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## University Teachers' Salaries

The first edition of Salaries of Full-time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities, 1976-77 is now available. For further information, contact Patty Brady (613-995-1105), Post-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED <br> Canadian Statistical Review, February 1977 (11-003E, 70థ/\$7) <br> (continued)




Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 2, Intended Acreage of Principal Field Crops Available April 1, 1977 at 3 p.m. E.S.T. (22-002E, $\$ 5.60$ for series of 20)

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Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, January 1977(41-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, January 1977 (25-001, 15¢/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletin:

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 2, Floor Tiles, February 1977

Cane and Beet Sugar Processors, 1975 - Advance Information.
Cane and beet sugar processors shipped $\$ 737.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $13.3 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $50.0 \%$ to $\$ 108.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.8 \%$ to 2,780 and total salaries and wages increased $14.8 \%$ to $\$ 35.3$ 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 Cane and Beet Sugar Processors, 1975 (32-222, 70¢).

Radio Alr Time Sales, November 1976 - Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 7.4$ million in November, an increase of $13.8 \%$ from $\$ 6.5$ million in November 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to $\$ 6.3$ million, up $12.5 \%$ from $\$ 5.6$ million

Net local air-time sales rose $18.8 \%$ to $\$ 15.8$ million in November from $\$ 13.3$ million a year earlier.

For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportations and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

## Highway Construction Price Indexes

Revised indexes for highway construction are now available on a 1971 base. Annual figures are available to fiscal year 1975/76 and can be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 120. For further information, order the March issue of Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. R:J. Lowe (613-9949387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

## Electric Utillty Consiruction Price Indexes

Revised indexes for five classes of electric utility construction are now available on a 1971 base. Annual figures are available to 1976 and can be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 118 . For further information, order: Construction Price Statistics, Quarterly Report (62-008, $\$ 5.60$ per year), or contact Mr. L. Swain (613-994-9484), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, January 1977 - Advance Information.
The export price index and, more notably, the import price index were up substantially in January, largely as a result of seasonal fluctuations in commodity weights.

Import volume declined in January, though remaining at about the average level for the fourth quarter of 1976. Export volume regained the third-quarter. level with strong recoveries in both December and January from the low levels of October and November.

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

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

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Imports | Exports |  |
| 1975 |  |  |
| II Quarter | 159.6 | 174.9 |
| IV Quarter | 155.8 | 177.0 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| I Quarter | 157.9 | 178.0 |
| II Quarter | 158.1 | 176.8 |
| III Quarter | 158.6 | 178.6 |
| IV Quarter | 157.8 | 178.2 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| August | 160.4 | 179.5 |
| September | 154.2 | 174.8 |
| October | 156.2 | 179.4 |
| November | 157.2 | 176.2 |
| December | 159.8 | 179.7 |
|  |  |  |
| l977 |  | 167.5 |
| January |  | 182.6 |

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

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |
| III Quarter | 140.0 | 106.1 |
| IV Quarter | 142.6 | 107.1 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| I Quarter | 150.1 | 116.5 |
| II Quarter | 152.8 | 121.0 |
| III Quarter | 152.8 | 126.1 |
| IV Quarter | 149.5 | 116.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| August | 152.9 | 126.9 |
| September | 155.7 | 131.8 |
| October | 140.0 | 112.3 |
| November | 152.8 | 114.4 |
| December | 155.7 | 123.8 |
|  |  |  |
| 1977 | 150.9 | 128.5 |
| January |  |  |

Men's Clothing Contractors, 1975 - Advance Information.
The men's clothing contracting industry shipped $\$ 200,000$ worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 50\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10: 2 \%$ to $\$ 58.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $5.3 \%$ to 7,601 and total salaries and wages increased $10.2 \%$ to $\$ 48.4$ million. Almost all value added in this industry is based on work done for other establishments.
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 Men's Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-216, 70¢).

Poultry Processors, 1975 - Advance Information.
Poultry processors shipped $\$ 562.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 10.1\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $42.3 \%$ to $\$ 148.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $11.5 \%$ to 7,901 and total salaries and wages increased $6.6 \%$ to $\$ 68.0$ 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 Poultry Processors, 1975 (32-227, 70\$).

Domestic Washing Machines and Ciothes Dryers, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,023 units in February, up from 28,689 in February 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,629 units compared to. 7,474 . Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 26,084 units compared to 25,105 . Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 725 units compared to 1,021 .
For further information, order the February 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.

Stoves and Ranges, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in February increased 18\% to 36,512 units from 30,941 in February 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased $45.6 \%$ to 97,660 units from 67,068.

For further information, order the February 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 $0 V 6$.

Furniture Re-Upholstering and Repalr Shops, 1975 Advance Information.
Furniture re-upholstering and repair shops shipped $\$ 51.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $2.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $5.6 \%$ to $\$ 24.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.0 \%$ to 2,337 and total salaries and wages increased $6.9 \%$ to $\$ 15.4$ 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 Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 (36-211, \$1.05).

Television Recelving Sets, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in February were 27,701 colour sets and 2,299 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 28,716 and 3,946 .

For further information, order the February issue of Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004;30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehidev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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Exports by Commodities, January 1977 (65-004, 80థ/\$8)
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Salt, February 1977 (26-009, 15థ/\$1.50)
The Wheat Review, November 1976 (22-005, 55 $\$ / \$ 5.50$ )
Asbestos, February 1977 (26-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 (61-205, \$1.05)

*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, February 1977 Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 168.0 in February, up $0.7 \%$ from the revised January level of 166.9 and $5.9 \%$ higher than the February 1976 index of 158.6. Price increases in food and beverage industries, primary metal industries and non-metallic mineral products industries contributed most to the over-ali February rise.

The food and beverage index rose 1.2\% in February, reflecting higher prices for miscellaneous food processors ( $4.7 \%$ ), slaughtering and meat processors ( $1.1 \%$ ) and feeds (1.5\%). Primary metal industries increased $1.4 \%$ as indexes rose $1.6 \%$ for iron and steel mills and $1.4 \%$ for smelting and refining. The index for non-metallic mineral products rose $2.2 \%$, due mainly to price increases of 5.6\% for glass and glass products manufacturers and $3.3 \%$ for cement manufacturers.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced $6,043,182$ phonograph records in February, up from 5,840,397 in February 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) increased to 1,299,372 from $1,111,451$.

For further information, order the February 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.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, February 1977 - Advance Information.

In February, packers, dealers and tanners held 269,660 cattle hides, down from 277,174 a year earlier, and 84,544 calf and kip skins, down from 137,067. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 163,844 from 216,447 and wettings decreased to 345,574 from 407,739.
For further information, order the February 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 Divislon, Statistlcs Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Production of Eggs and Poultry, February 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian egg production decreased $6.6 \%$ to 33.2 million dozen in February from 35.6 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased $1.5 \%$ to 23.1 million from 23.5 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased $5.1 \%$ to 1,724 from 1,817. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased $4.4 \%$ to $65.9 ¢$ a dozen from 63.14 a dozen.

For further information, order the February 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.

## Bullding Permits

January 1977 - Advance Information


## Preliminary figures.

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

Bullding Permits, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Building permits, seasonally adjusted, decreased 8.0\% to $\$ 916$ million in January from $\$ 996$ million in December 1976. Permits for all categories of building construction were lower: residential at $\$ 549$ million ( $\$ 598$ million in December); industrial at $\$ 75$ million ( $\$ 86$ million); commercial at $\$ 186$ million ( $\$ 203$ million); and institutional at $\$ 107$ million ( $\$ 108$ million).
Residential permits (which are indicative of potential housing starts) confirmed in January the downturn observed in December with 210,000 units, seasonally adjusted at an annual rate. In December 1976,
residentlal permits were at a rate of 248,000 units while in November the rate was 267,200 .
Among non-residential categories, industrial projects showed the largest decrease in January, 13.2\%, followed by commercial projects, which dropped 8.8\%.

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ended March 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Totai carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,542,312 | 2,153,345 | 4,695,657 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,397,286 | 1,766,700 | 4,163,986 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2306347 | 1953482 | 4259829 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2174781 | 1602723 | 3777504 |
| \% change | 6.0 | 21.9 | 12.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 42,040 | 32,289 | 74,329 |
| Cars, 1976 | 40,341 | 26,770 | 67,111 |
| \% change | 4.2 | 20.6 | 10.8 |
| Plggyback trafflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 162,388 | 61,216 | 223,604 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 105,334 | 49,118 | 154,452 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 147316 | 55534 | 202850 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 95557 | 44,559 | 140116 |
| \% change | 54.2 | 24.6 | 44.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,932 | 2,645 | 7.577 |
| Cars, 1976 | 3,868 | 2,048 | 5,916 |
| \% change | 27.5 | 29.2 | 28.1 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 25,151,546 | 23,079,254 | 48,230,800 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 24,613,478 | 20,885,138 | 45,498,616 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 22817099 | 20937147 | 43754246 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 22328972 | 18946678 | 41275650 |
| \% change | 2.2 | 10.5 | 6.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 424,108 | 351,218 | 775,326 |
| Cars, 1976 | 422,265 | 328,623 | 750,888 |
| \% change | 0.4 | 6.9 | 3.3 |
| Piggyback tratfic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,748,400 | 622,533 | 2,370,933 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,385,384 | 550,731 | 1,936,115 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1586122 | 564752 | 2150874 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1256799 | 499615 | 1756414 |
| \% change | 26.2 | 13.0 | 22.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 52,829 | 26,946 | 79,775 |
| Cars, 1976 | 46,793 | 23,154 | 69,947 |
| \% change | 12.9 | 16.4 | 14.1 |

"Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.
Rallway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended March 21, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Revenue freight loaded in Canada in the above seven days was up $12.8 \%$ over the corresponding 1976 week to 4.7 million short tons ( 4.3 million $t$ ). The volume of goods loaded east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong increased $6.0 \%$, while west of those points a gain of $21.9 \%$ was recorded. The number of cars loaded increased 10.8\% to 74,329.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 44.8\% in the most recent week; shipments were 54.2\% higher in the East and were up $24.6 \%$ in the West.

From January 1 to March 21, 1977, rail carload traffic at 48.2 million short tons ( 43.8 million $t$ ) was $6.0 \%$ ahead of the 1976 pace; cars loaded were up 3.3\%; and piggyback shipments were $22.5 \%$ higher.

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

## Non-Residential Buliding Construction Input Price Indexes

February 1977 - Advance Information (1971=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Jan. <br> 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } / 77 \\ & \text { Jan./77 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } / 77 \\ & \text { Feb. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total Index | 172.5 | 172.1 | 158.6 | 0.2 | 8.8 |
| Materials | 160.5 | 159.9 | 152.7 | 0.4 | 5.1 |
| Steel and Metal Work | 171.5 | 171.3 | 168.8 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment | 148.6 | 147.2 | 138.8 | 1.0 | 7.1 |
| Electrical Equipment | 151.9 | 151.9 | 144.0 | - | 5.5 |
| Concrete Products | 179.7 | 178.9 | 164.9 | 0.4 | 9.0 |
| Lumber and Lumber Products | 165.2 | 165.9 | 160.7 | -0.4 | 2.8 |
| Other | 154.8 | 154.3 | 147.6 | 0.3 | 4.9 |
| Labour | 185.8 | 185.6 | 165.1 | 0.1 | 12.5 |

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.
Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements are now available for February 1977.

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## Financial Flows

Additional advance information on financial flows for the fourth quarter of 1976, for selected sectors, is now available.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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Consumer Credit, January 1977 (61-004, 30\$/\$3)
Government Finance, Fourth Quarter 1976 (68-001, \$1.05/\$4.20)
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Service Bulletins:<br>Communications (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 7, No. 6, Monthly Survey of Radio Broadcasting Stations, October 1976

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 6, No. 6, Oil Filters and Cartridges, February 1977

Financlal Fiow Accounts, Fourth Quarter and Year 1976 - Advance Information.
The total volume of funds raised on credit markets by the domestic non-financial sectors of the Canadian economy during 1976 amounted to $\$ 37.9$ billion, an increase of 17\% over 1975. Placed in perspective to the total flow of goods and services, the flow of credit raised by the domestic non-financial sectors of the economy was $20.6 \%$ of GNP in 1976, up slightly from $20.1 \%$ in the previous year.

A detailed current analysis of financial activity in Canada for 1976 will appear in Financial Flow Accounts, Fourth Quarter 1976, which is forthcoming. An explanation of the accompanying financial market summary table and its relationship to the Financial Flow Accounts and the National Income and Expenditure Accounts can be found in: James F. McCollum, "Measuring Financial Market Activity: A macroeconomic Perspective", The Canadian Statistical Review, Vol. 52, No. 3, March 1977.
(see table on next page)
Oll Plpellne Transport, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian oil pipe lines received 2,510,000 B/D ( $399058 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroieum product in January, down $5.0 \%$ from 2,642,000 B/D (420 $044 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ) received in January 1976. Domestic petroleum and products increased 0.5\% to 2,169,000 B/D (344 $844 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) while imported petroleum and products decreased 29.4\% to 341,000 B/D (54 $215 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ).

For further information, order the January issue of Oit Pipe Line Transport ( $55-001,30 \$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact G. Kltchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industrles Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6:

Sales of Palnts, Varnishes and Lacquers, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled $\$ 37,008,585$ in February compared to \$28,186,733 (revised) in February 1976.
For further information, order the February 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 OV6.

Oliseeds, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Crushings of oilseeds for February, with oil produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 112,697 (18,913; 89,434).
- Rapeseed: 99,494 (41,246; 57,423).

For further information, order the February issue of Oilseeds Review (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 2, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 2 was 276,831 short tons ( 251137 t), a decrease of $9.9 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 307,115 short tons (278 610 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t ) equalling 100 was 151.1 in the current week, 167.6 a week earlier and 150.2 one year ago.

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

Coal and Cake Statistics, January 1977 - Advance Information.
January coal production increased $5.2 \%$ to $2,650,446$ tons (2 404444 metric tonnes) from 2,518,517 tons (2 284761 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports decreased to 236,290 tons ( 214359 metric tonnes) from 344,530 tons ( 312552 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used $3,166,541$ tons ( 2872638 metric tonnes) of coal, up 546,273 tons ( 495571 metric tonnes) and 485,196 tons (449 234 metric tonnes) of coke, up 8,133 tons ( 7378 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the January issue of Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002, 40\$/\$4), or contact David Madsen (613-992-402.1), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Financlal Market Summary Table

|  | 1975 |  | 1976 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q.IV | Annual | Q. 1 | Q. 11 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q. } 1111 \\ & \mathrm{rs}) \end{aligned}$ | Q.IV | Annual |
| Funds ralsed in credit markets by: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Persons and unincorporated business | 4,724 | 13,526 | 3,289 | 4,513 | 3,431 | 4,117 | 15,350 |
| Consumer Credit | 1,066 | 3,202 | 227 | 1,604 | 1,004 | 981 | 3,816 |
| Bank loans | 1,339 | 2,118 | 1,088 | 373 | 121 | 868 | 2,450 |
| Other loans | -24 | 59 | 289 | 111 | -63 | 59 | 396 |
| Short-term paper | -10 | 9 | - | 11 | -7 | 2 | 6 |
| Mortgages | 2,317 | 8,069 | 1,681 | 2,417 | 2,367 | 2,213 | 8,678 |
| Bonds | 36. | 69 | 4 | -3 | 9 | -6 | 4 |
| Non-financlal private corporations | 1,095 | 5,861 | 2,274 | 2,431 | 1,339 | 2,245 | 8,289 |
| Bank loans | 253 | 1,307 | 1,113 | 663 | 394 | 800 | 2,970 |
| Other loans | 346 | 893 | 492 | 90 | -239 | 343 | 686 |
| Short-term paper | -277 | 102 | -16 | 615 | 201 | -207 | 593 |
| Mortgages | 171 | 345 | 121 | 154 | 207 | 276 | 758 |
| Bonds | 315 | 2,160 | 488 | 733 | 529 | 365 | 2,115 |
| Stocks | 287 | 1,054 | 76 | 176 | 247 | 668 | 1,167 |
| Non-financlal government enterprises | 679 | 4,054 | 2,795 | 495 | 1,946 | 1,076 | 6,312 |
| Bank loans | -545 | 382 | 683 | -35 | 423 | -147 | 924 |
| Other loans | 361 | 461 | 72 | 9 | 471 | -40 | 512 |
| Short-term paper | -316 | -57 | 132 | -86 | -103 | -40 | -97 |
| Mortgages | 24 | 123 | 15 | 41 | 27 | 22 | 105 |
| Bonds | 1,140 | 3,065 | 1,879 | 426 | 1,142 | 1,300 | 4,747 |
| Stocks | 15 | 80 | 14 | 140 | -14 | -19 | 121 |
| General government | 5,364 | 8,906 | 1,678 | 1,385 | 1,233 | 3,680 | 7,976 |
| Bank loans | 246 | 254 | 376 | -291 | -173 | 315 | 227 |
| Other loans | 135 | 312 | 58 | 15 | -13 | 94 | 154 |
| Treasury bills | 160 | 570 | 295 | 440 | 440 | 470 | 1,645 |
| Short-term paper | 27 | 612 | 9 | -145 | 224 | -162 | -74 |
| Mortgages | 2 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Bonds | 4,794 | 7,149 | 938 | 1,363 | 753 | 2,961 | 6,015 |
| Total borrowing by domestic non-financlal sectors | 11,862 | 32,347 | 10,036 | 8,824 | 7,949 | 11,118 | 37,927 |
| Rest of the world | 496 | 1,495 | 348 | -5 | 500 | 507 | 1,350 |
| Bank loans | 290 | 644 | 164 | 82 | 263 | 278 | 787 |
| Other loans | 103 | 750 | 151 | 94 | 235 | 179 | 659 |
| Mortgages |  | - | $\overline{7}$ | $\stackrel{-1}{10}$ | - | $\square$ | 06 |
| Stocks | 103 | 101 | 33 | -181 | 2 | 50 | -96 |
| Total borrowing excluding domestic financlal Institutions | 12,358 | 33,842 | 10,384 | 8,819 | 8,449 | 11,625 | 39,277 |
| Domestic financial Institutions | 1,979 | 2,320 | -119 | 1,526 | 364 | 1,468 | 3,237 |
| Bank loans | 772 | 167 | -391 | 502 | -488 | 111 | -264 |
| Other loans | 254 | 306 | -397 | 239 | 241 | 219 | 302 |
| Short-term paper | 176 | 94 | 112 | 253 | -122 | 460 | 703 |
| Mortgages | 12 | 12 | - | 14 | 8 | 16 | 38 |
| Bonds | 451 | 990 | 460 | 445 | 475 | 410 | 1,790 |
| Stocks | 314 | 751 | 97 | 73 | 248 | 250 | 668 |
| Total funds ralsed = Total funds supplied | 14,337 | 36,182 | 10,265 | 10,345 | 8,813 | 13,091 | 42,514 |
| Funds supplied directly to credit markete by: Persons and unincorporated business | 2,685 | 4,022 | -191 | -564 | -216 | 2,160 | 1,189 |
| Non-financial private enterprices | 700 | 623 | -722 | 284. | 64 | 55 | -319 |
| Public sector (general government and non-financial government enterprises) | 475 | 2,331 | 803 | 338 | 110 | 189 | 1,440 |
| Pubilc financial institutions | 545 | 2,283 | 468 | 743 | 448 | 634 | 2,293 |
| Rest of the world | 2,544 | 5,438 | 3,499 | 1,970 | 2,756 | 2,277 | 10,502 |
| Bank of Canada | -48 | 747 | 105 | -329 | 382 | 330 | 488 |
| Chartered banks | 3,317 | 8,839 | 3,603 | 3,879 | 2,172 | 3,442 | 12,896 |
| Private domestic financial institutions (ex. chartered banks) | 4,119 | 11,879 | 2,700 | 4,224 | 3,097 | 4,004 | 14,025 |

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## Statistics



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Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary statistics for February show that 1.3 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 10.2\% from February 1976. Canadian residents retur-ning from the U.S. numbered 2.2 million, an increase of 5.4\% over last year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased $4.9 \%$ to 34,200 while Canadian travellers returning from these countries rose $13.1 \%$ to 141,500 .

For further information, order the February 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 0T6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1977 - Advance Information.
New motor vehicles sold in February reached 97,389 units, up 18\% from a year earlier. This included 60,199 passenger cars (up 22.3\%) and 25,478 commercial vehicles (up 9.8\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 10,823 passenger cars (up 17.2\%) and 889 commercial vehicles (down $0.1 \%$ ) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased $21.1 \%$ to $\$ 609.4$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 361.4$ million (up 27.9\%) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 191.2$ million (up 11.0\%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased $18.7 \%$ to $\$ 52.6$ million and those of commercial vehicles increased $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 4.2$ million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 251 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 8.7$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted February sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased $3.1 \%$ from January to 77,141 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased $0.4 \%$ to 13,965 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down $5.6 \%$ to 29,067 units.

For the first two months of 1977, total sales reached 191,149 units ( 152,809 in 1976) with an accumulated value of $\$ 1,207.6$ million. This represented an increase of $30.7 \%$ in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976.

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

Urban Transit; February 1977 - Advance Information. In February 38 urban transit systems collected $101,747,346$ initial passenger fares. The total distance run was $28,339,858$ miles ( 45608580 km ) and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 33,307,359$.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or order the February issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Fruit and Vegetable Canners and Preservers, 1975 Advance Information.
Fruit and vegetable canners and preservers shipped $\$ 819.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 13.8\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $13.1 \%$ to $\$ 334.2$ million, the number of employees increased $1.7 \%$ to 15,607 and total salaries and wages increased $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 137.5$ 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, 70థ).

Particle Board, February 1977 - Advance Information. Canadian firms produced $39,863,000$ sq. ft: (3 703000 $\mathrm{m} 2)$ 5/8" ( 15.9 mm ) basis of particle board in February compared to $43,597,000$ sq. ft. ( 4051000 m 2 ) in February 1976, an $8.6 \%$ decrease.

For further information, order the February 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 $0 V 6$.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Interclty and Rural)
February 1977

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1977 \end{array}$ | December | January | February |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting*** |  | 19 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 19 |
| Revenue Earned: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | \$ | 16,649,004 | 17,113,759r | 10,911,475 | 8,257,970r | 8,855,789 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | \$ | 46,122 | 44,988 | 23,495 | 22,193 | 22,795 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | \$ | 1,991,385 | 2,239,468r | 645,426 | 766,657r | 1,472,811 |
| Fare Passengers Carried: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | No. | 5,017,733 | 4,552,238r | 2,637,500 | 2,161,162r | 2,391,076 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | No. | 116,989 | 111,984 | 58,887 | 55,915 | 56,069 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | No. | 163,642 | 322,544r | 153,353 | 157,596r | 164,948 |
| Vehicle Miles: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | miles | 17,516,403 | 17,498,057r | 11,691,961 | 8,660,188r | 8,837,869 |
|  | km | 28189918 | 28160 392r | 18816387 | 13937 221r | 14223171 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | miles | 65,695 | 63,937 | 33,457 | 32,851 | 31,086 |
|  | km | 105725 | 102896 | 53843 | 52868 | 50028 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | miles | 1,805,282 | 1,732,618r | 593,161 | 560,972r | 1,171,646 |
|  | km | 2905319 | 2788 378r | 954600 | 902 797r | 1885581 |
| Fuel Consumed: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel Oil | gal. | 2,907,219 | 2,934,580r | 1,723,842 | 1,407,571r | 1,527,009 |
|  | litres | 13216479 | 13340864 r | 7836740 | 6398 944r | 6941920 |
| Gasoline | gals. | 3,821 | 2,839r | 1,501 | 1,383r | 1.456 |
|  | litres | 17370 | 12906 r | 6823 | 6 287.r | 6619 |

* Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
$r$ Revised figures.

Passenger Bus Statistics (Interclty and Rural), February 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 vehicleon 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 076.

Flour and Breakfast Cereal Products Industry, 1975 Advance Information.
The flour and breakfast cereal products industry shipped $\$ 561.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $17.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $21.6 \%$ to $\$ 161.5$ million; the number of employees increased $2.5 \%$ to 4,981 and total salaries and wages increased $19.1 \%$ to $\$ 58.1$ 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 Flour and Breakfast Cereal Products Industry, 1975 (32-228, $70 ¢)$.

## Weekly Security Price Indexes

April 1977 - Advance Information.


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# Gas Utilities, Transport and Distribution Systems, 1975 (57-205, \$1.05) <br> Refined Petroleum Products, December 1976 (45-004, 40 / $\$ 4$ ) <br> Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components <br> (1971=100) <br> (Not seasonally adjusteḍ) 


(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, March 1977

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced $1.0 \%$ to 157.0 in March from 155.4 in February, marking the third consecutive month in which relatively-large increases have been recorded. Higher prices for petroleum products accounted for approximately one-quarter of this increase while a rise in the food index - up for the fourth successive month - contributed an additional one-quarter. While the food index increased $0.9 \%$, the index for all items excluding food rose by $1.0 \%$. Between March 1976 and March 1977, the total CPI advanced $7.4 \%$, the largest 12-month increase since mid-1976.

The $0.9 \%$ increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for fresh fruit, fresh milk, coffee, bakery products and restaurant meals. Following a year of relative price stability in 1976, the index for food consumed at home (up $0.8 \%$ in the latest month) has now increased $4.7 \%$ in the three-month period between December 1976 and March 1977.

Higher prices for both gasoline and fuel oil were a large contributing factor to the $1.0 \%$ increase in the index for all items excluding food. Notable price increases were also registered for many seasonal clothing items, plane fares, postage, cigarettes and, in some urban centres, for electricity and local transit fares.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods. including food, increased 1.2\% in the latest month while that for services rose $0.7 \%$. Between March 1976 and March 1977, the price level of services increased $10.0 \%$ while that for goods advanced 5.9.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced $1.1 \%$ from February to March. This included a $1.2 \%$ rise in the food index and a $1.1 \%$ increase in the index for all items excluding food.
In March, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $12.0 \%$.
(see table on next page)
Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, January 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian mills shipped $200,226,000$ sq. ft . (18 $548000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) 3/8" ( 9.525 mm ) basis of softwood plywood in January, up from a revised 191,963,000 sq. ft . (17 834000 m 2 ) in January 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to $28,870,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. ( 2682000 m 2 ) surface measure for January, a decrease of 9.0\% from January 1976.

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

Month-to-Month Percentage Changes in the Unadjusted and Seasonaily 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 . 0.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| Ostober | 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 (0.3 0.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| March | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 |

*For some elaboration of methodology, see appendix I(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).

## Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977^{*} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Feb. 177 Jan. $/ 77$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } / 77 \\ & \text { Feb. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| General wholesale Index | 540.9 | 533.6 r | 505.1 | 504.6 | 1.4 | 7.1 |
| Vegetable products | 480.9 | 467.5 r | 458.2 | 461.5 | 2.9 | 5.0 |
| Animal products | 551.1 | 542.4 | 557.0 | 555.6 | 1.6 | -1.1 |
| Textile products | 471.9 | 469.7 r | 427.6 | 426.8 | 0.5 | - 10.4 |
| Wood products | 753.9 | 746.5 r | 667.1 | 663.9 | 1.0 | 13.0 |
| iron products | 582.8 | 579.0r | 548.0 | 543.4 | 0.7 | 6.4 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 478.3 | 470.3 r | 420.5 | 422.6 | 1.7 | 13.7 |
| Non-metalic minerais | 455.3 | 454.5r | 421.2 | 417.5 | 0.2 | 8.1 |
| Chemical products | 399.8 | 397.3 r | 381.8 | 388.5 | 0.6 | 4.7 |
| Summary indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | 632.4 | 625.4 r | 576.0 | 574.6 | 1.1 | 9.8 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 506.5 | 493.5r | 475.3 | 477.4 | 2.6 | 6.6 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 559.1 | 555.0r | 519.5 | 518.3 | 0.7 | 7.6 |

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesaie Price index (1935-39=100), February 1977 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale price index increased $1.4 \%$ in February to 540.9 from 533.6 (revised) in January to stand $7.1 \%$ higher than the February 1976 level of 505.1. Increases were shown for all eight major groups.

The vegetable products group index rose $2.9 \%$ to 480.9 from the revised January index of 467.5 due to price increases recorded for fresh vegetables (46.8\%), fresh fruits ( $12.0 \%$ ), dried fruits (10.7\%), tea, coffee and cocoa ( $9.0 \%$ ), grains (3.6\%) and potatoes (3.3\%). Increases in solder (15.6\%), tin (9.7\%), lead and its products ( $5.7 \%$ ), silver ( $4.9 \%$ ) and copper ( $2.5 \%$ ) were mainly responsible for a $1.7 \%$ increase in the nonferrous metals index. Animal products rose $1.6 \%$ in February, due to increases in furs (19.7\%), fish (3.5\%), cured meats ( $3.0 \%$ ), and eggs ( $2.2 \%$ ). Increases in hemlock ( $2.2 \%$ ), spruce ( $1.8 \%$ ), fir ( $1.4 \%$ ), newsprint and wrapping paper (1.1\%) and hardwoods (1.0\%) advanced the wood products index $1.0 \%$. Smaller increases were noted for: iron products 0.7; chemical products $0.6 \%$; textile products $0.5 \%$; and non-metallic minerals $0.2 \%$.

## Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants,

 1975 - Advance Information.In 1975 there were 354 power laundries and 2,327 dry cleaning and dyeing plants operating in Canada. Receipts of all these establishments totalled $\$ 373.7$ million (up $16.1 \%$ from $\$ 321.8$ million in 1974) and consisted of $\$ 185.0$ million for power laundries and $\$ 188.7$ million for dry cleaning and dyeing plants. The number of persons employed by these establishments as of the last week of September 1975 totalled 26,101 of which 11,732 were in power laundries and 14,369 in dry cleaning and dyeing plants.

For further information, order Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1975 (63-205, 70\$), or contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

Farm Cash Recelpts, January-February 1977 Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates indicate that in the JanuaryFebruary period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled $\$ 1,973.2$ million compared to $\$ 2,426.9$ million realized during the corresponding 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 January-February issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ot:awa K1A OL7.

## Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

January-February
(millions of dollars)

|  | 1977 | 1976 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 19.6 | 22.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 19.7 | 18.7 |
| New Brunswick | 19.4 | 19.8 |
| Quebec | 174.4 | 192.2 |
| Ontario | 405.1 | 409.0 |
| Manitoba | 164.1 | 205.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 666.4 | 975.6 |
| Alberta | 430.1 | 517.5 |
| British Columbia | 64.4 | 66.4 |
| Canada | $\mathbf{1 , 9 7 3 . 2}$ | $2,426.9$ |
|  |  |  |

## Wages and Salaries 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, January 1977 — Advance Information.
Seasonally-adjusted labour income declined 3.1\% to $\$ 9,151.0$ million in January from $\$ 9.441 .7$ million in December. The decrease noted was the result of retroactive payments of $\$ 318$ million made during December 1976; if the estimates were adjusted for these special payments, they would show a slight increase in January.

Users of labour income data should note that the estimates are presently being revised. The revision will cover a period of four years and is expected to increase the current estimates by approximately $4 \%$.

Further details will be published in the JanuaryMarch issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) and additional information may be obtained upon request from Mrs. Gauthier (613-9958067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

Iron Ore, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian mines shipped 1,046,253 short tons of iron ore in February compared to $1,377,217$ short tons in February 1976. This brought the two-months output to

3,888,216 short tons in 1977 from 3,268,784 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the February issue of Iron Ore (26-005, 15 $/ \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Footwear Statistics, Febrụary 1977 - Advance Information.
February production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,359,979 pairs from 3,515,847 in February 1976.

For further information, order the February 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.

Office Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of office furniture shipped $\$ 181.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $9.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $12.4 \%$ to $\$ 102.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.4 \%$ to 5,557 and total salaries and wages increased $14.6 \%$ to $\$ 56.0$ 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 Office Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 (35-212, 70¢).

Industrlal Chemicals, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped $59,800,015$ pounds ( 27124830 kg ) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in February compared to a revised $50,578,124$ pounds ( 22941851 kg) in February 1976.

For further information, order the February 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.

Estimates of Production and Dlsappearance of Poultry Meat, 1976 - Advance Information.
Disappearance of poultry meat in Canada in 1976 was 44.7 pounds per capita compared to 42.6 pounds in 1975. Increases in per capita disappearance occurred mainly in chicken.

Per capita disappearance of poultry meat in 1976, with 1975 figures in brackets and changes between the two years (all figures in pounds):

- Fowl, 2.8 (3.0) -0.2.
- Chicken, 32.3 (29.6) 2.7.
- Turkey, 9.0 (9.5) -0.5 .
- Goose, 0.12 (0.06) 0.06.
- Duck, 0.51 (0.51) -.
- Total, 44.7 (42.6) 2.1

Per capita disappearance of eggs declined $1.6 \%$ in 1976 to 18.3 dozen from 18.7 dozen.

For further information, contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.


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Railway Transport (52-004, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 2, Railway Carloadings, February 1977

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, JanuaryFebruary 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to February were valued at $\$ 115.4$ million, a decrease of $0.7 \%$ from the 1976 figure of $\$ 116.3$ million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of $\$ 25.1$ million.
For further information, order the February 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 OT6.

Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, February 1977 - Advance Information.
February production of rubber increased to 38,336,000 pounds ( 17389000 kg ) from 37,497,000 pounds ( 17008000 kg ) in February 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to $59,067,000$ pounds (26 794000 kg ) from $55,869,000$ pounds ( 25345000 kg ) in February 1976.
For further information, order the February 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.

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Destination of Manufacturers' Shipments, 1974 (Preliminary Data).
Canadian manufacturers report shipping $\$ 37$ billion of goods of their own manufacture outside the province of manufacture in 1974, $\$ 21$ billion of this to other parts of Canada and $\$ 16$ billion to other countries. This compares with about $\$ 40$ billion reported shipped to destinations in the province of origin.

These figures are among preliminary results of tabulations of a special question on the destination of shipments included in the Census of Manufactures. A summary for the total of all manufacturing industries is presented in accompanying tables; revised and more detailed results will be published later.

Of all shipments for which a destination was reported for $1974,52 \%$ were made to the province of manufacture, $27 \%$ to other parts of Canada and $21 \%$ to other countries. In the only previous survey of this nature, for 1967, the corresponding percentages were $56 \%$ to the province of origin, $28 \%$ to other parts of Canada and $16 \%$ to other countries. Actually, if only shipments to Canadian destinations are considered, the over-all pattern has changed little: in 1974, 66\% of such shipments went to the province of origin and $34 \%$ to other parts of Canada whereas, in 1967, 67\% of domestic shipments were intraprovincial and $33 \%$ interprovincial.
Results presented here for 1974 relate to manufacturers receiving the full-length Census questionnaire; small manufacturers, accounting for only $1.6 \%$ of shipments, were not asked to report destinations of their shipments. In addition, custom and repair work ( $2.1 \%$ of manufacturing revenues) was not distributed by destination nor was the small amount of nonresponse (about 3\% of shipments) allocated to destinations.

In the shipments reported, all provinces except the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia showed more than half of shipments as destined to the province of origin. In Canada's largest manufacturing province, Ontario, $53.7 \%$ of shipments covered by the results were shipped to Ontario itself, $24.6 \%$ to the rest of Canada and $21.7 \%$ to other countries. For Quebec respondents, intraprovincial movements accounted for $53.3 \%$, interprovincial shipments for $32.0 \%$ and exports for $14.7 \%$ of shipments.
The highest relative dependence on the rest of Canada was shown by its smallest province, Prince Edward Island, with $53.4 \%$ of shipments destined to other provinces (but only $9.7 \%$ to other countries.) The pattern in the other Atlantic Provinces was generally one of low dependence on markets in the province of origin and relatively high shipments to other countries. In Newfoundland, respondents reported $64.6 \%$ of their shipments destined to other countries as compared with only $\mathbf{2 2 . 1} \%$ to Newfoundland and $13.3 \%$ to the rest of Canada. New Brunswick respondents reported $35.1 \%$ of their shipments as sent to other countries, $31.8 \%$ to the province itself and $33.1 \%$ to other provinces. From the Atlantic provinces as a whole,
$19.2 \%$ of shipments were made to parts of Canada outside the region and $36.8 \%$ to other countries.

On the west coast, British Columbia manufacturing was characterized by the highest dependence on foreign markets after Newfoundland on the east coast. There was a further resemblance in that British Columbia's relative dependence on interprovincial markets was lower than any other province's except Newfoundland's. Respondents in the western province reported shipping $41.3 \%$ to other countries, $43.5 \%$ to their own province but only $\mathbf{1 5 . 2 \%}$ to other provinces.

Patterns of total shipments for the other three western provinces showed considerable resemblance to each other. Manitoba reported $52.2 \%$ intraprovincial shipments, $37.6 \%$ to other provinces and $10.2 \%$ to other countries. Saskatchewan's shipments went $53.7 \%$ to the province, $34.7 \%$ elsewhere in Canada and $11.6 \%$ to other countries. In Alberta, the 58.4\% of shipments reported shipped within the province was the highest of any Canadian province; $34.0 \%$ was shipped to other provinces and $7.7 \%$ to other countries.

An important economic consideration makes for understatement of the dependence of provinces on markets outside their borders. Plants supplying materials or parts to industries in their own province which ship to other provinces or countries depend ultimately on the same external markets even though reporting their own shipments as made within the province. This contributes to the high internal shipments of more industrialized provinces like Ontario and Quebec.

The data also understate the dependence of provinces on outside markets to the extent that shipments to the province of origin are made to wholesalers or company outlets in the province which distribute to other provinces or countries. Ontario and Quebec shipments within their own borders reflect this for many industries, while British Columbia lumber exports are understated. Shipments to wholesalers in a different province have a similar effect, raising, for example, Manitoba's receipts from some industries because of goods ultimately destined for Saskatchewan or elsewhere.

While the 1974 survey asked simply for the destination rather than the "first destination", as requested for1967, the latter still represents what most manufacturers can report. However, a sharp increase in Ontario exports relative to those of Quebec between the two years was apparently heavily influenced by the motor vehicle industry reporting exports on an ultimate destination basis rather than the first destination basis of 1967. (A book transfer to a head or sales office can define a destination.)

Making for understatement of internal markets is the fact that small establishments, shipping mainly to the province of origin, are omitted. (Some small establish(continued)
ments are included for Alberta, as the Alberta Bureau of Statistics undertook a survey of them.) The small amount of non-response would have a varying impact on the figures for over-all dependence on shipments to other countries.

Some respondents had difficulty distributing shipments to individual Atlantic Provinces as destinations, and aggregates for the region are probably of higher quality than provincial detail, particularly for Prince Edward Island.

Data for 1967 are not fully comparable with those presented here; for the earlier year, custom work was distributed, destinations of shipments of small manufacturers were estimated by Statistics Canada and non-response was allocated in line with the response pattern.

It appears, however, that between the two surveys the degree to which western Canada and the Atlantic provinces supply their own manufactures has risen, relative to imports from central Canada, and that the over-all importance of Ontario as a supplier to other provinces has declined somewhat. These comparisons are influenced by the "industry mix", that is, the changing relative importance of industries with particular distribution patterns, and other considerations aside from competitiveness.

Data similar to Table 1 can be obtained for the twenty major groups of the manufacturing industries by writing or telephoning D.S. Wilson (613-996-4991), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete, final industry detail will be published later in Destination of Shipments of Manufacturers, 1974 (Cat. No. 31-522). (see tables on pages 4,5 and 6)

Retall Trade, February 1977 - Advance Information. Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for February were $\$ 5,008.4$ million, a decrease of $0.2 \%$ from the $\$ 5,019.8$ million recorded in January. Sales rose in 19 of the 28 trade groups. Household appliance stores (19.0\%), general stores ( $14.6 \%$ ) and family clothing stores ( $12.4 \%$ ) showed the largest increases, while general merchandise stores ( $-12.7 \%$ ) registered the largest decrease. Four of the 10 provinces had increased sales from January, ranging from a 7.3\% gain for Saskatchewan to $0.4 \%$ for New Brunswick. The largest decline occurred in Manitoba (-6.3\%).

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 4,012.6$ million in February, an increase of $9.2 \%$ over February 1976. Sales were up in 24 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were recorded by specialty shoe stores ( $31.2 \%$ ) and book and stationery stores $(26.0 \%)$. All provinces had increased sales over February 1976, ranging from a high of $11.4 \%$ for Ontario to $0.2 \%$ for Manitoba. Montreal sales rose $7.5 \%$; Toronto $13.5 \%$; Winnipeg 2.8\%; and Vancouver 15.3\%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for January 1977 was $\$ 4,093.6$ million, up 9.2\% from January 1976.

For further information, order the February 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.

Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Frults and Vegetabies, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance information on the pack, shipments and stocks of selected canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for the month of February is now available.

For further information, order the February issue of Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables (32-011, 304/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Canvas Products Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Canvas products manufacturers shipped $\$ 60.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $19.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $13.6 \%$ to $\$ 31.6$ million, the number of employees increased $6.8 \%$ to 2,394 and total salaries and wages increased $18.3 \%$ to $\$ 18.5$ million.

For further information, contact E. Gluck (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published Iater in Canvas Products and Cotton and Jute Bags Industries, 1975 (34-202, 70థ).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 9, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 9 was 272,940 short tons (247 607 t), a decrease of $0.5 \%$ from the preceding week's revised total of 274,354 short tons (248 890 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 280,699 tons ( 254646 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 149.0 in the current week, 149.7 (revised) a week earlier and 153.2 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

## Table 1: Destination of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture

 by Province of Origin, 1974 (Preliminary)

Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Shipments of Larger Manufacturing Establishments, by Destination, 1974 (excluding unallocated shipments, and custom and repair work)

| All figures below are percentages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Destination |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Province of Origin | Newfoundland | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Yukon and Northwest Territories | Outside Canada | Total |
| Newfoundland | 22.1 | -- | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9.8 | 0.9 | $x$ | $x$ | X | $x$ | -- | 64.6 | 100.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.1 | 37.0 | 19.7 | 10.4 | 6.8 | 8.0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | x | x | 9.7 | 100.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 4.8 | 3.1 | 38.1 | 5.3 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | . | 27.6 | 100.0 |
| New Brunswick | 2.7 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 31.8 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |  | 35.1 | 100.0 |
| Quebec | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 53.3 | 20.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 14.7 | 100.0 |
| Ontario | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 53.7 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 21.7 | 100.0 |
| Manitoba | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 5.9 | 12.9 | 52.2 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 100.0 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 53.7 | 8.7 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 11.6 | 100.0 |
| Alberta | 0.1 | -- | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 6.2 | 58.4 | 13.1 | 1.0 | 7.7 | 100.0 |
| British Columbia | 0.1 | -- | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 43.5 | 0.4 | 41.3 | 100.0 |
| Canada | 1.0 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 21.7 | 34.0 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 5.6 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 21.2 | 100.0 |

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Tabie 3: Percentage Distribution of Sources of Shipments of Larger Canadian Manufacturing Establishments Destined within Canada, 1974

All figures below are percentages
Destination

| Province of Origin | Newfoundland | Prince Edward Island | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newfoundland | 20.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | -- | X | X | $x$ | X | 0.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.8 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | -- | -- | x | X | $\times$ | x | 0.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 10.2 | 18.1 | 38.2 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| New Brunswick | 5.5 | 10.1 | 7.2 | 35.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Quebec | 25.7 | 29.4 | 18.8 | 24.4 | 66.6 | 16.5 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 29.3 |
| Ontario | 35.2 | 29.5 | 30.3 | 28.8 | 27.9 | 79.6 | 32.7 | 29.9 | 26.4 | 23.3 | 50.2 |
| Manitoba | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 43.1 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 3.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 31.6 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Alberta | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 13.5 | 49.0 | 9.0 | 5.5 |
| British Columbia | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 9.4 | 55.7 | 6.5 |
| Canada | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^2]Receipts and Payments on International Travel, 1976


For further information, contact Mr. M.W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A OT6.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, Final. Estimates 1976 - Advance Information.
Final estimates for the year 1976 show that Canada earned $\$ 1,930$ million from international travel compared to $\$ 1,815$ million in 1975 . However, Canadians spent $\$ 3,121$ million abroad, leaving a record deficit of $\$ 1,191$ million compared to the deficit of $\$ 727$ million posted in 1975.

