared to 194,039 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 47,222 units compared to 40,780 . Year-to-date production was $93 ; 701$ units compared to 79,644 units.

For further information, order the February issue of Motor Vehicle Shipments (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Fruit and Vegetable Preservations, Pack Data, 1976 Advance Information.
Data on the Quebec and Canada pack of corn and peas for 1976 which were not published when data for the other provinces were released are now available and will be published shortly. Meanwhile these data may be obtained by contacting Mr. C.A. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Residential Bullding Construction Input Price Indexes
February 1977 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | Feb. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Feb. $/ 77$ <br> Jan. $/ 77$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } / 77 \\ & \text { Feb. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| Canada, Total | 168.1 | 167.5 | 154.2 | 0.3 | 9.0 |
| Materials | 158.8 | 158.1 | 149.3 | 0.4 | 6.4 |
| Labour | 184.5 | 184.3 | 163.0 | 0.2 | 13.2 |
| Atlantic Provinces, Total | 179.4 | 178.7 | 162.2 | 0.4 | 10.6 |
| Materials | 163.4 | 162.4 | 151.4 | 0.6 | 7.9 |
| Labour | 207.0 | 207.0 | 180.9 | - | 14.4 |
| Quebec, Total | 168.5 | 168.2 | 157.4 | 0.2 | 7.1 |
| Materials | 162.8 | 162.3 | 154.6 | 0.3 | 5.3 |
| Labour | 179.3 | 179.3 | 162.6 | - | 10.3 |
| Ontario, Total | 163.6 | 163.2 | 150.4 | 0.3 | 8.8 |
| Materials | 155.3 | 154.6 | 147.1 | 0.4 | 5.6 |
| Labour | 177.8 | 177.8 | -155.9 | - | 14.0 |
| Prairle Provinces, Total | 176.5 | 175.4 | 159.2 | 0.6 | 10.9 |
| Materials | 160.4 | 159.7 | 148.4 | 0.5 | 8.1 |
| Labour | 207.9 | 206.0 | 180.2 | 0.9 | 15.4 |
| British Coiumbia, Totai | 167.1 | 166.4 | 152.4 | 0.4 | 9.6 |
| Materials | 160.5 | 159.4 | 148.0 | 0.7 | 8.4 |
| Labour | 178.8 | 178.8 | 160.1 | - | 11.7 |

For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mrs. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Sales FinancIng, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 181.4$ million of retail finance paper in January, a decrease of $2.8 \%$ compared with the $\$ 186.6$ million purchased in January 1976. The total purchases comprised $\$ 41.0$ million for passenger cars, $\$ 25.4$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 69.8$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 45.1$ million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the fourth quarter of 1976 amounted to $\$ 1,810.4$ million, a decrease of $7.7 \%$ from the $\$ 1,961.1$ million financed during the corresponding period in 1975.

For further information, order the January issue of Sales Financing (63-013, 30\$/\$3), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Hardwood Flooring Plants, 1975 - Advance Informa-

## tion.

The hardwood flooring industry shıpped $\$ 13.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $36.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $37.7 \%$ to $\$ 6.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $40.3 \%$ to 607 and total salaries and wages decreased $33 \%$ to $\$ 4.6$ million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Sash, Door and Other Millwork Plants, 1975 (35-205, \$1.05).

Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Motor vehicle manufacturers shipped $\$ 6,024.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $11.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $12.1 \%$ to $\$ 1,758.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $8.4 \%$ to 45,256 and total salaries and wages decreased $1.6 \%$ to $\$ 668.2$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 (42-209, 70\$).

The Dalry Revlew, February 1977 - Advance Information.
An estimated $1,106,383,000$ pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in January, 9.6\% less than January 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of The Dairy Review (23-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Agricultural Implements Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The agricultural implements industry shipped $\$ 762.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 33.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $28.8 \%$ to $\$ 358.7$ million, the number of employees increased $9.4 \%$ to 16,629 and total salaries and wages increased $25.0 \%$ to $\$ 205.2$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj. Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Agricultural Implements Industry, 1975 (42-202, 70థ).