Canadian receipts in 1976 comprised $\$ 1,346$ million from travellers from the United States (slightly higher than in 1975) and $\$ 584$ million from those of all other countries (up 22.2\%).

Fewer Americans visiting Canada contributed to the stagnant state of receipts from the U.S. In contrast, the number of visitors from other countries increased sharply - due principally to the Olympics - and produced a significant rise in receipts.

Canadian resident spending abroad included $\$ 1,956$ million in the U.S. and $\$ 1,165$ million in all other countries, increases of $23.3 \%$ and $22.0 \%$, respectively. The growth in payments reflected both increased numbers of international travellers and higher levels of spending.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ 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 Brunswick | 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 250 | 30 | 17 | 32 | 329 | 155 | 44 | - | 16 | 215 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 117 | 16 | - | - | 133 | 118 | 8 | - | - | 126 |
| Edmonton | 165 | 16 | 120 | 123 | 424 | 461 | 20 | 263 | 332 | 1,076 |
| Halifax | 71 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 122 | 124 | 18 | - | - | 142 |
| Hamilton | 72 | 18 | 117 | - | 207 | 108 | 66 | 266 | 286 | 726 |
| Hull | 14 | - | - | 85 | 99 | 97 | 8 | 11 | 31 | 147 |
| Kitchener | 53 | 16 | 54 | 463 | 586 | 142 | 34 | 80 | 28 | 284 |
| London | 98 | 30 | 117 | 72 | 317 | 84 | 32 | 142 | - | 258 |
| Montreal | 829 | 74 | 18 | 1,690 | 2,611 | 778 | 106 | 39 | 1,111 | 2,034 |
| Oshawa | 7 | 30 | 42 | - | 79 | 52 | 17 | 136 | - | 255 |
| 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, April 1976 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).


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Electrical Products (43-007, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 4, Domestic Water Tank Heaters, February 1977

The Labour Force, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Employment and unemployment, on a seasonallyadjusted basis, both showed increases in March, but Canada's unemployment rate rose to $8.1 \%$ from $7.9 \%$ in February. The rate in March 1976 was 6.8\%
The adjusted employment level was estimated at $9,672,000$ in March, up 16,000 from February. The unemployment level was estimated at 856,000, an increase of 27,000 from February.
The increase in employment in March was entirely concentrated among female workers: 15,000 for women 25 years of age and over and 10,000 for women 15-24. The level decreased for men 25 years of age and over $(-8,000)$, while it showed little change for men 1524.

The adjusted unemployment level increased for men 15-24 (7,000), men 25 and over (11,000) and women 25 and over ( 10,000 ).
Seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rates for the provinces, with February rates in brackets: Newfoundland 16.1\% (15.1\%); Prince Edward Island 9.9\% (9.0\%); Nova Scotia 11.7\% (11.0\%); New Brunswick 14.3\% (13.0\%); Quebec 10.0\% (9.7\%); Ontario 7.1\% (6.8\%); Manitoba 5.7\% (6.0\%); Saskatchewan 4.6\% (3.7\%); Alberta $4.5 \%$ ( $4.0 \%$ ); and British Columbia 8.8\% (8.2\%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the March labour force was $10,294,000$ with $9,350,000$ employed and 944,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 9.2\%. In February, the labour force was 10,222,000 with $9,290,000$ employed and 932,000 unemployed for a rate of $9.1 \%$. In March 1976, the labour force was $10,019,000$ with $9,258,000$ employed and 759,000 unemployed for a rate of $7.6 \%$.
For further information, order the March issue of The Labour Force ( $71,001,55 \$ / \$ 5.50$ ).
(see graph on next page)

Mineral Productlon, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of minerals for February and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold: 136,625 troy ounces; 274,335 troy ounces (133,463; 282,410).
- Silver: 3,456,290 troy ounces; 6,576,121 troy ounces (3,129,203; 6,551,546).
- Primary copper: 72,640 short tons, 151,814 short tons (54,880; 130,856).
- Primary nickel: 23,290 short tons; 48,731 short tons (22,475; 46,170).
- Refined lead: 17,905 short tons; 35,808 short tons (17,846; 37,216).
- Refined zinc: 49,748 short tons; 103,122 short tons (39,607; 81,649).
For further information, order the February issues of: Gold Production (26-004, 15\$/\$1.50); Copper and Nickel Production (26-003, 15\$/\$1.50); and Silver, Lead and Zinc Production (26-008, 15\$/\$1.50); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


Juveniles in Confilict with the Law, December 1976 Advance Information.
The Justice Statistics Division has completed work on a special survey of juveniles in contlict with the law in Canada. Undertaken in coilaboration with the federal Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the survey in December, 1976 ascertained the number and kinds of juveniles apprehended by police, and the manner in which the police dealt with them.

This survey of 8,903 juveniles showed that most were 14 or 15 years of age and had been apprehended for minor property offences. One-third were formally charged with some offence, while a warning was given in $42 \%$ of the cases.

More detailed figures will be provided in forthcoming publications. The first, Preliminary Statistics from a Survey of Juveniles in Conflict with the Law, will be released at the end of April.

Sugar Sales, March 1977 - Advance Information. For March, Canadian sugar refinerles reported total sales of 91468977 kilograms ( $201,654,608 \mathrm{lbs}$.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 84237934 kilograms. (185,712,885 lbs.) and export sales totailed $7: 231043$ kilograms ( $15,941,723$ Ibs.).

For further information, contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8819), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Railway CarloadIngs
10-day period ending March 31

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 3,871,192 | 2,983,354 | 6,854,546 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 3,661,952 | 2,505,235 | 6,167,187 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 3511886 | 2706453 | 6218339 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 3322067 | 2272711 | 5594778 |
| \% change | 5.7 | 19.1 | 11.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 66,238 | 44,278 | 110,516 |
| Cars, 1976 | 64,642 | 38,042 | 102,684 |
| \% change | 2.5 | 16.4 | 7.6 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 250,475 | 92,056 | 342,531 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 195,705 | 67,301 | 263,006 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 227227 | 83512 | 310739 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 177541 | 61054 | 238595 |
| \% change | 28.0 | 36.8 | 30.2 |
| Cars, 1977 | 7,846 | 3,876 | 11,722 |
| Cars, 1976 | 6,478 | 2,804 | 9,282 |
| \% change | 21.1 | 38.2 | 26.3 |
| Vear-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 29,022,738 | 26,062,608 | 55,085,346 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 28,275,430 | 23,390,373 | 51,665,803 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 26328985 | 23643600 | 49972585 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 25651039 | 21219389 | 46870428 |
| \% change | 2.6 | 11.4 | 6.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 490,346 | 395,496 | 885,842 |
| Cars, 1976 | 486,907 | 366,665 | 853,572 |
| \% change | 0.7 | 7.9 | 3.8 |
| Piggy back traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 1,998,875 | 714,589 | 2,713,464 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,581,089 | 618,032 | 2,199,121 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1813349 | 648264 | 2461613 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1434340 | 560669 | 1995009 |
| \% change | 26.4 | 15.6 | 23.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 60,675 | 30,822 | 91,497 |
| Cars, 1976 | 53,271 | 25,958 | 79,229 |
| \% change | 13.9 | 18.7 | 15.5 |

-Includes trailers and containers on fiat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures are revised.

Rallway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended March 31, 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.

Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 6.9 million short tons ( 6.2 million $t$ ) in the above period, up $11.1 \%$ from the corresponding 10 days in 1976. Tonnage east of Thunder Bay and Armstrong was $5.7 \%$ higher while volume in the West rose $19.1 \%$. The number of cars loaded increased $7.6 \%$ to 110,516 and average tons per car edged up to 62.0 from 60.1.
Trailer-container (piggyback) movements in the most recent period rose $30.2 \%$ with shipments originating in the East up $28.0 \%$ and in the West up 36.8\%.

Railways finished the first quarter of 1977 up 6.6\% from 1976 in terms of tons; showed a $3.8 \%$ increase in the number of cars loaded; and reported a $23.4 \%$ improvement in piggyback shipments.

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

Leather Tannerles, 1975.
Leather tanneries shipped $\$ 104.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $6.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $19.6 \%$ to $\$ 45.0$ million, the number of employees increased $4.5 \%$ to 2,605 and total salaries and wages increased $11.7 \%$ to $\$ 25.7$ 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 Leather Tanneries, 1975 (33-202, 70¢).

Miscellaneous Leather Products Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

Misce!laneous leather products manufacturers shipped $\$ 102.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $10.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $5.1 \%$ to $\$ 57.6$ million, the number of employees increased $1.0 \%$ to 4,738 and total salaries and wages increased $15.3 \%$ to $\$ 35.4$ 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 Miscellaneous Leather Products Manufacturers, 1975 (33-205, 704).

Commerclal Traller Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Commercial trailer manufacturers shipped $\$ 117.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $15.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $14.8 \%$ to $\$ 56.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $19.2 \%$ to 2,875 and total salaries and wages decreased $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 34.6$ 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 Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 (42-217, 70¢).

Logging, 1975 - Advance Information.
The logging industry shipped $\$ 2,474$ million worth of products in 1975, down $9.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $9.6 \%$ to $\$ 1,126$ million, the number of employees decreased $9.9 \%$ to 53,622 and total salaries and wages decreased $0.9 \%$ to $\$ 712$ million.
For further information, contact Colin F. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Logging, 1975 (25201, \$1.40).


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Seasonally Adjusted
(1969=100)

Year QI QII QIII QIV | Annual |
| :---: |
| Average | QI QII QIII QIV Annual

|  |  | Canada |  |  |  | Atlantic Provinces |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1971 |  | 77 | 85 | 85 | 97 | 86 | 88 | 86 | 84 | 89 | 87 |
| 1972 |  | 106 | 111 | 118 | 126 | 115 | 85 | 97 | 101 | 132 | 104 |
| 1973 |  | 131 | 137 | 156 | 171 | 149 | 122 | 125 | 135 | 166 | 137 |
| 1974 |  | 193 | 208 | 210 | 183 | 199 | 217 | 234 | 227 | 268 | 236 |
| 1975 |  | 163 | 166 | 166 | 160 | 164 | 215 | 223 | 237 | 163 | 210 |
| 1976 |  | 171 | 148 | 153 | 156 | 157 | 132 | 138 | 142 | 132 | 136 |
| 1977 |  | 163 |  |  |  |  | 171 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Quebec |  |  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 |  | 79 | 93 | 93 | 105 | 93 | 74 | 82 | 76 | 90 | 80 |
| 1972 |  | 109 | 112 | 117 | 116 | 114 | 105 | 111 | 122 | 128 | 116 |
| 1973 |  | 128 | 125 | 152 | 156 | 140 | 132 | 139 | 158 | 164 | 148 |
| 1974 |  | 182 | 212 | 214 | 206 | 203 | 176 | 183 | 180 | 141 | 170 |
| 1975 |  | 182 | 192 | 220 | 208 | 200 | 123 | 120 | 114 | 106 | 116 |
| 1976 |  | 211 | 183 | 193 | 192 | 195 | 118 | 101. | 103 | 101. = | 106 |
| 1977 |  | 194 |  |  |  |  | 112 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Prairie Provinces |  |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 |  | 79 | 81 | 92 | 100 | 88 | 70 | 74 | 90 | -99 | 83 |
| 1972 |  | 108 | 115 | 122 | 140 | 121 | 104 | 106 | 118 | 122 | 113 |
| 1973 |  | 129 | 142 | 155 | 198 | 156 | 133 | 159 | 176 | 199 | 167 |
| 1974 |  | 217 | 234 | 253 | 218 | 230 | 226 | 234 | 243 | 181 | 221 |
| 1975 |  | 194 | 209 | 187 | 195 | 196 | 155 | 154 | 149 | 151 | 152 |
| 1976 |  | 211 | 196 | 213 | 229 | 212 | 165 | 138 | 142 | 149 | 148 |
| 1977 |  | 211 |  |  |  |  | 150 | . | . |  |  |

Help Wanted Index, First Quarter 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The seasonally-adjusted help wanted index (1969=100) rose to 163 in the first quarter of 1977, up 4\% from the previous quarter. All areas reported increases except the Prairie provinces, which experienced a decline of $8 \%$.
Although the over-all index dropped 5\% from the first quater of 1976, the Atlantic provinces recorded an increase of 29\% and the Prairie provinces remained unchanged.

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

Fur Goods Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The fur goods industry shipped $\$ 141.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $16 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $18.7 \%$ to $\$ 48.6$ million, the number of employees increased $8.5 \%$ to 2,809 and total salaries and wages increased $15.9 \%$ to $\$ 24.7$ 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 Fur Goods Industry, 1975 (34213, 70¢).

Telephone Statistics, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of $\$ 281.5$ million in February, up 9.2\% over February 1976. Operating expenses were $\$ 199.6$ million, an increase of $16.9 \%$. Net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 82.0$ million, a decrease of $6.0 \%$ from February 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased $9.8 \%$ to 72.0 milion 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 OV5.

Olls and Fats - Manufacturers' Sales
February 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Margarine |  | Shortening* |  | Salad Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Retail Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 21,080 | 9562 | 4,552 | 2065 | 7,298 | 3311 |
| 1976 | 22,270 | 10101 | 5,338 | 2421 | 7,193 | 3263 |
| Commercial Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 1,963 | 890 | 11,536 | 5233 | 1,375 | 624 |
| 1976 | 838 | 380 | 11,525 | 5228 | 1,171 | 531 |
| Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 12,306 | 5582 | 3,773 | 1711 | 7,072 | 3208 |
| 1976 | 12,810 | 5811 | 3,114 | 1413 | 5,577 | 2530 |
| Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | - | - | 11,438 | 5188 | 2,948 | 1385 |
| 1976 | - | - | 12,091 | 5484 | 4,240 | 1923 |

* Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the February 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 OV6.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, April 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at April 1 amounted to 75.5 million pounds compared with last year's total of 54.4 million pounds.
For further information, order the April 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 0L7.

Steel Ingots and Plg Iron, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for March was 1,340,854 short tons (1 216402 t). Preliminary pig iron production for March was 872,276 short tons (791 315 t).
For further information, order the March issue of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-002, 15c/\$1.50), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV3.

Destinatlon of Manufacturers' Shlpments, 1974 (Preliminary).
In the report published April 13, data in Table 1 indicated, as a result of atypographical error, that New Brunswick manufacturers reported shipping. \$5.1 million of goods of their own manufacture to Saskatchewan. This should have read $\$ 3.1$ million.

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

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | 1976 |  | 1977 |  | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. |  |
| Index of Industrial Production | 29.497 | 120.4 | 121.5 | 122.7 | 122.8 | 0.1 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 113.3 | 113.8 | 114.8 | 116.5 | 1.5 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 107.6 | 104.2 | 116.4 | 111.9 | -3.9 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 118.5 | 123.1 | 111.2 | 118.9 | 6.9 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 123.8 | 125.7 | 133.8 | 140.9 | 5.3 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 118.7 | 119.8 | 121.0 | 120.8 | -0.2 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 109.4 | 109.9 | 113.0 | 113.9 | 0.8 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 105.5 | 113.2 | 122.5 | 118.7 | -3.1 |
| Rubber and plastics products industries | . 650 | 152.0 | 151.5 | 151.9 | 150.2 | -1.1 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 96.1 | 94.9 | 97.6 | 94.7 | -3.0 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 108.7 | 110.2 | 110.3 | 110.5 | 0.2 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 100.3 | 101.1 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 0.2 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 109.6 | 109.8 | 110.0 | 110.0 | - |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 131.2 | 132.1 | 138.1 | 135.5 | -1.9 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | . 420 | 112.1 | 112.4 | 111.4 | 112.0 | 0.5 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 117.6 | 113.2 | 117.8 | 117.9 | 0.1 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 116.3 | 117.4 | 118.5 | 117.6 | -0.8 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 96.8 | 101.3 | 107.7 | $\therefore 106.6$ | -1.0 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 120.4 | . 120.7 | 121.6 | 122.6 | 0.8 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 133.3 | 134.1 | 132.8 | 132.3 | -0.4 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 132.1 | 138.1 | 133.2 | 132.2 | -0.8 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 118.7 | 116.9 | 115.4 | 115.4 | - |
| Non-metalic mineral products industries | . 905 | 118.8 | 117.6 | 115.2 | 113.0 | -1.9 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 126.2 | 133.1 | 135.9 | 139.3 | 2.5 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 135.1 | 136.5 | 139.3 | 140.0 | 0.5 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 112.8 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 111.5 | 0.4 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 143.3 | 146.4 | 147.2 | 147.6 | 0.3 |
| Speclai industry grouplngs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.1 | 117.2 | 119.6 | 119.8 | 0.2 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 120.3 | 122.3 | 122.4 | 121.8 | -0.5 |

Index of Industrlal Production, February 1977 Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased $0.1 \%$ to 122.8 in February from the upward-revised level of 122.7 in January. Mining and utilities increased, while manufacturing declined slightly.

For further information, order the February 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 T6.

Consumer Credit, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached $\$ 21,868$ million at the end of February, $16.4 \%$ more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of February 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: $\$ 16,405$ million, up 22:2\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 74$ million, up 25.4\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: $\$ 1,224$ million, up 5.8\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 226$ million, down $7.0 \%$; large $\$ 1,485$ million, down $0.8 \%$; instalment sales paper $\$ 1,112$ million, up $0.1 \%$.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,344$ million, up $3.1 \%$.
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 balances outstanding of $\$ 3,820$ million, up $17.8 \%$. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issuers; 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 a year earlier.

For further information, order the February 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.

Federal Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
Including members of the Canadian Forces, the federal government and its enterprises had 576,164 employees as of December, 1976 with a gross payroll (including overtime and retroactive payments) of $\$ 2,119.9$ million for the fourth quarter. (The additional coverage of 26,522 Post Office Christmas helpers and 2,000 revenue post office employees with a gross payroll of $\$ 6.8$ million for the quarter constitutes most of the increase in the employment figures when compared to those for the period October-December 1975.)

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Federal Government Employment (72-004, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact Mr. T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Government Finance, 1975-76 - Advance Information.
Gross general revenue receipts of the federal government amounted to $\$ 34,703$ million for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976. Gross general expenditure was $\$ 36,845$ million, leaving a deficit for the fiscal year of $\$ 2,142$ million.
'For further information, contact Mr. G.M. Mcllveen (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics -Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Platemaking, Typesetting and Trade Bindery Industry, 1975 - Advance Inf̣ormation.,
The platemaking, typesetting and trade bindery industry shipped $\$ 149.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 11.1\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10.5 \%$ to $\$ 116.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $0.7 \%$ to 6,683 and total salaries and wages increased $10.6 \%$ to $\$ 80.3$ 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 Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975 (36-203, \$1.40).

Lime Manuf̣acturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Lime manufacturers shipped $\$ 44.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975 , down $.01 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $.01 \%$ to $\$ 24.9$ million, the number of.employees decreased $6.0 \%$ to 790 and total salaries and wages increased $7.1 \%$ to $\$ 9.1$ million.

For further information, contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Lime Manufacturers, 1975 (44-209, 70¢).

Weekly Security Price Indexes
April 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Apr. 7/77 <br> This week | Apr. 1/77 <br> Week ago | Mar. 11/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1971=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 101.4 | 102.6 | 102.1 |
| Industrlals | 85 | 101.8 | 103.4 | 102.2 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.7 | 83.6 | 83.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 79.7 | 80.7 | 79.7 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 110.4 | 112.2 | 114.7 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 135.9 | 137.8 | 134.0 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 101.6 | 105.0 | 101.5 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 106.5 | 109.4 | 106.1 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 94.0 | 96.0 | 95.8 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 179.0 | 180.3 | 180.4 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 89.5 | 89.5 | 86.9 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 97.9 | 98.4 | 98.6 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 108.8 | 109.7 | 109.3 |
| Construction | 5 | 220:0 | 221.5 | 223.6 |
| Trade | 15 | 80.8 | 82.2 | 78.4 |
| Utillities and services | 28 | 94.8 | 94.7 | 94.6 |
| Transportation | 6 | 126.0 | 126.2 | 124.8 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 83.4 | 82.8 | 82.3 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 97.5 | 95.9 | 102.3 |
| Telephone | 4 | 97.9 | 98.2 | 96.9 |
| Electric power | 3 | 119.8 | 119.5 | 122.9 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 71.4 | 71.7 | 73.2 |
| Finances | 21 | 109.4 | 110.9 | 112.6 |
| Banks | 8 | 112.1 | 113.4 | 115.1 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 102.5 | 104.1 | 107.1 |
| Insurance | 4 | 106.8 | 107.8 | 104.2 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 112.7 | 114.3 | 115.1 |
| Golds | 9 | 207.5 | 211.3 | 212.8 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.3 | 67.8 | 68.2 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 177.5 | 182.3 | 181.8 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 105.7 | 104.3 | 102.3 |

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


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## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, March 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. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately; for reference see footnote to tables.
From February to March, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from $0.6 \%$ in Quebec City and Vancouver to $1.5 \%$ in Saskatoon. Higher prices for petroleum products, fresh produce, restaurant meals, and postage were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included increased prices for clothing and cigarettes along with higher shelter charges.

## St. John's

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.2\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.1\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and coffee; increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, seasonal clothing items, cigarettes, and postage.

## Hailiax

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.9\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, pork and restaurant meals; higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage.

## Saint John

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.1\%.

Main contributors: higher fuel oil and gasoline prices and increased telephone and postage rates. Prices also up for fresh fruit and cigarettes.

## Quebec Clty

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.6; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.2\%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, fuel oil, postage and seasonal clothing items. Food prices up slightly, particularly for coffee and fresh fruit.

## Montreal

All items: February to March 1977, up $0.9 \%$; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.3\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, seasonal clothing items and postage. Higher prices also recorded for fresh fruit, restaurant meals and cigarettes.

## Ottawa

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.1\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.0\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline and local transit fares; higher prices for seasonal clothïng items and for postage. Food prices up, particularly for fresh fruit, fresh milk and coffee.

## Toronto

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.0\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.9\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh fruit, milk, coffee and restaurant meals; increased prices for fuel oil, gasoline, domestic gas, postage and seasonal clothing items.

## Thunder Bay

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.8\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 6.7\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee and restaurant meals; higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage.

## Winnipeg

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.8\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.9\%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher prices for fuel oil, gasoline and postage. Prices also up for fresh fruit and cigarettes.
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## Saskatoon

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.5\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.0\%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, clothing and postage. Food prices up - for fresh fruit, pork and restaurant meals in particular.

## Regina

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.3\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 9.6\%.

Main contributors: higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, seasonal clothing items and postage. Food prices up, particularly for fresh produce and coffee.

## Edmonton

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.4\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 8.8\%.

Main contributors: higher prices for fresh produce, milk, pork and restaurant meals; increased local transit fares and higher prices for gasoline and furniture.

## Calgary

All items: February to March 1977, up 1.0\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.7\%.
Main contributors: higher prices for fresh milk, fresh produce, bread, pork, and restaurant meals; increased taxi fares and gasoline prices. Shelter charges and postage rates also up.

## Vancouver

All items: February to March 1977, up 0.6\%; March 1976 to March 1977, up 7.2\%.

Main contributors: higher rates for electricity, domestic gas, fuel oil, gasoline and postage. Beer and cigarette prices also up. Automobile insurance rates declined. Food at home prices declined slightly.
(see table on pages 4 and 5)
Prellminary Report on Job Vacancles, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the first quarter of 1977 show almost no change in the average number of vacant jobs from the previous quarter, and a decrease of $17 \%$ from the comparable period of 1976. For the average day in the first quarter of 1977, vacancies for full-time, parttime and casual jobs totalled 39,900, down marginally from 40,300 in the fourth quarter of 1976.

The number of vacancies for full-time jobs - at 35,400 - remained virtually unchanged from the previous quarter. However, the number of longer-term vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased by $10 \%$ to 12,600.
For every 1,000 existing jobs in the first quarter of 1977, five were vacant, unchanged from the fourth quarter of 1976. A year earlier, the comparable rate was six per 1,000. The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (11 per 1,000) and Saskatchewan (seven per 1,000 ). The lowest vacancy rate (two per 1,000 ) occurred in Nova Scotia.
Readers should note that the Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the number of vacancies available on an average day in a three-month period. It is not intended to measure all vacancies which occurred during that period. Specifically, vacancies which occur and are filled between any two surveytaking days are not covered. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing,
hunting, trapping and households. The Job Vacancy Survey provides consistent and reliable data primarily on trends in job openings over time. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix, 1972 (71-521, 50¢).

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

| : | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st. Q. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \\ & \text { (Rate } \end{aligned}$ | 4th $Q$ 1976 per 1,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st Q. } \\ & \text { 1976 } \\ & \text { jobs) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada(1) | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Atlantic Provinces(2) | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Newfoundland | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| New Brunswick |  | 4 | 7 |
| Quebec | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Ontario | 5 | 4 | - 5 |
| Manitoba | 4 | 5 | - : 8 |
| Saskatchewan | 7 | 8. | 8 |
| Alberta | 11 | 13 | 11 |
| British Columbia | 3 | 3 | 4 |

p Preliminary estimates.
(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.
(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), or Ms. M. Béaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Federal Government Enterprise Finance, 1975 Advance Information.
Federal government enterprises had income of $\$ 7,002.6$ million during the fiscal years ended nearest to December 31, 1975. Expenditure for the corresponding period amounted to $\$ 6,750.6$ million. On a financial management basis, this produced a surplus of $\$ 230.6$ million after provision for income tax.

For further information, contact Mr. G.M: Mcllveen (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

Refined Petroleum Products, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 53,399,000 barreis of retined petroleum products in February, an increase of 7.5\% compared to the latest available data for February 1976.

Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to $53,508,000$ barrels, an increase of $5.2 \%$ over February 1976.

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

## 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 | Trans-portation $1=100 \text { ) }$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 162.0 | 187.5 | 160.2 | 131.9 | 157.7 | 160.3 | 136.0 | 141.8 |
| February 1977 index | 160.1 | 184.6 | 158.1 | 131.2 | 155.5 | 160.2 | 135.2 | 140.8 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 9.7 | 6.3 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 1.5 |
| Halliax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 152.4 | 175.5 | 147.0 | 130.9 | 156.0 | 141.4 | 134.7 | 136.2 |
| February 1977 index | 150.5 | 171.6 | 145.3 | 130.2 | 154.5 | 140.8 | 134.4 | 135.3 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 4.3 | 7.2 |
| Salnt John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 155.8 | 180.1 | 151.5 | 130.3 | 152.7 | 154.9 | 149.3 | 133.0 |
| February 1977 index | 153.8 | 177.7 | 149.2 | 128.9 | 150.7 | 154.5 | 148.8 | 131.7 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 9.5 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 6.8 |
| Quebec Clty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 152.6 | 177.0 | 145.8 | 133.4 | 153.4 | 144.8 | 139.5 | 139.5 |
| February 1977 index | 151.7 | 176.8 | 144.8 | 131.2 | 151.2 | 144.4 | 139.0 | 139.5 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 9.2 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 154.2 | 178.0 | 142.3 | 142.9 | 154.9 | 148.7 | 143.8 | 142.7 |
| February 1977 index | 152.8 | 176.8 | 141.0 | 140.6 | 153.0 | 148.4 | 143.4 | 141.4 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 9.1 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 10.7 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 154.9 | 169.4 | 152.9 | 145.8 | 150.9 | 149.6 | 136.7 | 142.8 |
| February 1977 index | 153.2 | 167.5 | 151.7 | 143.1 | 147.8 | 149.0 | 136.5 | 142.1 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 8.0 | 4.4 | 11.8 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 8.0 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 153.6 | 172.4 | 149.1 | 135.3 | 150.8 | 157.6 | 140.6 | 140.0 |
| February 1977 index | 152.1 | 170.0 | 147.7 | 132.7 | 149.1 | 157.4 | 139.8 | 139.8 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 6.9 | 4.2 | 9.4 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 3.7 | 8.1 |
| Thunder Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 155.1 | 171.0 | 155.4 | 129.6 | 158.8 | 152.8 | 138.3 | 138.1 |
| February 1977 index | 153.9 | 168.9 | 154.3 | 129.0 | 157.2 | 152.8 | 138.2 | 138.1 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 6.7 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 157.6 | 173.4 | 162.9 | 136.0 | 149.6 | 155.9 | 138.4 | 141.4 |
| February 1977 index | 156.3 | 173.1 | 160.3 | 136.1 | 147.4 | 155.9 | 137.8 | 140.7 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 | -0.1 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 7.9 | 3.6 | 13.8 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 9.8 |
| Saskatoon** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 153.2 | 170.5 | 150.5 | 140.3 | 145.1 | 145.8 | 151.9 | 141.6 |
| February 1977 index | 150.9 | 168.0 | 149.4 | 138.2 | 140.7 | 145.4 | 151.5 | 135.5 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.5 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 12.6 |
| Regina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 154.7 | 166.8 | 154.6 | 137.9 | 148.2 | 152.3 | 155.7 | 143.4 |
| February 1977 index | 152.7 | 165.9 | 153.5 | 135.5 | 143.5 | 152.0 | 155.0 | 137.2 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 11.5 | 6.4 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 7.7 | 13.8 |

## 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 (1 | Trans-portation $1=100)$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 156.3 | 167.4 | 163.2 | 138.0 | 156.2 | 142.0 | 140.4 | 133.1 |
| February 1977 index | 154.2 | 164.0 | 161.6 | 136.6 | 152.3 | 141.2 | 139.8 | 132.2 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 12.0 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 3.8 |
| Calgary** | . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 154.2 | 164.9 | 156.0 | 141.8 | 152.6 | 147.9 | 142.7 | 135.6 |
| February 1977 index | 152.6 | 162.6 | 155.1 | 140.9 | 149.6 | 147.0 | 142.1 | 134.6 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 7.7 | 3.5 | 11.3 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 5.8 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 1977 index | 158.4 | 176.8 | 156.9 | 140.5 | 155.0 | 151.5 | 135.1 | 142.2 |
| February 1977 index | 157.4 | 176.9 | 153.3 | 139.7 | 157.6 | 151.0 | 134.3 | 137.8 |
| \% change from February 1977 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 2.3 | 0.6 | -1.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 3.2 |
| \% change from March 1976 | 7.2 | 4.1 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 4.5 | 8.1 |

* 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 Calgarysupersede, as of January 1975, the combinedcities series of Saskatoon-Regina and Edmonton-Calgary. For further details see Retail Prices and Living Costs Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5 (62-009).

Tobacco Products, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of cigarettes for March amounted to 6.5 billion compared to 6.4 billion for March 1976. Production of cigars was 38.0 million compared to 52.7 million for March 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.

Decorative Laminate Sheet, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
Domestic shipments of $1 / 8$-inch high pressure laminate sheet totalled 22.2 million square feet ( $2.1 \mathrm{Mm2}$ ) with a value of $\$ 8.3$ million in the January-March period of 1977. In the same quarter of 1976, totals were 26.0 million square feet ( 2.4 Mm 2 ) and $\$ 8.7$ million.

For further information, order the first quarter issue of Rubber and Plastic 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.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbla, January 1977 Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced $1,003.5$ million feet board measure of lumber and ties in January compared to a revised 780.9 million feet a year earlier.

For further information, order the January 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 0V6.

## Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 16, 1977 - Advance

 Information.Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 16 was 281,220 short tons ( 255118 t ), an increase of $3.0 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 272,940 short tons ( 247607 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 265,589 tons ( 240938 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 153.5 in the current week, 149.0 a week earlier and 145.0 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


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

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, January 1 to February 28, 1977 (63-009, 15\$/\$1.50)

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ending April 7

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,557,247 | 1,975,396 | 4,532,643 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,482,273 | 1,837,033 | 4,319,306 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2319895 | 1792049 | 4111944 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2251880 | 1666528 | 3918408 |
| \% change | 3.0 | 7.5 | 4.9 |
| Cars, 1977 | 41,739 | 30,457 | 72,196 |
| Cars, 1976 | \$ 41,236 | 27,952 | 69,188 |
| \% change | 1.2 | 9.0 | 4.3 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 149,463 | 60,237 | 209,700 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 129,987 | 35,920 | 165,907 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 135591 | 54646 | 190237 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 117922 | 32586 | 150508 |
| \% change | 15.0 | 67.7 | 26.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,892 | 2,555 | 7,447 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,253 | 1,664 | 5,917 |
| \% change | 15.0 | 53.5 | 25.9 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 31,579,985 | 28,038,004 | 59,617,989 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 30,757,703 | 25,227,406 | 55,985,109 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 28648880 | 25435649 | 54084529 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 27902919 | 22885918 | 50788837 |
| \% change | 2.7 | 11.1 | 6.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 532,085 | 425,953 | 958,038 |
| Cars, 1976 | 528,143 | 394,617 | 922,760 |
| \% change | 0.7 | 7.9 | 3.8 |
| Piggyback trafic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,148,338 | 774,826 | 2,923,164 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,711,076 | 653,952 | 2,365,028 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 1948939 | 702910 | 2651849 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1552262 | 593255 | 2145517 |
| \% change | 25.6 | 18.5 | 23.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 65.567 | 33,377 | 98,944 |
| Cars, 1976 | 57,524 | 27,622 | 85,146 |
| \% change | 14.0 | 20.8 | 16.2 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended April 7, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Canadian carload freight totalled 4.5 million short tons ( 4.1 million $t$ ) in the first week of April, $4.9 \%$ above the corresponding seven days in 1976. The number of cars loaded at 72,196 was up $4.3 \%$.
Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 26.4\% in the latest period.

From January 1 through April 7, revenue freight loaded was up 6.5\% over the 1976 level. Piggyback traffic registered an increase of 23.6\%.
For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Wholesale Trade, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales by wholesale merchants for February were estimated at $\$ 3,828,367,000$, up $6.5 \%$ from $\$ 3,595,631,000$ in February 1976.
Wholesale inventories were valued at \$7,368,976,000 at the end of February, an increase of $13.9 \%$ from $\$ 6,469,079,000$ on hand a year earlier.

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

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, April 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 25.3 million pounds on April 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 62.9 million and stocks of cheddar cheese were down to 56.3 million pounds from 56.8 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased $38.0 \%$ to 197.3 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased $9.7 \%$ to 17.7 million.

For further information, order the April 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 $0 L 7$.

Dairy Factory Production, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of creamery butter decreased $34.9 \%$ in March to 13.8 million pounds from 21.2 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production increased $10.3 \%$ to 14.7 million pounds from 13.4 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased $3.9 \%$ to 2.4 million gallons from 2.3 million gallons.

For further information, order the March 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.


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Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, February 1977 - Advance Information. Manufacturers' shipments in February, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 8,650.6$ million, down $0.5 \%$ from the revised January level of $\$ 8,697.5$ million. Durable goods shipments declined $1.4 \%$ to $\$ 3,984.7$ million from $\$ 4,039.8$ million, while non-durable goods shipments edged up to $\$ 4,665.9$ million from $\$ 4,657.7$ million.

New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 8,706.4$ million, $2.1 \%$ lower than the revised January value of $\$ 8,888.8$ million. Durable goods new orders dropped $3.3 \%$ to $\$ 4,059.3$ million from $\$ 4,196.3$ million and non-durable goods new orders decreased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 4,647.1$ million from $\$ 4,692.5$ million.
Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, increased $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 9,422.5$ million from $\$ 9,366.7$ million.

Total inventory owned in February, seasonally adjusted, increased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 16,999.3$ million from $\$ 16,837.4$ million. Total inventory held rose $0.7 \%$ to $\$ 17,879.6$ million from $\$ 17,761.2$ million with increases of $1.5 \%$ and $1.1 \%$ in goods in process and finished products and a decrease of $0.2 \%$ in raw materials.
The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments was 1.97:1, up from the revised January ratio of 1.94:1. The finished products to shipments ratio was $0.68: 1$, up from the revised January ratio of 0.67:1.
Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in February were estimated at $\$ 8,187.0$ million, 2.7\% higher than the revised January value of $\$ 7,973.2$ million. All provinces listed, except Newfoundland and British Columbia, showed increases ranging from 6.4\% in Manitoba to $0.7 \%$ in New Brunswick. Shipments for the first two months of 1977 were estimated at $\$ 16,160.2$ miilion, $9.7 \%$ higher than the January-February 1976 estimate of $\$ 14,727.1$ million.
For further information, order the February 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.
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Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, April 1977 Advance Information.
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of April amounted to 126.5 million pounds compared with 129.9 million last month and 104.1 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 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.

Pulpwood and Wood Residue, February 1977 Advance Information.
Roundwood production increased $30.0 \%$ to $1,145,882$ cunits ( 3245000 m 3 ) in February from 881,278 cunits ( $2494000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in February 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased $24.2 \%$ to $2,269,120$ cunits ( 6426000 m 3 ) from 1,826,232 cunits ( $5171000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased $9.2 \%$ to $11,009,978$ cunits (31 177000 m 3 ) from $12,119,818$ cunits ( 34318000 m 3 ). Receipts of wood residue increased $21.2 \%$ to 976,971 cunits ( 2767000 m 3 ) from 806,119 cunits (2 281000 m 3 ).

For further information, order the February issue of Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics (25-001, $15 \mathbb{1} / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries
(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{gathered}$ | Dec. <br> 1976 | Feb. 1976 |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,187.0 | 7,973.2 | 8,311.5 | 7,539.9 |
| Non-durable | 4,423.3 | 4,283.4 | 4,570.6 | 4,013.8 |
| Durable | 3,763.7 | 3,689.8 | 3,740.8 | 3,526.1 |
| New Orders: Total | 8,242.6 | 8,210.7 | 8,233.4 | 7,461.1 |
| Non-durable | 4,405.0 | 4,341.3 | 4,538.2 | 4,015.1 |
| Durable | 3,837.5 | 3,869.4 | 3,695.2 | 3,446.0 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,499.7 | 9,444.2 | 9,206.7 | 10,000.9 |
| Non-durable | 1,306.3 | 1,324.7 | 1,266.8 | 1,257.4 |
| Durable | 8,193.4 | 8,119.5 | 7,939.9 | 8,743.4 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 17,165.1 | 16,961.5 | 16,749.2 | 15,948.5 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 18,045.8 | 17,871.0 | 17,589.8 | 16,776.0 |
| Raw materials | 7,221.3 | 7,297.5 | 7,367.2 | 6,891.5 |
| Goods in process | 4,767.5 | 4,685.0 | 4,583.3 | 4,514.7 |
| Finished Products | 6,056.9 | 5,888.5 | 5,639.2 | 5,369.8 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8;650.6 | 8,697.5 | 8,639.5 | 7,790.1 |
| Non-durable | 4,665.9 | 4,657.7 | 4,706.1 | 4,127.6 |
| Durable | 3,984.7 | 4,039.8 | 3,933.4 | 3,662.5 |
| New Orders: Total | 8,706.4 | 8,888.8 | 8,461.0 | 7,702.0 |
| Non-durable | 4,647.1 | 4,692.5 | 4,680.4 | 4,122.5 |
| Durable | 4,059.3 | 4,196.3 | 3,780.6 | 3,579.5 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,422.5 | 9,366.7 | 9,175.4 | 9,921.9 |
| Non-durable | 1,320.0 | 1,338.8 | 1,304.0 | 1,269.0 |
| Durable | 8,102.5 | 8,027.9 | 7,871.4 | 8,652.9 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 16,999.3 | 16,837.4 | 16,765.8 | 15,827.6 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 17,879.6 | 17,761.2 | 17,620.7 | 16,666.3 |
| Raw materials | 7,209.7 | 7,222.9 | 7,230.9 | 6,876.3 |
| Goods in process | 4,744.3 | 4,674.7 | 4,618.6 | 4,521.0 |
| Finished products | 5,925.6 | 5,863.6 | 5,7.7.1.2 | 5,269.0 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 1.97 | $\cdots 1.94$ | . 1.94 | 2.03 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments - .. | 0.68 | 0.67 | $\cdots 0.67$ | - 0.58 |

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977r } \end{aligned}$ | change | Jan.-Feb. 1977p | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Feb. } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | change |
|  | (\$ millions) |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 45.0 | 47.6 | -5.5 | 92.6 | 93.5 | -1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 186.4 | 183.9 | 1.4 | 370.3 | 323.4 | 14.5 |
| New Brunswick | 145.0 | 144.1 | 0.7 | 289.1 | 280.9 | 2.9 |
| Quebec | 2,121.9 | 2,051.0 | 3.5 | 4,172.9 | 3,874.9 | 7.7 |
| Ontario | 4,251.7 | 4,13i.9 | 2.9 | 8,383.6 | 7,511.4 | 11.6 |
| Manitoba | 213.9 | 201.1 | 6.4 | 415.1 | 403.9 | 2.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 87.7 | 86.7 | 1.1 | 174.4 | 158.5 | 10.1 |
| Alberta | 414.6 | 401.7 | 3.2 | 816.3 | 750.0 | 8.8 |
| British Columbia | 712.4 | 717.3 | -0.7 | 1,429.7 | 1,313.0 | 8.9 |
| Canada* | 8,187.0 | 7,973.2 | 2.7 | 16,160.2 | 14,727.1 | 9.7 |

[^3]Weekly Securlty Price Indexes
April 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Apr. 15/77 This week | Apr. 7/77 <br> Week ago | Mar. 18/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1971=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 101.4 | 101.4 | 103.5 |
| Industrials | 85 | 101.7 | 101.8 | 104.1 |
| Foods | 9 | 85.3 | 84.7 | 84.0 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 78.1 | 79.7 | 79.9 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 109.1 | 110.4 | 115.0 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 133.9 | 135.9 | 139.8 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 100.9 | 101.6 | 104.1 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 106.0 | 106.5 | 108.3 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 93.6 | 94.0 | 97.8 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 187.5 | 179.0 | 183.9 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 87.4 | 89.5 | 85.5 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 97.6 | 97.9 | 99.4 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 108.1 | 108.8 | 110.3 |
| Construction | 5 | 221.9 | 220.0 | 219.7 |
| Trade | 15 | 81.1 | 80.8 | 80.9 |
| Utillties and services | 28 | 95.2 | 94.8 | 95.0 |
| Transportation | 6 | 127.6 | 126.0 | 129.4 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 84.1 | 83.4 | 82.1 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 101.2 |
| Telephone | 4 | 97.9 | 97.9 | 96.9 |
| Electric power | 3 | 117.4 | 119.8 | 120.1 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 71.4 | 71.4 | 71.8 |
| Finances | 21 | 109.3 | 109.4 | 113.1 |
| Banks | 8 | 112.0 | 112.1 | 115.6 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 102.3 | 102.5 | 107.7 |
| Insurance | 4 | 105.9 | 106.8 | 104.7 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 113.3 | 112.7 | 114.7 |
| Golds | 9 | 209.2 | 207.5 | 210.7 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.3 | 67.3 | 68.6 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 178.6 | 177.5 | 181.6 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 105.9 | 105.7 | 102.6 |

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## Exports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country export trade for February 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 0 T6.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Fleld Crop Reporting Serles, No. 3, Stocks of Graln at March 31, 1977. (22-002, \$5.60 for series of 20)

Mental Health Statistics, Volume II, 1970-1974 (83-208, \$3.50) "
Corporation Taxatlon Statistics, 1974 (61-208, \$2.10)
Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products, February 1977 (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production and Shipments of Steel Plpe, Tubing and Fittings, February 1977 (41011, 15¢/\$1.50)

Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, February 1977 (26-007,.15 $\% / \$ 1.50$ ) :
Silver, Lead and Zinc Production, February 1977 (26-008, 15¢/\$1.50)
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Footwear Statistics, February 1977 (33-002, 30\$/\$3)
Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, March 1977 (41-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Frult and Vegetable Preservation (32-023, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 5, No 37, Pack of Processed Potatoes, 1976

Selected Dairy By-Products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder, March 1977

Law Enforcement, Judicial and Correctional Statistics (85-001, N/C), Vol. 5, No. 1, Provincial/Territorial Adult Correctional Institutions Preliminary Statistics, 1975

Energy Statistlcs (57-002, \$4.20 per year), Vol. 12, No. 1, Retail Gasoline Statistics, 4th Quarter 1976

Real Domestlc Product, February 1977 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased $0.1 \%$ to 125.6 in February from the upwardly-revised level of 125.5 in January. The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production rose $0.1 \%$. In February, goods-producing industries were unchanged from January, while output of service-producing industries advanced $0.2 \%$.