Women's Ciothing Contractors, 1975 - Advance Information.
The women's clothing contracting industry shipped $\$ 800,000$ worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $31.8 \%$ from 1974 . Total value added by the industry increased $9.5 \%$ to 69.9 million, the number of employees decreased $6.8 \%$ to 9,595 and total salaries and wages increased $11.1 \%$ to $\$ 57.4$ million. Almost all the value added in this industry is attributable to work done for others.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-3141), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Women's and Children's Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-217, \$1.05).

Public Warehousing, 1975 - Advance Information. Total operating revenue of $\$ 143.5$ million was reported by 255 public warehousing firms in Canada for 1975, an increase of $29.4 \%$ over the total of $\$ 110.9$ million reported by 222 firms for 1974. Net profit after income taxes, however, decreased by nearly $\$ 2$ million to $\$ 5.97$ million in 1975 from $\$ 7.89$ million in 1974.

Total storage capacity was reported at 34.0 million square feet ( 3.2 million m 2 ), up $31.2 \%$ from 25.9 million square feet ( 2.4 million m 2 ) in 1974 . Measured in terms of volume, the 1975 capacity totalled 551.2 million cubic feet ( 15.6 million m 3 ).

For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.


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## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | To Date |  | \% Change From |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1977 | 1976 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
| Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross amount (\$000) | 397.031 | 272,186 | 343,297 | 397,031 | 343,297 | 46 | 16 |
| Net amount(1) (\$000) | 395,158 | 270,848 | 341,825 | 395,158 | 341,825 | 46 | 16 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 3,948 | 2,787 | 3,746 | 3,948 | 3,746 | 42 | 5 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 100.56 | 97.65 | 91.63 | 100.56 | 91.63 | 3 | . 10 |
| Claims received (000) | 267 | 304 | 277 | 267 | 277 | -12 | -4 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 878p | 719p | 878 | 878p | 878 | 22 | - |

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
$p$ Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised figures.
.. Figures not available
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

- Amount too small to be expressed.

Note: The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefit payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.
For further information order the January 1977 issue of Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-P) or Statistical
Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 40\$/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461)
Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1

## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, January

 1977.Persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in January totalled 878,000, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Five percent of the beneficiaries reported some earrings from employment.

Net unemployment insurance benefits paid in January rose to $\$ 395$ million, an increase of $16 \%$ from January 1976. A comparison with December 1976 shows an increase of $46 \%$ in net benefit paid, a somewhat lower percentage rise than the average advance observed between these two months in the preceding five years. The average weekly benefit reached \$100.56 in January, up 10\% from a year earlier. (The annual adjustment for 1977 raised the maximum weekly benefit to $\$ 147$ from $\$ 133$ in 1976).
Claims received by U.I.C. offices numbered 267,000, down 12\% from December and 4\% fewer than in January 1976.

For further information, order the January issue of Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001P) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, February 1977 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 34,033 in February compared to 39,211 in February 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 92,285 units, down from 102,170. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 15,069 from 35,552 and month-end stocks increased to 57,585 from 34,935 .

For further information, order the February issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001,
$15 \$ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Estimates of Production and Disappearance of Meats, 1970 - Advance Information.
Disappearance of red meats in 1976 was 174.4 pounds per capita compared to 164.7 pounds (revised) in 1975. Increases in per capita disappearance occurred in beef, pork and offal. Veal and mutton and lamb were down $9 \%$ and $14 \%$, respectively.
Per capita disappearance of red meats in Canada in 1976, with revised 1975 figures in brackets and changes between the two years (all figures in pounds):

- Beef, 110.4 (102.1) 8.3.
- Veal, 4.9 (5.4) -0.5.
- Pork, 53.1 (50.9) 2.2.
- Mutton and lamb, 2.4 (2.8) -0.4.
- Offal, 3.6 (3.5) 0.1.
- Total, 174.4 (164.7) 9.7.