In goods-producing industries, higher production levels were recorded in mining, utilities, fishing and trapping and construction. In mining, most of the gain reflected increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas and, to a lesser extent, asbestos mines. Output of utilities rose slightly due to an advance in electric power utilities. There was a marginal rise in construction, although residential and non-residential building activity declined. Manufacturing, agriculture and forestry declined in February. In manufacturing, non-durables advanced slightly, mainly on the strength of increases recorded by manufacturers of food and beverage products, petroleum and coal products, and chemical and chemical products. A significant drop was recorded in durables manufacturing, mostly due to decreases in wood products, primary metals, transportation equipment and nonmetallic mineral products industries. Agriculture declined due to lower livestock production while the decline in forestry was attributed to lower levels of logging and pulpwood production.

The service-producing industries increased 0.2\% in February. Gains were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, in community, business and personal services, and in public administration and defence. The increase in transportation, storage and communication reflected significant advances in air, rail and bus transport and grain elevators. Increases in education and related services and health and welfare services accounted for most of the strength in community, business and personal services. In public administration and defence services, all components increased except local administration which showed a slight decrease. Trade declined in February due to a sharp drop in retail.trade, although wholesale trade showed a significant increase resulting from increased activity by wholesale merchants. In retail trade, virtually all major store-types recorded significant decreases in the month.

For further information, order the February 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 table on next page)

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


Local Government FInance, Actual 1974 - Advance Information.
Actual general revenue raised by local governments in 1974 from their own sources - real property and other taxes, sales of service, licenses, permits and other charges - increased 13.0\% over 1973 to $\$ 6,337$ million. Transfers from other governments amounted to $\$ 5,950$ million, or $48.4 \%$ of total general revenue. The significant portions of these transfers were the specific purpose transfers from provincial and territorial governments amounting to $\$ 5,120$ million, up $\mathbf{2 2 . 3} \%$ from 1973. Total general revenue at $\$ 12,287$ million rose $\$ 1,787$ million ( $17.0 \%$ ).

General expenditure at $\$ 13,307$ million in 1974 showed an increase of $18.3 \%$ over 1973. Education expenditure at $\$ 5,616$ million was up $18.8 \%$ and represented 42.2\% of the total expenditure. The 1974 expenditure on transportation and communications represented $12.9 \%$ of the total general expenditure, while fiscal services represented $8.1 \%$, environment $8.3 \%$, protection of persons and property $7.5 \%$ and other functions of expenditure slightly smaller percentages.

Further details of these and other financial management statistics of local governments will be published in Local Government Finance, Actual 1974 (68-204, $\$ 1.05$ ). Pending release of the publication, further information may be obtained from G.A. Marr (613-9950713), Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Flbre and Fllament Yarn Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information:

Fibre and filament yarn manufacturers shipped \$266.6 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1:4\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $13.1 \%$ to $\$ 145$ million, the number of employees decreased $10.1 \%$ to 6,317 and total salaries and wages increased 6.3\% to $\$ 73$ million

For further information, contact Elliott Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Man-made Fibre Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 (34-208, 70¢).

Stocks of Frult and Vegetables, April 1; 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on April 1 totalled 28.8 million pounds compared with 30.9 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 101.5 million pounds ( 121.0 million in 1976)

For further information, order the April 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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Canadian Citizenship Statistics, 1975 (91-205, 70థ)
Asbestos Mines, 1975 (26-205, 70¢)
Coal and Coke Statistics, January 1977 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)
Shipping Statistics, December 1976 (54-002, 30\$/\$3)
New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1977 (63-007, 30\$/\$3)
Enrolment and Staff in Schoois for the Blind and the Deaf, 1976-1977 (81-217, 70¢)
Specified Chemicals, February 1977 (46-002, 15¢/\$1.50)
Gold Production, February 1977 (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50)

Real Domestic Product by Industry, by Years, 1961-1971 (1960 S.I.C.)
(Indexes 1961=100)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1961 \\ \text { GDP } \\ \% \end{array}$ | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 100.0 | 107.0 | 112.9 | 120.6 | 129.4 | 138.2 | 143.0 | 151.0 | 160.3 | 164.0 | 173.8 |
| Goods-Producing Industries | 44.401 | 100.0 | 109.3 | 116.2 | 124.2 | 134.4 | 145.2 | 146.4 | 155.5 | 165.2 | 166.5 | 176.8 |
| Service-Producing Industries | 55.599 | 100.0 | 105.1 | 110.2 | 117.7 | 125.3 | 132.6 | 140.3 | 147.4 | 156.4 | 162.0 | 171.4 |
| Index of Industrial Production | 32.591 | 100.0 | 108.5 | 115.4 | 126.0 | 136.7 | 146.8 | 152.5 | 162.3 | 173.4 | 175.9 | 185.3 |

Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 Advance Information.
As part of the forthcoming publication Real Domestic Product by Industry, 1961-1971 (1961=100), (Catalogue 61-516), annual indexes containing revisions to the Real Domestic Product measures for the period 1961 to 1971 have been prepared, with some expansion in industrial detail for the service-producing industries. These data are shown in the accompanying table for the main aggregates.

Users should note that because of the incorporation of the above-mentioned statistical revisions, RDP indexes shown in the table will in some cases differ from previously published RDP indexes.

Users may obtain copies of the table containing the full industrial detail and additional information regarding the data by contacting Mrs. M. Galea (613-9950581), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, January 1977 Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for January amounted to 1,411,000 barrels/day, down 3.1\% from 1,456,000 B/D in January 1976.
Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,762,000 Mcf./day, an increase of 4.5\% from 10,297,000 Mcf./D.
For further information, order the January 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.

Fertllizer Trade, 12 Months Ending June 1976 Advance Information.
Advance information on fertilizer trade for the 12 months ending June 1976 is now available on request. Please contact John Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The carpet, mat and rug industry shipped $\$ 356.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $2.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $4.9 \%$ to $\$ 131$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.6 \%$ to 7,235 and total salaries and wages increased $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 63.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Carpet, Mat and Rug Industry, 1975 (34-221, 70¢).


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Department Store Sales and Stocks, January 1977 (63-002, 40¢/\$4)
Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents, 1975 (53-206, \$1.40)
Oil Pipe Line Transport, January 1977 (55-001, 30\$/\$3)
Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, January 1977. (31001, 55\$/\$5.50)

## Service Bulletin:

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 3, Production. and Disposition of Tobacco Products, March 1977

Employment, Earnings and Hours (Seasonaliy Adjusted), February 1977 - Advance Information.
The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite index of employment ( $1961=100$ ) for February show a $0.1 \%$ decrease from January. Construction, finance, insurance and real estate and service registered declines while the other industry divisions recorded increases. Gains were registered in the Atlantic and the Prairie regions but Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded decreases.

- Average weekly earnings rose $1.0 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in February. All industry divisions and all regions posted gains.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in February in manufacturing and in construction but decreased in mining. 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 December and January will be published in the February 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, 4 and 5)
Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), February 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 6)
Floor Tiles, Linoleum and Coated Fabrics Manufacturing Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The floor tiles, linoleum and coated fabrics manufacturing industry shipped $\$ 135.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 14.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased 19.5\% to $\$ 66.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $13.2 \%$ to 3,133 and total salaries and wages decreased $6.0 \%$ to $\$ 32.7$ 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 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-215, \$1.05).

Sales Financing, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 186.0$ million of retail finance paper in February, an increase of 2.8\% compared with the $\$ 180.9$ million purchased in February 1976. The total purchases comprised $\$ 44.1$ million for passenger cars, $\$ 26.3$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 78.4$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 37.2$ 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 quarter in 1975.

For further information, order the February 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.

Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1977 - Advance Information.
February coal production increased $17 \%$ to $2,913,192$ tons ( 2642803 metric tonnes) from 2,489,764 tons (2 258675 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports increased to 73,188 tons ( 66395 metric tonnes) from 12,048 tons (10 929 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used 2,637,081 tons (2 392320 metric tonnes) of coal, up 646,224 tons ( 586245 metric tonnes) and 449,756 tons ( 408012 metric tonnes) of coke, down 8,038 tons ( 7292 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the February 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 0T6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 23, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 23 was 278,083 short tons (252 273 t), a decrease of $1.1 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 281,220 short tons (255 118 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 281,699 tons ( 255553 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 151.8 in the current week, 153:5 a week earlier and 153.7 one year ago.

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

## Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

February 1977

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. | Employment Index Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977f } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1976 \\ 1961 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \\ =100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \text { p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 66.1 | 64.9 | 70.8 | 80.6 | 58.4 | 56.4 | 76.3 | 72.3 | 75.0 | 76.0 |
| Mining, including milling | 119.9 | 119.5 | 119.3 | 120.2 | 116.4 | 116.3 | 120.6 | 121.2 | 120.6 | 120.0 |
| Manufacturing | 123.2 | 123.6 | 124.6 | 127.6 | 126.1 | 124.1 | 126.3 | 126.6 | 127.0 | 127.2 |
| Durable Goods | 135.2 | 135.9 | 137.6 | 140.4 | 140.0 | 139.2 | 138.1 | 138.5 | 139.4 | 139.1 |
| Non-durable Goods | 113.6 | 113.6 | 114.2 | 117.2 | 114.8 | 111.9 | 116.9 | 116.8 | 117.3 | 117.3 |
| Construction | 96.1 | 96.7 | 103.8. | 117.4 | 100.4 | 101.5 | 111.8 | 112.6 | 117.9 | 112.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 126.3 | 126.3 | 127.9 | 129.8 | 123.4 | 124.4 | 130.0 | 129.6 | 129.7 | 129.5 |
| Trade | 168.9 | 170.7 | 178.1 | 178.5 | 168.3 | 170.6 | 173.0 | 172.9 | 170.3 | 171.8 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 188.4 | 189.2 | 188.6 | 188.3 | 178.7 | 177.7 | 189.7 | 190.8 | 189.2 | 188.4 |
| Service | 236.8 | 236.4 | 238.6 | 243.5 | 230.0 | 229.0 | 245.0 | 246.8 | 247.6 | 246.6 |
| Industrial Composite | 139.8 | 140.2 | 142.8 | 145.8 | 139.3 | 138.9 | 144.4 | 144.6 | 144.4 | 144.3 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 122.6 | 122.1 | 127.4 | 133.0 | 123.8 | 124.2 | 131.7 | 130.0 | 132.0 | 131.0 |
| Newfoundland | 123.8 | 120.6 | 129.3 | 136.4 | 123.2 | 119.6 | 134.9 | 131.3 | 135.5 | 133.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 132.9 | 130.2 | 137.9 | 146.2 | 126.0 | 130.1 | 154.6 | 147.8 | 147.3 | 144.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 122.0 | 122.0 | 124.9 | 129.6 | 123.2 | 124.1 | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.2 | 128.4 |
| New Brunswick | 121.7 | 122.6 | 128.2 | 133.9 | 124.9 | 126.7 | 131.7 | 131.2 | 133.3 | 131.6 |
| Quebec | 124.3 | 125.2 | 127.5 | 13 U .0 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 128.3 | 129.0 | 129.5 | 128.2 |
| Ontario | 143.4 | 144.1 | 146.4 | 149.3 | 143.0 | 142.2 | 147.2 | 147.5 | 147.1 | 147.7 |
| Prairie Region | 153.7 | 153.3 | 156.1 | 158.9 | 149.0 | 149.1 | 159.0 | 158.6 | 158.5 | 158.2 |
| Manitoba | 122.4 | 122.3 | 124.9 | 128.2 | 124.8 | 125.6 | 126.1 | 125.7 | 126.3 | 127.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 140.0 | 139.0 | 142.3 | 145.4 | 136.7 | 136.0 | 146.4 | 145.1 | 145.1 | 144.1 |
| Alberta | 185.5 | 185.1 | 188.0 | 190.2 | 174.3 | 174.1 | 191.5 | 191.2 | 191.0 | 190.0 |
| British Columbia | 164.9 | 164.9 | 167.3 | 170.9 | 161.2 | 160.6 | 170.4 | 171.0 | 170.8 | 170.2 |
| Yukon | 177.3 | 174.7 | 173.9 | 178.4 | 177.8 | 173.7 | 191.7 | 188.5 | 181.3 | 180.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 148.5 | 149.6 | 145.2 | 149.6 | 146.0 | 145.1 | 162.7 | 167.8 | 161.0 | 158.9 |
| Canada | 139.8 | 140.2 | 142.8 | 145.8 | 139.3 | 138.9 | 144.4 | 144.6 | 144.4 | 144.3 |

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

## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. | Average Weekly Eàrnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted ' |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ \text { 1977f } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | Feb. 1976 dol | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { ' } 1976 \\ \text { llars } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ |
| Industry Dlvision: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 333.71 | 312.35 | 246.28 | 313.40 | 291.30 | 279.03 | 320.26 | 309.99 | 273.83 | 304.07 |
| Mining, including milling | 337.65 | 338.75 | 334.48 | 334.16 | 310.03 | 306.10 | 334.90 | 334.60 | 334.85 | 329.94 |
| Manufacturing | 257.55 | 255.39 | 250.36 | 251.93 | 232.57 | 229.34 | 256.50 | 253.77 | 255.44 | 250.13 |
| Durable Goods | 273.25 | 271.54 | 266.38 | 269.86 | 248.90 | 245.60 | 273.03 | 270.35 | 275.50 | 267.21 |
| Non-durable Goods | 241.25 | 239.77 | 234.75 | 234.62 | 216.50 | 213.02 | 239.86 | 238.53 | 237.31 | 234.01 |
| Construction | 348.09 | 338.76 | 310.11 | 350.86 | 328.55 | 317.46 | 346.91 | 339.81 | 348.28 | 345.85 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 281.52 | 279.50 | 274.21 | 273.31 | 252.51 | 250.39 | 279.98 | 278.05 | 276.73 | 274.57 |
| Trade | 185.12 | 182.95 | 184.27 | 179.81 | 169.13 | 167.12 | 186.84 | 185.23 | 186.06 | 182.99 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 222.12 | 220.59 | 218.59 | 215.89 | 207.40 | 203.93 | 220.27 | 219.60 | 220.02 | 218.40 |
| Service | 167.64 | 167.84 | 165.49 | 163.52 | 155.03 | 155.35 | 168.55 | 167.07 | 166.51 | 163.95 |
| Industrial Composite | 241.30 | 238.99 | 234.02 | 236.57 | 220.02 | 217.03 | 241.20 | 238.87 | 240.79 | 236.33 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 217.87 | 218.13 | 209.08 | 210.02 | 195.21 | 193.01 | 215.56 | 215.27 | 214.09 | 210.72 |
| Newfoundiand | 232.70 | 238.27 | 227.34 | 229.38 | 214.10 | 211.36 | 229.31 | 236.57 | 234.95 | 230.56 |
| Prince Edward Island | 187.92 | 189.18 | 175.96 | 183.51 | 166.85 | 166.98 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 207.77 | 205.44 | 199.63 | 200.15 | 185.19 | 183.86 | 206.90 | 203.06 | 205.63 | 201.32 |
| New Brunswick | 223.24 | 223.25 | 211.47 | 211.38 | 197.58 | 194.95 | 219.70 | 218.12 | 213.56 | 211.59 |
| Quebec | 235.74 | 234.02 | 230.10 | 231.94 | 216.20 | 211.25 | 235.48 | 233.72 | 236.58 | 231.38 |
| Ontario | 240.16 | 237.93 | 233.73 | 236.14 | 220.32 | 218.29 | 240.23 | 237.64 | 239.94 | 236.00 |
| Prairie Region | 239.76 | 235.84 | 231.52 | 233.52 | 215.23 | 212.17 | 239.62 | 237.24 | 236.56 | 233.89 |
| Manitoba | 219.66 | 219.28 | 215.88 | 215.25 | 198.34 | 195.33 | 221.16 | 220.49 | 219.77 | 216.29 |
| Saskatchewan | 227.88 | 224.65 | 224.69 | 222.76 | 204.55 | 202.04 | 228.43 | 226.58 | 226.55 | 222.76 |
| Alberta | 254.57 | 248:46 | 242.35 | 247.22 | 228.80 | 225.60 | 253.81 | 248.86 | 248.46 | 247.32 |
| British Columbia | 274.34 | 271.29 | 262.37 | 269.26 | 249.18 | 246.89 | 276.58 | 270.80 | 267.48 | 263.33 |
| Yukon | 337.44 | 334.90 | 321.31 | 321.28 | 286.11 | 294.99 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 286.72 | 286.58 | 285.39 | 300.75 | 279.29 | 274.79 | .. |  |  |  |
| Canada | 241.30 | 238.99 | 234.02 | 236.57 | 220.02 | 217.03 | 241.20 | 238.87 | 240.79 | 236.33 |

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## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.) | Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977f } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1976 \mathrm{r} \end{gathered}$ | Feb. <br> 1976 <br> num | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ <br> er | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ \text { 1977f } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | Nov. <br> 1976r |
| Average Weekly Hours: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 40.4 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 41.2 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 40.9 | 40.5 |
| Manufacturing | 38.8 | 38.5 | 38.2 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 58.4 | 39.8 | 38.7 |
| Durable Goods | 39.6 | 39.1 | 39.0 | 40.1 | 39.6 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 39.0 | 40.7 | 39.6 |
| Non-durable Goods | 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.3 | 38.2 | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.7 | 37.8 | 38.6 | 37.8 |
| Construction | 37.6 | 37.1 | 34.1 | 39.3 | 39.8 | 38.6 | 38.1 | 38.0 | 38.9 | 39.1 |
| Building | 36.5 | 36.5 | 33.9 | 37.7 | 38.5 | 37.6 | 36.7 | 36.9 | 38.0 | 37.2 |
| Engineering | 40.0 | 38.7 | 34.5 | 42.3 | 42.9 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 42.3 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 38.5 | 38.1 | 37.3 | 37.5 | 38.8 | 38.5 | 38.6 | 37.5 | 38.9 | 37.7 |
| Quebec | 38.8 | 39.0 | 38.3 | 39.6 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 38.9 | 40.1 | 39.1 |
| Ontario | 39.4 | 38.4 | 38.7 | 39.6 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 38.4 | 40.2 | 39.2 |
| Prairie Region | 37.1 | 37.3 | 37.0 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 37.1 | 37.3 | 37.7 | 37.1 |
| British Columbia | 36.6 | 36.9 | 36.1 | 37.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 36.7 \\ & \text { dolla } \end{aligned}$ | 36.9 | 36.4 | 36.9 | 37.1 | 36.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 7.84 | 7.86 | 7.86 | 7.72 | 7.16 | 7.10 | 7.85 | 7.87 | 7.81 | 7.69 |
| Manufacturing | 6.14 | 6.10 | 6.02 | 5.98 | 5.51 | 5.42 | 6.16 | 6.09 | 6.01 | 5.99 |
| Durable Goods | 6.52 | 6.49 | 6.38 | 6.37 | 5.90 | 5.83 | 6.55 | 6.49 | 6.42 | 6.36 |
| Non-durable Goods | 5.73 | 5.68 | 5.62 | 5.55 | 5.09 - | 4.95 | 5.75 | 5.67 | 5.59 | 5.57 |
| Construction | 9.46 | 9.26 | 8.96 | 9.17 | 8.50 | 8.39 | 9.32 | 9.12 | 9.08 | 9.01 |
| Building | 9.27 | 9.23 | 8.97 | 9.19 | 8.49 | 8.37 | 9.22 | 9.13 | 9.10 | 9.06 |
| Engineering | 9.84 | 9.34 | 8.93 | 9.15 | 8.51 | 8.42 | 9.62 | 9.24 | 9.16 | 9.04 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 5.75 | 5.74 | 5.58 | 5.45 | 5.04 | 4.75 | 5.61 | 5.60 | 5.36 | 5.43 |
| Quebec | 5.53 | 5.48 | 5.39 | 5.39 | 4.95 | 4.87 | 5.55 | 5.49 | 5.35 | 5.39 |
| Ontario | 6.21 | 6.14 | 6.10 | 6.07 | 5.65 | 5.55 | 6.23 | 6.11 | 6.11 | 6.07 |
| Prairie Region | 6.16 | 6.12 | 6.12 | 6.04 | 5.47 | 5.45 | 6.24 | 6.17 | 6.16 | 6.04 |
| British Columbia | 8.08 | 8.02 | 7.95 | 7.86 | 7.14 | 7.10 | 8.10 | 8.00 | 7.90 | 7.83 |

[^6]Employment Indexes, (1971=100), Selected Industrles, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) | 1971 <br> percentage weights | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1977 f \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite | 100.00 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.9 | 112.7 |
| Forestry | 1.21 | 95.5 | 94.2 | 91.0 | 95.9 |
| Mining, including milling | 3.16 | 104.5 | 104.9 | 105.5 | 105.0 |
| Manufacturing | 39.54 | 104.1 | 103.1 | 103.4 | 103.1 |
| Durable Goods | 19.14 | 104.9 | 105.0 | 104.4 | 104.0 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 20.39 | 103.0 | 102.6 | 102.2 | 102.3 |
| Construction | 5.85 | 98.2 | 102.8 | 98.2 | 97.5 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 16.01 | 113.0 | 113.1 | 113.0 | 113.4 |
| Transportation | 9.53 | 104.8 | 104.5 | 104.9 | .. |
| Storage | 0.38 | 97.6 | 95.9 | 95.4 |  |
| Communication | 3.96 | 131.6 | 132.3 | 130.7 |  |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water | 2.15 | 119.3 | 119.2 | 118.4 |  |
| Trade | 17.58 | 121.7 | 120.8 | 122.6 | 122.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5.84 | 118.3 | 118.8 | 117.8 | 117.9 |
| Retail Trade | 11.73 | 123.0 | 121.9 | 124.3 | 125.5 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 6.65 | 129.7 | 129.9 | 131.1 | 130.3 |
| Service | 10.01 | 133.2 | 133.8 | 133.3 | 132.3 |
| Recreational Services | 1.04 | 134.2 | 130.4 | 131.4 | . |
| Business Services | 2.31 | 142.8 | 141.0 | 141.9 | $\cdots$ |
| Personal Services | 4.68 | 127.2 | 129.0 | 127.5 | . |

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## Residentiai Building Construction Input Price Indexes

March 1977 - Advance Information
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|  |  |  |  |  | Mar. | Mar. $/ 77$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |

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.
Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements are now available for March 1977.

## Corrugated Box Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

Manufacturers of corrugated boxes shipped $\$ 511.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975 , down $3.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $6.9 \%$ to $\$ 193.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.8 \%$ to 10,634 and total salaries and wages increased $4.7 \%$ to $\$ 119.4$ 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 Corrugated Box Manufacturers, 1975 (36-213, 709).

Industrial Research and Development Expenditures In Canada, 1975-77 - Advance Information.
Industry spent $\$ 787$ million for research and development in 1975, an increase of 13\% over 1974. Estimated expenditures for 1976 were $\$ 883$ million and for 1977 are $\$ 950$ million.
For further information, contact the Science Statistics Centre (613-995-3014), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ended April 14

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carioad traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,502,286 | 1,891,135 | 4,393,421 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,343,956 | 1,757,988 | 4,101,944 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2270036 | 1715609 | 3985645 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2126401 | 1594820 | 3721221 |
| \% change | 6.8 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 39,804 | 28,344 | 68,148 |
| Cars, 1976 | 38,872 | 26,658 | 65,530 |
| \% change | 2.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 147,994 | 53,217 | 201,211 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 123,576 | 38,747 | 162,323 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 134258 | 48278 | 182536 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 112106 | 35151 | 147257 |
| \% change | 19.8 | 37.3 | 24.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,393 | 2,263 | 6,656 |
| Cars, 1976 | 3,945 | 1,727 | 5,672 |
| \% change | 11.4 | 31.0 | 17.3 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 34,082,271 | 29,929,139 | - 64,011,410 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 33,101,659 | 26,985,394 | 60,087,053 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 30918916 | 27151258 | 58070174 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 30029320 | 24480738 | 54510058 |
| \% change | 3.0 | 10.9 | ${ }_{1} 6.5$ |
| Cars, 1977 | 571,889 | 454,297 | 1,026,186 |
| Cars, 1976 | 567,015 | 421,275 | 988,290 |
| \% change | 0.9 | 7.8 | 3.8 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,296,332 | 828,043 | 3,124,375 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,834,652 | 692,699 | 2,527,351 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2083197 | 751188 | 2834385 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1664368 | 628406 | 2292774 |
| \% change | 25.2 | 19.5 | 23.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 69,960 | 35,640 | 105,600 |
| Cars, 1976. | 61,469 | 29,349 | 90,818 |
| \% change ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | 13.8 | 21.4 | 16.3 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: 1976 figures revised.
Rallway Carioadings, 7 Days Ended April 14, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Canadian rail freight loadings totalled 4.4 million short tons ( 4.0 million $t$ ) in the second week of April, up $7.1 \%$ from the corresponding seven days in 1976. The number of cars loaded increased $4.0 \%$ to 68,148 .
Trailer-container movements (piggyback) rose 24.0\% in the most recent week; shipments were 19.8\% higher in the East and were up $37.3 \%$ in the West.
From January 1 to April 14, 1977, rail carload traffic at 64.0 million short tons ( 58.1 million $t$ ) was $6.5 \%$ above the 1976 level; cars loaded were up 3.8\%; and piggyback shipments were $23.6 \%$ higher.

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

Weekly Securlty Price Indexes
April 1977 - Advance Information.


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## Service Bulletin:

Communicatlons (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 7, No. 8, Monthly Telephone Statistics, February 1977

Indexes of Labour Productivity and Unit Labour Cost, Canada, 1971-76

|  | Output | Persons Employed | ManHours | Labour Compensation | Output Per Person Employed | Output Per Man-hour | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Unit } \\ \text { Labour Cost } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1961=100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Commercial Industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 177.7 | 124.4 | 115.2 | 225.3 | 142.9 | 154.2 | 126.8 |
| 1972 | 187.7 | 127.5 | 117.4 | 250.6 | 147.2 | 159.9 | 133.5 |
| 1973 | 202.4 | 132.8 | 122.6 | 290.3 | 152.4 | 165.1 | 143.4 |
| 1974 | 211.3 | 139.3 | 127.8 | 341.8 | 151.7 | 165.3 | 161.8 |
| 1975 | 210.2 | 139.1 | 126.9 | 389.7 | 151.1 | 165.6 | 185.4 |
| 1976 | 221.0 | 142.1 | 129.6 | 448.7 | 155.5 | 170.5 | 203.0 |
| Annual Rate of change (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1961-76 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 10.4 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| - 1971-76 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 15.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 10.4 |
| 1973-74 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 17.7 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 12.8 |
| 1974-75 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.7 | 14.0 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 14.6 |
| 1975-76 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 15.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 9.5 |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 183.3 | 119.6 | 118.7 | 213.4 | 153.2 | 154.4 | 116.4 |
| 1972 | 196.1 | 123.1 | 122.6 | 236.0 | 159.3 | 159.9 | 120.4 |
| 1973 | 213.0 | 128.5 | 128.3 | 268.8 | 165.7 | 166.0 | 126.2 |
| 1974 | 219.4 | 132.7 | 132.1 | 310.9 | 165.3 | 166.1 | 141.7 |
| 1975 | 208.6 | 125.2 | 123.7 | 338.9 | 166.6 | 168.7 | 162.5 |
| 1976 | 218.5 | 126.9 | 126.6 | 386.9 | 172.2 | 172.6 | 177.1 |
| Annual Rate of change (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1961-76 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 1971-76 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 12.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 9.3 |
| 1973-74 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 15.6 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 12.3 |
| 1974-75 | -4.9 | -5.6 | -6.4 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 14.7 |
| 1975-76 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 14.2 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 9.0 |

## Aggregate Productivity Measures, 1971-76 - Advance Information.

Preliminary estimates of output per man-hour for all commercial industries show a growth of $2.9 \%$ in 1976 following two years of only fractional increases. This improvement reflects growth of $5.1 \%$ in output (following a $0.5 \%$ decrease in 1975) with only a $2.1 \%$ increase in man-hours. Unit labour cost increased $9.5 \%$ in 1976, the smallest increase since 1973 but still double the average annual rate of growth in unit labour cost from 1961 to 1976.
In manufacturing, output per man-hour increased $2.3 \%$. This is in line with the average annual rate of growth of $2.1 \%$ for the period 1971-76 but is well below the average rate of growth of $3.9 \%$ for the period 196176. Unit labour cost in 1976 increased $9.0 \%$ compared to an increase of $14.7 \%$ in 1975 and 12.3\% in 1974.
These data revise and update the indexes published in Aggregate Productivity Measures, 1946-74 (14-201, $\$ 1.05$ ). For further information, contact Karnail S. Gill (613-995-8401), Input-Output Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Dental Laboratorles Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The dental laboratories industry shipped $\$ 58.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10.2 \%$ to $\$ 43.1$ million, the number of employees increased $17.8 \%$ to 3,218 and total salaries and wages increased $21.0 \%$ to $\$ 27.0$ 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 Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975 (47-206, \$1.05).

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped $1,553,189,000$ square feet ( 144295000 m 2 ) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in March, a decrease of $2.1 \%$ from the 1,585,665,000 square feet ( 147313000 m 2 ) in March 1976.

January-March shipments totalled a revised 4,193,429,000 square feet (390 $435000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) compared to a revised $4,172,561,000$ square feet ( 387643000 m 2 ) in 1976.
For further information, order the March 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.

Road and Street Mlleage and Expenditures, 1973 Advance Information.
Mileage of public roads and streets as reported by the three levels of government in Canada totalled 526,136 at the end of 1973, up $0.4 \%$ from 1972. Expenditures on public thoroughfares during the 1973-74 fiscal year came to $\$ 3,118$ million, a rise of $15.3 \%$ over the previous year.
For further information, contact Mr. R. Staveley (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tlle, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 3,946 short tons ( 3580 t ) or $7,771,310$ square feet ( 721978 m 2 ) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in March compared to 5,666 short tons ( 5140 t ) or 11,693,977 square feet ( 1086406 m 2 ) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March 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 0V6.

Towboat Industry, British Columbla, 1975 - Advance Information.
Preliminary survey information from the 1975 Water Transportation Report shows that total transportation revenues of the principal private and commercial towboat operators in British Columbia decreased 8.5\% to $\$ 92.2$ million in 1975 from a high in 1974 of $\$ 100.8$ million. Net income decreased $78.7 \%$ to $\$ 1.6$ million in 1975 from $\$ 7.5$ million in 1974.

For further information, contact Mr. R. Paquet (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Papermakers and Other Felts, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
During the March quarter, Canadian manufacturers shipped 365,186 pounds ( 165646 kg ) of woven and needled papermakers' felts and jackets valued at $\$ 5,339,801$ to Canadian mills. In the corresponding quarter of 1976, totals were a revised 300,668 pounds ( 136380 kg ) and \$4,069,847.

For further information, order Miscellaneous Industries Service Bulletin (47-003, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


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Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis* Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis* |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unadjusted |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | Trade Balance |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 10,153 | 9.929 | 10,157 | 9,780 | 10,808 | 10,077 | 731 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 3,135 | 3.003 | 3,097 | 2,958 | 3,339 | 3,186 | 153 |
| February | 3,188 | 3.183 | 3,187 | 3,139 | 3,452 | 3,383 | 69 |
| March | 3,830 | 3.743 | 3,873 | 3.683 | 4,017. | 3,508 | 509 |

"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).

Prellminary Statement of Canadian Trade, March 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.
Exports in March (seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis) increased 16.4\% from the February level to reach $\$ 4,017$ million, topping $\$ 4$ billion for the first time. As imports rose $3.7 \%$ to $\$ 3,508$ million, the trade surplus was $\$ 509$ million, the largest in recent months. For the first quarter of 1977, the merchandise trade account was in surplus by $\$ 731$ million.

## Exports (Customs Basis)

Canadian exports to the United States, after seasonal adjustment, rose $9.5 \%$ to a record level of $\$ 2,608$ million in March, following two months of marginal growth. The March increase in exports was widespread, but approximately half of the rise was due to motor vehicles. Shipments of passenger cars in particular surged in response to rising sales in the U.S. after the severe cold snap. Fairly sizable gains were also recorded in exports of natural gas, lumber, newsprint, metals and machinery.

Overseas shipments registered a gain of $15 \%$ to $\$ 1,252$ million, with all trade areas contributing. Exports of metallic ores rebounded from the strikeaffected level of February. Shipments of asbestos, pulp and non-ferrous metals were higher in March, but wheat clearances dropped from the unusually-high level of February. Exports of trucks and machinery also declined.

Following a $4 \%$ drop in the final quarter of 1976, seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. advanced over $14 \%$ to $\$ 7,342$ million in the January-March quarter. Higher shipments of automotive products accounted for well over half of the over-all increase, with the contribution of motor vehicles being about twice that of parts. Exports of natural gas, lumber, pulp, nonferrous metals, fertilizers and liquefied gases rose in the first quarter, but shipments of metallic concentrates, crude oil and newsprint were lower.

Exports to overseas countries increased almost 13\% to $\$ 3,382$ million in the first quarter, with countries other than Japan and the European Economic Community accounting for close to two-thirds of the gain. Wheat, metallic concentrates and non-ferrous metals recorded the largest increases, but shipments of pulp and automotive parts decreased.

## Imports (Customs Basis)

Following a rise of $8.5 \%$ in February, seasonallyadjusted imports from the U.S. declined nearly $1 \%$ to $\$ 2,419$ million in March. There were a number of moderate and generally-offsetting changes in commodity imports. Both passenger cars and automotive parts, after seasonal adjustment, continued to increase. Industrial machinery imports fell from the high level of February, as did also those of other transportation equipment.
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# EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES 

Seasonally Adjusted

Balance of Payments Beals
Billions of Dollars


Canadian imports from overseas countries increased for the second successive month to $\$ 1,112$ million in March, with the strength of the advance originating in countries other than Japan and the E.E.C. About half of the increase was due to crude oil, whose landings are irregular, even after allowance for seasonality. Imports of machinery, fuel oil, communication and office equipment were also higher in March, but imports of sugar and some industrial materials declined.

In contrast to near stability in quarterly imports from the U.S. in the second half of 1976, the seasonallyadjusted total rose more than $9 \%$ to $\$ 7,105$ million in the first three months of 1977. Increased arrivals of motor vehicles and parts accounted for more than half of the increase. Imports of chemicals, other equipment, machinery and consumer goods were also higher in the first quarter.

Following a marginal decline in the OctoberDecember quarter, Canadian imports from overseas countries increased almost $8 \%$ to $\$ 3,085$ million in the following quarter, with all trading areas contributing. Larger imports were recorded for automotive and
other transportation equipment, industrial machinery, and some steel materials. Imports of raw sugar, petroleum and apparel fell.

## Price Changes

Except for the dip in the second quarter, the average prices of Canadian exports fluctuated within a narrow range during 1976. These prices, however, rose roughly 4\% from the last quarter of 1976 to the first three months of 1977, reflecting the fall in the foreign exchange value of the Canadian dollar. (A significant proportion of contracts for crude and fabricated material exports is written in U.S. currency:). The jump in average import prices over the same period appeared to be even higher, on the basis of incomplete data.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the March issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40¢/\$4).
(see tables on pages 5-10)

## Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  | Feb. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb. } \\ .1976 \end{array}$ | To Date |  | \% Change From |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1977 | 1976 | Jan. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \text { Months } \\ 1977 / 76 \end{gathered}$ |
| Benefit Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross amount (\$000) | 379,067 | 397,031 | 343,575 | 776,098 | 686,872 | -5 | 10 | 13 |
| Net amount(1) (\$000) | 377,563 | 395,158 | 341,909 | 772,721 | 683,735 | -4 | 10 | 13 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 3,734 | 3,948 | 3,713 | 7,682 | 7,460 | -5 | 1 |  |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 101.51 | 100.56 | 92.52 | 101.02 | 92.08 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Claims received (000) | 200 | 267 | 189 | 466 | 467 | -25 | 5 | - |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 913p | 878p | 907 | 895(2) | 893(2) | 4 | 1 | - |

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
(2) Monthly average.
p Preliminary figures.

- 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 sperific week each month.
For further information, order the February issue of Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 40థ/\$4) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit in February increased to 913,000 , up $4 \%$ from January and up 1\% from February 1976. Thirty-five percent of the beneficiaries were females in the latest month, unchanged from a year earlier.
The net amount of unemployment insurance benefit paid in February totalled $\$ 378$ million, down 4\% from January but an increase of $10 \%$ from a year earlier. The average weekly benefit was $\$ 101.51,10 \%$ more than in February 1976. Net payments for the first two months of 1977 reached $\$ 773$ million, up $13 \%$ from the corresponding period in 1976.
Persons seeking benefit filed some 200,000 claims in February, a decrease of $25 \%$ from January. (A substantial decline in claims usually occurs between these two months). Compared with February 1976, claims filed were up $5 \%$.

Report of Livestock Surveys, Pigs, April 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Total pig numbers in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) at April 1, 1977, were up 4\% from April 1, 1976. In the West, numbers increased $2 \%$. In the East, numbers increased 6\% from the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the April 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 OL7.
The Dairy Review, March 1977 - Advance Information.
An estimated $1,048,255,000$ pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in February, 7.2\% less than February 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first two months of 1977 to $2,154,638,000$ pounds, down 8.5\% from the January-February period in 1976.

For further information, order the March 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.
Flush Type Doors (Wood) By Canadian Manufacturers, Fourth Quarter 1976 - Advance Information.
Shipments of flush type doors (wood) by Canadian manufacturers decreased to $1,152,897$ units in the fourth quarter of 1976 from 1,192,872 units in OctoberDecember 1975.

For further information, order the OctoberDecember issue of Quarterly Shipments of Flush Type Doors (Wood) by Canadian Manufacturers (35-004, $35 \Phi / \$ 1.40$ ), or contact Mr. P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Table 1
Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | U.S.A. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.K. } \\ & \text { illions) } \end{aligned}$ | Total <br> excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 10,190.1 | 7,472.6 | 7,105.1 | 313.2 | 2,771.8 | 578.7 | 439.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  | --... . |  |
| 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 | 3,187.3 | 2,301.6 | 2,246.5 | 93.0 | 847.8 | 174.9 | 137.5 |
| February | 3,472.3 | 2,506.4 | 2,439.6 | 104.0 | 928.7 | 205.1 | 152.5 |
| March | 3,530.5 | 2,664.6 | $\begin{gathered} 2,419.0 \\ \quad \text { Perc } \end{gathered}$ | 116.2 changes | 995.3 | 198.7 | 149.7 |
| March/February | 1.6 | 6.3 | -0.8 | 11.7 | 7.1 | -3.1 | -1.8 |
| Current 3 months/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. 77/Mar. 76 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 13.0 | 13.4 | 19.5 | 23.6 |

Table 2
Imports by Princlpal Trading Areas


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

|  | Mar 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Monthly |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \\ & \text { Illions) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Jan. <br> 1977 | Mar. <br> 1976 <br> (\$ mi |  |  | Mar. | Feb. | Jan. |
| Live Animals | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 15.2 | 7.2 | 4.2 | -77.6 | -59.7 | -16.5 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 277.2 | 227.6 | 224.0 | 206.5 | 184.8 | 194.7 | 34.2 | 23.1 | 15.0 |
| Meat and fish | 39.7 | 41.0 | 37.7 | 41.2 | 40.2 | 38.0 | -3.5 | 2.0 | -0.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 86.1 | 73.9 | 62.7 | 62.0 | 58.6 | 64.1 | 38.9 | 26.0 | -2.1 |
| Raw sugar | 4.9 | 12.8 | 22.6 | 19.8 | 16.1 | 11.3 | -75.3 | -20.3 | 99.0 |
| Crude Materials, Inedible | 383.2 | 338.5 | 434.8 | 357.1 | 342.3 | 573.7 | 7.3 | -1.1 | -24.2 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 20.5 | 21.5 | 34.1 | 21.5 | 22.0 | 26.9 | -4.2 | -2.3 | 27.0 |
| Coal | 2.3 | 5.1 | 24.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 42.5 | 18.4 | 123.1 | -41.8 |
| Crude petroleum | 278.8 | 230.9 | 292.0 | 261.1 | 249.2 | 423.2 | 6.7 | -7.3 | -30.9 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedible | 634.2 | 498.3 | 472.2 | 539.1 | 512.9 | 495.7 | 17.6 | -2.8 | -4.7 |
| Wood and paper | 66.0 | 53.2 | 50.0 | 72.8 | 75.5 | 71.9 | -9.3 | -29.6 | -30.4 |
| Textiles | 77.6 | 68.5 | 67.4 | 73.5 | 73.4 | 78.8 | 5.5 | -6.6 | -14.4 |
| Chemicals | 198.7 | 148.6 | 132.5 | 148.4 | 136.1 | 128.6 | 33.8 | 9.1 | 3.0 |
| Iron and steel | 67.5 | 56.6 | 55.0 | 50.5 | 55.7 | 53.7 | 33.8 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| Bars and rods, steel | 9.0 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 29.3 | 15.9 | 35.1 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 19.2 | 21.5 | 17.4 | 13.7 | 18.1 | 15.6 | 40.3 | 18.5 | 11.7 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 42.5 | 31.4 | 33.3 | 42.7 | 27.8 | 33.7 | -0.4 | 12.9 | -1.3 |
| End Products, Inedibie | 2,373.5 | 2,081.7 | 1,835.3 | 2,071.8 | 1,913.1 | 1,601.6 | 14.5 | 8.8 | 14.5 |
| General purpose machinery | 130.6 | 112.7 | 96.9 | 120.8 | 112.4 | 115.8 | 8.1 | 0.2 | -16.3 |
| Special industry machinery | 177.8 | 178.7 | 157.4 | 157.5 | 162.8 | 150.7 | 12.9 | 9.7 | 4.4 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 15.6 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 12.8 | 29.5 | -0.6 | -10.0 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 136.8 | 118.6 | 111.7 | 127.0 | 109.4 | 95.6 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 16.7 |
| Transportation equipment | 1,133.3 | 1,005.5 | 830.2 | 988.3 | 897.7 | 672.5 | 14.6 | 12.0 | 23.4 |
| Sedans, new | 291.6 | 230.9 | 170.8 | 230.7 | 209.2 | 132.9 | 26.3 | 10.3 | 28.4 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 38.6 | 27.2 | 18.2 | 32.1 | 29.5 | 18.8 | 20.1 | -7.9 | -3.0 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 89.6 | 93.3 | 64.0 | 79.8 | 74.3 | 49.1 | 12.3 | 25.6 | 30.4 |
| Other motor vehicles | 38.0 | 26.7 | 22.2 | 24.6 | 22.8 | 16.3 | 54.3 | 17.3 | 36.3 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 49.3 | 41.8 | 36.5 | 44.9 | 46.0 | 36.2 | 9.8 | -9.1 | 0.9 |
| Motor vehicle engine parts | 59.0 | 55.5 | 49.7 | 39.2 | 41.6 | 30.8 | 50.5 | 33.5 | 61.4 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 459.8 | 433.9 | 384.0 | 435.6 | 391.4 | 301.4 | 5.5 | 10.8 | 27.4 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 8.2 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 7.3 | -17.4 | -8.1 | -3.4 |
| Other equipment and tools | 426.5 | 349.2 | 343.5 | 356.2 | 329.6 | 302.4 | 19.7 | 5.9 | 13.6 |
| Electronic computers | 50.3 | 44.3 | 43.9 | 35.6 | 28.7 | 28.5 | 41.2 | 54.2 | 54.2 |
| Special Transactions, Trade | 71.0 | 34.4 | 33.4 | 43.4 | 40.4 | 29.1 | 63.4 | -14.7 | 14.6 |
| Total | 3,742.5 | 3,183.4 | 3,003.0 | 3,233.1 | 3,000.6 | 2,898.9 | 15.7 | 6.0 | 3.5 |

Railway Carloadings, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Carload and non-carioad freight originating on lines in Canada totalled 20.7 million short tons ( 18.7 million t) in March, an increase of 10.8\% over March 1976. Traffic received from United States connections increased 1.6\%.

On a commodity basis, March loadings of sulphur continued to be significantly above the previous year, rising 122.5\%. Notable gains were also recorded for: fertilizers (excluding potash), $70.5 \%$; gypsum, $57.2 \%$; wheat, $40.6 \%$; lumber, $38.3 \%$; and pulpwood chips, 25.9\%.

In the first quarter of 1977, rail freight loadings totalled 55.2 million short tons ( 52.0 million t), $6.1 \%$ above the year-earlier level. Receipts from U.S. connections were down $3.1 \%$. Among commodities showing notable percentage increases during the latest period were sulphur, fertilizers, pulpwood, forest
products and wheat. Loadings of phosphate rock, alumina and grains other than wheat declined.

For further information, order the March issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 30థ/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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

|  | Mar. 1977 | Feb. 1977 | Year-to-Date |  |  | Feh. 1975 | Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Mar. <br> 1976 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { (\$ millions) } \end{gathered}$ | Mar. <br> 1975 |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Anlmals | 9.8 | 6.4 | 26.6 | 11.4 | 22.7 | 15.2 | -63.1 | 17.0 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 728.7 | 451.5 | 586.1 | 379.5 | 581.8 | 405.3 | 24.3 | 0.7 |
| Meat and fish | 118.4 | 78.7 | 119.3 | 78.1 | 77.5 | 54.7 | -0.7 | 53.9 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 222.7 | 136.6 | 184.7 | 122.7 | 169.9 | 116.1 | 20.5 | 8.7 |
| Raw sugar | 40.2 | 35.4 | 47.2 | 27.4 | 105.9 | 74.4 | -14.7 | -55.4 |
| Crude Materlals, Inedible | 1,156.5 | 773.3 | 1,273.1 | 915.9 | 1,259.5 | 875.4 | -9.1 | 1.0 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 76.1 | 55.6 | 70.3 | 48.9 | 91.0 | 60.8 | 8.3 | -22.7 |
| Coal | 32.2 | 29.8 | 46.8 | 44.8 | 55.8 | 45.6 | -31.2 | -16.1 |
| Crude petroleum | 801.7 | 523.0 | 933.5 | 672.4 | 917.5 | 630.9 | -14.1 | 1.7 |
| Fabricated Materlals, Inedlble | 1,604.7 | 970.5 | 1,547.7 | 1,008.6 | 1,487.0 | 1,018.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Wood and paper | 169.2 | 103.2 | 220.2 | 147.4 | 110.4 | 73.3 | -23.1 | 99.5 |
| Textiles | 213.5 | 135.9 | 225.7 | 152.1 | 168.6 | 115.5 | -5.3 | 33.8 |
| Chemicals | 479.8 | 281.1 | 413.2 | 264.8 | 366.6 | 243.2 | 16.1 | 12.7 |
| Iron and steel | 179.1 | 111.6 | 159.9 | 109.4 | 296.9 | 213.9 | 12.0 | -46.1 |
| Bars and rods, steel | 24.3 | 15.3 | 19.1 | 12.1 | 48.3 | 37.1 | 27.3 | -60.4 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 58.1 | 38.9 | 47.4 | 33.8 | 103.5 | 78.8 | 22.6 | -54.1 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 107.1 | 64.7 | 104.2 | 61.5 | 120.7 | 87.3 | 2.8 | -13.6 |
| End Products, Inedible | 6,290.5 | 3,917.0 | 5,586.5 | 3,514.7 | 4,877.4 | 3,078.8 | 12.6 | 14.5 |
| General purpose machinery | 340.2 | 209.5 | 348.3 | 228.2 | 349.3 | 222.3 | -2.5 | 0.0 |
| Special industry machinery | 513.9 | 336.0 | 471.0 | 313.5 | 456.0 | 296.7 | 9.1 | 3.3 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 38.1 | 22.4 | 35.9 | 23.8 | 45.1 | 29.1 | 6.1 | -20.5 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 367.0 | 230.3 | 332.1 | 205.1 | 292.9 | 176.9 | 10.5 | 13.3 |
| Transportation equipment | 2,968.9 | 1,835.7 | 2,558.6 | 1,570.3 | 2,145.2 | 1,300.6 | 16.0 | 19.2 |
| Sedans, new | 693.2 | 401.7 | 572.8 | 342.2 | 434.0 | 266.7 | 21.0 | 31.9 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 84.0 | 45.4 | 80.4 | 48.4 | 52.1 | 30.6 | 4.3 | 54.3 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 247.0 | 157.3 | 203.2 | 123.4 | 179.3 | 116.1 | 21.5 | 13.3 |
| Other motor vehicles | 86.9 | 48.9 | 63.7 | 39.0 | 71.3 | 41.3 | 36.5 | -10.7 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 127.6 | 78.3 | 127.0 | 82.2 | 94.2 | 58.3 | 0.4 | 34.8 |
| Motor vehicle engines parts | 164.3 | 105.2 | 111.6 | 72.4 | 78.5 | 48.4 | 47.2 | 42.1 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 1,277.8 | 818.0 | 1,128.4 | 692.7 | 837.3 | 532.6 | 13.2 | 34.7 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 21.7 | 13.5 | 24.2 | 14.4 | 101.6 | 28.4 | -10.5 | -76.1 |
| Other equipment and tools | 1,119.2 | 692.7 | 988.2 | 631.9 | 869.7 | 570.2 | 13.2 | 13.6 |
| Electronic computers | 138.6 | 88.3 | 92.8 | 57.2 | 82.0 | 58.1 | 49.2 | 13.2 |
| Special Transactions, Trade | 138.8 | 67.8 | . 112.9 | 69.5 | 72.7 | 46.3 | 22.9 | 55.3 |
| Total | 9,928.9 | 6,186.4 | 9,132.8 | 5,899.5 | 8,301.0 | 5,439.6 | 8.7 | 10.0 |

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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 10,724.4 | 8,328.8 | 7,807.9 | 7,342.5 | 483.9 | 2,898.0 | 713.7 | 691.0 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 3,399.8 | 2,531.9 | 2,400.8 | 2,358.8 | 171.9 | 869.1 | 220.8 | 202.2 |
| February | 3,465.0 | 2,695.1 | 2,515.0 | 2,375.6 | 143.2 | 946.2 | 242.3 | 218.7 |
| March | 3,859.7 | 3,101.8 | 2,892.1 | 2,608.1 | 168.9 | 1,082.7 | 250.6 | 270.0 |
|  |  |  | Percent changes |  |  |  |  |  |
| March/February | 11.3 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 9.7 | 17.9 | 14.4 | 3.4 | 23.4 |
| Current 3 months/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previous 3 months | 13.8 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 12.2 |
| Mar. 77/Mar. 76 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 29.2 | 28.1 | 6.7 | 33.7 | 30.9 | 39.0 |

Table 5
Total Exports by Princlpal Trading Areas

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |  | Mar. | Feb. | Jan. |
|  |  |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 2,733.8 | 2,273.0 | 2,127.6 | 2,148.4 | 2,037.9 | 1,820.7 | 27.2 | 11.5 | 16.8 |
| United Kingdom | 166.8 | 134.3 | 159.7 | 151.4 | 150.3 | 121.3 | 10.1 | -10.6 | 31.6 |
| Other E.E.C. | 206.5 | 198.1 | 232.7 | 157.7 | 167.5 | 229.1 | 30.9 | 18.2 | 1.5 |
| Japan | 231.5 | 184.8 | 195.1 | 167.0 | 225.6 | 216.9 | 38.6 | -18.0 | -10.0 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 132.7 | 100.9 | 83.5 | 75.2 | 83.6 | 63.8 | 76.5 | 20.6 | 30.9 |
| Other America | 128.3 | 102.7 | 115.8 | 114.5 | 99.9 | 136.1 | 12.0 | 2.7 | -14.9 |
| Other Countries | 230.8 | 193.9 | 220.5 | 166.6 | 186.4 | 268.3 | 38.5 | 4.0 | -17.8 |
| All Countrles | 3,830.4 | 3,187.7 | 3,134.9 | 2,980.8 | 2,951.2 | 2,856.2 | 28.5 | 8.0 | 9.7 |


|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Date |  | Mar. <br> 1975 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Mar. $1976$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| United States | 7,134.4 | 4,400.6 | 6,007.0 | 3,858.6 | 5,125.7 | 3,343.5 | 18.7 | 17.1 |
| United Kingdom | 460.8 | 294.0 | 423.0 | 271.7 | 513.9 | 358.1 | 8.9 | -17.6 |
| Other E.E.C. | 637.3 | 430.8 | 554,3 | 396.6 | 544.3 | 386.1 | 14.9 | 1.8 |
| Japan | 611.4 | 379.9 | 609.5 | 442.5 | 421.3 | 323.2 | 0.3 | 44.6 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 317.1 | 184.4 | 222.5 | 147.4 | 240.0 | 159.6 | 42.5 | -7.2 |
| Other America | 346.8 | 218.5 | 350.6 | 236.1 | 406.0 | 287.6 | -1.0 | -13.6 |
| Other Countries | 645.1 | 414.4 | 621.3 | 454.7 | 467.9 | 377.7 | 3.8 | 32.7 |
| All Countrles | 10,152.9 | 6,322.6 | 8,788.2 | 5,807.6 | 7,719.1 | 5,235.8 | 15.5 | 13.8 |

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


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

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | Year-to-Date |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ | Mar.-Mar. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { ( } \$ \text { millions } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Animals | 24.1 | 16.2 | 27.0 | 19.4 | 8.6 | 5.4 | -10.8 | 215.1 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 884.9 | 574.8 | 880.1 | 672.3 | 772.3 | 606.2 | 0.5 | 13.9 |
| Meat and fish | 172.4 | 99.6 | 152.3 | 97.8 | 115.3 | 77.6 | 13.2 | 32.0 |
| Cereals and preparations | 478.8 | 330.6 | 562.4 | 469.3 | 475.5 | 404.6 | -14.8 | 18.2 |
| Wheat | 334.4 | 240.7 | 380.7 | 308.2 | 383.7 | 330.0 | -12.1 | -0.7 |
| Crude Materials, Inedible | 2,049.6 | 1,332.8 | 1,951.5 | 1,367.5 | 1,910.8 | 1,334.2 | 5.0 | 2.1 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 524.5 | 342.0 | 429.1 | 289.3 | 456.0 | 302.2 | 22.2 | -5.8 |
| Crude petroleum | 441.2 | 309.2 | 671.2 | 488.2 | 869.7 | 624.7 | -34.2 | -22.8 |
| Natural gas | 503.7 | 322.7 | 401.7 | 273.6 | 222.7 | 146.2 | 25.3 | 80.3 |
| Fabricated Materials, Inedible | 3,461.3 | 2,141.1 | 2,717.8 | 1,751.0 | 2,520.5 | 1,702.7 | 27.3 | 7.8 |
| Wood and paper | 1,759.5 | 1,088.3 | 1,325.9 | 836.4 | 1,316.2 | 880.0 | 32.7 | 0.7 |
| Lumber, softwood | 502.2 | 306.0 | 331.5 | 211.5 | 188.0 | 131.5 | 51.5 | 76.3 |
| Woodpulp and similar pulp | 544.1 | 349.8 | 525.1 | 354.4 | 500.2 | 337.9 | 3.6 | 4.9 |
| Newsprint paper | 523.0 | 325.6 | 324.6 | 175.2 | 506.0 | 330.8 | 61.1 | -35.8 |
| Textiles | 29.0 | 16.4 | 26.4 | 17.8 | 25.6 | 16.0 | 9.6 | 3.1 |
| Chemicals | 404.4 | 247.5 | 331.4 | 207.1 | 279.6 | 178.5 | 22.0 | 18.5 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materials | 176.7 | 104.0 | 149.1 | 90.7 | 139.4 | 88.3 | 18.5 | 6.9 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 186.6 | 126.4 | 179.2 | 136.7 | 148.0 | 102.6 | 4.1 | 21.0 |
| Iron and steel | 237.2 | 152.3 | 193.8 | 130.6 | 202.3 | 138.6 | 22.3 | -4.1 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 609.5 | 368.0 | 493.5 | 308.7 | 401.4 | 285.2 | 23.5 | 22.9 |
| Copper and alloys | 136.0 | 82.0 | 131.0 | 87.4 | 125.3 | 92.3 | - 3.7 | 4.5 |
| Nickel and alloys | 84.1 | 54.4 | 90.1 | 53.1 | 105.3 | 74.3 | -6.6 | -14.4 |
| End Products, Inedibie | 3,517.7 | 2,128.7 | 2,993.1 | 1,861.5 | 2,299.4 | 1,454.6 | 17.5 | 30.1 |
| Industrial machinery | 254.7 | 157.1 | 209.3 | 135.6 | 235.7 | 157.9 | 21.7 | -11.2 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 147.1 | 83.8 | 136.9 | 88.3 | 135.2 | 82.7 | 7.4. | 1.2 |
| Transportation equipment | 2,647.4 | 1,600.2 | 2,180.7 | 1,341.0 | 1,534.1 | 959.6 | 21.4 | 42.1 |
| Passenger automobiles and chassis | 1,103.0 | 660.8 | 896.6 | 567.4 | 679.8 | 399.4 | 23.0 | 31.9 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 452.8 | 293.4 | 350.6 | 217.4 | 272.3 | 190.4 | 29.1 | 28.7 |
| Other motor vehicles | 33.7 | 20.4 | 34.5 | 20.9 | 28.5 | 18.9 | -2.3 | 21.0 |
| Motor vehicle engines and parts | 242.8 | 157.8 | 178.7 | 114.6 | 84.5 | 54.8 | 35.8 | 111.5 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 591.5 | 366.5 | 509.4 | 321.6 | 310.8 | 194.1 | 16.1 | 63.9 |
| Other equipment and tools | 214.2 | 132.0 | 186.5 | 1.14 .7 | 186.1 | 120.3 | 14.8 | 0.2 |
| Special Transactions, Trade | 23.1 | : 11.2 | 38.2 | 19.7 | 12.8 | 6.4 | -39.5 | 197.0 |
| Total | 9,960.6 | 6,204.9 | 8,607.8 | 5,691.3 | 7,524.4 | 5,109.4 | 15.7 | 14.4 |

Private and Public Investment in Canada by Province
Actual 1975
(Millions of dollars)

|  |  | Capital Experiditures |  | Repair Expenditures |  | Total Capital and Repair Expenditures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Construction | Machinery and Equipment | Construction | Machinery and Equipment |  |
| Newfoundland | Private | 278.2 | 147.7 | 58.4 | 144.5 | 628.8 |
|  | Public | 249.5 | 38.8 | 30.5 | 21.3 | 340.1 |
|  | Total | 527.7 | 186.5 | 88.9 | 165.8 | 968.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | Private | 46.3 | 28.5 | 12.2 | 11.3 | 98.3 |
|  | Public | 36.6 | 6.3 | 12.3 | 1.2 | 56.4 |
|  | Total | 82.9 | 34.8 | 24.5 | 12.5 | 154.7 |
| Nova Scotia | Private | 328.6 | 211.9 | 77.7 | 90.7 | 708.9 |
|  | Public | 307.9 | 73.2 | 50.2 | 53.8 | 485.1 |
|  | Total | 636.5 | 285.1 | 127.9 | 144.5 | 1,194.0 |
| New Brunswick | Private | 441.0 | 253.4 | 54.0 | 96.7 | 845.1 |
|  | Public | 286.1 | 178.8 | 47.4 | 37.9 | 550.2 |
|  | Total | 727.1 | 432.2 | 101.4 | 134.6 | 1,395.3 |
| Quebec | Private | 3,083.2 | 2,433.8 | 730.7 | 1,154.6 | 7,402.3 |
|  | Public | 3,036.0 | 617.4 | 261.4 | 125.7 | 4,040.5 |
|  | Total | 6,119.2 | 3,051.2 | 992.1 | 1,280.3 | 11,442.8 |
| Ontario | Private | 4,871.6 | 4,178.7 | 1,126.5 | 1,848.0 | 12,024.8 |
|  | Public | 2,620.9 | 1,249.1 | 369.5 | 290.5 | 4,530:0 |
|  | Total | 7,492.5 | 5,427.8 | 1,496.0 | 2,138.5 | 16,554.8 |
| Manitoba | Private | 407.7 | 415.2 | 109.5 | 192.7 | 1,125.1 |
|  | Public | 415.4 | 282.8 | 79.7 | 70.0 | - 847.9 |
|  | Total | 823.1 | 698.0 | 189.2 | 262.7 | 1,973.0 |
| Saskatchewan | Private | 515.9 | 673.9 | 139.2 | 197.2 |  |
|  | Public | 407.0 | 183.0 | 68.3 | 76.5 | $\cdots \quad 734.8$ |
|  | Total | 922.9 | 856.9 | 207.5 | 273.7 | 2,261.0 |
| Alberta |  | 2,590.5 | 1,255.3 | 395.5 | 409.7 |  |
|  | Public | 804.8 | 356.4 | 129.8 | 110.7 | 1,401.7 |
|  | Total | 3,395.3 | 1,611.7 | 525.3 | 520.4 | 6,052.7 |
| British Columbia | Private | 1,858.6 | 1,088.8 | 337.3 | 718.7 | 4,003.4 |
|  | Public | 1,138.3 | 337.3 | 205.8 | 138.8 | 1,820.2 |
|  | Total | 2,996.9 | 1,426.1 | 543.1 | 857.5 | 5,823.6 |
| Northwest Territories and Yukon | Private | 202.2 | 127.6 | 13.1 | 36.3 | 379.2 |
|  | Public | 128.2 | 23.8 | 11.0 | 8.4 | 171.4 |
|  | Total | 330.4 | 151.4 | 24.1 | 44.7 | 550.6 |
| Canada | Private | 14,623.8 | 10,814.8 | 3,054.1 | 4,900.4 | 33,393.1 |
|  | Public | 9,430.7 | 3,346.9 | 1,265.9 | 934.8 | 14,978.3 |
|  | Total | 24,054.5 | 14,161.7 | 4,320.0 | 5,835.2 | 48,371.4 |

Private and Public Investment In Canada by Province, 1975-77.
The accompanying tables supplement Table 23 of the publication Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 (61-205, \$1.05) by showing provincial statistics applicable to the two sectors of private and public.

Of the two categories, "public" includes the following:

- Government enterprises for municipal, provincial and federal government
- Municipal hospitals and schools, provincial hospitals, schools and universities
- Government department expenditures at the three levels
- Federal government housing

The category "private" includes all other activities.

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(tables continued on pages 12 \& 13)

Private and Public Investment In Canada by Province
Preliminary Actual 1976
(Millions of dollars)


Private and Public Investment in Canada by Province
Intentions 1977
(Millions of dollars)

|  |  | Capital Expenditures |  | Repair Expenditures |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\cdots$ | Construction | Machinery and Equipment | Construction | Machinery and Equipment | Total Capital and Repair Expenditures |
| Newfoundland | Private | 338.9 | 134.2 | 71.5 | 164.2 | 708.8 |
|  | Public | 311.0 | 41.9 | 28.7 | 23.1 | 404.7 |
|  | Total. | 649.9 | 176.1 | 100.2 | 187.3 | 1,113.5 |
| Prince Edward Island | Private | 39.8 | 30.0 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Public | 34.3 | 5.7 | 9.7 | 1.6 | 51.3 |
|  | Total | 74.1 | 35.7 | 21.9 | 14.3 | 146.0 |
| Nova Scotia | Private | 357.0 | 186.6 | 90.4 | 97.6 | 731.6 |
|  | Public | 446.2 | 85.7 | 55.0 . | 42.4 | 629.3 |
|  | Total. | 803.2 | 272.3 | 145.4 | 140.0 | 1,360.9 |
| New Brunswick | Private | 353.2 | 237.6 | 69.6 | 123.1 | 783.5 |
|  | Public | 335.5 | 243.2 | 53.0 | 40.1 | 671.8 |
|  | Total | 688.7 | 480.8 | 122.6 | 163.2 | 1,455.3 |
| Quebec - | Private | . 3,522.8 | 2,501.0 | 885.2 | 1,340.2 | 8,249.2 |
|  | Public | 3.465.6 | 1,103.8 | 314.7 | 144.7 | 5,028.8 |
|  | Total | 6,988.4 | 3,604.8 | 1,199.9 | 1,484.9 | 13,278.0 |
| Ontario | Private | 5.587.5 | 4,603.5 | 1,375.2 | 2,237.8 | 13,804.0 |
|  | Public | 2.729 .9 | 1,165.1 | 462.6 | 357.2 | 4,714.8 |
|  | Total | 8,317.4 | 5,768.6 | 1,837.8 | 2,595.0 | 18,518.8 |
| Manitoba | Private | 570.0 | 465.9 | 140.4 | 181.7 | 1,358.0 |
|  | Public | 508.3 | 285.2 | 93.0 | 71.6 | 958.1 |
|  | Total | 1,078.3. | 751.1 | 233.4 | 253.3 | 2,316.1 |
| Saskatchewan | Private | 732.3 | 746.3 | 159.1 | 232.0 | 1,869.7 |
|  | Public | 555.7 | 276.0 | 86.2 | 101.4 | 1,019.3 |
|  | Total | 1,288.0 | 1,022.3 | 245.3 | 333.4 | 2,889.0 |
| Alberta | Private | 4,125.6 | 1,921.2 | 492.4 | 472.3 | 7.011.5 |
|  | Public | 989.5 | 423.7 | 149.0 | 142.1 | 1,704.3 |
|  | Total | 5,115.1 | 2,344.9 | 641.4 | 614.4 | 8,715.8 |
| Brltish Columbia | Private | 2,305.1 | 1,286.4 | 396.9 | 872.8 | 4,861.2 |
|  | Public | 1,345.4 | 469.3 | 215.0 | 138.8 | 2,168.5 |
|  | Total | 3,650.5 | 1,755.7 | 611.9 | 1,011.6 | 7.029.7 |
| Northwest Territories and Yukon | Private | 333.0 | 61.9 | 17.6 | 40.7 | 453.2 |
|  | Public | 166.9 | 21.8 | 16.1 | 8.2 | 213.0 |
|  | Total | 499.9 | 83.7 | 33.7 | 48.9 | 666.2 |
| Canada | Private | 18,265.2 | 12,174.6 | 3,710.5 | 5,775.1 | 39,925.4 |
|  | Public | 10,888.3 | 4,121.4 | 1,483.0 | 1,071.2 | 17,563.9 |
|  | Total | 29,153.5 | 16,296.0 | 5,193.5 | 6,846.3 | 57,489.3 |

Special notice to users of Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1977 (Catalogue No. 61-205)
Users are alerted to the following changes in the entries for tables 23 and 24 on pages 40 and 41.
Table 23, page 40
Item 4, year 1975: repair expenditures sub-total (column 6) should read 1,188.8 instead of 1,118.8.
Item 4, year 1977: repair expenditures for machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 888.1 instead of 881.1 .
Item 5, year 1976: capital expenditures for construction (column 1) should read 845.9 instead of 854.9.
Item 6, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures for construction (column 7) should read 5,891.2 instead of 5,891.9.
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Item 4, year 1975: repair expenditures for machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 420.8 instead of 420.9.
Item 4, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures on machinery and equipment (column 8) should read 1,463.8 iñstead of 1,436.8.
Item 5, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures for both construction and machinery and equipment (column 9) should read 7,018.9 instead of 7,018.4.
Item 8, year 1975: repair expenditures on machinery and equipment (column 5) should read 382.4 instead of 283.4.
Item 12, year 1977: total capital and repair expenditures on construction (column 7) should read 3,202.4 instead of 3,204.4.

Historical Comparison of all Agricultural |Holdings,(1) 1971 and 1976

| Item |  | Total, all agricultüral holdings(1) |  | Small agricultural holdings(2) '(sales under \$1,200) |  | ```Censüs-farms(3) (sales of $1,200 or more)``` |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1971 | 1976 | 1971 | 1976 | 1971 | 1976 |
| Canada : | number acres | $\begin{array}{r} 366,128 \\ 169,668,614 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 338,578 \\ 169,086,823 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 66,260 \\ 9,210,037 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38,460 \\ 3,110,563 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 299,868 \\ 160,458,577 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 300,118 \\ 165,976,260 \end{array}$ |
| Newfoundland | number acres | 1,042 62,704 | $\begin{array}{r} 878 \\ 80,058 \end{array}$ | $\because \begin{array}{r} 640 \\ 10,430 \end{array}$ | 480 7,352 | 402 52,274 | $\begin{array}{r} 398 \\ 72,706 \end{array}$ |
| Prince Edward Island | number | 4.543 | 3,677 | 1,081 | 623 | 3,462 | 3,054 |
|  | acres. | 774,630 | 731,035 | 106,820 | 43,959 | 667,810 | 687.076 |
| Nova Scotia | number | 6,008 | 5,434 | 2,474 | 1,993 | 3,534 | 3,441 |
|  | acres. | 1,328,875 | 1,218,953 | 320.531 | 229,916 | 1,008,344 | 989,037 |
| New Brunswick | number | 5,485 | 4,551 | 1,999 | 1,307 | 3,486 | 3,244 |
|  | acres | 1,339,133 | 1,153,438 | 287,604 | 159,264: | 1,051,529 | $\therefore 994 ; 174$ |
| Quebec | number | 61,257 | 51,587 | 13,050 | 8,490 | 48,207 | 43,097 |
|  | acres | 10,801.116 | 9,906,319 | 1.558,306 | 876:757 | 9,242,810 | 9,029,562 |
| Ontario | number | 94,722 | 88,801 | - 19,077 | 11,818. | 75,645 | - 76,983 |
|  | acres | 15,963,056 | 15,473,011 | 1,772,573 | 728;687 | 14,190,483 | 14,744,324 |
| Manitoba | number | 34,981. | 32,104 | - 5,396 | 2,141 | 29,585 | 29,963 |
|  | acres | 19,008,259 | 19,026,255 | . 973,558 | 219,074 | 18,034,701 | 18,807;,18.1 |
| Saskatchewan ... | number | 76,970 | 70,958 | : 1 . 5,651 | 1,380 | 71.319 | 69,578 |
| -.' $\cdot$ | acres. | 65,056,875 | 65,511,431 | 1,303,562 | 194,977 | 63,753,313 | 65,316,454 |
| Alberta | number. | 62,702 | 61,130 | - 9,497 | 3,820 | 53,205 | 57,310 |
|  | acres | 49,506,287. | 49,928,771 | 2,220,983 | 408,893 | 47,285,304 | 49,519,878 |
| British Columbia | number: | 18,400 | 19,432 | 7,386 | 6.399 | 11,014 | 13,033 |
|  | acres | 5,823,231. | 6,052,910 | 652,914 | 241,479 | 5,170,317 | 5,811,431 |
| Yukoin and Northwest Territories | number | 18 | 26 | 9 | - 9 | 9 | 17 |
| . . | acres | 4,448 | 4,642 | . 2,756 | 205 | 1,692 | 4,437 |

(1) Defined as a censús-farm in the 1971 Census of Agriculture
(2) Classified as "small agricultural holdings" in the 1976 Census of Agriculture due to the low value of agricultural products sold.
(3) Defined as a census-farm in the 1976 Census of Agriculture

Number and Area of Census-Farms by Census Division, 1976 - Advance Information.
Although agricultural holdings in Canada and acreage used for all agricultural production declined between 1971 and 1976, there was a small increase in both the number of census-farms and their total acreage during the period. This information from the 1976 Census of Agriculture was released to-day by Statistics Canada.

On June 1, 1976 there were 300,118 census-farms in Canada compared with 299,868 in 1971. Acreage on census-farms in the five-year period increased by 3.4\% to $165,976,260$ acres from $160,458,577$
Statistics Canada currently defines a census-farm as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with annual product sales in 1975 of at least $\$ 1,200$. To be included in earlier censuses, a census-farm had to have product sales of only $\$ 50$.

The total number of agricultural holdings in Canada with 1975 sales of $\$ 50$. or more declined to 338,578 in 1976 from 366,128 in 1971. Acreage dropped slightly to 169,086,823 from 169,668,614 acres.

But this decline in number and acreage of agricultural holdings arose because of a sharp decrease in the number of agricultural holdings whose product sales in 1975 were less than $\$ 1,200$. In 1976 there were only 38,460 such holdings compared with 66,260 in 1971. And their total acreage dropped by almost two-thirds to a 1976 figure of $3,110,563$ acres.
The accompanying table provides the corresponding provincial figures:

For further information, order Number and Area of Census-Farms by Census Division (96-857, 70¢), or contact .R. Cinq-Mars (613-994-9855), Agriculture. Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population \& Over
February 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Completions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, February 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

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Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Äct, Report for 1974, Part II - Labour Unions Supplement (71-202, N/C)

Advance Unemployment Insurance Statistics, January 1977 (73-001-p, N/C)
Consumer Credit, February 1977 (61-004, 30థ/\$3).
Farm Wages in Canada, February 1977 (21-002, 35\$/\$1.40)
Dairy Factory Production, March 1977 (32-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

Bullding Permits, February 1977 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities totalled $\$ 944$ million in February compared to $\$ 916$ million in January. In February 1976, the value of construction permits issued was $\$ 1.1$ billion.

Residential permits - which constitute the largest component of building construction - remained practically.unchanged in February at $\$ 539$ million. The number of new dwellings authorized reflect a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 208,000 units. In February 1976, the rate called for 265,000 new dwelling units.

In the non-residential sector, both industrial and commercial construction showed increases over January while government-sponsored projects decreased. Over-all, non-residential permits totalled $\$ 405$ million, seasonally adjusted, compared to $\$ 367$ million in January.

For further information, order the February issue of Building Permits ( $64-001,70 \$ / \$ 7$ ), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see table on next page)
Rallway Freight Traffic, Fourth Quarter 1976 Advance Information
Fourth-quarter statistics show that railways operating in Canada carried 67.3 million tons of revenue freight, $6.9 \%$ more than in the final three months of 1975. The October-December 1976 figure includes 61.8 million tons loaded in Canada (an increase of $7.1 \%$ over fourth quarter 1975) and 5.5 million tons received from United States rail connections (up 4.6\%).

Of the seven major commodity groups under which rail freight is reported, carryings were up in three in the latest period: crude materials; fabricated materials; and special traffic.

Domestic loadings on a geographic basis reflected increases in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

Total revenue freight carried by rail in 1976 amounted to 262.9 million tons, a $5.6 \%$ increase over 1975.

For further information, order the fourth quarter issue of Railway Freight Traffic (52-002, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Distllerles, 1975 - Advance Information.
Distilleries shipped $\$ 500.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.5\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $0.2 \%$ to $\$ 337.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.4 \%$ to 5,992 and total salaries and wages increased $10.0 \%$ to $\$ 81.6$ 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 Distilleries, 1975 (32-206, 70¢).

Salt, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 513,772 short tons in March from 531,989 short tons in March 1976. This brought 1977 output to 1,944,629 short tons from 1,922,933 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the March 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.

Broom, Brush and Mop Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
The broom, brush and mop manufacturing industry shipped $\$ 57.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $5.4 \%$ to $\$ 32.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $11.0 \%$ to 2,085 and total salaries and wages increased $4.0 \%$ to 17.0 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 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

## Misceilaneous Petroleum and Coal Products Indus-

 trles, 1975 - Advance Information.Miscellaneous petroleum and coal products industries shipped $\$ 86.5$. million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $56.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $63.3 \%$ to $\$ 43.6$ million, the number of employees increased $3.1 \%$ to 984 and total salaries and wages increased $22.4 \%$ to $\$ 12.6$ 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 Miscellaneous Petroleum and Coal Products Industries, 1975 (45-207, 70§).

## Building Permits

February 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Number of Dwelling Units |  |  | Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles | Multiples | Total | Residential (\$ | Industrial 000) | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |
| Newfoundland | 22 | 34 | 56 | 1,200 | - | 4,205 | 236 | 5,641 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14 | - | 14 | 562 | 1,299 | 33 | 3 | 1,897 |
| Nova Scotia | 120 | 128 | 248 | 6,777 | 228 | 827 | 1,725 | 9,557 |
| New Brunswick | 19 | 11 | 30 | 1,461 | 179 | 4,881 | 728 | 7,249 |
| Quebec | 1,354 | 1,659 | 3,013 | 75,725 | 12,617 | 15,678 | 3,802 | 107,822 |
| Ontario | 710 | 2,460 | 3,170 | 94,113 | 24,372 | 71,165 | 29,278 | 218,928 |
| Manitoba | 170 | 317 | 487 | 12,909 | 295 | 3,150 | 5,512 | 21,866 |
| Saskatchewan | 195 | 299 | 494 | 13,035 | 3,273 | 7,096 | 2,207 | 25,611 |
| Alberta | 741 | 1,524 | 2,265 | 60,847 | 3,091 | 29,702 | 3.976 | 97.616 |
| British Columbia | 1,220 | 1,103 | 2,323 | 72,088 | 4,227 | 35,075 | 18,910 | 130,300 |
| Yukon |  |  |  | - | - |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 3 | 36 | 39 | 1,291 | 45 | 5 | - | 1,341 |
| Canada - Unadjusted | 4,568 | 7,571 | 12,139 | 340,008 | 49,626 | 171,817 | 66,377 | 627,828 |
| Canada - Adjusted | 7,449 | 9,872 | 17,321 | 538,757 | 98,680 | 208,219 | 98,234 | 943,890 |
| Metropolitan Areas | 2,502 | 6,138 | 8,640 | 240,503 | 38,411 | 131,160 | 47,166 | 457,240 |
| Calgary | 243 | 884 | 1,127 | 25,643 | 1,858 | 15,833 | 187 | 43,521 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 26 | 32 | 58 | 1,859 | $\square$ | 531 | - | 2,390 |
| Edmonton | 118 | 268 | 386 | 12,574 | 305 | 6,012 | 2,073 | 21,364 |
| Halifax | 47 | 47 | 94 | 2,532 | 25 | 503 | 94 | 3,154 |
| Hamilton | 44 | 415 | 459 | 8,016 | 9,060 | 1,697 | 3,696 | 22,469 |
| Hull | 9 | - | 9 | 387 | 11 | 461 | 1,257 | 2,116 |
| Kitchener | 16 | 4 | 20 | 816 | 255 | 2,363 | 17 | 3,451 |
| London | 61 | 99 | 160 | 4,193 | 755 | 768 | 1,934 | 7,650 |
| Montreal | 575 | 1,312 | 1,887 | 47,140 | 11,409 | 9,880 | 1,060 | 69,489 |
| Ottawa | 34 | 13 | 47 | 2,135 | 394 | 1,661 | 1,531 | 5,721 |
| Quebec | 144 | 40 | 184 | 6,215 | 5 | 1,092 | 880 | 8,192 |
| Regina | 72 | 10 | 82 | 3,154 | 207 | 3,005 | 1,923 | 8,289 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 54 | 27 | 81 | 2,604 | 531 | 1,131 | 386 | 4,652 |
| Saint-John | 1 | - | 1 | 484 | 65 | 300 | 83 | 932 |
| . St. John's | - | 34 | 34 | 690 | - | 60 | - | 750 |
| Saskatoon | 68 | 181 | 249 | 4,929 | 816 | 970 | 23 | 6,738 |
| Sudbury | 10 | - | 10 | 374 | - | 232 | 170 | 776 |
| Thunder Bay | 19 | 1 | 20 | 802 | - $\overline{-}$ | 1,730 | 13 | 2,545 |
| Toronto | 234 | 1,519 | 1,753 | 56,988 | 10.122 | 51,723 | 19.815 | 138,648 |
| Vancouver | 510 | 826 | 1,336 | 41,414 | 1.912 | 24,967 | 3,694 | 71,987 |
| Victoria | 35 | 125 | 160 | 3,442 | 62 | 2.854 | 2,773 | 9,131 |
| Windsor | 32 | 2 | 34 | 1,893 | 357 | 860 | 46 | 3,156 |
| Winnipeg | 150 | 299 | 449 | 11,819 | 262 | 2,527 | 5,511 | 20,119 |

## Preliminary figures.

For further information order Building Permits, February 1977 (64-001, 70థ/\$7).


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Retail Trade, February 1977 (63-005, 55\$/\$5.50)
Future Trends in Enrolment and Manpower Supply in Ontario (81-567E, \$3.50)
Production of Eggs and Poultry, February 1977 (23-003, 30\$/\$3)
Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistlcs, February 1977 (25-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Cheques Cashed, February 1977 (61-001, 30\$/\$3)

Fuiture Trends In Enrolmeni and Afanpower Supply In Oniario - A report by Z. Zsigmond, G. Picot, M.S. Devereaux and W. Clark.
A record 67,100 students are expected to graduate from Ontario's universities and colleges this year. More than two-thirds of them $(46,200)$ could enter the provincial labour force, as well as another 151,500 high school graduates and those who leave the various levels of education before completing a program. Thus, an estimated 197,700 young people will cease full-time study and seek permanent work in Ontario in
Thee annualtumber isprojected to increase to nearly 214,000 in 1981 , and thendectine a's the crest of the baby-boom generation passes through the education system, In ${ }^{4} 986$, about ${ }^{195} ; 000$ students will be potentîal labo ofe force entrants.

But while the number of school-hávers is projected to rise and "fall, their level of education will increase steadily. Greater post-secondary attendance over the past two decades has raised the educational attainment of young people who enter the labour force. About $44 \%$ of this year's 197,700 potential entrants have had at least some post-secondary education; by 1986, the proportion will be $50.5 \%$. In 1966, only $24.9 \%$ had attended a post-secondary institution.

The influx of these young people will raise the overall level of education of the provincial labour force. In 1974, less than one-quarter had any post-secondary training. By 1986, the annual addition of people leaving full-time study will raise the proportion above onethird. Moreover, the percentage is likely to be even higher as those already employed upgrade their credentials through part-time study, and immigrants with post-secondary qualifications join Ontario's labour force.

An attitude survey of 1974-75 students showed that $43 \%$ of them were attending post-secondary institutions for job-related reasons (as opposed to 34\% who said they wished to broaden their knowledge). Even students in "general" arts and science programs indicate employment motivations (40\%) more frequently than any others.

The report also gives results of a survey of the employment status of students who had graduated from Ontario's universities and Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT's) in spring 1974, and sought full-time work. Unemployment rates varied significantly by level and by discipline. After several months in the labour market, unemployment among recipients of post-graduate degrees was $4.0 \%$ compared with 11.9\% among students who had earned bachelors' degrees. Graduates of "general" programs had unemployment rates around $20 \%$. The lowest rate, $3.1 \%$, was among those with CAAT diplomas in technology. A year later, unemployment in the same group of graduates had declined, but the pattern by level and discipline persisted.

Nonetheless, the publication indicates that a degree offers some protection against unemployment. Between 1972 and 1975, the unemployment rate for the 14-24 age group as a whole was $9.3 \%$. But those with only elementary schooling had a rate of $12.5 \%$; high school graduates, $6.4 \%$; and those who had completed post-secondary training, 5.3\%.

Although the report focuses on one projection of enrolment, graduates and potential labour force entrants to 1986, alternatives are provided and trends to 2001 examined. The kind of jobs the 1974 graduates
accepted and implications for the future are also discussed.