For further information, order the 1976 issue of Estimates of Meat Production and Disappearance of Meats (32-220, 35\$), or contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
March 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Mar. 25/77 <br> This week | Mar. 18/77 Week ago | Feb. 25/77 Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971=100 |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 102.7 | 103.5 | 101.3 |
| Industrials | 85 | 103.5 | 104.1 | 101.2 |
| Foods | 9 | 83.8 | 84.0 | 83.6 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 80.4 | 79.9 | 79.1 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 112.6 | 115.0 | 113.4 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 138.4 | 139.8 | 129.4 |
| Printing and publishing | - 5 | 105.6 | 104.1 | 100.5 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 109.4 | 108.3 | 106.3 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 96.2 | 97.8 | 92.9 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 180.4 | 183.9 | 179.4 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 85.2 | 85.5 | 84.1 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 98.4 | 99.4 | 100.1 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 111.3 | 110.3 | 108.3 |
| Construction | 5 | 218.9 | 219.7 | 224.3 |
| Trade | 15 | 82.2 | 80.9 | 78.8 |
| Utilities and services | 28 | 94.6 | 95.0 | 94.1 |
| Transportation | 6 | 127.4 | 129.4 | 123.3 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 82.2 | 82.1 | 80.7 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 98.5 | 101.2 | 105.4 |
| Telephone | 4 | 98.0 | 96.9 | 97.7 |
| Electric power | 3 | 119.7 | 120.1 | 124.5 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 70.6 | 71.8 | 71.8 |
| Finances | 21 | 111.4 | 113.1 | 112.6 |
| Banks | 8 | 113.8 | 115.6 | 115.5 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 105.5 | 107.7 | 106.8 |
| Insurance | 4 | 106.6 | 104.7 | 100.3 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 116.7 | 114.7 | 112.7 |
| Golds | 9 | 216.7 | 210.7 | 210.8 |
| Base metals | 8 | 68.7 | 68.6 | 65.7 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 186.8 | 181.6 | 181.2 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 102.9 | 102.6 | 102.9 |

For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Shlpments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,346,027,000 square feet ( 125050000 m 2 ) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in February, an increase of 1.4\% over the 1,327,413,000 square feet ( 123321000 m 2 ) in February 1976.
January-February shipments totalled 2,653,390,000 square feet ( $246507000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) in 1977 compared to $2,586,896,000$ square feet ( 240330000 m 2 ) in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36004, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Mr. G.W. Barrett (613-9922371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Sales of Cement, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for January totalled 353,219 short tons - 320435 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 71,988 tons 65306 t (metric tonnes) and in Ontario 105,906 tons 96076 t (metric tonnes).

For further information, contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


[^0]:    (1) Three-month moving average ending in month indicated.

[^1]:    * These indexes are preliminary.
    (1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufactures, 1971)
    (2) Included are the following major groups: 2. Tobacco Products Industries, 7. Clothing Industries, 15. Transportation Equipment Industries, 20. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

[^2]:    - These indexes are preliminary.

[^3]:    * Due to roundings, slight variations (never exceeding 0.1) may exist between the percentage change figures shown here and

[^4]:    -Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
    p Preliminary ligures.
    $r$ Revised ligures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

[^5]:    (1) Three-month moving average ending in month indicated.

[^6]:    *Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.
    For further information, order the November issue of Primary Iron and Steel (41-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

[^7]:    *For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix ((a) of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).
    "'Seasonally adjusted data are revised annually using updated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information, refer to appendix II, Consumer Prices and Price Indexes (Catalogue 62-010).

[^8]:    -Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Teritories. $\rho$ Preliminary figures.
    $r$ Revised figures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

[^9]:    p Preliminary estimates.

[^10]:    For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 14 of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 504/\$5.50)
    ** These indexes for the cities of Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary supersede, as of January 1975, the combined cities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol.

[^11]:    For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

[^12]:    * Due to roundings, slight variations (never exceeding 0.1) may exist between the percentage change figures shown here and those previously published on a 1961=100 time reference base.

[^13]:    *These indexes are preliminary.

[^14]:    p Preliminary estimates.
    For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

[^15]:    *Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.
    For further information, order the January issue of Primary Iron and Steel ( 41 -001, 40థ/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

[^16]:    *Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
    p Preliminary figures.
    $r$ Revised figures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding

[^17]:    . figures not available.
    f figures estimated based on limited number of returns.
    p preliminary figures.
    $r$ revised figures.

[^18]:    * Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

    Note: All 1976 figures revised.