Order Future Trends in Enrolment and Manpower Supply in Ontario - Projections of Enrolment, Graduates and Potential Labour Force Entrants from Ontario's Education System, and their Implications 1971 to 1986 and Trends to 2001, by Z. Zsigmond, G. Picot, M.S. Devereaux, W. Clark (81-567E and 81-567F, $\$ 3.50$ ). For further information, contact $Z$. Zsigmond (613-995-9710 or 613-593-6681), Chief, Projections Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Production of Eggs and Pouliry, March 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian egg production decreased $3.9 \%$ to 36.7 million dozen in March from 38.1 million dozen in March 1976. The average number of layers decreased $0.6 \%$ to 23.2 million from 23.3 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased $3.9 \%$ to 1,900 from 1,967. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased $5.0 \%$ to $66.6 \mathbb{C}$ a dozen from $63.4 \mathbb{C}$ a dozen.
For further information, order the March issue of Production of Eggs and Poultry (23-003, 30c/\$3), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Hosiery Aills, 1975 - Advance Information.
Hosiery mills shipped $\$ 103.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.7\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $5.9 \%$ to $\$ 55.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $6.8 \%$ to 4,861 and total salaries and wages increased $4.8 \%$ to $\$ 34.1$ million.

For further information, contact Elliott Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Knitting Mills, 1975 (34-215, 70¢).

Asbesios, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Producers' shipments of asbestos decreased to 155,866 short tons in March from 162,345 short tons in March 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 398,000 short tons from 411,720 in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15 $/$ / $\$ 1.50$ ), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended April 30, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended April 30 was 276,557 short tons ( 250888 t ), a decrease of $0.6 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 278,083 short tons (252 273 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 271,832 tons ( 246602 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t ) equalling 100 was 150.9 in the current week, 151.8 a week earlier and 148.4 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin, April 1977 (62-007, 40\$/\$4)
Oilseeds Review, December 1976 (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20)
The Wheat Review, December 1976 (22-005, 55¢/\$5.50)
Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, April 1977 (32-009, 30§/\$3)
Soaps and Synthetic Detergents, February 1977 (46-003, 30¢/\$3)
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Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, March 1977 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)
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Oils and Fats, February 1977 (32-006, 30\$/\$3)

## Service Bulietins:

Rubber and Plastics Products Industries (47-002, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977

Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile (47-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 3, Floor Tiles, March 1977

Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1:40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 6, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese, March 1977

## Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Wäghted with Current Period Quantities
Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 Annual | 135.9 | 156.3 |
| 1975 Annual | 157.1 | 173.4 |
| 1976 Annual | 158.0 | 177.7 |
| 1975 |  |  |
| III | 159.6 | 174.9 |
| IV | 155.8 | 177.0 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| I | 157.9 | 178.0 |
| II | 158.1 | 176.8 |
| III | 158.6 | 178.6 |
| IV | 157.8 | 178.2 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| September | 154.2 | 174.8 |
| October | 156.2 | 179.4 |
| November | 157.2 | 176.2 |
| December | 159.8 | 179.7 |
| l977 |  |  |
| January | 168.3 | 184.2 |
| February | 166.3 | 185.0 |

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, February 1977 - Advance Information.
The level of January and February price indexes for both imports and exports show a substantial jump compared with both the first and fourth quarters of 1976 - just over 6\% for import prices and $3.5 \%$ for export prices. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar contributed to the surge in import prices and, probably to a lesser extent, to the increase in export prices.

February import volume advanced almost 5\% over January, and was also 5\% higher than the fourth quarter of 1976. February export volume remained at about the same level as in January, the January/February level being $12 \%$ above the low fourth quarter of 1976 and $1 \%$ above the third-quarter 1976 peak.

For further information, please order the March issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40థ /\$4).
available show combined net income of the six major railways in Canada as $\$ 25.2$ million in December compared with a deficit of $\$ 103.3$ million in December 1975. Total operating revenues increased to $\$ 264.4$ million from $\$ 109.4$ million and operating expenses advanced to $\$ 239.2$ million from $\$ 212.7$ million.

Freight ton-miles for December 1976 aggregated $9,805.1$ million, a gain of $0.2 \%$ over the previous year. But freight train-miles and freight car-miles declined $2.5 \%$ and $3.9 \%$, respectively. Passenger-miles were up $18.7 \%$ to 153.8 million.
Twelve-month figures for all six railways show a $16.8 \%$ increase in 1976 operating revenues to $\$ 3,058.3$ million; a $9.7 \%$ rise in expenses to $\$ 2,926.7$ million; and net income of $\$ 131.6$ million, nearly three times that of 1975. Canadian National reported net operating income of $\$ 19.6$ million in 1976 (as opposed to a deficit of $\$ 109.7$ million the previous year). Canadian Pacific netted $\$ 9.4$ million on operations ( $\$ 7.9$ million in 1975). Ton-miles generated by all six lines in 1976 were up $1.2 \%$, while passenger-miles decreased $0.5 \%$.

For further information, order the December issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Wooden Box Factories, 1975 - Advance Information. Wooden box factories shipped $\$ 109.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $4.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $8.8 \%$ to $\$ 51.5$ million, the number of employees increased $0.6 \%$ to 3,752 and total salaries and wages increased $17.6 \%$ to $\$ 33.4$ 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 Wooden Box Factories, 1975 (35-209, 70¢).

Rallway Operating Statlstics, December 1976 Advance Information.
Statistics for December 1976 have been necessarily delayed awaiting the tabling of Canadian National's year-end results in the House of Commons. Data now

New Housing Price Indexes
December 1976 - March 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Mar. 1977 | Feb. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change <br> Mar. $/ 77$ <br> Mar. $/ 76$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971 $=100$ |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 257.8 | 257.8 | 257.8 | 253.4 | 14.2 |
| Montreal | 211.8 | 210.0 | 209.5 | 206.1 | 8.7 |
| Winnipeg | 209.7 | 209.7 | 208.6 | 208.3 | 7.5 |
| (Jan. 1975=100) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saskatoon | 141.4 | 141.4 | 139.7 | 139.0 | 13.6 |
| London | 111.1 | 111.1 | 111.1 | 111.1 | 4.9 |
| Kitchener | 105.5 | 105.5 | 105.5 | 105.5 | 1.1 |

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.

## Non-Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

March 1977 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | Mar. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Mar. 1976 | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Mar. $/ 77$ <br> Feb. $/ 77$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } / 77 \\ & \text { Mar. } / 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total Index | 173.2 | 172.6 | 159.3 | 0.3 | 8.7 |
| Materials | 161.7 | 160.6 | 154.1 | 0.7 | 4.9 |
| Steel and Metal Work | 171.5 | 171.5 | 168.5 | - | 1.8 |
| Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning | 149.6 | 148.6 | 138.8 | 0.7 | 7.8 |
| Electrical Equipment | 152.2 | 152.2 | 144.2 | - | 5.5 |
| Concrete Products | 185.0 | 181.2 | 172.2 | 2.1 | 7.4 |
| Lumber and Lumber Products | 169.2 | 165.2 | 169.6 | 2.4 | -0.2 |
| Other | 155.1 | 154.3 | 148.0 | 0.5 | 4.8 |
| Labour | 186.0 | 185.8 | 165.1 | 0.1 | 12.7 |

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.

## Clay Products Manufacturers (From Imported Clays),

 1975 - Advance Information.Clay products manufacturers (from imported clays) shipped $\$ 59.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $4.2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $.01 \%$ to $\$ 41.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $8.7 \%$ to 2,097 and total salaries and wages increased $7.9 \%$ to 20.7 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 Clay Products Manufacturers (From Imported Clays), 1975 (44-216, 70§).

Bakeries, 1975 - Advance Information.
Bakeries shipped $\$ 828.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $16.2 \%$ to $\$ 459.1$ million, the number of employees increased $3.0 \%$ to 27,379 and total salaries and wages increased $17.5 \%$ to $\$ 254.9$ 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 Bakeries, 1975 (32203, \$1.05).

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ending April 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,870,023 | 2,134,950 | 5,004,973 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,530,453 | 1,856,113 | 4,386,566 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2603641 | 1936794 | 4540435 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2295588 | 1683837 | 3979425 |
| \% change | 13.4 | 15.0 | 14.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 45,502 | 32,679 | 78,181 |
| Cars, 1976 | 40,795 | 27,757 | 68,552 |
| \% change | 11.5 | 17.7 | 14.0 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 168,291 | 62,193 | 230,484 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 134,947 | 45,016 | 179,963 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 152671 | 56421 | 209092 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 122422 | 40838 | 163260 |
| \% change | 24.7 | 38.2 | 28.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 5,143 | 3,032 | 8,175 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,461. | 1,969 | 6,430 |
| \% change | 15.3 | 54.0 | 27.1 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 36,934,638 | 32,054,151 | 68,988,789** |
| Short tons, 1976 | 35,632,112 | 28,841,507 | 64,473,619 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 33506540 | 29079037 | 62585577 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 32324908 | 26164575 | 58489483 |
| \% change | 3.7 | 11.1 | 7.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 616,768 | 486,601 | 1,103,369** |
| Cars, 1976 | 607,810 | 449,032 | 1,056,842 |
| \% change | 1.5 | 8.4 | 4.4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,465,902 | 890,236 | 3,356,138** |
| Short tons, 1976 | 1,969,599 | 737,715 | 2,707,314 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2237029 | 807609 | 3044638 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 1786790 | 669244 | 2456034 |
| \% change | 25.2 | 20.7 | 24.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 75,136 | 38,672 | 113,808** |
| Cars, 1976 | 65,930 | 31,318 | 97,248 |
| \% change | 14.0 | 23.5 | 17.0 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
**Includes adiustments in respect to prior periods. Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended April 21, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Canadian railways loaded 5.0 million short tons (4.4 million $t$ ) of revenue freight in the above week, an increase of $14.1 \%$ over the same period in 1976. The number of cars loaded rose $14.0 \%$ to 78,181 units.

Tonnage gains in the latest seven days were almost equally divided between the two regions. In the East, loadings were up $13.4 \%$ while in the West a $15.0 \%$ increase was recorded.

Trailer-container movements (piggyback) were $28.1 \%$ above the year-earlier level, totalling 230,484 short tons (209 092 t ).

From January 1 to April 21, 1977, the railways loaded 69.0 million short tons of freight ( 62.6 million t), an increase of $7.0 \%$ over the corresponding period of 1976. The number of cars loaded rose $4.4 \%$ and piggyback movements were up $24.0 \%$.

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

## Summary of Net Shipmenta* of Rolled Steel Products

February 1977 - Advance Information.

| , | Domestic |  | Export |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 26,710 | 24232 | 13,249 | 12020 | 39,959 | 36252 |
| Rails | 18,208 | 16518 | 5,890 | 5343 | 24,098 | 21861 |
| Wire rods | 51,085 | 46343 | 12,855 | 11661 | 63,940 | 58004 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 32,620 | 29592 | 10,590 | 9607 | 43,210 | 39199 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 8,304 | 7533 | 1,678 | 1522 | 9,982 | 9055 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 29,682 | 26927 | 233 | 211 | 29,915 | 27138 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 82,503 | 74846 | 6,291 | 5708 | 88,794 | 80554 |
| Tie plates and track material | 9,896 | 8978 | 387 | 351 | 10,283 | 9329 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 75,613 | 68593 | 11,834 | 10735 | 87,447 | 79328 |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 194,563 | 176506 | 21,100 | 19141 | 215,663 | 195647 |
| Cold finished bars | 7,122 | 6461 | 185 | 168 | 7,307 | 6629 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated | 142,884 | 129622 | 11,318 | 10270 | 154,202 | 139892 |
| Galvanized sheets | 54,446 | 49393 | 11,943 | 10835 | 66,389 | 60228 |
| Total | 733,636 | 665544 | 107,553 | 97572 | 841,189 | 763 116. |

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.
For further information, order the February issue of Primary Iron and Steel (41-001, 409/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
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## Imports by Commodities

Full details on commodity-country import trade for February 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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## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Fourth Quarter 1976 (13-001, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ )

Potash Mines, 1975 (26-222, 70¢)
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers, 1975 (36-205, 70థ)
Hardboard, March 1977 (36-001, 15థ/\$1.50)
Coffin and Casket Industry, 1975 ( $35-210,70 \Phi$ )
Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, January 1977 (35-001, 30\$/\$3)
Industry Selling Price Index: Manưfàcturing
March 1977
(1971=100)

|  | Relative Importance(1) | Index |  |  | Percentage Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mar." $1977$ | Feb." 1977 | Mar. 1976 | Mar. $/ 77$ <br> Feb. $/ 77$ | Mar. $/ 77$ <br> Mar. 76 |
| Industry Selling Price Index: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | 100.0 | 169.9 | 168.3 | 159.2 | 1.0 | 6.7 |
| SIC Major Groups: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Food and Beverage Industries | 19.9 | 182.2 | 179.9 | 172.1 | 1.3 | 5.9 |
| 3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries | 2.5 | 145.3 | 145.0 | 137.6 | 0.2 | 5.6 |
| 4. Leather Industries | 0.9 | 170.8 | 169.1 | 156.8 | 1.0 | 8.9 |
| 5. Textile Industries | 3.5 | 147.8 | 147.4 | 140.6 | 0.3 | 5.1 |
| 6. Knitting Mills | 0.9 | 129.6 | 129.1 | 123.9 | 0.4 | 4.6 |
| 8. Wood Industries | 4.7 | 179.0 | 176.4 | 166.5 | 1.5 | 7.5 |
| 9. Furniture and Fixture Industries | 1.6 | 169.8 | 169.7. | 160.4 | 0.1 | 5.9 |
| 10. Paper and Allied Industries | 8.2 | 191.3 | 189.8 | 181.1 | 0.8 | 5.6 |
| 12. Primary Metal Industries | 8.4 | 181.7 | 179.4 | 164.3 | 1.3 | 10.6 |
| 13. Metal Fabricating Industries | 7.5 | 166.6 | 166.3 | 160.2 | 0.2 | 4.0 |
| 14. Machinery Industries | 4.4 | 156.8 | 156.3 | 149.1 | 0.3 | 5.2 |
| 16. Electrical Products Industries | 6.8 | 143.5 | 143.0 | 139.0 | 0.3 | 3.2 |
| 17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries | 3.2 | 175.8 | 173.5 | 161.9 | 1.3 | 8.6 |
| 18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries | 4.2 | 234.8 | 277.0 | 200.7 | 3.4 | 17.0 |
| 19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries | 6.6 | 172.9 | 172.2 | 165.3 | 0.4 | 4.6 |
| Other Major Groups(2) | 16.7 | 146.1 . | 144.9 | 136.3 | 0:8 | 7.2 |

* 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, March 1977 - Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing stood at 169.9 in March, up $1.0 \%$ from the revised February index of 168.3 and $6.7 \%$ above the March 1976 level of 159.2. The March increase was largely due to advances in the major group indexes for food and beverage industries (1.3\%), petroleum and coal products industries (3.4\%) and primary metals industries (1.3\%).

Price increases of $2.0 \%$ for feeds, $8.4 \%$ for vegetable oil mills, $5.7 \%$ for cane and beet sugar processors and $0.5 \%$ for slaughtering and meat processors contributed most to the rise in the food and beverage group index. The increase in the petroleum and coal products group mainly reflected a $3.5 \%$ rise in the
petroleum refineries index. In the primary metals group, smelting and refining prices rose $2.7 \%$ and copper and copper alloy rolling, casting and extruding $3.5 \%$.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
April 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | Apr. 29/77 <br> This week | Apr. 22/77 Week ago | Apr. 4/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1971 $=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 99.7 | 100.9 | 102.6 |
| Industrials | 85 | 99.4 | 100.9 | 103.4 |
| Foods | 9 | 85.6 | 86.3 | 83.6 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 74.2 | 76.6 | 80.7 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 109.2 | 110.1 | 112.2 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 129.5 | 131.3 | 137.8 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 96.6 | 99.0 | 105.0 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 104.6 | 105.7 | 109.4 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 92.4 | 93.2 | 96.0 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 183.3 | 188.5 | 180.3 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 85.9 | 84.9 | 89.5 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 94.3 | 96.1 | 98.4 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 104.8 | 106.2 | 109.7 |
| Construction | 5 | 228.3 | 226.4 | 221.5 |
| Trade | 15 | 79.9 | 81.3 | 82.2 |
| Utillies and services | 28 | 95.2 | 95.5 | 94.7 |
| Transportation | 6 | 126.4 | 127.1 | 126.2 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 84.3 | 84.6 | 82.8 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 98.8 | 99.6 | 95.9 |
| Telephone | 4 | 97.4 | 97.8 | 98.2 |
| Electric power | 3 | 118.0 | 118.0 | 119.5 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 72.7 | 72.4 | 71.7 |
| Finances | 21 | 107.9 | 109.4 | 110.9 |
| Banks | 8 | 110.3 | 112.2 | 113.4 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 101.4 | 102.5 | 104.1 |
| Insurance | 4 | 105.6 | 104.9 | 107.8 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 110.1 | 111.8 | 114.3 |
| Golds | 9 | 200.1 | 203.9 | 211.3 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.0 | 67.6 | 67.8 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 181.9 | 177.7 | 182.3 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 104.7 | 105.6 | 104.3 |

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

## Farm Input Price Indexes

(1961=100)

|  | Eastern Canada $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qi } \\ 1977 \end{array}$ | Western Canada | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Canada } \\ \text { QI } \\ 1977 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Farm Input (p) | 235.3 | 236.3 | 235.8 |
| Land and farm building (p) | 257.9 | 283.4 | 270.8 |
| Farm machinery and motor vehicles | 207.4 | 203.2 | 204.8 |
| Hired farm labour | 355.4 | 367.8 | 360.1 |
| Other materials and services | 211.9 | 215.8 | 213.2 |

p Preliminary figures.

Farm Input Price Indexes, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
The Farm Input Price Index for Canada (1961=100) increased $2.3 \%$ in the first quarter of 1977 to 235.8 from 230.6 (revised) in the fourth quarter of 1976. The eastern index rose 3.1\% to 235.3 from 228.3 (revised) and the western index was up 1.3\% to 236.3 from 233.3 (revised).

In the latest 12 months, the index rose 5.5\% nationally - $6.2 \%$ in the East and $4.6 \%$ in the West.
For further information, order the first 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.

Ollseeds, March 1977 - Advance Information. Crushings of oilseeds for March, with oll produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: 122,119 (20,548; 97,064).
- Rapeseed: 107,885 (44,266; 61,816).

For further information, order the March issue of Oilseeds Review (22-006, \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact J.M. Huard (613-994-9956), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)

March 1977

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | Year-to-date 1977 | January | February | March |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting* |  | 18** | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Revenue Earned: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | \$ | 25,727,311 | 26,989,877r | 8,257,970 | 8,855,788r | 9,876,119 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | \$ | 74,356 | 67,625 | 22,193 | 22,795 | 22,637 |
| Other Services (e.g. Charter) | \$ | 3,576,656 | 4,071,950 | 766,657 | 1,472,811 | 1,832,482 |
| Fare Passengers Carried: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | No. | 7,819,804 | 7,350,954 | 2,161,162 | 2,391,076 | 2,798,716 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | No. | 187,577 | 172,014 | 55,915 | 56,069 | 60,030 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | No. | 298,432 | 495,653 | 157,596 | 164,948 | 173,109 |
| Vehicie Miles: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | miles | 26,873,189 | 27,099,403 | 8,660,188 | 8,837,869 | 9,601,346 |
| $\cdots$-. | km | 43248205 | 43612260 | 13937221 | 14223171 | 15451868 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | miles | 100,803 | 90,740 | 32,851 | 31,086 | 26,803 |
|  | km | 162226 | 146031 | 52868 | 50028 | 43135 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | miles | 3,055,250 | 3,009,650r | 560,972 | 1,163,646r | 1,285,032 |
| : . : | km | 4916948 | 4843 561r | 902797 | 1872 706r | 2068058 |
| Fuel Consumed: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | litres | 20149330 | 20724359 | 6398944 | 6941920 | 7383495 |
| Gasoline | gals. | 5,596 | 4,051 | 1,383 | 1,456 | 1;212 |
|  | litres. | 25439 | 18415 | 6287 | 6619 | 5509 |

[^8]Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural), March 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 passengè 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, March 1977 - Advance Information. In March, 38 urban transit systems collected $113,381,920$ initial passenger fares. The total distance run was $31,392,892$ miles ( 50521962 km ) and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 37,795,158$

For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and

Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the March issue of Urban Transit (53-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Telephone Statistics, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canada's major telephione systems reported revenues of $\$ 298.6$ million in March, up 9.7\% over March 1976. Operating expenses were $\$ 217.4$ million, an increase of $16.6 \%$. Net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 81.2$ million, down 5.4\% from March 1976.

Revenue for the three-month period ended March 1977 was $\$ 863.7$ million compared to $\$ 782.7$ million in 1976. Operating expenses rose to $\$ 615.5$ million from $\$ 543.0$ million: Net operating-revenue was $\$ 248.3$ million in 1977 compared to $\$ 239.7$ million in JanuaryMarch 1976.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, March 1977 Advance Information.
In March, packers, dealers and tanners held 287,504 cattle hides, up from 266,732 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 120,114 from 242,605 and wettings decreased to 176,201 from 246,518.

For further information, order the March 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.

## Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes

Price Indexes Welghted with Current Period Quantites Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation (1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1974 Annual | 135.9 | 156.3 |
| 1975 Annual | 157.1 | 173.4 |
| 1976 Annual | 158.0 | 177.7 |
| 1975 |  |  |
| III | 159.6 | 174.9 |
| IV | 155.8 | 177.0 |
| I976 |  |  |
| II | 157.9 | 178.0 |
| II | 158.1 | 176.8 |
| III | 158.6 | 178.6 |
| IV | 157.8 | 178.2 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| September | 154.2 | 174.8 |
| October | 156.2 | 179.4 |
| November | 157.2 | 176.2 |
| December | 159.8 | 179.7 |
| I977 |  |  |
| January | 168.3 | 184.2 |
| February | 166.3 | 185.0 |

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes
Volume Indexes Welghted with 1971 Prices
Seasonally Adjusted
(1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 Annual | 149.3 | 116.5 |
| 1975 Annual | 141.2 | 107.2 |
| 1976 Annual | 151.5 | 120.5 |
| I975 |  |  |
| III | 140.0 | 106.1 |
| IV | 142.6 | 107.1 |
| I976 |  |  |
| II | 150.1 | 116.5 |
| II | 152.8 | 121.0 |
| III | 152.8 | 126.1 |
| IV | 149.5 | 116.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| September | 155.7 | 131.3 |
| October | 140.0 | 112.3 |
| November | 152.8 | 114.4 |
| December | 155.7 | 123.8 |
| l977 |  |  |
| January | 150.2 | 128.4 |
| February | 157.5 | 127.0 |

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, February 1977 - Advance Information.
The level of January and February price indexes for both imports and exports shows a substantial jump compared with both the first and iourth quarters of 1976 - just over 6\% for import prices and 3.5\% for export prices. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar contributed to the surge in import prices and, probably to a lesser extent, to the increase in export prices. February import volume advanced almost 5\% over January, and was also $5 \%$ higher than the fourth quarter of 1976

February export volume remained at about the same level as in January, the January/February level being $12 \%$ above the low fourth quarter of 1976 and $1 \%$ above the third-quarter 1976 peak.

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

Travel Between Canada and Other Countrles, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary statistics for March show that the number of United States residents entering Canada reached 1.6 million, up $4.0 \%$ from March 1976, while Canadian residents returning from the U.S. increased $15.4 \%$ to 2.9 million. There were 51,400 visitors from countries other than the U.S., $1.6 \%$ more than last year, and 191,600 Canadians returning from these countries, an increase of $11.8 \%$ from March 1976.

In the first quarter of 1976, U.S. visitors were down $6.4 \%$ to 4.0 million, while Canadians returning from U.S. totalled 7.4 million, up $8.8 \%$ from January-March 1976. There was little change ( $-0.6 \%$ ) in the number $(125,300)$ of visitors from countries other than the U.S. However, Canadians returning from these countries increased 13.8\%, reaching 527,000.

For further information, order the March issue of International Travel - Advance Information (66-002, $15 ¢ / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. M. Valiquette (613-9950847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Rubber Products Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The rubber products industry shipped $\$ 991.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.0 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $4.4 \%$ to $\$ 565.6$ million, the number of employees decreased $0.9 \%$ to 27,422 and total salaries and wages increased $12.2 \%$ to $\$ 302.9$ 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 Rubber Products Industry, 1975 (33-206, 70¢).

Soft DrInk Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Soft drink manufacturers shipped $\$ 732.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $26.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $25.7 \%$ to $\$ 359.7$ million, the number of employees increased $1.5 \%$ to 13,808 and total salaries and wages increased $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 146.3$ 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 Soft Drink Manufacturers, 1975 (32-208, 70§).

Confectlonery Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Confectionery manufacturers shipped $\$ 441.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $17.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $14.7 \%$ to $\$ 214.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.3 \%$ to 9,399 and total salaries and wages increased $14.0 \%$ to $\$ 83.7$ 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 Confectionery Manufacturers, 1975 (32-213, 70¢).
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Whölesale Price Indexes
(1935-39=100)

|  |  |  |  |  | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| '• .. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1977^{*} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 1977^{*} \end{gathered}$ | Mar. 1976 | Feb. 1976 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } / 77 \\ \text { Feb. } / 77 \end{gathered}$ | Mar. $/ 77$ <br> Mar./76 |
| General wholesale index | 552.8 | 542.2r | 506.5 | 505.1 | 2.0 | 9.1 |
| Vegetable products | 511.5 | 481.2 r | 456.1 | 458.2 | 6.3 | 12.1 |
| Animal products | 551.6 | 550.0r | 552.7 | 557.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Textile products | 474.8 | 472.0r | 426.8 | 427.6 . | 0.6 | 11.2 |
| Wood products | 769.9 | 760.9r | 676.9 | 667.1 | 1.2 | 13.7 |
| Iron products | 585.5 | 583.8r | 551.8 | 548.0 | 0.3 | 6.1 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 489.0 | 479.8r | 423.8 | 420.5 | 1.9 | 15.4 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 460.6 | 455.3r | 425.1 | 421.2 | 1.2 | 8.4 |
| Chemical products | 404.4 | 402.0r | 383.7 | 381.8 | 0.6 | 5.4 |
| Summary Indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | 640.7 | 633.9 | 580.1 | 576.0 | 1.1 | 10.4 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 528.4 | 506.9 | 475.6 | 475.3 | 4.2 | 11.1 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 565.3 | 559.6 | 522.4 | 519.5 | 1.0 | 8.2 |

* These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39 = 100), March 1977 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale index increased $2.0 \%$ to 552.8 in March from the revised February index of 542.2 to stand $9.1 \%$ higher than in March 1976. Increases were shown in all of the eight major groups.

The vegetable products index increased 6.3\% to 511.5 from the revised February index of 481.2 reflecting price increases for tea, coffee and cocoa ( $28.4 \%$ ), vegetable oil products ( $7.4 \%$ ), fresh fruits ( $5.8 \%$ ), sugar and its products ( $4.1 \%$ ) and grains ( $2.8 \%$ ). Advances of $8.3 \%$ for silver, $6.0 \%$ for solder, $2.7 \%$ for aluminum and $1.9 \%$ for nickel were mainly responsible for a $1.9 \%$ increase in the non-ferrous products index. The wood products index moved 1.2\% higher in March due mainly to increases in cedar (3.5\%), hardwoods (3.4\%), fir (3.3\%), newsprint and wrapping paper ( $2.0 \%$ ) and spruce (1.4\%). Higher prices for natural gas ( $8.7 \%$ ), pottery ( $5.4 \%$ ), cement (4.2\%) and clay and allied products (3.0\%) advanced the non-metallic minerals index $1.2 \%$. Smaller increases were noted for: textile products $0.6 \%$; chemical products $0.6 \%$; animal products $0.3 \%$; and iron products 0.3\%.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills In British Columbia, February 1977 Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced $1,014.0$ million feet board measure ( 2392800 m 3 ) of lumber and ties in February compared to 871.7 million (revised) in February 1976. January to February production increased to $2,024.4$ million feet board measure
(4776700 m3) in 1977 from a revised $1,657.3$ million feet board measure ( 3909000 m 3 ) in 1976.

For further information, order the February 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.

Railway Operating Statistics, January 1977 - Advance Information.
Operating revenues of the six major railways in Canada totalled $\$ 246.1$ million in January, up 13.0\% from a year earlier: Operating expenses increased only $9.3 \%$ to $\$ 249.2$ million and, as a result, the January net operating deficit was reduced to $\$ 3.1$ million in 1977 from $\$ 10.0$ million in 1976.

Ton-miles in the latest month declined $0.4 \%$, while passenger-miles were down 7.4\%. Freight train-miles and freight car-miles were also below year-earlier levels, falling $3.2 \%$ and $3.9 \%$, respectively. Passenger car-miles decreased 2.6\%.

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

Motor Vehicle Production, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 132,219 units in March compared to 113,298 units in March 1976. January to March production was 326,868 units compared to 307,337 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 61,577 units compared to 48,668 . Year-to-date production was 155,278 units compared to 128,312 units.

For further information order the March 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.

Radio Alr-Time Sales, December 1976 - Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 5.4$ million in December, an increase of $5.9 \%$ from $\$ 5.1$ million in December 1975. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to $\$ 4.6$ million, up $9.5 \%$ from $\$ 4.2$ million.

Net local air-time sales rose $18.0 \%$ to $\$ 16.4$ million in December from $\$ 13.9$ million a year earlier.

Gross radio air-time sales for 1976 were reported at $\$ 248$ million compared to $\$ 218$ million for 1975 , an increase of $13.8 \%$. Net sales rose $13.4 \%$ to $\$ 229$ million from $\$ 202$ million.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Cotton Yarn and Cloth Mlils, 1975 — Advance Information.
Cotton yarn and cloth mills shipped $\$ 319.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $13.7 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $16.2 \%$ to $\$ 137.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $7 \%$ to 10,265 and total salaries and wages decreased $2 \%$ to $\$ 79.3$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Cotton Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 (34-205, 70¢).

Television Recelving Sets, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in March were 22,980 colour sets and 2,374 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were a revised 31,623 and 7,029.

For further information, order the March 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.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,145 units in March, down from 31,147 in March 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,575 units compared to 5,125 (revised). Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 24,464 units compared to 25,140 . Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 733 units compared to 893.

For further information, order the March 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.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, March 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 42,133 in March compared to 41,195 in March 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 95,787 units, down from 117,028. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 17,824 from 32,432 and monthend stocks increased to 62,158 units from 53,383.

For further information, order the March 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.


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## Business Conditions Survey, Canadian Manufactu-

 ring, April 1977 - Advance Information.Canadian manufacturers, on balance, showed considerably more optimism about production for the MayJuly period this year than for the preceding three months, according to the April business conditions survey. Results showed $35 \%$ of the weighted response anticipated an increase in the volume of production and just 19\% expected it to decline. In January 1977, 23\% expected increased production from February through April while 30\% forecast a decline. (Management is asked to allow for normal seasonal conditions when responding).

In April, 49\% of the response indicated that the level of new orders was about normal with the remainder closely divided between "rising" and "declining".

Although there was no change from January in the $6 \%$ indicating that their backlog of unfilled orders was higher than normal, that proportion indicating it was lower than normal stood at $35 \%$ in April, compared with $39 \%$ three months earlier. The difference showed up in an increase of $4 \%$ in the portion indicating unfilled order levels were about normal.

While $73 \%$ reported the level of inventory of finished goods on hand was about right, $24 \%$ declared such stocks were too high and just $3 \%$ that they were too low. These results showed little change from January.

Just $7 \%$ indicated a shortage of skilled labor constituted a production difficulty compared with $10 \%$ in January and for the second consecutive quarter, only $1 \%$ reported a shortage of unskilled labor. A difficulty in obtaining supplies of raw materials was reported by just $4 \%$ of the response compared with $9 \%$ in January. Some $82 \%$ indicated no production difficulties in April.

The results, classified by economic or end use of industry products, show a considerable improvement in production expectations since January. The production forecast for export-based industries, with $51 \%$ indicating "higher" and just $10 \%$ "lower", is significant because, for the first time, the value is positive for a clear majority of the weighted opinion as compiled for any of these groups. The question was initiated in January 1976.

Response to the April survey was from management representing more than 6,400 establishments whose shipments account for more than $50 \%$ 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 table. The quarterly survey is conducted by the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
(see table on next page)

## Total Cash Recelpts from Farming Operations

January-March
(millions of dollars)

|  | 1976 | 1977 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 32.5 | 29.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 28.4 | 29.3 |
| New Brunswick | 30.3 | 28.5 |
| Quebec | 301.6 | 270.3 |
| Ontario | 645.1 | 633.1 |
| Manitoba | 252.4 | 209.5 |
| Saskatchewan | $1,021.4$ | 744.5 |
| Alberta | 615.0 | 569.8 |
| British Columbia | 96.9 | 93.7 |
| Canada | $3,023.6$ | $2,608.3$ |

Farm Cash Recelpts, January-March, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-March period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled $\$ 2,608.3$ million compared to $\$ 3,023.6$ million realized during the corresponding 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 January-March issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 309/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Stoves and Ranges, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in March decreased $1.9 \%$ to 33,270 units from 33,910 units in March 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased $13.6 \%$ to 91,660 units from 80,687 .
For further information, order the March issue of Stoves and Furnaces (41-005, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 6$.

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April, 1977

| Date | Expected production, next 3 months compared to last 3 |  |  | New Orders Level |  |  | Unfilled Orders Backlog |  | Finished Product Inventory |  |  |  | Sources of Production Difficulties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Percentage of weighted response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Manufacturing Industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 23 | 30 | 46 | 22 | 30 | 48 | 6 | 39 | 55 | 23 | 3 | 74 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 76 |
| Apr. $/ 77$ | 35 | 19 | 46 | 25 | 26 | 49 | 6 | 35 | 59 | 24 | 3 | 73 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 82 |
| Large Establishments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 46 | 22 | 30 | 48 | 6 | 39 | 55 | 23 | 3 | 74 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 76 |
| Apr. $/ 77$ | 35 | 18 | 46 | 25 | 26 | 49 | 6 | 35 | 59 | 24 | 3 | 73 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 83 |
| Small Establishments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 176 | 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 | 74 | 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. 177 | 20 | 34 | 46 | 19 | 34 | 47 | 9 | 39 | 52 | 15 | 7 | 78 | 13 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 67 |
| Apr. $/ 77$ | 31 | 24 | 45 | 20 | 30 | 49 | 9 | 37 | 54 | 16 | 7 | 77 | 14 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 68 |
| Durable Consumer Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 9 | 3 | 68 |
| Jan. $/ 77$ | 20 | 50 | 30 | 11 | 44 | 45 | 5 | 64 | 31 | 50 | 4 | 46 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 78 |
| Apr. $/ 77$ | 31 | 35 | 34 | 19 | 32 | 49 | 8 | 50 | 42 | 51 | 4 | 45 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 72 |
| Non-Durable Consumer Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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. 776 | 26 | 26 | 48 | 24 | 16 | 60 | 9 | 16 | 75 | 10 | 7 | 83 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 69 |
| Jan. $/ 77$ | 20 | 31 | 49 | 24 | 17 | 59 | 5 | 22 | 73 | 12 | 3 | 84 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 78 |
| Apr. $/ 77$ | 30 | 17 | 53 | 22 | 22 | 56 | 4 | 21 | 74 | 19 | 3 | 78 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 78 |
| Machinery and Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 1 | 2 | 81 |
| Jan./77 | 20 | 38 | 42 | 18 | 52 | 30 | 13 | 51 | 36 | 28 | 3 | 69 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 79 |
| Apr./77 | 29 | 31 | 39 | 17 | 46 | 37 | 9 | 54 | 37 | 24 | 4 | 72 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 85 |
| Construction Materials and Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 15 | 47 | 38 | 6 | 50 | 44 | 27 | 5 | 68 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 82 |
| Apr./77 | 30 | 27 | 42 | 23 | 47 | 30 | 4 | 65 | 30 | 22 | 6 | 72 | 8 | 11 | , | 2 | 3 | 79 |
| Other Intermediate Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 22 | 27 | 51 | 17 | 30 | 53 | 7 | 40 | 52 | 18 | 3 | 79 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 83 |
| Apr./77 | 32 | 18 | 51 | 28 | 26 | 47 | 10 | 25 | 66 | 22 | 4 | 74 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 84 |

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April, 1977 (continued)

| Date | Expected production, next 3 months compared to last 3 |  |  |  | New Orders Level |  | Unfilled Orders Backlog |  |  |  | Finished Product Inventory |  |  | Urces | Sources of Production Difficulties |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\bar{B}: 4$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Export-Based Industrles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr./76 | 21 | 5 | 74 | 26 | 10 | 64 | 16 | 17 | 66 | 21 | 10 | 69 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 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. $/ 77$ | 37 | 20 | 44 | 33 | 28 | 39 | 2 | 34 | 64 | 36 | 2 | 62 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 57 |
| Apr./77 | 51 | 10 | 39 | 30 | 15 | 55 | 2 | 35 | 63 | 27 | 2 | 71 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 87 |

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 $100 \%$.

New Motor Vehicie Sales, March 1977 - Advance Information.
New motor vehicles sold in March reached 128,527 units, up $12.3 \%$ from a year earlier. This included 76,518 passenger cars (up 8.8\%) and 33,019 commercial vehicles (up 6.3\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 17,626 passenger cars (up $47.7 \%$ ) and 1,364 commercial vehicles (up 18.8\%) manufactured overseas.
Total sales value increased $17.6 \%$ to $\$ 807.4$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 462.8$ million (up 18.0\%) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 254.5$ million (up 9.3\%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased $49.6 \%$ to $\$ 83.6$ million and those of commercial vehicles increased $21.2 \%$ to $\$ 6.5$ million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 254 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 7.5$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted March sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased 7.0\% from February to 71,756 units while those of passenger cars from overseas increased 24.1\% to 17,331 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were up 3.3\% in March to 31,069 units.

For the first three months of 1977, total sales reached 319,676 units $(267,264$ in 1976) with an accumulated value of $\$ 2,015$. 1 million. This represented an increase of $\mathbf{2 5 . 1 \%}$ in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976

For further information, order the March issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007,30¢/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9306), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Manufacturers of Electric Wire and Cable, 1975 Advance Information.
Manufacturers of electric wire and cable shipped $\$ 646.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 4.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $6.0 \%$ to $\$ 233.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $4.4 \%$ to 10,075 and total salaries and wages increased $7.5 \%$ to $\$ 119.4$ 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 Manufacturers of Electric Wire and Cable, 1975 (43-209, 70§).

Industry Selling Price Index, March 1977 - Correction.
In a table in the Daily of Thursday, May 5, the February 1977 index for petroleum and coal products industries was shown as 277.0 but it should have read 227.0.
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## Oll Pipeilne Transport, February 1977. - Advance

 Information.Canadian oil pipe lines received $2,597,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ ( $412890 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) of crude oil, condenstate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in February, an increase of $1.3 \%$ from the. $2,564,000 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}$ ( $407643 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ) received a year earlier. Domestic petroleum and products increased $7.3 \%$ to $2,242,000$ B/D (356 $449 \mathrm{m3} / \mathrm{D}$ ), while imported petroleum and products decreased $25.3 \%$ to 355,000 B/D ( $56440 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{D}$ ).
For further information, order the February 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.

Wooi Production and Supply, 1976 - Advance Information.
Wool production in Canada in 1.976 is estimated at $2,710,500$ pounds. Imports of wool at $36,419,000$ pounds incereased by $16 \%$ from 1975. Exports at 989,000 pounds decreased by 54\% from 1975.

For further information, order Wool Production and Supply, 1976 (23-205, 35¢), or contact B.E. Rosien (613-994-9964), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Steel Pipe and Tube Milis, 1975 Census of Manufactures - Advance Information.
The steel pipe and tube mills shipped $\$ 561.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $.25 .6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $11.8 \%$ to $\$ 170.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.0 \%$ to 5,785 , and total salaries and wages increased $22.0 \%$ to $\$ 79,326$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa'K1A OV6. Complete data will be published in Steel Pipe and Tube Mills (41-220, 70థ).

Particle Board, March 1977 - Advance Information. Canadian firms produced $45,455,000$ sq. ft. ( $4223000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) 5/8" ( 15.9 mm ) basis of particle board in March compared to a revised $53,268,000$ sq. ft .
( 4948000 m 2 ) in March 1976, a decrease of $14.7 \%$.
For further information, order the March 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.

Sugar Sales, April 1977 - Advance Information.
For April, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 82425316 kilograms ( $181,716,744 \mathrm{lbs}$.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 75267478 kilograms ( $165,936,410$. Ibs.) and export sales totalled 7157838 kilograms ( $15,780,334$ lbs.).

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

Petroleum Refining, 1975 - Advance Information.
The petroleum refining industry shipped $\$ 5,569.9$ million worth of products of own maniúfacture in 1975, up $10.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $15.9 \%$ to $\$ 778.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $5.1 \%$ to 15,157 and total salaries and wages increased $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 270.6$ 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 públished later in Petroleum Refineries, 1975 (45-205, 704).

Giass and Glass Products Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information:.
Glass and glass products manufacturers shipped $\$ 420.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $5.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $0.8 \%$ to $\$ 260$ million, the number of employees decreased $8.8 \%$ to $\$ 11,779$ and total salaries and wages increased $3.2 \%$ to $\$ 132$ 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 Glass and Glass Products Manufacturers; 1975 (44-207, 70¢).

Farm Impiement and Equipment Saies, March 1977 Advance Information:
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to March 1977 were valued at $\$ 203.4$ million, a decrease of $2.2 \%$ compared to the January-March 1976 figure of $\$ 207.8$ million.

Repair parts for the same period had a value of $\$ 35.5$ million, compared with $\$ 33.4$ million in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Farm Implement and "Equipmènt Sàles (63-009, $15 \Phi / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Merchandising and Services División (613-996-9307); Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Oils and Fats - Manufacturers' Sales
March 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Margarine |  | Shortening* |  | Salad Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes | '000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Retail Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 22,319 | 10124 | 4,730 | 2145 | 8,913 | 4043 |
| 1976 | 20,994 | 9523 | 4,992 | 2264 | 5,841 | 2649 |
| Commercial Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | 2,071 | 939 | 12,156 | 5541 | 1,724 | 782 |
| 1976 | 1,878 | 852 | 9,791 | 4441 | 1,427 | 647 |
| Bulk sales to packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 ( | 11,767 | 5337 | 1.756 | 797 | 6,614 | 3000 |
| 1976 | 12,423 | 5635 | 2,147 | 974 | 6,409 | 2907 |
| Bulk sales to other than packagers or bottlers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1977 | - | - | 12,438 | 5642 | 3,703 | 1680 |
| 1976 | - | - | 11,214 | 5086 | 3,607 | 1636 |

- Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the March 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.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 7, 1977 - Advance
Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 7 was 280,654 short tons ( 254605 t ), an increase of $1.5 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 276,557 short tons ( 250888 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 274,086 tons ( 248647 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 153.2 in the current week, 150.9 a week earlier and 149.6 one year ago.

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


## New Guidebook for Manufacturers

How A Maniufacturer Can Profit From Facts, a free 45-page guide on how smaller manufacturers can benefit their business by using statistics, is now available.
The book shows how statistics can be used in marketing, learning about the competition, comparing costs with those of other firms, keeping track of employment trends, monitoring various levels of price changes and in other ways.
Five case studies are included: locating a new business; introducing a new product line; considering plant expansion; checking costs; and escalating industrial contracts.
There are also sections on where to get statistics and who to ask for help, understanding the jargon, and the do's and don'ts of using statistics.
A free copy of the guide may be ordered from User Advisory Services, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6, or from any of the division's eight regional offices. For further information, contact Ellis Drover (613-996-5841), Director, User Advisory Services, or the regional offices.
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Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, April 1977 (32-012, 30థ/\$3)
Radio and Television Broadcasting, 1974 (56-204, 70¢)

The Labour Force, April 1977
Unemployment increased marginally in April while employment declined, and Canada's seasonallyadjusted unemployment rate rose to $8.3 \%$ from $8.1 \%$ in March. The rate in April 1976 was 7.3\%.

The adjusted unemployment level was estimated at 870,000 in April, up 14,000 from March. The employment level was estimated at $9,663,000$, a decrease of 9,000 from March.

The increase in unemployment in April was entirely concentrated among men 25 and over.
The adjusted employment level decreased for men 15 to $24(-6,000)$, for women 15 to $24(-3,000)$ and for women 25 and over $(-7,000)$. The level for men 25 and over increased by 7,000 .

Seasonally-adjusted April unemployment rates for the provinces, with March rates in brackets: Newfoundland 16.8\% (16.1\%); Prince Edward Island 9.7\% (9.9\%); Nova Scotia 11.2\% (11.7\%); New Brunswick 13.0\% (14.3\%); Quebec 9.8\% (10.0\%); Ontario 7.4\% (7.1\%); Manitoba 6.7\% (5.7\%); Saskatchewan 5.5\% (4.6\%); Alberta 4.3\% (4.5\%); and British Columbia 9.1\%. (8.8\%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the April labour force was 10,340,000 with 9,425,000 employed and 914,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of $8.8 \%$. In March, the labour force was $10,294,000$ with $9,350,000$ employed and 944,000 unemployed for a rate of $9.2 \%$. In April 1976, the labour force was 10,078,000 with 9,309,000 employed and 769,000 unemployed for a rate of $7.6 \%$.

For further information, order the April issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).
(see graphs on next page)
Industrlal Chemicals, March 1977 — Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped $73,354,536$ ' pounds ( 33273058 kg ) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in March compared to a revised 63,134,255 pounds ( 28637216 kg ) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March 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 0V6.

Pen and Pencil Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
The pen and pencil manufacturing.industry shipped $\$ 32.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 9.5\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $13.4 \%$ to $\$ 21.8$ million, the number of employees increased 2.8\% to 1,083 and total salaries and wages increased $19.2 \%$ to $\$ 9.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and. Primary. Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers, March 1977 - Advance Information.

Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled $\$ 40,354,161$ in March compared to $\$ 37,489,028$ in March 1976.

For further information; order the. March issue of Sales of Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers (46-001, -15\$/\$1.50);- or contact Mr: J. Dornañ (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 - Advance Information.

Other miscellaneous manufacturing industries shipped $\$ 136.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $58 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $0.2 \%$ to $\$ 87.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $4.0 \%$ to 5,836 and total salaries and wages increased $3.4 \%$ to $\$ 47.5$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-992-2231), Mariufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

## Employment, Canada



## Unemployment, Canada



Stone Products Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Stone products manufacturers shipped $\$ 23.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $17.8 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $12.2 \%$ to $\$ 13.8$ million, the number of employees increased $1.8 \%$ to 946 and total salaries and wages increased $10.5 \%$ to $\$ 8.4$ 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 Stone Products Manufacturers, 1975 (44-213, 70థ).

Railway Carloadings
9-day period ending April 30


- Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.

Note: All 1976 figures revised
Railway Carloadings, 9 Days Ended April 30, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily
Canadian rail freight loadings for the above nine days were up $4.1 \%$ from the same period of 1976 to 6.9 million short tons ( 6.3 million $t$ ). Traffic originating east of the Lakehead rose $6.0 \%$ and in the West a $1.6 \%$ increase was recorded. Cars loaded were down 2.3\% to 105,195.

Trailer-container (piggyback) volume at 297,407 short tons (269 803 t) was $7.0 \%$ above the year-earlier level.
During the first four months of 1977, rail carload traffic was up $6.7 \%$ from 1976 to a total of 75.9 million short tons ( 68.8 million t). Cumulative piggyback loadings were up 22.4\%.

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

Weekly Security Price Indexes
May 1977 - Advance Information.


For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
Manufacturers of Lubricating Olls and Greases, 1975 - Advance Information.

Manufacturers of lubricating oils and greases shipped $\$ 93.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $2.8 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $24.1 \%$ to $\$ 32.6$ million, the number of employees increased $27.6 \%$ to 656 and total salaries and wages increased $40.9 \%$ to $\$ 8.2$ 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 Petroleum Refineries, 1975 (45-205, 70¢).

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Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, January-March 1977 (62-010, \$1.40/\$5.60)
Housing, Introduction to Volume II (Part 3), 1971 Census of Canada (93-726, 50¢)
Department Store Sales and Stocks, February 1977 (63-002, 40థ/\$4)

# Distilled Beverage Spirits and Industrial Ethyl Alcohol, March 1977 (32-021, 15\$/\$1.50) 

## Service Bulletin:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 6, No. 14, Sanitaryware, March 1977

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

|  | Relative importance(1) | Indexes |  |  | \% Change |  | \% Contribution to total change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1977 |  | 1976 | April 1977 from |  |  |  |
|  |  | Apr. | Mar. | Apr. | Mar. $1977$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | Mar. 1977 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
| All Items | 100 | 157.9 | 157.0 | 146.8 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 100 | 100 |
| Food | 27 | 174.7 | 172.9 | 164.5 | 1.0 | 6.2 | 42 | 22 |
| All items excluding food | 73 | 152.0 | 151.2 | 140.5 | 0.5 | 8.2 | 58 | 78 |
| Housing | 33 | 159.1 | 158.6 | 145.0 | 0.3 | 9.7 | 19 | 41 |
| Clothing | 9 | 139.5 | 138.2 | 131.1 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 13 | 8 |
| Transportation | 15 | 152.7 | 152.0 | 141.5 | 0.5 | 7.9 | 8 | 15 |
| Health and personal care | 4 | 152.7 | 151.1 | 142.8 | 1.1 | 6.9 | 7 | 4 |
| Recreation, education and reading | 6 | 140.7 | 140.3 | 134.2 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 3 | 4 |
| Tobacco and alcohol | 6 | 141.7 ' | 140.4 | 131.7 | 0.9 | 7.6 | 8 | 6 |
| Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar | - | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.68 |  |  |  |  |
| All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100 |  | 210.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(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, April 1977.

The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada ( $1971=100$ ) advanced $0.6 \%$ to 157.9 in April from 157.0 in March. Slightly over two-fifths of this latest increase was attributable to a $1.0 \%$ rise in the food index, the fourth consecutive month in which this index has registered a relatively-sharp increase. Increased housing charges contributed an additional one-fifth to this latest advance while higher clothing prices had a lesser impact. While the food index registered a $1.0 \%$ rise, the index for all items excluding food increased 0.5\%. Between April 1976 and April 1977, the total CP.I advanced 7.6\%.

The $1.0 \%$ increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for fresh produce - vegetables in particular - fresh milk, butter, sugar and coffee. Lower prices for beef, pork and poultry partially offset these increases. The index for food consumed at home (up 1.3\% in the latest month) has now increased 6.2\% in the five-month period between November 1976 and April 1977, following a period of relative price stability during much of 1976.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as higher electricity and water rates in some municipalities accounted for a large proportion of the $0.5 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other notable contributing factors included higher prices for children's wear in the province of Quebec and increased prices for automobile repairs, dental care, tobacco and alcohol and hotel/motel accommodation. Partially offsetting
these increases were lower automobile insurance rates in some urban centres.
Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased $0.7 \%$ in the latest month while that for services rose $0.5 \%$. Between April 1976 and April 1977, the price level of services increased $9.6 \%$ while that for goods advanced $6.5 \%$.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced $0.8 \%$ from March to April. This included a $1.3 \%$ rise in the food index and a $0.5 \%$ increase in the index for all items excluding food.

In April, the current annual rate of change in theCPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $11.3 \%$.
(see table on next page)
Iron Ore, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian mines shipped $1,476,892$ short tons of iron ore in March compared to 1,764,904 short tons in March 1976. This brought the three-months output to $5,365,108$ short tons in 1977 from 5,033,688 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Iron Ore (26-005, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

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 |
| February | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| March | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| April | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

*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).

## Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

Basis: 1960 Standard Industrial Classification

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1976 r \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Agriculture | 49.8 | 49.7 | 54.8 | 40.1 |
| Forestry | 84.7 | 80.4 | 88.4 | 65.2 |
| Mining | 218.9 | 220.3 | 221.7 | 196.7 |
| Manufacturing | 1,879.0 | 1,861.1 | 1,899.0 | 1,721.7 |
| Construction | 602.9 | 596.2 | 649.7 | 602.6 |
| Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities | 870.2 | 859.8 | 920.3 | 761.0 |
| Trade | 1,127.1 | 1,133.8 | 1,206.8 | 1,022.9 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 534.8 | 531.9 | 522.7 | 468.3 |
| Service | 2,118.6 | 2,109.7 | 2,237.4 | 1,864.5 |
| Public Administration and Defence(1) | 756.0 | 755.0 | 794.9 | 657.9 |
| Total, Wages and Salarles(2) | 8,243.8 | 8,199.5 | 8,600.1 | 7,403.4 |
| Supplementary Labour Income | 780.5 | 781.8 | 666.3 | 671.8 |
| Total, Labour Income(2) | 9,024.3 | $8,981.3$ | $9,266.3$ | 8,075.2 |
|  |  | usted for | al Variat |  |
| Agriculture | 78.0 | 76.6 | 75.3 | 63.1 |
| Forestry | 93.7 | 89.3 | 100.5 | 72.3 |
| Mining | 220.0 | 221.2 | 224.0 | 197.6 |
| Manufacturing | 1,926.8 | 1,900.0 | 1,930.6 | 1,765.0 |
| Construction | 712.4 | 711.7 | 759.0 | 708.7 |
| Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities | 895.5 | 890.0 | 927.8 | 783.4 |
| Trade | 1,163.1 | 1,157.2 | 1,165.8 | 1,055.7 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 535.1 | 535.8 | 530.6 | 468.5 |
| Service | 2,086.2 | 2,072.8 | 2,216.7 | 1,838.3 |
| Public Administration and Defence(1) | 769.8 | 769.4 | 802.1 | 669.0 |
| Total, Wages and Salaries(2) | 8,486.4 | 8,428.4 | 8,736.2 | 7,629.6 |
| Supplementary Labour Income | 728.6 | 722.6 | 744.9 | 625.7 |
| Total, Labour Income(2) | 9,215.0 | 9,151.0 | 9,481.2 | 8,255.3 |

$f$ First estimates.
p Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised figures.
(1) Excludes military pay and allowances.
(2) Includes fishing and trapping.
. . Not available.

Estimates of Labour Income, February 1977 Advance Information.
Seasonally-adjusted labour income increased 0.7\% to $\$ 9,215$ million in February from $\$ 9,151$ million in January.

Unadjusted for seasonal variation, labour income in February at an estimated $\$ 9,024.3$ million was up $\$ 949$ million (11.8\%) from February 1976.
(Users of labour income data should note that the estimates are being revised. The revision will cover a period of four years and is expected to increase the current estimates by approximately $4 \%$ ).
Further details will be published in the JanuaryMarch issue of Estimates of Labour Income (72-005, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) and additional information may be obtained upon request from Mrs. G. Gauthier (613-995-8067), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 V 2$.

Mineral Production, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of minerals for March and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Gold: 151,101 troy ounces; 425,436 troy ounces (143,374; 425,784).
- Silver: 4,784,014 troy ounces; 11,360,135 troy ounces (3,869,286; 10,420,832).
- Primary copper: 77,275 short tons; 229,089 short tons (65,704; 196,560).
- Primary nickel: 22,975 short tons; 71,706 short tons (22,954; 69,124).
- Refined lead: 20,221 short tons; 56,029 short tons (18,892; 56,108)
- Refined zinc: 55,298 short tons; 158,420 short tons (40,324; 121,973).
For further information, order the March issue 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 $0 V 6$.

Retall Trade, March 1977 - Advance Information. Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for March were $\$ 5,030.2$ million, an increase of $1.2 \%$ from the $\$ 4,971.1$ million recorded in February. Sales rose in 17 of the 28 trade groups. Hardware stores (8.4\%), florists (6.7\%) and household furniture stores ( $6.5 \%$ ) showed the largest increases, while book and stationery stores (-8.5\%) recorded the largest decrease. Four of the provinces had increased sales from February, ranging from 5.5\% for Manitoba to 0.9\% for Quebec. The largest decline was registered in Prince Edward Island (-5.2\%).

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 4,688.1$ million in March, an increase of $10.9 \%$ over March 1976. Sales were up in all 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by book and stationery stores (31.4\%) and garages (28.3\%). All provinces reported increased sales over March 1976, ranging from a high of $14.2 \%$ for Quebec to $5.4 \%$ for Prince Edward Island. Montreal sales rose 10.5\%; Toronto 12.3\%; Winnipeg 8.3\%; and Vancouver 9.6\%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for February was $\$ 3,983.4$ million, up $9.0 \%$ from February 1976.

The March issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 55 / / \$5.50) will contain revised estimates of retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences for 1976, and revised seasonally-adjusted estimates of retail trade for 1974, 1975 and 1976. For further information, contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories Manufacturers,

 1975 - Advance Information.Motor vehicle parts and accessories manufacturers shipped $\$ 2,325.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.0\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $1.3 \%$ to $\$ 1,028.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $14.1 \%$ to 42,639 and total salaries and wages decreased $3.7 \%$ to $\$ 531.7$ million.

For further information, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories Manufacturers, 1975 (42-210, 70\$).

Manufacturers of Major Appliances, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of major appliances shipped $\$ 504.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $1.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $9.0 \%$ to $\$ 238.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $10.3 \%$ to 11,753 and total salaries and wages increased $0.6 \%$ to $\$ 121.8$ 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 Manufacturers of Major Appliances (Electric and Non-electric), 1975 (43-204, 70థ).

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced $6,389,605$ phonograph records in March, down from 6,436,360 in March 1976.

Production of pre-recorded tapes ( 8 track cartridges and cassettes only) dropped to $1,326,207$ from 1,604,996.
For further information, order the March 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.

Mink Production, 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary information on 1976 mink production at fur farms is available for each province except Ontario. The total number of pelts produced (excluding Ontario) was 498,319 compared with 536,927 in 1975.

For further information, contact P. Beerstecher (613-994-5855), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, May 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at May 1 amounted to 74.0 million pounds compared with last year's total of 49.1 million pounds.

For further information, order the May 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.

Miscellaneous Wood Industries, 1975 - Advance Information.
Miscellaneous wood industries shipped $\$ 222$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.4\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $8.1 \%$ to $\$ 101$ million, the number of employees decreased from 6,268 to 6,265 and total salaries and wages increased $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 59$ 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 Miscellaneous Wood Industries, 1975 (35-208, 70థ).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, February 1977 Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in February to $499,088,000$ feet board measure ( $1173003 \mathrm{m3}$ ) from 376,809,000 feet board measure ( 889169 m 3 ) in February 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of February totalled 1,225,399,000 feet board measure ( 2891622 m 3 ).

For further information, order the February 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 0V6.

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## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

The Labour Force, April 1977 (71-001, 55\$/\$5.50)
CANSIM, Interactive System User's Manual, 1977 (12-553E, \$1.05)
Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry, February 1977 (61-005, 40థ/\$4)

## Key Economic Serles

As an added service to those readers concerned with monitoring economic conditions, we shall be publishing later this month, and each month thereafter, a listing of those series which are expected to become available during each week of the next calendar month. This listing will appear in the Statistics Canada Daily on the third working day prior to the end of each month and will include the relevant series selected from the following list: Statistics

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- Real Domestic Product
- Labour Income
- Unemployment Insurance
- Employment, Earnings and Hours
- Wholesale Price Index
- Industrial Selling Price Index
- Retail Trade
- Consumer Credit
- Wholesale Trade
- Inventories, Shipments and Orders
- Building Permits

This list may be amended from time to time in response to demonstrated interest for other series.

It will be evident that the above list does not include those series which already have firm release dates, i.e. Labour Force Survey, Consumer Price Indexes and Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade; however, the dates for these series will be included in each end-of-month announcement.

The targets for release will be based on the best information available at that time and in most cases release will be during the week scheduled. However, favourable factors may produce results a few days ahead of schedule or, when unavoidable compilation difficulties are experienced, it is possible that a report could be released during the following week.

Productlon, Consumption and Inventorles of Rubber, March 1977 - Advance Information.
March production of rubber increased to 49,345,000 pounds ( 22382000 kg ) from 39,086,000 pounds ( 17729000 kg ) in March 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to $62,187,000$ pounds (28 204000 kg ) from 59,494,000 pounds ( 26985000 kg ) in March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber (33-003, 30 $/ \$ 3$ ), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Divislon, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Religious Organizations, 1975 and 1974 -Advance Information.
In 1975 there were 22,086 religious organizations in Canada reporting total revenues of $\$ 970.7$ million and total expenditures of $\$ 925.8$ million. For 1974, 22,017 religious organizations had revenues amounting to $\$ 871.3$ million and expenditures of $\$ 812.3$ million.

For further information, order Selected Financial Statistics of Religious Organizations, 1974 and 1975 (61-211, 35¢), or contact Mrs. R.W. Bennett (613-9969301), Service Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.


## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Households, 1971 Census of Canada (93-701, 50§)
Summary of External Trade, March 1977 (65-001, 40\$/\$4)
Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, March 1977 (33-001, 30\$/\$3)
Stoves and Furnaces, March 1977 (41-005, 30\$/\$3)
Refined Petroleum Products, January 1977 (45-004, 40¢/\$4)
Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1977 (45-002, 40\$/\$4)
Concrete Products, March 1977 (44-002, 15\$/\$1.50)
Breweries, March 1977 (32-019, 15\$/\$1.50)

Footwear Statistics, March 1977 - Advance Information.
March production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,656,155 pairs from 3,963,803 pairs in March 1976.
For further information, order the March 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.

Spoitling Goods Manufacturers, 1975: - Advance Intormationf Sporting goods manufacturers'stipped $\$ 1.920$ million worth of productss of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.0\% from 1974trotal value added by the industry decreased $3.7 \%$, to $\$ 108.0$ million" the number of"employees decreased $1.1 \%$ to $6 ; 880$ and total salaries and wages increased $7.1 \%$ to $\$ 57.0$ 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 Sporting Goods and Toy Industries, 1975 (47-204, 704).

Toys and Games Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Toys and games manufacturers shipped $\$ 132.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.8\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $0.4 \%$ to $\$ 75.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.8 \%$ to 3,908 and total salaries and wages increased $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 30.3$ 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 Sporting Goods and Toy Industries, 1975 (47-204, 70¢).

Sound Recording and Musical Instruments Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Sound recording and musical instruments manufacturers shipped $\$ 83.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $40.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $39.3 \%$ to $\$ 62.7$ million, the number of employees increased $14.8 \%$ to 2,333 and total salaries and wages increased $24.7 \%$ to $\$ 21.2$ 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 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, 1975 (47-205, \$1.05).

Fruit and Vegetable Production, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance information is now available on the latest acreage, production and value for fruits and vegetables. For further information, order the May issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003, 40¢/\$3), or contact Karen Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Manufacturers of Prefabricated Bulidings (Wood Frame Construction), 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of prefabricated buildings (wood frame construction) shipped $\$ 323.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 21.5\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $25.2 \%$ to $\$ 133.3$ million, the number of employees increased $14.8 \%$ to 6,316 and total salaries and wages increased $24.6 \%$ to $\$ 62.9$ million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Sash, Door and Other Millwork Plants, 1975 (35-205, \$1.05).

Shingle Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
Establishments classified to the shingle mills industry shipped $\$ 63.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $26.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $48.9 \%$ to $\$ 34.1$ million, the number of employees increased $4.5 \%$ to 1,609 and total salaries and wages increased $20.5 \%$ to $\$ 21.4$ million.
For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Sawmills and Planing Mills and Shingle Mills, 1975 (35-204, 70\$).

Miscellaneous Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Misuellaneous vehicle manufacturers shipped $\$ 120.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 6.7\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $7.6 \%$ to $\$ 50.4$ million, the number of employees decreased $13.2 \%$ to 3,029 and total salaries and wages decreased $1.5 \%$ to $\$ 29.7$ 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 Miscellaneous Vehicle Manufacturers, 1975 (42-212, 70\$).

Preliminary Monthly Report of Petroleum Sales, March 1977
(Thousands of Barrels)

|  | Motor Gasoline | Aviation Turbo Fuel | Kerosene and Stove Oil | Diesel Fuel | Light Fuel | Heavy Fuel | Other Products | Total Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newfoundland | 295 | 75 | 97 | 209 | 361 | 292 | 13 | 1,342 |
| Prince Edward Island | 78 | 5 | 25 | 17 | 114 | 105 | 7 | 351 |
| Nova Scotia | 587 | 53 | 126 | 453 | 844 | 1,188 | 65 | 3,316 |
| New Brunswick | 468 | 35 | 86 | 141 | 553 | 1,295 | 49 | 2,627 |
| Quebec | 4,134 | 504 | 420 | 1,030 | 4.052 | 3,270 | 1,094 | 14,504 |
| Ontario | 6,156 | 671 | 218 | 1,406 | 4,045 | 2,436 | 1,773 | 16,705 |
| Manitoba | 754 | 112 | 102 | 311 | 152 | 102 | 54 | 1,587 |
| Saskatchewan | 927 | 50 | 87 | 312 | 146 | 1 | 49 | 1,572 |
| Alberta | 2,054 | 289 | 56 | 777 | 96 | -9 | 636 | 3,899 |
| British Columbia | 1,953 | 232 | 127 | 1,166 | 717 | 776 | 301 | 5,272 |
| Northwest Territories | 18 | 5 | 20 | 29 | 25 | - | 2 | 99 |
| Yukon | 23 | 29 | 9 | 61 | 45 | - | 6 | 173 |
| Canada | 17,447 | 2,060 | 1,373 | 5,912 | 11,150 | 9,456 | 4,049 | 51,447 |
| Canada 1976 | 17,163 | 2,022 | 1,961 | 5,553 | 13,990 | 9,455 | 4,027 | 54,171 |
| \% change 1977/1976 | 1.7 | 1.9 | -30.0 | 6.5 | -20.3 | - | 0.5 | -5.0 |

Refined Petroleum Products, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced $56,762,000$ barrels of refined petroleum products in March, an increase of $11.2 \%$ compared to the latest available data for March 1976.

Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 51,447,000 barrels, a decrease of 5.0\% from March 1976.

For further information, order the March 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.


## Exports by Commodities

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

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Housing, Introduction to Volume II (Part 4), 1971 Census of Canada (93-734, 50థ)
Building Permits, February 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7)
Biscuit Manufacturers, 1975 (32-202, 70\$)
(continued)

Railway Carloadings, March 1977 (52-001, 30\$/\$3)
Urban Transit, March 1977 (53-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds, 4th Quarter 1976 (74-001, 35 $/$ /\$1.40)

## Service Bulletins:

Electrical Products (43-007, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 6, No. 5, Electric Lamps, March 1977
KFabricated Metal Products (41-009, \$2.8o per year), Vol. 6, No. 15, Domestic and Farm Watersystems, Marchi 1977 x.


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|  | Sales |  | Year-over-Year Change |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Net income before Extraordinary items |  | Net income after Extraordinary items |  |
| All industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1977 | 59,006 |  | 2,162 |  | 2,165 |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1976 | 53,331 |  | 1,996 |  | 2,018 |  |
| change | 5,675 | 10.6 | 166 | 8.3 | 147 | 7.3 |
| Mining industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1977 | 3.850 |  | 523 |  | 523 |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1976 | 3,166 |  | 375 |  | 387 |  |
| change | 684 | 21.6 | 148 | 39.5 | 136 | 35.1 |
| Manufacturing industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1977 | 28,655 |  | 1,009 |  | 1,005 |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1976 | 25,833 |  | 1,000 |  | 1,004 |  |
| change | 2,822 | 10.9 | 9 | 0.9 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Other industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1977 | 26,501 |  | 630 |  | 637 |  |
| 1st Qtr. 1976 | 24,332 |  | 621 |  | 627 |  |
| change | 2,169 | 8.9 | 9 | 1.4 | 10 | 1.6 |

Industrial Corporations, Financlal Statistics (Prelimlnary Data), First Quarter 1977 (61-003p, free to subscribers).
The accompanying table represents the highlights of preliminary financial statistics of Canadian industrial corporations for the first quarter of 1977.

Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars), April 1977

- Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for April amounted 5.4 billion compared to 5.6 billion for April 1976. Production of cigars was 37.9 million compared to 47.3 million for April 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance information on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for the month of March containing data on pack, shipments and stocks of selected fruits and vegetables is now available.

For further information, order the March issue of Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly (32-011, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ Population \& Over

March 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Starts |  |  |  |  | Completions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
| Newfoundland | 36 | 6 | - | 32 | 74 | 102 | 8 | 22 | 54 | 186 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 87 | 10 | - | - | 97 | 140 | 15 | - | 435 | 590 |
| New Brunswick | 12 | - | - | 28 | 40 | 141 | 4 | - | 132 | 277 |
| Quebec | 937 | 57 | 10 | 1,540 | 2,544 | 1,565 | 143 | 57 | 1,677 | 3,442 |
| Ontario | 677 | 586 | 365 | 1,133 | 2,761 | 1,400 | 640 | 924 | 1,082 | 4,046 |
| Manitoba | 209 | 124 | 57 | 662 | 1,052 | 238 | 32 | 64 | 91 | 425 |
| Saskatchewan | 234 | 2 | 30 | 319 | 585 | 442 | 16 | 107 | 622 | 1,187 |
| Alberta | 542 | 98 | 209 | 390 | 1,239 | 919 | 180 | 454 | 716 | 2,269 |
| British Columbia | 672 | 72 | 146 | 333 | 1,223 | 1,052 | 84 | 261. | 686 | 2,083 |
| Canada | 3,407 | 955 | 817 | 4,437 | 9,616 | 6,003 | 1,122 | 1,889 | 5,495 | 14,509 |
| Metropolitan Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 201 | 36 | 185 | 46 | 468 | 227 | 86 | 349 | 448 | 1,110 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquiere | 37 | 6 | , | 16 | 59 | 52 | 4 | - | 47 | 103 |
| Edmonton | 173 | 40 | 24 | 251 | 488 | 537 | 70 | 101 | 62 | 770 |
| Halifax | 60 | 10 | - | - | 70 | 90 | 15 | - | 363 | 468 |
| Hamilton | 122 | 50 | 89 | - | 261 | 86 | 4 | 176 | 114 | 380 |
| Hull | 6 | - | - | - | $\epsilon$ | 65 | 10 | 6 | - | 81 |
| Kitchener | 23 | 34 | 57 | - | 114 | 135 | 34 | 16 | 74 | 259 |
| London | 71 | 20 | 4 | - | 95 | 52 | 24 | 94 | - | 170 |
| Montreal | 381 | 32 | 1 | 1,332 | 1,746 | 815 | 111 | 41 | 1,060 | 2,027 |
| Oshawa | 17 | 48 | 7 | 45 | 117 | 18 | 68 | - | - | 86 |
| Ottawa | 15 | 82 | - | 201 | 298 | 74 | 34 | 108 | 306 | 522 |
| Quebec | 192 | 8 | 9 | 30 | 239 | 290 | 10 | 7 | 127 | 434 |
| Regina | 125 | 2 | - | 132 | 259 | 145 | 14 | 102 | 355 | 616 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 60 | 34 | 13 | 9 | 116 | 99 | 54 | 49 |  | 202 |
| Saint-John | 6 | - | - | - | 6 | 83 | - |  | 132 | 215 |
| St. John's | 36 | 6 | - | 32 | 74 | 62 | 8 | 22 | 48 | 140 |
| Saskatoon | 70 | - | - | 127 | 197 | 162 | 2 | - | 84 | 248 |
| Sudbury | 3 | - | - | 127 | 3 | 48 | 24 | - | - | 72 |
| Thunder Bay | 14 | 2 | - | - | 16 | 48 | - | 29 | - | 77 |
| Toronto | 162 | 152 | 157 | 350 | 821 | 408 | 234 | 350 | 486 | 1,478 |
| Vancouver | 215 | 28 | 127 | 141 | 511 | 495 | 32 | 208 | 382 | 1,117 |
| Victoria | 35 | 4 | - | 115 | 154 | 78 | 10 | 5 | 94 | 187 |
| Windsor | 29 | 14 | 4 | - | 47 | 63 | 14 | 8 | - | 85 |
| Winnipeg | 171 | . 124 | 57 | 662 | 1,014 | 187 | 32 | 64 | 91 | 374 |
| Sub-Total | 2,224 | 732 | 734 | 3,489 | 7,179 | 4,319 | 894 | 1,735 | 4,273 | 11,221 |
| Major Urban Areas | 289 | 82 | 8 | 295 | 674 | 477 | 80 | 32 | 388 | 977 |
| Other areas 10,000 + | 894 | 141 | 75 | 653 | 1,763 | 1,207 | 148 | 122 | 834 | 2,311 |
| All Areas 10,000 + | 3,407 | 955 | 817 | 4,437 | 9,616 | 6,003 | 1,122 | 1,889 | 5,495 | 14,509 |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, March 1977 (64-002, 40¢/\$4).
Starts, by Type of Dwelling, all Areas, Summary by Province
1st Quarter 1977

|  | Single Detached | Two-family | Row | Apartment and Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Number of Dwelling Units) |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 10,228 | 2,502 | 3,408 | 13,942 | 30,080 |
| Newfoundland | 98 | 20 | - | 32 | 150 |
| Prince Edward Island | 7 | 2 | - | - | 9 |
| Nova Scotia | 300 | 26 | 94 | 73 | 493 |
| New Brunswick | 45 | 2 | - | 58 | 105 |
| Quebec | 3,411 | 243 | 105 | 5,414 | 9,173 |
| Ontario | 1,934 | 1,363 | 1,636 | 3,417 | 8,350 |
| Manitoba | 490 | 263 | 94 | 904 | 1,751 |
| Saskatchewan | 660 | 30 | 124 | 513 | 1,327 |
| Alberta | 1,319 | 234 | 697 | 1,117 | 3,367 |
| British Columbia | 1,964 | 319 | 658 | 2,414 | 5,355 |

Children's Clothing Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The children's clothing industry shipped $\$ 171.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $0.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $9.4 \%$ to $\$ 73.8$ million, the number of employees decreased $6.6 \%$ to 6,796 and total salaries and wages increased $7.1 \%$ to $\$ 46.5$ 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 Women's and Children's Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-217, 70థ).

Production and Shipments of Plastic Bottles, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.
There were $149,867,000$ plastic bottles produced during the March quarter, up from 107,272,000 in the first quarter of 1976. Shipments of plastic bottles (excluding intra-company transfers) amounted to $116,839,000$ compared to $78,771,000$. These shipments were valued f.o.b. plant at $\$ 10,335,000$ in 1977 compared to $\$ 6,820,000$ in 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Rubber and Plastic Products Industries Service Bulletin (47-002, \$1.40 a year), or contact Mr. C. Neville (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for April was 1,183,277 short tons (1 073451 t). Preliminary pig iron production for April was 867,372 short tons (786 867 t).
For further information, order the April 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 0V3.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended'May 14, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 14 was 281,328 short tons ( $255216 t$ ), an increase of $0.2 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 280,654 short tons ( 254605 t): The comparable week's total in 1976 was 266,074 tons ( 241378 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 153.5 in the current week, 153.2 a week earlier and 145.2 one year ago.

For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


Populatlon of Canada, Provinces, Census Metropolltan Areas and Munlclpalities of $\mathbf{5 0 , 0 0 0}$ and Over, 1976 Census of Canada.
The population of Canada at June 1, 1976 was $22,992,604$, an increase of $6.6 \%$ or $1,424,693$ from the previous census in 1971. The provinces of Alberta and British Columbia recorded the largest growth rates at $12.9 \%$ each. Ontario's growth was next in line at $7.3 \%$.
The Calgary Census Metropolitan Area showed the greatest increase at $16.5 \%$ with Kitchener Census Metropolitan Area following at $14.1 \%$. The Toronto Census Metropolitan Area became the largest in Canada, with a population of $2,803,101$, some $7.7 \%$ more than in 1971, while Montreal CMA was very close behind at $2,802,485$, showing a growth of $2.7 \%$ since 1971.

The municipality of 50,000 population or over showing the largest growth rate was Gloucester Township in the Regional Municipality of OttawaCarleton at $56.2 \%$. In many instances Canada's largest cities showed significant declines in population, Montreal and Toronto being the most noticeable at $133.806(-11.0 \%)$, and 79,468 ( $-11.1 \%$ ), respectively. But Montreal remained the largest municipality in Canada with a population of $1,080,546$. Toronto was next but far behind at 633,318 .

This information along with more geographic detail will be published next month in bulletins $92-802, \$ 1.50$; $92-803, \$ 1.50 ; 92-804, \$ 1.50$; and $92-805, \$ 2.25$. In the meantime, further information on population counts can be obtained by contacting the Census Data Dissemination Division (613-996-5254), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT7.

Population, Showing Numerical Diatribution and Percentage Change, for Canada and Provinces, 1971 and 1976


Population for Census Metropolltan Areas, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

|  |  |  | Percentage |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Change |  |  |  |

[^9]Municipalitles of 50,000 Population and Over, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

|  | 1971(1) | 1976 * | Percentage Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beauport, V/C, Qué. | 49,841 | 55,339 | 11.0 |
| Brampton, C, Ont. | 70,838 | 103,459 | 46.0 |
| Brantford, C, Ont. | 64,527 | 66,950 | 3.8 |
| Burlington, C, Ont. | 86,113 | 104,314 | 21.1 |
| Burnaby, DM, B.C. | 125,660 | 131,599 | 4.7 |
| Calgary, C, Alta. | 403,343 | 469,917 | 16.5 |
| Cambridge, C, Ont. | 64,794 | 72,383 | 11.7 |
| Charlesbourg, V/C, Qué. | 52,530 | 63,147 | 20.2 |
| Chicoutimi, V/C, Qué. | 55,532 | 57,737 | 4.0 |
| Coquitlam, DM, B.C. | 53,230 | 55,464 | 4.2 |
| Dartmouth, C, N.S. | 64,770 | 65,341 | 0.9 |
| Delta, DM, B.C. | 45,860 | 64,492 | 40.6 |
| Edmonton, C, Alta. | 438,565 | 461,361 | 5.2 |
| Etobicoke, Bor, Ont. | 282,686 | 297,109 | 5,1 |
| Gatineau, V/C, Qué. | 54,548 | 73,479 | 34.7 |
| Gloucester, TM, Ont. | 36,193 | 56,516 | 56.2 |
| Guelph, C, Ont. | 60,087 | 67,538 | 12.4 |
| Halifax, C, N.S. | 122,035 | 117,882 | -3.4 |
| Halifax, Mun, N.S. | 74,630 | 95,289 | 27.7 |
| Hamilton, C, Ont. | 309,173 | 312,003 | 0.9 |
| Hull, C, Qué. | 63,580 | 61,039 | -4.0 |
| Jonquière, V/C, Que. | 62,193 | 60,691 | -2.4 |
| Kamloops, C, B.C. | 46,765 | 58,311 | 24.7 |
| Kelowna, C, B.C. | 40,097 | 51,955 | 29.6 |
| Kingston, C, Ont. | 59,047 | 56,032 | -5.1 |
| Kitchener, C, Ont. | 116,966 | 131,870 | 12.7 |
| La Salle, C, Que. | 72,912 | 76,713 | 5.2 |
| Laval, V/C, Qué. | 228,010 | 246,243 | 8.0 |
| London, C, Ont. | 223,222 | 240,392 | 7.7 |
| Longueuil, V/C, Que. | 97,590 | 122,429 | 25.5 |
| Markham, T-V, Ont. | 36,684 | 56,206 | 53.2 |
| Mississauga, C, Ont. | 172,042 | 250,017 | 45.3 |
| Moncton, C, N.B. | 54,864 | 55,934 | 2.0 |
| Montréal, V/C, Qué. | 1,214,352 | 1,080,546 | -11.0 |
| Montreal, Nord, C, Que. | 89,139 | 97,250 | 9.1 |
| Nepean, TM, Ont. | 64,606 | 76,947 | 19.1 |
| Niagara Falls, C, Ont. | 67,163 | 69,423 | 3.4 |
| North Bay, C, Ont. | 49,187 | 51,639 | 5.0 |
| North Vancouver, DM, B.C. | 57,861 | 63,471 | 9.7 |
| Oakville, T-V, Ont. | 58,440 | 68,950 | 18.0 |
| Oshawa, C, Ont. | 94,994 | 107,023 | 12.7 |
| Ottawa, C, Ont. | 302,341 | 304,462 | 0.7 |
| Peterborough, C, Ont. | 58,111 | 59,683 | 2.7 |
| Prince George, C, B.C. | 49,365 | 59,929 | 21.4 |
| Québec, V/C, Que. | 187,833 | 177,082 | -5.7 |
| Regina, C, Sask. | 139,479 | 149,593 | 7.3 |
| Richmond, DM, B.C. | 62,121 | 80,034 | 28.8 |
| Saanich, DM, B.C. | 65,040 | 73,383 | 12.8 |
| Saint John, C, N.B. | 89,039 | 85,956 | -3.5 |
| Sarnia, C, Ont. | 57,644 | 55,576 | -3.6 |
| Saskatoon, C, Sask. | 126,449 | 133,750 | 5.8 |
| Sault Ste. Marie, C, Ont. | 80,332 | 81,048 | 0.9 |
| Scarborough, Bor, Ont. | 338,022 | 387,149 | 14.5 |
| Sherbrooke, C, Qué. | 80,736 | 76,804 | -4.9 |
| St. Catharines, C, Ont. | 109,722 | 123,351 | 12.4 |
| St. John's, C, Nfld. | 88,414 | 86,576 | -2.1 |
| St-Laurent, V/C, Qué. | 62,955 | 64,404 | 2.3 |
| St-Léonard, C, Qué. | 52,040 | 78,452 | 50.8 |
| Ste-Foy, V/C, Que. | 68,385 | 71,237 | 4.2 |
| Sudbury, C, Ont. | 100,446 | 97,604 | -2.8 |
| Surrey, DM, B.C. | 98,601 | 116,497 | 18.1 |
| Thunder Bay, C, Ont. | 108,411 | 111,476 | 2.8 |
| Toronto, C, Ont. | 712,786 | 633,318 | -11.1 |
| Trois-Rivières, V/C, Qué. | 55,869 | 52,518 | -6.0 |
| Vancouver, C, B.C. | 426,298 | 410,188 | -3.8 |
| Verdun, C, Qué. | 74,718 | 68,013 | -9.0 |

(continued)

Municipalitles of 50,000 Population and Over, Showing Percentage Change, 1971 and 1976

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $1971(1)$ | 1976 | Percentage <br> Change |
| Victoria, C, B.C. | 61,761 | 62,551 | 1.3 |
| Windsor, C, Ont. | 203,300 | 196,526 | -3.3 |
| Winnipeg, C, Man. | 535,233 | 560,874 | 4.8 |
| York, Bor, Ont. | 147,301 | 141,367 | -4.0 |
| York, East, Bor, Ont. | 104,784 | 106,950 | 1.1 |
| York, North, Bor, Ont. | 504,150 | 558,398 | 10.8 |

(1) Based on 1976 area.

C City
Bor Borough
DM District Municipality
MUN Municipality
TM Township municipality
T-V Town
V/C Ville/Cité


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Communications (56-001, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 9, Telecommunication Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1976

Preliminary Report on Job Vacancies, Three Months Ended April 30, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended April 30 show an $8 \%$ increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended January 31, 1977 and a decrease of $18 \%$ from the comparable period of 1976. In the latest period, the average number of vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs was 40,700 .*
Vacancies for full-time jobs increased by $9 \%$ to 36,400 from 33,500 in the preceding period, but longerterm vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) declined by $5 \%$ to 12,200.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the latest threemonth period, five were vacant, an increase of one over the preceding period. The comparable rate last year was six per 1,000.
The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (11 per 1,000) and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (both six per 1,000). The lowest vacancy rate, three per 1,000, occurred in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
*The Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the average number of vacancies available on any given day in a three-month period. The estimate of this three-month average is derived from six observations taken at regular intervals. Consequently, the survey does not cover those vacancies which occur and are filled between individual observations. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing, hunting, trapping and households. The data derived from the Job Vacancy Survey, taken over time, are consistent and reliable indicators of trends in iob openings. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix, 1972 (71-521, 50థ).

Vacancy Rates for Part-time and Full-time Jobs Canada and Provinces

|  | Three-month Periods <br> Ending |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Apr. <br> $1977 p$ <br> (Ran. | Apr. <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> (Rates per 1,000 jobs) |  |
| Canada(1) | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| Atlantic Provinces(2) | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Newfoundland | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| New Brunswick | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Quebec | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Ontario | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Manitoba | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Saskatchewan | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| Alberta | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| British Columbia | 4 | 3 | 4 |

p Preliminary estimates.
(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.
(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), or Ms. M. Beaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Consumer Credit, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached $\$ 22,164$ million at the end of March, $16.9 \%$ more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of March 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: $\$ 16,726$ million, up 22.8\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 75$ million, up 23.0\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,231 million, up 6.7\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 222$ million, down $6.7 \%$; large $\$ 1,477$ million, down 1.4\%; instalment sales paper \$1,116 million, up 0.8\%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,317$ million, up $3.5 \%$. Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of $\$ 5,765$ million at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976, up $14.1 \%$ from a year earlier. The largest of 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 creditcard issuers; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies).

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the fourth quarter of 1976 totalled $\$ 27,617$ nillion, up $16.2 \%$ from a year earlier.

For further information, order the March 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 OV6.

Concrete Products Manufacturers, 1975.
Concrete products manufacturers shipped $\$ 459.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $14 \%$ to $\$ 282.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $4 \%$ to 11,201 and total salaries and wages increased $7 \%$ to $\$ 128.3$ 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 Concrete Products Manufacturers, 1975 (44-205, 70\$).

Manufacturers of Wooden Kitchen Cabinets, 1975 Advance Information.
Manufacturers of wooden kitchen cabinets shipped $\$ 124.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 12.0\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $20.2 \%$ to $\$ 70.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.0 \%$ to 3,988 and total salaries and wages increased $11.7 \%$ to 42.0 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).

Puipwood and Wood Residue, March 1977 — Advance . Information.
Roundwood production decreased $11.8 \%$ to 1,047,992 cunits ( $2968000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in March from 1,187,541 cunits ( $3363000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in March 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue increased $1.7 \%$ to 2,544,419 cunits ( $7205000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) from 2,501,792 cunits ( $7083000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased $9.4 \%$ to $10,538,862$ cunits ( 29842000 m 3 ) from 11,625,968 (32 921000 m 3 ). Receipts of wood residue increased $13.7 \%$ to $1,118,929$ cunits ( 3168000 m 3 ) from 984,013 cunits (2786000 m3).

For further information, order the March 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.

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, February 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian mills shipped $185,285,000$ sq. ft. (17 214000 m 2 ) $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ ( 9.525 mm basis) of softwood plywood in February, down from a revised 202,788,000 sq. ft. (18 840000 m 2 ) in February 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to $32,056,000$ sq. ft. ( $2978000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) surface measure for February, a decrease of $8.5 \%$ from the revised data for February 1976.

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

Production of Tea and Coffee, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
During the March quarter, production of roasted coffee was $33,614,011$ pounds ( 15247058 kg ) compared to $23,137,000$ pounds ( 10495000 kg ) in 1976. Production of instant coffee was $6,843,787$ pounds ( 3104290 kg ) compared to $6,519,000$ pounds ( 2957000 kg ) in the year-earlier period. Production of tea was 13,597,093 pounds ( 6167537 kg ) compared to $11,441,000$ pounds ( 5190000 kg ) in JanuaryMarch 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Miscellaneous Food Preparations (32-018, 354/\$1.40), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Women's Ciothing Factories, 1975 - Advance Information.
Women's clothing factories shipped $\$ 847$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $13.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 383.2$ million, the number of employees increased $3.5 \%$ to 30,147 and total salaries and wages increased $17.4 \%$ to $\$ 221.5$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), 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, 70§).

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ending May 7

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafilc: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,958,683 | 2,371,003 | 5,329,686 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,819,301 | 2,053,404 | 4,872,705 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2684072 | 2150938 | 4835010 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2557627 | 1862817 | 4420444 |
| \% change | 4.9 | 15.5 | 9.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 45,360 | 35,966 | 81,326 |
| Cars, 1976 | 45,758 | 31,349 | 77,107 |
| . \% change | -0.9 | 14.7 | 5.5 |
| Plggyback traflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 175,256 | 58,563 | 233,819 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 141,281 | 54,263 | 195,544 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 158990 | 53127 | 212117 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 128168 | 49227 | 177395 |
| \% change | 24.0 | 7.9 | 19.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 5,421 | 2,514 | 7,935 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,667 | 2,232 | 6,899 |
| \% change | 16.2 | 12.6 | 15.0 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 43,753,882 | 37,282,114 | 81,035,996** |
| Short tons, 1976 | 42,235,479 | 33,741,732 | 75,977,211 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 39692854 | 33821765 | 73514619 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 38315382 | 30609984 | 68925366 |
| \% change | 3.6 | 10.5 | 6.7 |
| Cars, 1977 | 718,671 | 564,781 | 1,283,452** |
| Cars, 1976 | 717,476 | 524,119 | 1,241,595 |
| \% change | 0.2 | 7.8 | 3.4 |
| Piggyback trafflc*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,859,738 | 1,032,948 | 3,892,686** |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,319,083 | 861,694 | 3,180,777 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2594311 | 937075 | 3531386 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2103837 | 781716 | 2885553 |
| \% change | 23.3 | 19.9 | 22.4 |
| Cars, 1977 | 87,167 | 44,724 | 131,891** |
| Cars, 1976 | 77,641 | 36,592 | 114,233 |
| \% change | 12.3 | 22.2 | 15.5 |

- Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
**Includes adiustments in respect to prior periods. Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carioadings, 7 Days Ended May 7, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Railways in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons of revenue freight ( 4.8 million t) in the first week of May, an increase of $9.4 \%$ over the same seven days in 1976. Eastern loadings rose $4.9 \%$ and Western loadings increased $15.5 \%$. The total number of cars loaded at 81,326 was up $5.5 \%$.

Piggyback (trailer-container) shipments showed a 19.6\% gain in volume over the first week of May 1976.

From January 1 to May 7, 1977, rail freight loadings at 81.0 million short tons ( 73.5 million t) were $6.7 \%$ above the year-earlier level. Cumulative piggyback traffic was up $22.4 \%$ to 3.9 million short tons ( 3.5 million t).

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

Fabric Glove Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Fabric glove manufacturers shipped $\$ 10.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $3.7 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 5.8$ million, the number of employees decreased $24.5 \%$ to 454 and total salaries and wages decreased $4.3 \%$ to $\$ 3.1$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231). Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Clothing Industries, 1975 (34-218, 70థ).

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Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, March 1977 (33-003, 30\$/\$3)
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, April 1977 (32-001, 15\$/\$1.50)
Canned and Frozen Frults and Vegetables — Monthly, March 1977 (32-011, 30\$/\$3)
Production of Canada's Leading Minerals, March 1977 (26-007, 15\$/\$1.50)

## Service Bulletin:

Communications (56-001; \$1.40 per year), Vol. 7, No. 10, Monthly Survey of Radio
Bróadčảsting:Stations, December 4976
 1977.

The consumer price indexfor 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. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately: for reference see footnote to tables.
From March to April, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from $0.3 \%$ in Montreal to 1.5\% in Thunder Bay. Higher food prices notably for fresh produce, coffee, fresh milk, butter and bread - along with increased shelter charges were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included higher prices for children's clothing (in the province of Quebec), automobile repairs, dental care fees and tobacco and alcohol products.
St. John's
All items: March to April 1977, up 0.5\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.5\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce and coffee; increased clothing and footwear prices. Shelter charges and prices for cigarettes and liquor also up.

## Hallfax

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.4\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.0\%.
Main contributors: higher electricity rates and increased shelter charges. Prices also up for automobile registration fees, cigarettes and liquor.

## Saint John

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.5\%.

Main contributors: increased electricity rates and higher shelter charges. Dental care fees also up. Prices up for fresh vegetables, bread, coffee and liquor consumed at home.

## Quebec City

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.4\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee and beef. Prices also up for children's wear and tobacco products.

## Montreal

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.3\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.1\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for children's wear; higher food prices, notably for fresh produce. coffee and soft drinks. Automobile repair charges, dental fees and cigarette prices also up.
Ottawa
All items: March to April 1977, up 0.5\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.4\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, fresh milk, butter and coffee; increased prices for clothing, liquor and cigarettes. Dentists' fees up while automobile insurance premiums lower.

## Toronto

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.4\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh vegetables, fresh milk, beef, coffee and sugar; higher water rates. Prices also up for clothing, cigarettes, liquor and dental care fees.

## Thunday Bay

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.5\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 7.8\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, fresh milk and soft drinks consumed at home; increased local transit fares; cigarette and liquor prices also up.

## Winnipeg

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.3\%.
Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, butter and bread; increased water rates and higher shelter charges. Clothing prices, automobile registration fees and automobile repair charges also up.
(continued)

## Saskatoon

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.0\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.6\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, fresh milk, and bread; increased automobile registration fees and repair charges. Higher prices for alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and clothing also recorded.

## Regina

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.9\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 10.0\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, meat, fresh milk and coffee; increased automobile registration fees and repair charges. Prices also up for alcoholic beverages and clothing.

## Edmonton

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.7\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 9.3\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for fresh produce, beef, coffee and restaurant meals. Prices also up for dental care and automobile repairs.

## Caigary

All items: March to April 1977, up 1.2\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 8.8\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce and beef; higher prices for domestic gas and increased shelter charges. Prices also up for dental care fees and automobile repairs.

## Vancouver

All items: March to April 1977, up 0.8\%; April 1976 to April 1977, up 6.5\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, bread and restaurant meals. Prices also up for gasoline, automobile repairs, liquor consumed at home and dental care fees.
(see table on next page)

Census Farms by Size, Area and Use of Land, 1976
Total land area used by Canadian farmers on census farms (which have sales of \$1,200 or more) in 1976 was 166 million acres, an increase of 5.5 million acres over 1971. Area of small holdings (which have sales under $\$ 1,200$ ) dropped from 9 to 3 million acres.

Area of improved land on census farms increased to 108 million from 104 million acres while area under crops rose to 69 million from 66 million acres.
Acreages on small agricultural holdings under crops declined to 750,000 from 2,600,000 acres.

There was little change in the five years to 1976 on land under improved pasture or summer fallow. The 1976 Census of Agriculture reported 9,700,000 acres for improved pasture and $26,900,000$ acres for summer fallow.

The number of farms of 1,120 acres size and over increased by $1,1 \%$ to 34,300 .

For further information, order Census-farms by Size, Area and Use of Land (96-854, \$3), or contact R. CinqMars, (613-994-9855), Census of Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see table on page 5)

Dairy Products Industry, 1975 - Advance Information The dairy products industry shipped $\$ 2,612.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $25.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $15.7 \%$ to $\$ 631.3$ million, the number of employees increased $2.5 \%$ to 27,988 and total salaries and wages increased $18.7 \%$ to $\$ 304.9$ 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 Dairy Products Industry, 1975 (32-209, 70థ).

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, May 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of May amounted to 128.2 million pounds compared with 129.1 million last month and 106.2 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the May 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.

## Miscellaneous Furniture and Fixtures Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

Manufacturers of miscellaneous furniture and fixtures shipped $\$ 394.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 7.1\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $8.1 \%$ to $\$ 215.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.4 \%$ to 12,856 and total salaries and wages increased 7.9\% to \$121.6 million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Furniture and Fixtures Manufacturers, 1975 (35-213, 70§).

Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

Manufacturers of folding cartons and set-up boxes shipped $\$ 307.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $9.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $2.4 \%$ to $\$ 137.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.6 \%$ to 7,512 and total salaries and wages increased $6.5 \%$ to $\$ 77.1$ million.
For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Folding Carton and Set-up Box Manufacturers, 1975 (36-214, 70థ).

## 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 | Trans-portation $1=100)$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 162.8 | 188.7 | 160.5 | 133.7 | 157.9 | 161.5 | 136.4 | 143.9 |
| March 1977 index | 162.0 | 187.5 | 160.2 | 131.9 | 157.7 | 160.3 | 136.0 | 141.8 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Halifax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 154.5 | 175.5 | 151.3 | 131.6 | 157.4 | 141.4 | 134.9 | 140.3 |
| March 1977 index | 152.4 | 175.5 | 147.0 | 130.9 | 156.0 | 141.4 | 134.7 | 136.2 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| \% change from April 1976. | 8.0 | 6.8 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 4.0 | 7.3 |
| Salnt John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 157.1 | 181.0 | 153.9 | 131.1 | 153.3 | 156.3 | 149.6 | 133.8 |
| March 1977 index | 155.8 | 180.1 | 151.5 | 130.3 | 152.7 | 154.9 | 149.3 | 133.0 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 10.2 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 7.5 |
| Quebec CIty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 153.6 | 179.1 | 146.1 | 134.8 | 153.8 | 145.4 | 139.8 | 141.3 |
| March 1977 index | 152.6 | 177.0 | 145.8 | 133.4 | 153.4 | 144.8 | 139.5 | 139.5 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 10.0 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 154.7 | 178.2 | 142.4 | 144.9 | 155.6 | 149.9 | 144.3 | 142.7 |
| March 1977 index | 154.2 | 178.0 | 142.3 | 142.9 | 154.9 | 148.7 | 143.8 | 142.7 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 10.1 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 155.6 | 171.2 | 153.2 | 147.3 | 150.2 | 151.1 | 137.2 | 144.0 |
| March 1977 index | 154.9 | 169.4 | 152.9 | 145.8 | 150.9 | 149.6 | 136.7 | 142.8 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1.0 | -0.5 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 11.6 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 5.4 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 154.7 | 174.4 | 149.7 | 136.6 | 150.8 | 159.7 | 141.1 | 142.3 |
| March 1977 index | 153.6 | 172.4 | 149.1 | 135.3 | 150.8 | 157.6 | 140.6 | 140.0 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 6.0 |
| Thunder Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 157.4 | 175.0 | 156.1 | 131.8 | 163.5 | 154.1 | 139.3 | 140.7 |
| March 1977 index | 155.1 | 171.0 | 155.4 | 129.6 | 158.8 | 152.8 | 138.3 | 138.1 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 9.5 | 5.9 | 10.2 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 6.6 |
| WInnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 158.9 | 175.6 | 163.9 | 137.0 | 150.8 | 156.6 | 138.9 | 141.9 |
| March 1977 index | 157.6 | 173.4 | 162.9 | 136.0 | 149.6 | 155.9 | 138.4 | 141.4 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 10.2 |
| Saskatoon** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 154.8 | 174.1 | 151.0 | 141.2 | 146.8 | 146.5 | 152.3 | 145.1 |
| March 1977 index | 153.2 | 170.5 | 150.5 | 140.3 | 145.1 | 145.8 | 151.9 | 141.6 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 2.5 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 10.5 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 11.0 |
| Regina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 156.1 | 169.9 | 155.0 | 138.8 | 149.9 | 152.6 | 155.9 | 146.1 |
| March 1977 index | 154.7 | 166.8 | 154.6 | 137.9 | 148.2 | 152.3 | 155.7 | 143.4 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 7.8 | 11.4 |

## 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 (19 | Trans-portation $71=100)$ | Health and personal care | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Recre- } \\ \text { ation } \\ \text { education } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { reading } \end{array}$ | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 157.4 | 170.3 | 163.6 | 138.2 | 156.1 | 145.7 | 140.8 | 133.8 |
| March 1977 index | 156.3 | 167.4 | 163.2 | 138.0 | 156.2 | 142.0 | 140.4 | 133.1 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 5.7 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 4.4 |
| Calgary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 156.0 | 169.5 | 157.4 | 141.9 | 153.7 | 149.9 | 142.9 | 136.0 |
| March 1977 index | 154.2 | 164.9 | 156.0 | 141.8 | 152.6 | 147.9 | 142.7 | 135.6 |
| \% change from March 1977 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 11.6 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 6.1 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April 1977 index | 159.6 | 179.3 | 157.4 | 141.0 | 156.0 | 152.5 | 135.3 | 143.4 |
| March 1977 index | 158.4 | 176.8 | 156.9 | 140.5 | 155.0 | 151.5 | 135.1 | 142.2 |
| \% change from March 1977 | $0.8{ }^{\circ}$ | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| \% change from April 1976 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 5.5 |

* 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. 3, No. 5 (62-005).

Historical Comparison of All Agricultural Holdings,(1) 1971 and 1976, Canada

| Item |  | Total, all agricultural holdings(1) |  | Small agricultural holdings(2) (sales under \$1,200) |  | ```Census-farms(3) (sales of $1,200 or more)``` |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1971 | 1976 | 1971 | 1976 | 1971 | 1976 |
| Holdlngs - Total | number | 366,128 | 338,578 | 66,260 | 38,460 | 299,868 | 300,118 |
| Holdings classified by size: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 acres | number | 3,988 10,228 | 3,736 10,366 | 2,472 5,574 | 2,198 5,322 | 1,516 4,654 | 1,538 5,044 |
| 10-69 acres | number | 38,611 | 40,581 | 17,073 | 15,307 | 21,538 | 25,274 |
| 70-239 acres | number | 127,551 | 108,970 | 30,318 | 13,198 | 97,233 | 95,772 |
| 240-399 acres | number | 59,867 | 52,863 | 7,192 | 1,748 | 52,675 | 51,115 |
| 400-559 acres | number | 35,821 | 31,571 | 2,023 | 426 | 33,798 | 31,145 |
| 560-759 acres | number | 28,970 | 26,616 | 945 | 164 | 28,025 | 26,452 |
| 760-1,119 acres | number | 29,998 | 29,514 | 435 | 63 | 29,563 | 29,451 |
| 1,120-1,599 acres | number | 16,753 | 17,909 | 155 | 20 | 16,598 | 17,889 |
| 1,600 acres and over | number | 14,341 | 16,452 | 73 | 14 | 14,268 | 16,438 |
| Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total area of holdings | acres | 169,668,614 | 169,086,823 | 9,210,037 | 3,110,563 | 160,458,577 | 165,976,260 |
| Improved land | acres | 108,148,877 | 109,286,447 | 4,418,075 | 1,283,020 | 103,730,802 | 108,003,427 |
| Under crops(4) | acres | 68,765,678 | 70,039,365 | 2,625,273 | 746,642 | 66,140,405 | 69,292,723 |
| Improved pasture | acres | 10,225,464 | 10,041,192 | 783,452 | 293,975 | 9,442,012 | 9,747,217 |
| Summer fallow | acres | 26,740,727 | 26,983,659 | 699,536 | 114,943 | 26,041,191 | 26,868,716 |
| Other improved land | acres | 2,417,008 | 2,222,231 | 309,814 | 127,460 | 2,107,194 | 2,094,771 |
| Unimproved land | acres | 61,519,737 | 59,800,376 | -4,791,962 | 1,827,543 | 56,727,775 | 57,972,833 |
| Woodland | acres | 11,514,171 | 10,790,364 | 1,933,645 | 949,366 | 9,580,526 | 9,840,998 |
| Other unimproved land | acres | 50,005,566 | 49,010,012 | 2,858,317 | 878,177 | 47,147,249 | 48,131,835 |

(1) Defined as a census-farm in the 1971 Census. of Agriculture.
(2) Classified as "small agricultural holdings" in the 1976 Census of Agriculture due to the low value of agricultural products sold.
(3) Defined as a census-farm in the 1976 Census of Agriculture (see Introduction).
(4) Includes field, vegetable, fruit and nursery crop land.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
May 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | May 13/77 This week | May 6/77 <br> Week ago | Apr. 15/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1971=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 101.4 |
| Industrials | 85 | 98.8 | 99.8 | 101.7 |
| Foods | 9 | 87.7 | 87.2 | 85.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 73.4 | 74.2 | , 78.1 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 110.4 | 109.9 | 109.1 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 127.2 | 129.5 | 133.9 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 98.5 | 98.2 | 100.9 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 104.1 | 105.1 | 106.0 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 89.8 | 91.5 | 93.6 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 194.6 | 189.9 | 187.5 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 87.9 | 87.3 | 87.4 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 93.9 | 95.3 | 97.6 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 104.3 | 105.7 | 108.1 |
| Construction | 5 | 234.7 | 231.3 | 221.9 |
| Trade | 15 | 78.3 | 79.4 | 81.1 |
| Utilitles and services | 28 | 97.3 | 96.5 | 95.2 |
| Transportation | 6 | 129.4 | 129.0 | 127.6 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 86.5 | 86.6 | 84.1 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 98.4 | 97.5 | 98.8 |
| Telephone | 4 | 99.7 | 97.6 | 97.9 |
| Electric power | 3 | 120.5 | 119.1 | 117.4 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 74.1 | 73.5 | 71.4 |
| Finances | 21 | 108.7 | 108.2 | 109.3 |
| Banks | 8 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 112.0 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 103.5 | 101.5 | 102.3 |
| Insurance | 4 | 106.4 | 106.2 | 105.9 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 112.3 | 112.5 | 113.3 |
| Golds | 9 | 205.0 | 206.2 | 209.2 |
| Base metals | 8 | 67.9 | 67.6 | 67.3 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 183.9 | 186.6 | 178.6 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 104.7 | 104.8 | 105.9 |

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

Inventorles, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industrles, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers' shipments in March, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 8,741.6$ million, up $0.7 \%$ from the revised February value of $\$ 8,678.7$ million. Durable goods shipments rose $2.7 \%$ to $\$ 4,075.6$ million from $\$ 3,968.4$ million while non-durable goods shipments dropped $0.9 \%$ to $\$ 4,666.0$ million from $\$ 4,710.3$ million.
New orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 9,129.3$ million in March, $3.8 \%$ higher than the revised February value of $\$ 8,793.5$ million. Durable goods new orders rose $8.8 \%$ to $\$ 4,451.8$ million from $\$ 4,092.3$ million. Non-durable goods new orders dropped $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 4,677.5$ million from $\$ 4,701.2$ million.
Unfilled orders in all manufacturing industries, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at $\$ 9,869.2$ million, $4.1 \%$ higher than the revised February value of $\$ 9,481.5$ million.
Total inventory owned in March, seasonally adjusted, rose $0.9 \%$ to $\$ 17,204.8$ million from the $\$ 17,055.7$ million (revised) estimate for February. Total inventory held, seasonally adjusted, also rose $0.9 \%$ from the revised previous month, with increases of $3.3 \%$ and $0.1 \%$ in raw materials and finished products and a decrease of $1.8 \%$ in goods in process.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments in March was 1.97:1, the same as that as revised for February. The finished products to shipments ratio for March at $0.69: 1$ was also unchanged from the revised February level.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in March were estimated at $\$ 9,285.8$ million, $13.1 \%$ higher than the revised February value of $\$ 8,213.6$ million. Cumulative shipments for the first quarter of 1977 were estimated at $\$ 25,472.6$ million, $9.4 \%$ higher than the corresponding 1976 value of \$23,273.8 million.

For further information, order the March issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries ( $31-001,55 \Phi / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.
(see tables on next page)

Estimated Vaiue of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industrles
(Based on 1973 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977r } \end{aligned}$ | Jan. <br> 1977 | Mar <br> 1976 |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 9,285.8 | 8,213.6 | 7,973.2 | 8,546.8 |
| Non-durable | 4,811.8 | 4,466.2 | 4,283.4 | 4,467.3 |
| Durable | 4,474.0 | 3,747.5 | 3,689.8 | 4,079.5 |
| New Orders: Total | 9,605.1 | 8,329.6 | 8,210.7 | 8,433.7 |
| Non-durable | 4,844.8 | 4,458.0 | 4,341.3 | 4,471.5 |
| Durable | 4,760.3 | 3,871.6 | 3,869.4 | 3,962.2 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,879.5 | 9,560.2 | 9,444.2 | 9,887.8 |
| Non-durable | 1,349.6 | 1,316.5 | 1,324.7 | 1,261.6 |
| Durable | 8,529.9 | 8,243.6 | 8,119.5 | 8,626.2 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 17,501.5 | 17,228.9 | 16,961.5 | 16,265.9 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 18,349.2 | 18,064.6 | 17,871.0 | 17,049.1 |
| Raw materials | 7,356.1 | 7,189.2 | 7,297.5 | 6,924.1 |
| Goods in process | 4,735.2 | 4,745.8 | 4,685.0 | 4,554.4 |
| Finished Products | 6,257.9 | 6,129.6 | 5,888.5 | 5,570.6 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,741.6 | 8,678.7 | 8,697.5 | 8,089.3 |
| Non-durable | 4,666.0 | 4,710.3 | 4,657.7 | 4,359.7 |
| Durable | 4,075.6 | 3,968.4 | 4,039.8 | 3,729.6 |
| New Orders: Total | 9,129.3 | 8,793.5 | 8,888.8 | 8,008.5 |
| Non-durable | 4,677.5 | 4,701.2 | 4,692.5 | 4,361.1 |
| Durable | 4,451.8 | 4,092.3 | 4,196.3 | 3,647.4 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 9,869.2 | 9,481.5 | 9,366.7 | 9,841.1 |
| Non-durable | 1,341.2 | 1,329.7 | 1,338.8 | 1,270.4 |
| Durable | 8,528.0 | 8,151.8 | 8,027.9 | 8,570.7 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 17,204.8 | 17,055.7 | 16,837.4 | 16,063.4 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 18,044.6 | 17,891.4 | 17,761.2 | 16,838.3 |
| Raw materials | 7,410.6 | 7,176.7 | 7,222.9 | 6,984.8 |
| Goods in process | 4,637.2 | 4,721.1 | 4,674.7 | 4,483.8 |
| Finished products | 5,996.8 | 5,993.6 | 5,863.6 | 5,369.7 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 1.97 | 1.97 | 1.94 | 1.99 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.67 | 0.66 |

Estlmated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{array}$ | change | Jan.-Mar. 1977p | Jan.-Mar. 1976 | change |
|  | (\$ millions) |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 53.7 | 49.0 | 9.7 | 150.3 | 147.0 | 2.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 193.1 | 186.6 | 3.5 | 563.5 | 510.6 | 10.4 |
| New Brunswick | 161.0 | 144.6 | 11.4 | 449.6 | 439.5 | 2.3 |
| Quebec | 2,371.3 | 2,141.6 | 10.7 | 6,563.8 | 6,145.4 | 6.8 |
| Ontario | 4,883.0 | 4,235.9 | 15.3 | 13,250.8 | 11,924.3 | 11.1 |
| Manitoba | 244.4 | 217.9 | 12.1 | 663.4 | 632.1 | 4.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 90.7 | 88.5 | 2.4 | 266.0 | 246.0 | 8.1 |
| Alberta | 444.2 | 419.7 | 5.9 | 1,265.6 | 1,158.2 | 9.3 |
| British Columbia | 836.0 | 721.4 | 15.9 | 2,274.7 | 2,043.9 | 11.3 |
| Canada* | 9,285.8 | 8,213.6 | 13.1 | 25,472.6 | 23,273.8 | 9.4 |

[^10]
## Building Permits

March 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Number of Dwelling | Units | Value of Residential and Non-Residential Construction |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Institu- |
| tional |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Preliminary figures.

For further information order Building Permits, March 1977 (64-001, 70\$/\$7).

Building Permits, March 1977 - Advance Information. The value of building permits, seasonally adjusted, rose $7.8 \%$ to $\$ 1,048$ million in March from a revised $\$ 972$ million in February. In March 1976, the corresponding figure was $\$ 1,015$ million.

Residential permits increased to $\$ 686$ million ( $\$ 562$ million in February) and institutional projects rose to $\$ 129$ million ( $\$ 100$ million). There were decreases in other non-residential categories: industrial $\$ 84$ million ( $\$ 99$ million); and commercial $\$ 149$ million ( $\$ 211$ million).

Permits for new dwellings picked up in March, reflecting an annual rate of 27'2,600 units compared to 218,300 in February. Single-detached houses rose to an annual rate of $117,000(92,900)$ and multiple dwellings to an annual rate of $155,600(125,400)$.

For further information, order the March issue of Building Permits (64-001, 70\$/\$7), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1976 \\ \text { 4th Qtr. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1977 \\ \text { 1st Qtr. } \end{array}$ | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Index of Industriai Production | 29.497 | 120.4 | 122.6 | 1.8 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 0.6 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 108.0 | 112.9 | 4.6 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 119.0 | 114.7 | -3.6 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 125.2 | 129.7 | 3.6 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 118.6 | 120.9 | 1.9 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 110.0 | 113.6 | 3.2 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 106.6 | 119.7 | 12.4 |
| Rubber and plastics products |  |  |  |  |
| industries | . 650 | 152.3 | 149.0 | -2.2 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 97.5 | 93.8 | -3.8 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 108.3 | 108.1 | -0.1 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 101.3 | 100.6 | -0.6 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 110.6 | 110.4 | -0.2 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 132.0 | 134.1 | 1.6 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | . 420 | 112.3 | 111.6 | -0.6 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 117.5 | 117.4 | - |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 116.8 | 117.8 | 0.8 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 98.9 | 108.9 | 10.2 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and |  |  |  |  |
| transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 120.1 | 121.5 | 1.2 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 133.1 | 132.6 | -0.3 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 129.0 | 133.7 | 3.7 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 118.2 | 115.1 | -2.7 |
| Non-metalic mineral products industries | . 905 | 117.2 | 115.7 | -1.3 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 126.4 | 136.7 | 8.1 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 135.8 | 140.6 | 3.5 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 111.7 | 112.1 | 0.4 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 143.6 | 146.9 | 2.3 |
| Special industry groupings: 119.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.5 | 119.5 | 1.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 119.8 | 122.4 | 2.2 |

Index of Industrial Production, March 1977 — Advance Information.

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production decreased $0.1 \%$ to 122.4 in March from 122.5 in February. Manufacturing increased during March, while mining and utilities decreased.

For further information, order the March 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 table on next page)

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

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | $1976$ <br> Dec. | Jan. | 1977 Feb. | Mar. | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Index of Industrial Production | 29.497 | 121.5 | 122.8 | 122.5 | 122.4 | -0.1 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 113.8 | 114.8 | 115.0 | 113.1 | -1.7 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 104.2 | 116.3 | 111.5 | 110.9 | -0.5 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 123.1 | 111.4 | 117.6 | 115.2 | -2.0 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 125.7 | 133.8 | 132.4 | 123.0 | -7.1 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 119.8 | 120.9 | 120.7 | 121.2 | 0.4 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 109.9 | 112.6 | 114.0 | 114.1 | 0.1 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 113.2 | 122.5 | 118.7 | 118.0 | -0.6 |
| Rubber and plastics products industries | . 650 | 151.5 | 152.9 | 148.5 | 145.5 | -2.0 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 94.9 | 97.3 | 94.2 | 89.8 | -4.7 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 110.2 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 107.6 | -0.7 |
| Knitting mills | . 205 | 101.1 | 101.7 | 100.3 | 99.9 | -0.4 |
| Clothing industries | . 742 | 109.8 | 110.7 | 110.5 | 110.1 | -0.4 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 132.1 | 137.4 | 131.1 | 133.9 | 2.1 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | . 420 | 112.4 | 112.2 | 111.1 | 111.5 | 0.4 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 113.2 | 118.1 | 118.1 | 116.1 | -1.7 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | 117.4 | 118.5 | 117.8 | 117.0 | -0.7 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | 101.3 | 107.5 | 107.5 | 111.8 | 4.0 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machirery and transportation equipment industries) | 1.887 | 120.7 | 120.7 | 121.8 | 121.9 | 0.1 |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 134.1 | 132.6 | 132.6 | 132.7 | 0.1 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 138.1 | 133.1 | 132.5 | 135.6 | 2.3 |
| Electrical products industries | 1.631 | 116.9 | 115.7 | 115.4 | 114.2 | -1.0 |
| Non-metallic mineral products industries | . 905 | 117.6 | 115.2 | 114.5 | 117.3 | 2.4 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 133.1 | 136.5 | 139.3 | 134.3 | -3.6 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 136.5 | 139.9 | 140.0 | 141.9 | 1.4 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 111.2 | 111.3 | 112.6 | 112.5 | -0.1 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 146.4 | 148.4 | 147.3 | 145.0 | -1.6 |
| Special industry groupings: Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.2 | 119.6 | 119.8 | 119.1 | -0.6 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.3 | 122.2 | 121.6 | 123.4 | 1.5 |

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Private and Public Investment in Canada, CANSIM Data - Forecast
Forecast data from 1973-1977 and preliminary actual data from 1973-1976 are now available on the CANSIM data bank. The 1976 preliminary actual data and the 1977 forecast data can also be retrieved from the Actual matrices which now have data from 1956-1975.

These annual estimates of capital and repair expenditures on construction and machinery and equipment are cross-classified by province and sector, together with national totals. The data are available in computer printout form and on magnetic tape.

For further information, contact Mr. Scott Buchanan (613-994-9546), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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 OT6.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics, February 1977 (73-001-p, N/C)
Fruit and Vegetable Production, May 1977 (22-003, 40§/\$3)
Leather Glove Factorles, 1975 (33-204, 70¢)
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Grain Milling Statistics, March 1977 (32-003, 30\$/\$3)
Service Bulletin:
Miscellaneous Industries (47-003, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 1, Papermakers and Other Felts, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977

## Additional information

When names and telephone numbers are not provided, additiồnal information can often be obtained from the regional User Advisory staff of Statistics Canada, or from its Central Inquiries Service, Ottawa (613-9924734).

Also, toll-free access to the regional statistical information service is provided in Charlottetown, Moncton, Saint John 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.

Radio Air-time Sales, January 1977.- Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 4.3$ million in January, an increase of $34.4 \%$ from $\$ 3.2$ million in January 1976. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to $\$ 3.7$ million, up 32.1\% from $\$ 2.8$ million.

Net local air-time sales rose $15.1 \%$ to $\$ 12.2$ million in January from $\$ 10.6$ million a year earlier.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetabies, May 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on May 1 totalled 26.3 million pounds compared with 29.1 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 85.0 million pounds ( 108.2 million in 1976).

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


## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Cheques Cashed In Clearing Centres, 1976 (61-201, \$1.05)
Industrial Corporations, FInanclal Statistics, Preliminary Data, First Quarter 1977 (61-003-p, N/C)

Hospital Indicators, January-December 1976 (83-001, \$1.75/\$7)
Selected Meat and Meat Preparations, March 1977 (32-020, 15¢/\$1.50)
Farm input Price Index, 1st Quarter 1977 (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40)

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Selected Dalry By-Products (32-024, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 7, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder, April 1977

Tobacco and Tobacco Products (32-022, \$1.40 per year), Vol. 6, No. 4, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, April 1977

Electric Power Statistics, January 1977 - Advance Information.
In January, net generation increased to 30.8 TW.h from 27.5 TW.h in January 1976.

Hydro generation increased $3.9 \%$ while thermal production increased $31.0 \%$.

For further information, order the January 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 OV6.

Radio Alr-Time Sales, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$4.9 million in February, a decrease of $2.0 \%$ from $\$ 5.0$ \$million in February 1976. Agency and other commissions reduced gross nationalisales to $\$ 4.2$ million, down $2.3 \%$ from $\$ 4.3$ million.

Net local air-time sales rose $11^{\circ}: 1 \%$ to $\$ 12.0$ million in February from $\$ 10.8$ million a year earlier.

Gross year-to-date radio air-time sales for 1977 were reported at $\$ 34.2$ million compared to $\$ 30.5$ million for 1976, an increase of $12.1 \%$. Net sales rose $12.6 \%$ to $\$ 32.1$ million from $\$ 28.5$ million.

For further information, order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Productlon, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for February was 1,504,000 barrels/day, up $9.1 \%$ from 1,378,000 B/D in February 1976.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged 10,631,000 Mcf./D, a decrease of $0.05 \%$ from 10,637,000 Mcf./D.

For further information, order the February 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 OV6.

Steei Ingots, Week Ended May 21, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 21 was 284,509 short tons ( 258102 t), an increase of $1.1 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 281,328 short tons (255 216 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 289,732 tons ( 262840 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 155.3 in the current week, 153.5 a week earlier and 158.1 one year ago. :".
: For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics C Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


Footwear Statistics, March 1977 (33-002, 30థ/\$3)
Report on Livestock Surveys, Pigs, April 1, 1977 (23-005, \$1.40 per year)

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  |  |  |  |  |  | \% Change From |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | Mar. 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb: } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Mar. <br> 1976 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |
| Berefits: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross-amoünt (\$000) | \% 428,029 | 379,067 | 398,887 |  |  | 13 | 7 |
| Net amount (1) (\$000) | ' $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$. 426,214 | 377,563 | 397,096 |  | $!$ | 13 | 7 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | $\cdots$ 4,245 | 3,734 | 4,295 |  | * | 14 | -1 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 100:83 | 101.51 | 92.88 |  |  | -1 | 9 |
| Claims receeived (000) | 211 | 200 | 201 |  | : | 6 | 5 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 897p | 913p | 876 |  | , | -2 | 2 |


|  |  | To Date |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
(2) Monthly average
p Preliminary figures
For further information order the March 1977 issue of Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act ( $73-001$, Quarterly, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

## Preliminary Report on Unempioyment Insurance

 Statistics, March 1977 - Advance Information.Some 897,000"claimants were in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit in March, a decrease of 2\% from February but 2\% more than in March 1976. Six percent of the beneficiaries reported some earnings from employment.
A total of $\$ 426$ million"was paid in net unemployment insurance benefits in March, $13 \%$ greater than in February and $7 \%$ more than a year earlier. Net benefits paid in 1977 to date amounted to $\$ 1,199$ million compared with $\$ 1,081$ million in the first quarter of 1976, an increase of $11 \%$. The average weekly benefit (based on the three months) reached $\$ 100.95,9 \%$ higher than the previous year.
Claims received by U.I.C. offices in March were $211,000,6 \%$ more than in February. The same
percentage rise was recorded between February and March 1976. For the first three months of 1977, the claim load totalled 678,000 , about $1 \%$ more than in the same period of 1976.

* 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.

Real Domestic Product, March 1977 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product at 125.5 in March remained unchanged from the February level. The index of industrial production declined $0.1 \%$. Goods-producing industries decreased $0.3 \%$, while service-producing industries increased $0.2 \%$.

In the goods-producing industries, decreases were recorded in agriculture, construction, mining and utilities. The decline in construction was due mostly to decreased residential building activity. Lower levels of livestock and dairy production accounted for the decrease in agriculture. In mining, metal mines, mineral fuels and non-metal mines each had decreases. Mineral fuels registered the most significant decline due to decreased output of coal and crude petroleum. Production of natural gas increased. Utilities were down due to a decline in electric power output. Manufacturing, forestry and fishing and trapping increased in March. In manufacturing, most of the increase occurred in durables manufacturing, with significant increases in wood products, primary metals, transportation equipment and non-metallic mineral products industries. Non-durables manufacturing recorded widespread declines, the most notable being in the paper and allied products industries. Favorable weather and export demand are cited as factors for the significant increase in forestry output during March.
In the service-producing industries, increases were recorded in transportation, storage and communication, finance, insurance and real estate, community, business and personal services and public administration and defence. Railway transport, air transport, bus transport and urban transit systems were mainly responsible for the advance in transportation. Trade declined in March with both wholesale and retail trade showing decreases. In wholesale trade, wholesale merchants accounted for most of the decrease, while in retail trade, department stores, motor vehicle dealers and furniture, television, radio and appliance stores recorded the most significant declines.

## 1 st Quarter of 1977

The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product increased $1.0 \%$ to 125.5 in the first quarter of 1977 from 124.3 in the fourth quarter of 1976. The index of industrial production rose $1.8 \%$. Goods-producing industries advanced $1.2 \%$, while service-producing industries were up 0.9\%.

In the goods-producing industries, forestry, fishing and trapping, construction, mining, utilities and manufacturing each registered increases in the first quarter. The gain in forestry resulted primarily from increased export demand. The increase in construction stemmed from non-residential building activity which rose significantly, while residential building activity showed a decline. In mining, increases were recorded in metal mines and non-metal mines. Mineral fuels declined due to lower levels of crude petroleum output. Utilities output increased as a result of a sharp increase in natural gas distribution. In manufacturing, both durables and non-durables manufacturing recorded increases. The major contributing industries were
food and beverages, tobacco products, petroleum and coal products, chemical and chemical products, primary metal products and transportation equipment.

In the service-producing industries, a majority of components advanced in the quarter. Trade was relatively unchanged from the fourth quarter of 1976. Within transportation, storage and communication, gains occurred in air transport, railway transport, urban transit systems and communication. In trade, wholesale trade increased significantly, while retail trade declined - food stores, department stores, clothing stores, hardware stores and drug stores all decreased. Motor vehicle dealers recorded the major increase in retail trade.
For further information, order the March 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 and 5)
Sales Financing, March 1977 - Advance Information. Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 225.9$ million of retail finance paper in March, an increase of 2.3\% compared with the $\$ 220.8$ million purchased in March 1976. The total purchases comprised $\$ 60.1$ million for passenger cars, $\$ 28.9$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 94.5$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 42.4$ million for other commercial and industrial goods.
Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the fourth quarter of 1976 amounted to $\$ 2,027.4$ million, an increase of $3.4 \%$ over the $\$ 1,961.1$ million financed during the fourth quarter of 1975.
For further information, order the March 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 0V6.

Paper and Plastic Bag Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of paper and plastic bags shipped $\$ 352.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $5.8 \%$ from 1974.'Total value added by the industry decreased $10.7 \%$ to $\$ 139.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.9 \%$ to 6,653 and total salaries and wages increased $5.5 \%$ to $\$ 69.1$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Paper and Plastic Bag Manufacturers, 1975 (36-207, 70¢).

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


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

|  | 1971 percentage weight | 1976 <br> Dec. | Jan. | 1977 Feb. | Mar. | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real Domestic Product | 100.000 | 125.0 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | - |
| Agricuiture | 3.371 | 94.1 | 88.9 | 86.5 | 84.8 | -2.0 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 117.3 | 115.1 | 112.7 | 126.1 | 11.9 |
| Fishing and Trapping | . 181 | 77.5 | 78.4 | 85.3 | 93.3 | 9.4 |
| Mines (inciuding miling), quarrles and oil welis | 3.819 | 113.8 | 114.8 | 115.0 | 113.1 | -1.7 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 119.8 | 120.9 | 120.7 | 121.2 | 0.4 |
| Construction Indusiry | 6.990 | 115.1 | 116.7 | 116.7 | 114.3 | -2.1 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 132.1 | 133.5 | 134.7 | 135.8 | 0.8 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 122.9 | 123.8 | 124.9 | 127.6 | 2.2 |
| Air transport and services incidental to air transport | . 679 | 180.6 | 186.0 | 186.4 | 188.1 | 0.9 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 113.1 | 112.4 | 116.2 | 122.8 | 5.7 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 123.9 | 118.0 | 127.3 | 133.0 | 4.5 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 113.9 | 121.8 | 118.0 | 118.8 | 0.7 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 134.2 | 127.1 | 127.2 | 126.8 | -0.3 |
| Storage | . 258 | 87.5 | 84.8 | 102.9 | 92.8 | -9.8 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 76.6 | 73.1 | 99.4 | $86.3{ }^{\circ}$ | -13.2 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 154.2 | 157.1 | 156.9 | 155.8 | -0.7 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilltles | 2.816 | 146.4 | 148.4 | 147.3 | 145.0 | -1.6 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 135.6 | 135.5 | 134.4 | 133.7 | -0.5 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 124.7 | 126.1 | 126:9 | 126.5 | -0.3 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 1<5.5 | 126.6 | 128.6 | 128.2 | -0.3 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 142.7 | 141.7 | 139.3 | 138.3 | -0.7 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 118.0 | 114.3 | 112.1 | 113.5 | 1.2 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 140.6 | 142.5 | 139.5 | 137.9 | -1.1 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 164.0 | 165.4 | 161.8 | 158.3 | -2.2 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 106.5 | 109.1 | 107.0 | 108.0 | 0.9 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 163.1 | 165.3 | 161.9 | 160.7 | -0.7 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 140.5 | 134.3 | 128.7 | 128.5 | -0.2 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 122.6 | 116.5 | 114.0 | 119.5 | 4.8 |
| Furniture, television, radio and 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | . 177 | 145.2 | 142.1 | 149.0 | 145.9 | -2.1 |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 181.5 | 170.1 | 169.0 | 169.4 | 0.2 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 132.0 | 132.5 | 132.5 | 132.7 | 0.2 |
| Community, business and personal service Industries | 19.359 | 126.2 | 126.6 | 127.0 | 127.6 | 0.5 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 114.7 | 115.5 | 116.6 | 117.4 | 0.7 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 130.9 | 131.2 | 131.7 | 132.1 | 0.3 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 152.1 | 150.1 | 150.5 | 146.8 | -2.5 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 134.8 | 134.5 | 135.2 | 135.1 | -0.1 |
| Personal services . | 1.000 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.8 | 107.3 | -0.5 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 137.7 | 138.9 | 137.9 | 139.9 | 1.5 |
| Public administratlon and defence | 7.388 | 124.7 | 124.6 | 125.3 | 125.9 | 0.5 |
| Speclal grouplngs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 121.5 | 122.8 | . 122.5 | 122.4 | -0.1 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 126.1 | 126.8 | 126.9 | 127.0 | 0.1 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 117.9 | 118.6 | 118.2 | 117.9 | -0.3 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 120.0 | 121.3 | 121.0 | 120.8 | -0.2 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 129.9 | 130.3 | 130.5 | 130.8 | 0.2 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 126.4 | 127.0 | 126.8 | 126.7 | -0.1 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 127.8 | 128.7 | 128.5 | 128.5 | - |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 118.8 | 119.1 | 119.9 | 120.4 | 0.4 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 117.2 | 119.6 | 119.8 | 119.1 | -0.6 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.3 | 122.2 | 121.6 | 123.4 | 1.5 |

Clay Products Manufacturers (Domestic Clays), 1975 - Advance Information.

Clay products manufacturers (domestic clay) shipped $\$ 84.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $12.7 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $15.9 \%$ to $\$ 59.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.5 \%$ to 2,945 and total salaries and wages increased $8.8 \%$ to $\$ 30.7$ 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 Clay. Products Manufacturers (From Domestic Clays), 1975 (44-215, 70§).

Non-commerclai Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
Non-commercial trailer manufacturers shipped $\$ 459.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $11.2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $17.0 \%$ to $\$ 159.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $0.5 \%$ to 9,385 and total salaries and wages increased $20.0 \%$ to $\$ 88.3$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 (42-217, 70¢).

Manufacturers of LIghting Fixtures, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of lighting fixtures shipped $\$ 159.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 5.9\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $4.8 \%$ to $\$ 72.2$ million, the number of employees increased $0.9 \%$ to 3,980 and total salaries and wages increased $10.9 \%$ to $\$ 35.8$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Manufacturers of Lighting Fixtures, 1975 (43-211, 70\$).

Truck Body Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Truck body manufacturers shipped $\$ 197.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $10.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $16.4 \%$ to $\$ 101.9$ million, the number of employees decreased $4.2 \%$ to 5,428 and total salaries and wages increased $6.7 \%$ to $\$ 55.7$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Truck Body and Trailer Manufacturers, 1975 (42-217, 70\$).

Opthalmic Goods Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Opthalmic goods manufacturers shipped $\$ 74.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $22.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $20.8 \%$ to $\$ 50.7$ million, the number of
employees remained unchanged at 3,758 and total salaries and wages increased $11.9 \%$ to $\$ 31.1$ 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 Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975 (47-206, 70¢).

Salt, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 434,329 short tons in April from 465,345 short tons in April 1976. This brought 1977 output to 2,378,958 short tons from 2,388,278 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of Salt (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-9920491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Asbestos, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Producers' shipments of asbestos increased to 135, 164 short tons in April from 134,598 short tons in April 1976. This brought 1977 shipments to 533,164 short tons from 546,318 in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of Asbestos (26-001, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Coal and Coke Statistics, March 1977 - Advance Information.
March coal production increased $17 \%$ to $3,130,326$ tons (2 839784 metric tonnes) from 2,675,641 tons (2 421301 metric tonnes) a year earlier. Imports increased to 1,314,909 tons ( 1192865 metric tonnes) from 753,876 tons ( 683905 metric tonnes). Industrial consumers used $2,376,700$ tons ( 2156106 metric tonnes) of coal, up 427,618 tons ( 387929 metric tonnes) and 512,520 tons ( 464950 metric tonnes) of coke, up 18,268 tons ( 16572 metric tonnes).

For further information, order the March 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 0T6.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,377,497,000 square feet ( 127973000 m 2 ) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in April, a decrease of $11.1 \%$ from the 1,549,308,000 square feet (143 936000 m 2 ) in April 1976.

January-April shipments totalled $5,570,926,000$ square feet ( 518408000 m 2 ) compared to $5,721,869,000$ square feet ( 531579000 m 2 ) in 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.


Prellminary Statement of Canadlan Trade, April 1977 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat.
Following an advance of $14.5 \%$ in March, Canadian exports declined over 5\% in April to $\$ 3,777$ million, seasonally adjusted on a balance-of-payments basis. Imports, in contrast, extended the increases of the previous two months, rising $4 \%$ to $\$ 3,628$ million. In falling from the unusually-high level of $\$ 502$ million in March, the merchandise trade surplus stood at $\$ 149$ - million in April, a more normal balance for the recent

4 cant a a three-month comparison, exports increased $15 \%$ to $\$ 11,250$ million in the February-April 1977 period, while imports rose $9 ; 5 \%$ to $\$ 10,485$ million. The ifmerchandise trade surplus improved impressively to $\$ 765$ million from ${ }^{2} \$ 221$ million"in the months of Novembér-January.

## Exports (Customs Basis)

Following an increase of over 7\% in March, seasonallyadjusted exports to the United States rose marginally in April to $\$ 2,573$ million. Shipments of metallic concentrates, petroleum and natural gas were higher, but exports of automotive goods and forestry products declined from the high levels of the preceding month.

Overseas shipments fell $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 1,189$ million from the unusually-large total for March. Exports decreased to all principal destinations, except Japan. Reductions in shipments were widespread, but with a concentration in metallic ores and non-ferrous metals. Newsprint exports increased in April.

In a three-month comparison, seasonally-adjusted exports to the U.S. advanced $10.8 \%$ to $\$ 7,520$ million in the February-April period. Motor vehicles and parts accounted for about half of the gain. Increases were also recorded in shipments of natural gas, lumber, pulp, liquefied gases, non-ferrous metals and machinery. Deliveries of crude oil fell, as did also shipments of metallic concentrates and newsprint.
After a rise of $23.5 \%$ over the last three months, Canadian exports to overseas destinations stood at $\$ 3,663$ million in the February-April period. As shipments declined to the European Economic Community, the increases were concentrated in Japan and, in particular, in the remaining countries. Led by a substantial rise in wheat shipments, increases encompassed many commodities including metallic concentrates, asbestos, pulp, newsprint, and other industrial materials. Exports of lumber and automotive goods declined.

## Imports (Customs Basis)

After two months of near stability, seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. rose $6.5 \%$ to $\$ 2,589$ million in April, exceeding the $\$ 2.5$ billion level for the first time. Imports of coal, automotive parts, and transportation equipment (other than motor vehicles) were higher.

Imports from other countries declined $3.5 \%$ to $\$ 1,085$ million, with all overseas areas contributing, except Japan. Lower imports were recorded for machinery, transportation equipment, communication and office equipment and apparel. Landings of crude oil increased in April.

At $\$ 7,440$ million, imports from the U.S. in the latest three-month period were $9.9 \%$ above those for the November-January period. The contribution of motor vehicles and parts to the increase was important. Imports of other equipment and tools rose in the February-April period, as did also those of industrial materials and machinery.

Imports from overseas areas likewise recorded a $10 \%$ increase to $\$ 3,196$ million in February-April 1977. Rises in imports included commodity groups such as meat, crude oil, industrial materials and machinery. motor vehicle parts and office equipment. Imports of raw sugar declined.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the April issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40¢/\$4).
(see graph and tables on pages 3 to 11)

## Key Economic Series

During the coming month, the release of key economic series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below. It is possible, however, that some data may appear during the week earlier or the week later for reasons unknown at this time.
Week Beginning Monday, May 30

- Industry Selling Price Index (April)

Week Beginning Monday, June 6

- Wholesale Price Index (April)
- Consumer Price Index (May) June 10

Week Beginning Monday, June 13

- Index of Industrial Production (April)
- Gross National Product (January-March)
- Retail Trade (April)
- Labour Force Survey (May) June 15
- Wholesale Trade (April)

Week Beginning Monday, June 20

- Employment, Earnings and Hours (April)
- Consumer Credit (April)
- Real Domestic Product (April)
- Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (May) June 21
- Inventories, Shipments and Orders (April)
- Preliminary"Statement of Canadian Trade (May) June 24
Week Beginning Monday, June 27
- Building Permits (April)
- Labour Income (March)
- Industry Selling Price Index (May)
- Industrial Corporations - Financial Statistics (January-March)

Alrcraft and Aircraft Parts Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
Aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturers shipped $\$ 707.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $11.3 \%$ to $\$ 438.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $7.7 \%$ to 22,289 and total salaries and wages increased $7.9 \%$ to $\$ 273.4$ 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 Aircraft and Aircraft Parts Manufacturers, 1975 (42-203, 709).

## EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES

Seasonally Adjusted<br>Balance of Payments Basis

Billions of Dollars


Offlce and Store MachInery Manufacturers, 1975 Advance Information.
Office and store machinery manufacturers shipped $\$ 372.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $7.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $1.9 \%$ to $\$ 245.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $15.0 \%$ to 9,690 and total salaries and wages decreased $6.1 \%$ to $\$ 119.4$ 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 Office and Store Machinery Manufacturers, 1975 (42-216, 70¢).

Rallroad Rolling Stock Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The railraod rolling stock industry shipped $\$ 559.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $\mathbf{2 6 . 2 \%}$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 27.1\% to $\$ 267.2$ million, the number of employees increased $8.6 \%$ to 8,664 and total salaries and wages increased $21.6 \%$ to $\$ 111.0$ million.

For further information, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Railroad Rolling Stock Industry, 1975 (42-211, 704).

## Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis* Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis* |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unadjusted |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | Trade Balance |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | 8,928 | 8,936 | 9,032 | 8,746 | 8,734 | 8,577 | 157 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 8,803 | 9,153 | 8,580 | 8,993 | 9,013 | 9,155 | -142 |
| Second Quarter | 10,109 | 10,041 | 10,096 | 9,866 | 9,470 | 9,215 | 255 |
| Third Quarter | 9,359 | 8,727 | 9,289 | 8,575 | 9,820 | 9,220 | 600 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,876 | 9,549 | 10,010 | 9,452 | 9,672 | 9,296 | 376 |
| 1977 ( 10.10 . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 10,185 | 9,925 | 10,201 | 9,776 | 10,815 | 10,035 | 780 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November | 3,383 | 3,484 | 3,418 | 3,473 | 3,098 | 3,164 | -66 |
| December | 3,297 | 3,072 | 3,340 | 3,031 | 3,352 | 3,229 | 123 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,135 | 3,003 | 3,100 | 2,958 | 3,342 | 3,178 | 164 |
| February | 3,217 | 3,183 | 3,212 | 3,140 | 3,483 | 3,369 | 114 |
| March | 3,834 | 3,739 | 3,889 | 3,678 | 3,990 | 3,488 | 502 |
| April | 3,477 | 3,528 | 3,492 | 3,482 | 3,777 | 3,628 | 149 |

"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).

## Miscellaneous Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.

The miscellaneous machinery and equipment manufacturers shipped $\$ 2,432.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 17.8\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $16.7 \%$ to $\$ 1,377.1$ million, the number of employees increased $6.2 \%$ to 62,221 and total salaries and wages increased $15.5 \%$ to $\$ 707.0$ 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 Miscellaneous Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 (42214, 70¢).

Commercial Refrigeration and Alr Conditioning Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Commercial refrigeration and air conditioning equipment manufacturers shipped $\$ 164.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $6.4 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased 7.4\% to $\$ 81.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.7 \%$ to 3,807 and total salaries and wages increased $10.5 \%$ to $\$ 44.5$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. T. Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Com-
plete data will be published later in Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment Manufacturers, 1975 (42-215, 70\$).

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the first quarter of 1977 show that Canada earned $\$ 187$ million from international travel, compared to $\$ 189$ million the previous year. At the same time, Canadians spent $\$ 992$ million abroad, leaving a record travel deficit of $\$ 805$ million, $16.8 \%$ higher than the $\$ 689$ million deficit registered in the first quarter of 1976. The growth in the deficit reflected the continuing increase in the number of Canadians travelling abroad and a decrease in the number of visitors to Canada, especially American visitors.

Canadian receipts comprised $\$ 140$ million from travellers from the United States and $\$ 47$ million from those of all other countries. Canadian resident spending abroad included $\$ 650$ million in the U.S. and $\$ 342$ million in all other countries, increases of 14.8\% and $9.6 \%$, respectively.
(see table on next page)

Receipts and Payments on International Travel 1976-1977

p Preliminary estimates
For further information, order the January-March issue of Travel Between Canada and Other Countries (66-001, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. Mike Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Table 1
imports, Seasonaliy Adjusted, Customs basis

|  | Total | Total excluding cars | U.S.A. ( | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U.K. } \\ & \text { Ilions) } \end{aligned}$ | Total excl. U.S.A. and U.K. | Other E.E.C. | Japan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 <br> Fourth Quarter | 8,766.5 | 6,576.6 | 6,076.6 | 290.4 | 2,399.5 | 508.4 | 269.3 |
| 1976 <br> First Quarter | 9,314.7 | 6,961.2 | 6,379.2 | 300.9 | 2,634.6 | 496.9 | 360.5 |
| Second Quarter | 9,390.1 | 7,071.2 | 6,426.4 | 282.6 | 2,681.1 | 492.5 | 364.1 |
| Third Quarter | 9,371.7 | 7.017 .3 | 6,457.3 | 264.9 | 2,649.5 | 503.9 | 394.5 |
| Fourth Quarter | 9,393.3 | 7,082.6 | 6,473.7 | 304.0 | 2,615.6 | 534.7 | 406.4 |
| 1977 <br> First Quarter | 10,183.8 | 7.419.2 | 7,131.5 | 306.8 | 2,745.5 | 564.0 | 427.9 |
| 1976 <br> November | $3,175.2$ $3,270.0$ | $2,385.4$ $2,381.3$ | $2,174.0$ $2,314.4$ | 111.3 95.1 | 889.9 860.5 | 174.8 170.4 | 135.6 |
| December | 3,270.0 | 2,381.3 | 2,314.4 | 95.1 | 860.5 | 170.4 | 137.1 |
| 1977 <br> January | 3,222.5 | 2,338.5 | 2,280.6 | 95.1 | 846.8 | 173.1 | 136.2 |
| February | 3,411.6 | 2,496.7 | 2,424.0 | 102.0 | 885.6 | 193.5 | 146.5 |
| March | 3,549.7 | 2,583.9 | 2,426.9 | 109.7 | 1,013.1 | 197.4 | 145.2 |
| April | 3,674.3 | 2,682.2 | $\begin{gathered} 2,589.3 \\ \quad \text { Perc } \end{gathered}$ | $107.1$ chang | 977.9 | 193.8 | 149.0 |
| April/March | 3.5 | 3.8 | 6.6 | -2.3 | -3.4 | -1.8 | 2.6 |
| Current 3 months/ Previous 3 months | 10.0 | 9.2 | 9.9 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 12.8 | 7.7 |
| Apr. 77/Apr. 76 | 15.3 | 10.3 | 21.3 | 7.0 | 2.6 | 12.5 | 27.0 |

Table 2
Imports by Principal Trading Areas


|  | Apr. 1977 | Year-to-Date |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1975 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1975 \end{aligned}$ | Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mar 1977 | Apr. <br> 1976 | Mar. <br> 1976 |  |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| United States | 9,479.7 | 6,937.5 | 8,423.2 | 6,254.2 | 7.495 .9 | 5,435.7 | 12.5 | 12.3 |
| United Kingdom | 407.0 | 307.3 | 400.7 | 301.8 | 405.6 | 315.4 | 1.5 | -1.1 |
| Other E.E.C. | 710.0 | 527.1 | 639.4 | 470.2 | 677.0 | 517.8 | 11.0 | -5.5 |
| Japan | 557.2 | 419.2 | 470.9 | 356.2 | 467.7 | 356.4 | 18.3 | 0.6 |
| Other O.E.C.D. | 395.1 | 292.7 | 378.7 | 280.6 | 361.5 | 284.9 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| Other America | 830.2 | 615.9 | 641.3 | 442.7 | 626.4 | 479.1 | 29.4 | 2.3 |
| Other Countries | 1,074.1 | 825.6 | 1,356.6 | 1,046.9 | 1,177.7 | 925.6 | -20.8 | 15.2 |
| All Countries | 13,453.3 | 9,925.3 | 12,310.8 | 9,152.6 | 11,211.8 | 8,314.9 | 9.2 | 9.8 |

Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes
April 1977 - Advance Information
(1971=100)

|  | Apr. 1977 | Mar. <br> 1977 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Apr. $/ 77$ <br> Mar./77 | Apr. $/ 77$ <br> Apr. $/ 76$ |
| Canada, Total | 170.3 | 169.1r | 157.1 | 0.7 | 8.4 |
| Materials | 161.5 | 160.4r | 153.1 | 0.7 | 5.5 |
| Labour | 185.9 | 184.7r | 164.2 | 0.6 | 13.2 |
| Atlantic Provinces, Total | 181.4 | 179.9 | 165.3 | 0.8 | 9.7 |
| Materials | 165.3 | 164.2 | 154.9 | 0.7 | 6.7 |
| Labour | 209.2 | 207.0 | 183.3 | 1.0 | 14.1 |
| Quebec, Total | 170.8 | 170.1 | 160.3 | 0.4 | 6.6 |
| Materials | 166.3 | 165.2 | 159.1 | 0.6 | 4.5 |
| Labour | 179.3 | 179.3 | 162.6 | - | 10.3 |
| Ontario, Total | 165.0 | 164.2r | 152.3 | 0.5 | 8.3 |
| Materials . | 157.5 | 156.3r | 150.3 | 0.8 | 4.8 |
| Labour | 177.8 | 177.8 | 155.9 | - | 14.0 |
| Pralre Provinces, Total | 181.0 | 178.1 | 164.7 | 1.6 | 9.9 |
| Materials | 163.8 | 162.7 | 153.7 | 0.6 | 6.6 |
| Labour | 214.4 | 207.9 | 186.1 | 3.1 ' | 15.2 |
| British Columbia, Total | 169.2 | 168.6r | 155.3 | 0.4 | 9.0 |
| Materials | 162.8 | 162.0 | 151.6 | 0.5 | 7.4 |
| Labour | 180.6 | 180.3r | 162.1 | 0.2 | 11.4 |

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.

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

|  | Apr. <br> 1977 | Mar. 1977 | Monthly |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ | Year-to-Year Percent Changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Apr. 1976 <br> (\$ mi | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1976 } \\ & \text { Ilions) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Apr. | Mar. | Feb. |
| Live Animals | 7.4 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 15.8 | 15.2 | 7.2 | -53.1 | -77.9 | -59.7 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 247.3 | 279.6 | 227.6 | 197.3 | 206.5 | 184.8 | 25.3 | 35.3 | 23.1 |
| Meat and fish | 39.4 | 40.5 | 41.0 | 34.7 | 41.1 | 40.2 | 13.3 | -1.4 | 2.0 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 84.9 | 86.7 | 73.9 | 65.0 | 62.0 | 58.6 | 30.7 | 39.9 | 26.0 |
| Raw sugar | 11.9 | 4.9 | 12.8 | 19.5 | 19.8 | 16.1 | -39.1 | -75.4 | -20.3 |
| Crude Materlals, Inedilble | 425.8 | 388.5 | 338.5 | 497.7 | 357.1 | 342.3 | -14.4 | 8.7 | -1.1 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 46.5 | 21.0 | 21.5 | 33.4 | 21.5 | 22.0 | 39.2 | -2.0 | -2.3 |
| Coal | 20.8 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 43.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 | -51.9 | 16.3 | 123.1 |
| Cruide petroleum | 280.9 . | 283.1 | 230.9 | 343.9 | 261.1 | 249.2 | -18.3 | 8.4 | -7.3 |
| Fabrlcated Materials, Inedible' | 534.3 | 642.5 | 498.2 | 506.6 | 539.1 | 512.9 | 5.4 | 19.1 | -2.8 |
| Wood and paper | 49.5 | 67.4 | 53.2 | 63.7 | 72.8 | 75.5 | -22.3 | -7.3 | -29.6 |
| Textiles | 69.4 | 79.7 | 68.5 | 64.7 | 73.5 | 73.4 | 7.2 | 8.3 | -6.6 |
| Chemicals | 173.2 | 200.7 | 148.6 | 151.2 | 148.4 | 136.1 | 14.5 | 35.2 | 9.1 |
| Iron and steel | 57.0 | 68.0 | 56.6 | 55.6 | 50.5 | 55.7 | 2.4 | 34.8 | 1.5 |
| Bars and rods, steel: | 6.6 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 5.6 | -5.5 | 31.4 | 15.9 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 17.4 | 19.2 | 21.5 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 18.1 | 19.4 | 40.6 | 18.5 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 37.6 | 42.6 | 31.4 | 37.8 | 42.7 | 27.8 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 12.9 |
| End Products, Inedible | 2,203.7 | 2,390.7 | 2,081.7 | 1,903.3 | 2,079.7 | 1,920.0 | 15.7 | 14.9 | 8.4 |
| General purpose machinery | 117.2 | 130.3 | 112.7 | 97.2 | 120.8 | 112.4 | 20.6 | 7.8 | 0.2 |
| Special industry machinery | 171.7 | 179.7 | 178.7 | 179.4 | 157.5 | 162.8 | -4.2 | 14.0 | 9.7 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 13.6 | 15.6 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 22.8 | 29.7 | -0.6 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 122.5 | 138.0 | 118.6 | 119.7 | 127.0 | 109.4 | 2.3 | 8.6 | 8.3 |
| Transportation equipment | 1,149.8 | 1,136.4 | 1,005.5 | 920.0 | 996.1 | 904.6 | 24.9 | 14.0 | 11.1 |
| Sedans, new | 298.0 | 291.7 | 230.9 | 228.6 | 230.9 | 209.4 | 30.3 | 26.3 | 10.2 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 42.5 | 38.4 | 27.2 | 36.2 | 32.1 | 29.5 | 17.3 | 19.6 | -7.9 |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis | 95.7 | 89.7 | 93.3 | 73.1 | 79.9 | 74.3 | 30.9 | 12.3 | 25.6 |
| Other motor vehicles | 37.0 | 38.4 | 26.7 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 22.8 | 57.8 | 55.7 | 17.3 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 46.6 | 49.7 | 41.8 | 46.2 | 44.9 | 46.0 | 0.9 | 10.7 | -9.1 |
| Motor vehicle engine parts | 58.2 | 59.5 | 55.5 | 40.0 | 39.2 | 41.6 | 45.7 | 51.7 | 33.5 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | 480.4 | 461.4 | 433.9 | 383.2 | 443.3 | 398.1 | 25.3 | 4.0 | 9.0 |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 7.3 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 16.3 | -15.3 | -8.1 |
| Other equipment and tools | 345.7 | 431.1 | 349.2 | 313.6 | 356.2 | 329.6 | 10.2 | 21.0 | 5.9 |
| Electronic computers. | 39.7 | 51.7 | 44.3 | 29.6 | 35.6 | 28.7 | 33.8 | 45.0 | 54.2 |
| Special Transactions, Trade | 109.7 | 34.3 | 34.4 | 37.4 | 43.4 | 40.4 | 193.1 | -21.1 | -14.7 |
| Total. | 3,528.1 | -3,738.8 | 3,183.3 | 3,158.2 | 3,241.0 | 3,007.5 | 11.7 | 15.3 | 5.8 |

Employment, Eamings and Hours (Seasonally Adjusted), March 1977 - Advance Information.
The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite* index of employment ( $1961=100$ ) for March show a 0.4\% decline from February. All industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate, and all regions recorded decreases.
Average weekly earnings rose $0.5 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in March. Except for forestry, mining and service, all industry divisions posted gains. At the regional level, the Prairie region registered a slight decrease while all other regions advanced.

Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners increased in mining and in construction but decreased in manufacturing. Average hourly earnings increased in manufacturing and in construction but declined in mining.

* 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'vear:: Notes on concepts and method's can be found in any issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours.-
Detailed information for Januäry and February will be published in the March 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 12 to 14)

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

|  | Apr. 1977 | Mar. 1977 | Year-to-Date |  |  | Mar. <br> 1975 | Apr.-Apr. Percent Changes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr. 1976 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { (\$ millions } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | 77/76 | 76/75 |
| Live Animals | 17.2 | 9.7 | 42.4 | 26.6 | 29.9 | 22.7 | -59.5 | 41.5 |
| Food, Feed, Beverages and Tobacco | 978.4 | 731.1 | 783.4 | 586.1 | 752.1 | 581.8 | 24.8 | 4.1 |
| Meat and fish | 158.6 | 119.2 | 154.0 | 119.2 | 100.9 | 77.5 | 3.0 | 52.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 308.2 | 223.3 | 249.7 | 184.7 | 232.3 | 169.9 | 23.4 | 7.4 |
| Raw sugar | 52.1 | 40.2 | 66.7 | 47.2 | 111.7 | 105.9 | -21.8 | -40.2 |
| Crude Materials, Inedibie | 1,587.5 | 1,161.8 | 1,770.7 | 1,273.1 | 1,663.9 | 1,259.5 | -10.3 | 6.4 |
| Metal ores, concentrates and scrap | 123.1 | 76.6 | 103.7 | 70.3 | 124.4 | 91.0 | 18.7 | -16.5 |
| Coal | 52.9 | 32.1 | 90.2 | 46.8 | 99.4 | 55.8 | -41.2 | -9.2 |
| Crude petroleum | 1,087.0 | 806.1 | 1,277.5 | 933.5 | 1,182.7 | 917.5 | -14.9 | 8.0 |
| Fabricated Materials, inedible | 2,147.2 | 1,612.9 | 2,054.0 | 1,547.5 | 1,951.0 | 1,487.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 |
| Wood and paper | 220.1 | 170.6 | 284.0 | 220.2 | 152.3 | 110.4 | -22.4 | 86.4 |
| Textiles | 284.9 | 215.5 | 290.4 | 225.7 | 228.5 | 168.6 | -1.8 | 27.1 |
| Chemicals | 655.0 | 481.8 | 564.4 | 413.2 | 486.8 | 366.6 | 16.0 | 15.9 |
| Iron and steel | 236.6 | 179.6 | 215.5 | 159.8 | 374.5 | 296.9 | 9.8 | -42.4 |
| Bars and rods, steal | 31.1 | 24.5 | 26.1 | 19.1 | 61.1 | 48.3 | 19.2 | -57.3 |
| Plate, sheet and strip, steel | 75.5 | 58.2 | 62.0 | 47.4 | 122.1 | 103.5 | 21.9 | -49.2 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 144.9 | 107.2 | 142.0 | 104.2 | 147.0 | 120.7 | 2.0 | -3.3 |
| End Products, Inedible | 8,511.4 | 6,307.7 | 7,509.8 | 5,606.5 | 6,717.6 | 4,891.3 | 13.3 | 11.7 |
| General purpose machinery | 457.0 | 339.8 | 446.1 | 348.9 | 461.4 | 349.3 | 2.4 | -3.3. |
| Special industry machinery | 687.3 | 515.7 | 650.4 | 471.0 | 617.5 | 456.0 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| Machine tools, metalworking | 51.7 | 38.1 | 47.0 | 35.9 | 59.4 | 45.1 | 10.1 | -21.0 |
| Agricultural machinery and tractors | 490.8 | 368.3 | 451.8 | 332.1 | 405.6 | 289.9 | . 8.6 | 11.4 |
| Transportation equipment | 4,121.9 | 2,972.1 | 3,498.5 | 2,578.5 | 3,073.7 | 2,162.2 | 17.8 | 13.8 |
| Sedans, new | 991.3 | 693.4 | 802.0 | 573.3 | 652.2 | 434.0 | 23.6 | 22.9 |
| Other passenger automobiles and chassis | 126.3 | 83.8 | 116.7 | 80.4 | 78.2 | 52.1 | 8.2 | $49.1{ }^{\text { }}$ |
| Trucks, truck tractors and chassis. | 342.7 | 247.0 | 276.3 | 203.2 | 249.8 | 179.3 | 24.0 | 10.5 |
| Other motor vehicles | 124.3 | 87.3 | 87.1 | 63.7 | 102.5 | -. 71.3 | $42: 6$ | -15.0 |
| Motor vehicle engines | 174.6 | 128.0 | 173.2 | 127.0 | 131.7 | 94.2 | 0.7 | 31.5 |
| Motor vehicle engines parts | 223.0 | 164.7 | 151.5 | 111.6 | 111.3 | 78.5 | 47.1 | 36:1 |
| Motor vehicle parts, except engines | -1,759.7 | 1,279.3 | 1,531.0 | 1,147.8 | 1,189.2 | 854.2 | 14.9 | 28.7 . |
| Aircraft, complete with engines | 29.2 | 21.9 | 30.5 | 24.2 | 170.3 | 101.6 | -4.2 | -82.0 |
| Other equipment and tools | 1,469.5 | 1,123.8 | 1,301.8 | 988.2 | 1,159.9 | 869.7 | 12.8 | 12.2 |
| Electronic computers : | 179.6 | 139.9 | 122.5 | 92.8 | 110.7 | 82.0 | 46.6 | 10.6 |
| Special Transactlons, Trade | $\therefore 211.8$ | 102.1 | 150.4 | 112.9 | 97.2 | 72.7 | 40.8 | 54.6 |
| Total | 13,453.3 | 9,925.3 | 12,310.8 | 9;152.6 | 11,211.8 | 8,314.9 | 9.2 | 9.8 |

Seasonally-adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100), March 1977 - Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily:
The accompanying table presents seasonallyadjusted employment indexes with a 1971 báse period for selected industries at the Canada level. These indexes have been arithmetically connerted from.1961based data contained in Employment, Earnings and Hours ( $72-002,70 \Phi / \$ 7$ ). 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)

Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis .


Table 5
Total Exports by Princlpal TradIng Areas


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


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


Rallway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended May 14, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Canadian loadings totalled 5.3 million short tons ( 4.8 million $t$ ) in the above week, up $5.8 \%$ from the yearearlier period. Traffic east of Thunder Bay declined $3.6 \%$ in the latest seven days, but rose $19.0 \%$ in the West.

Trailer-container (piggyback) shipments at 206,346 short tons (187 194 t) were down 1.8\%.

From January 1 to May 14, 1977, rail'freight loadings aggregated 86.3 million short tons ( $\mathbf{7 8 . 3}$ million t ), an increase of $6.6 \%$ over the corresponding 1976 period Piggyback volume rose $20.9 \%$ to 4.1 million short tons ( 3.7 million t).
For further information, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see table on page 16)

## Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

March 1977

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. |  | Employment Index Numbers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ \text { 1977f } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{gathered}$ | Mar. 1976 1961 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb. } \\ 1976 \\ =100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ \text { 1977f } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 1976 r_{i} \end{gathered}$ |
| Industry Dlvision: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry |  | 57.2 | 65.2 | 65.4 | 72.0 | 56.6 | 58.4 | 70.7 | 75.2 | 72.9 | 76.2 |
| Mining, including milling |  | 119.0 | 120.0 | 119.7 | 119.3 | 116.2 | 116.4 | :120.1 | 120.7 | 121.4 | 120.6 |
| Manufacturing |  | 124.1 | 123.2 | 123.6 | 124.6 | 127.1 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 126.3 | 126.6 | 127.0 |
| Durable Goods |  | 135.5 | 135.2 | 136.0 | 137.7 | 139.9 | 140.0 | 137.1 | 138.1 | 138.6 | 139.5 |
| Non-durable Goods |  | 114.9 | 113.5 | 113.6 | 114.1 | 116.8 | 114.8 | 117.4 | 116.8 | 116.8 | 117.2 |
| Construction |  | 96.8 | 96.6 | 96.9 | 103.7 | . 103.6 | 100.4 | 111.1 | 112.4 | 112.8 | 1117.8 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities |  | 126.0 | 125.7 | 126.1 | 127.7 | 124.0 | 123.4 | 128.9 | 129.4 | 129.4 | 129.5 |
| Trade |  | 168.3 | 168.4 | 170.4 | 178.3 | 170.1 | 168.3 | 170.9 | 172.5 | 172.6 | 170.5 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate |  | 190.0 | 189.9 | 189.4 | 188.6 | 180.3 | 178.7 | 192.3 | 191.3 | 190.8 | 189.2 |
| Service | : | 239.6 | 238.0 | 235.8 | 238.6 | 234.2 | 230.0 | 246.0 | 246.2 | 246.2 | 247.6 |
| Industrial Composite |  | 140.1 | 139.8 | 140.1 | 142.8 | 140.7 | 139.3 | 143.8 | 144.4 | 144.5 | 144.4 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region |  | 121.1 | 121.7 | 121.8 | 127.4 | 124.8 | 123.8 | 129.4 | 130.7 | 129.7 | 132.0 |
| Newfoundland |  | 122.2 | 123.6 | 120.1 | 129.4 | 123.8 | 123.2 | 133.8 | 134.7 | 130.8 | 135.6 |
| Prince Edward Island |  | 131.0 | 129.5 | 129.0 | 137.9 | 124.4 | 126.0 | 150.1 | 150.7 | 146.4 | 147.3 |
| Nova Scotia | ; | 120.5 | 121.0 | 121.7 | 124.9 | 124.1 | 123.2 | 125.2 | 126.7 | 127.5 | 127.2 |
| New Brunswick |  | 120.2 | 120.4 | 122.3 | 128.2 | 126.3 | 124.9 | 129.4 | 130.3 | 130.9 | 133.3 |
| Quebec |  | 124.7 | 124.6 | 125.4 | 127.2 | 127.7 | 126.3 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 129.2 | 129.2 |
| Ontario |  | 143.5 | 143.6 | 143.9 | 146.5 | 144.0 | 143.0 | 146.7 | 147.3 | 147.3 | 147.2 |
| Prairie Region |  | 153.6 | 153.1 | 153.1 | 156.1 | 150.8 | 149.0 | 158.0 | 158.3 | 158.4 | 158.5 |
| Manitoba |  | 121.8 | 121.7 | 122.5 | 124.9 | 125.8 | 124.8 | 125.1 | 125.4 | 125.9 | 126.3 |
| Saskatchewan |  | 139.2 | 138.4 | 138.3 | 142.3 | 137.4 | 136.7 | 145.0 | 144.7 | 144.3 | 145.1 |
| Alberta |  | 186.2 | 185.4 | 184.9 | 188.0 | 176.8 | 174.3 | 191.0 | 191.4 | 191.0 | 191.0 |
| British Columbia |  | 167.9 | 165.0 | 164.6 | 167.9 | 164.6 | 161.2 | 169.8 | 170.5 | 170.7 | 171.4 |
| Yukon |  | 178.2 | 176.8 | 173.9 | 173.9 | 183.4 | 177.8 | 190.5 | 191.2 | 187.6 | 181.3 |
| Northwest Territories |  | 155.3 | 143.0 | 147.9 | 145.2 | 146.2 | 146.0 | 164.6 | 156.7 | 165.9 | 161.0 |
| Canada |  | 140.1 | 139.8 | 140.1 | 142.8 | 140.7 | 139.3 | 143.8 | 144.4 | 144.5 | 144.4 |

[^11]
## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } \\ 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1976 \\ & \text { lars } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977f } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ |
| Industry DIvision: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 327.22 | 333.05 | 316.35 | 240.51 | 291.81 | 291.30 | 310.51 | 319.63 | 313.96 | 267.41 |
| Mining, including milling | 339.60 | 338.72 | 339.27 | 334.14 | 310.78 | 310.03 | 334.81 | 335.97 | 335.11 | 334.51 |
| Manufacturing | 261.15 | 259.50 | 255.57 | 250.36 | 235.52 | 232.57 | 260.14 | 258.44 | 253.94 | 255.44 |
| Durable Goods | 279.19 | 277.19 | 271.31 | 266.30 | 250.97 | 248.90 | 279.25 | 276.97 | 270.12 | 275.42 |
| Non-durable Goods | 243.97 | 242.47 | 240.35 | 234.86 | 220.58 | 216.50 | 242.78 | 241.07 | 239.11 | 237.42 |
| Construction | 355.74 | 349.71 | 343.61 | 310.11 | 328.68 | 328.55 | 356.02 | 348.53 | 344.68 | 348.28 |
| Transportation, Communication and | 282.74 | 283.05 | 280.65 | 274.23 | 251.44 | 252.51 | 282.46 | 281.50 | 279.20 | 276.75 |
| Other Utilities | 185.96 | 184.69 | 182.41 | 184.29 | 171.13 | 169.13 | 186.88 | 186.40 | 154.68 | 186.08 |
| Trade |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 225.36 | 222.75 | 220.61 | 218.93 | 212.70 | 207.40 | 221.96 | 220.89 | 219.62 | 220.36 |
| Service | 167.83 | 167.94 | 167.02 | 165.61 | 156.14 | 155.03 | 167.28 | 168.85 | 166.26 | 166.63 |
| Industrial Composite | 243.44 | 242.30 | 239.36 | 233.99 | 221.76 | 220.02 | 243.51 | 242.20 | 239.24 | 240.76 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 217.84 | 217.88 | 217.28 | 208.96 | 197.71 | 195.21 | 215.85 | 215.57 | 214.43 | 213.77 |
| Newfoundland | 235.86 | 231.72 | 238.13 | 227.20 | 216.53 | 214.10 | 234.24 | 228.34 | 236.43 | 234.81 |
| Prince Edward Island | 187.60 | 187.02 | 187.23 | 175.96 | 169.56 | 166.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 206.58 | 207.63 | 204.21 | 199.42 | 186.88 | 185.19 | 204.78 | 206.76 | 201.85 | 205.42 |
| New Brunswick | 222.56 | 224.12 | 222.57 | 211.47 | 201.01 | 197.58 | 218.60 | 220.57 | 220.52 | 213.56 |
| Quebec | 237.82 | 236.09 | 233.68 | 230.07 | 216.85 | 216.20 | 238.54 | 235.83 | 233.38 | 236.55 |
| Ontario | 243.12 | 241.96 | 238.25 | 233.74 | 222.64 | 220.32 | 243.51 | 242.03 | 237.96 | 239.95 |
| Prairie Region | 241.21 | 241.04 | 237.61 | 231.46 | 217.20 | 215.23 | 240.75 | 240.90 | 239.02 | 236.50 |
| Manitoba | 222.39 | 220.29 | 219.05 | 215.66 | 201.88 | 198.34 | 222.08 | 221.80 | 220.26 | 219.55 |
| Saskatchewan | 230.27 | 229.20 | 224.68 | 224:69 | 205.41 | 204.55 | 230.11 | 229.75 | 226.61 | 226.55 |
| Alberta | 254.89 | 256.09 | 251.89 | 242.37 | 230.10 | 228.80 | 254.38 | 255.32 | 252.29 | 248.48 |
| British Columbia | 274.75 | 273.61 | 272.10 | 262.23 | 251.13 | 249.18 | 276.94 | 275.84 | 271.61 | 267.34 |
| Yukon | 343.34 | 341.71 | - 340.34 | 321.31 | 271.53 | 286.11 |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Territories | 293.55 | 302.37 | 287.91 | 285.31 | 287.11 | 279.29 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 243.44 | 242.30 | 239.36 | 233.99 | 221.76 | 220.02 | 243.51 | 242.20 | 239.24 | 240.76 |

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

## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)



[^12]Employment Indexes (1971=100); Selected Industries, Canada
(Seasonally Adjusted)

| Industry (1960 S.I.C.) | 1971 percentage weights | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1976r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial Composite | 100.00 | 112.8 | 112.9 | 112.7 | 112.2 |
| Forestry | 1.21 | 81.7 | 91.7 | 94.7 | 88.8 |
| Mining, including milling | 3.16 | 104.9 | 105.6 | 105.0 | 104.5 |
| Manufacturing | 39.54 | 103.9 | 103.3 | 103.0 | 102.8 |
| Durable Goods | 19.14 | 105.0 | 104.4 | 104.0 | 103.2 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 20.39 | 102.8 | 102.1 | 102.2 | 102.6 |
| Construction | 5.85 | 102.8 | 98.4 | 97.9 | 96.8 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 16.01 | 113.1 | 112.9 | 113.0 | 112.4 |
| Transportation | 9.53 | 104.4 | 104.7 | 104.6 |  |
| Storage | 0.38 | 95.9 | 94.7 | 96.3 |  |
| Communication | 3.96 | 132.3 | 130.6 | 130.6 |  |
| Electric Power, Gas and Water | 2.15 | 119.2 | 117.7 | 118.5 |  |
| Trade | 17.58 | 120.9 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 121.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5.84 | 118.8 | 118.5 | 117.5 | 116.2 |
| Retail Trade | 11.73 | 122.2 | 123.8 | 125.3 | 124.0 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 6.65 | 129.9 | 131.2 | 131.4 | 132.1 |
| Service | 10.01 | 133.8 | 133.0 | 133.1 | 132.9 |
| Recreational Services | 1.04 | 130.4 | 130.8 | 130.7 |  |
| Business Services | 2.31 | 141.0 | 141.5 | 142.5 |  |
| Personal Services | 4.68 | 129.1 | 127.3 | 128.0 |  |

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

## Railway Carloadings

7-day period ended May 14

|  | East | Wesit | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,795,141 | 2,460,116 | 5,255,257 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,900,218 | 2,066,681 | 4,966,899 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2535709 | 2231780 | 4767489 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2631034 | 1874861 | 4505895 |
| \% change | -3.6 | 19.0 | 5.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 44,105 | 37.018 | 81,123 |
| Cars, 1976 | 46,582 | 32,596 | 79,178 |
| \% change | -5.3 | 13.6 | 2.5 |
| Pliggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 147,786 | 58,560 | 206,346 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 148,065 | 61,974 | 210,039 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 134069 | 53125 | 187194 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 134322 | 56222 | 190544 |
| \% change | -0.2 | -5.5 | -1.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,743 | 2,498 | 7,241 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,744 | 2,495 | 7,239 |
| \% change | - | 0.1 | - |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 46,549,023 | 39,742,230 | 86,291,253 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 45,135,697 | 35,808,413 | 80,944,110 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 42228563 | 36053545 | 78282108 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 40946416 | 32484846 | 73431262 |
| \% change | 3.1 | 11.0 | 6.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 762,776 | 601,799 | 1,364,575 |
| Cars, 1976 | 764,058 | 556,715 | 1,320,773 |
| \% change | -0.2 | 8.1 | 3.3 |
| Piggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 3,007,524 | 1,091,508 | 4,099,032 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,467,148 | 923,668 | 3,390,816 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2728380 | 990199 | 3718579 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2238159 | 837938 | 3076097 |
| \% change | 21.9 | 18.2 | 20.9 |
| Cars, 1977 | 91,910 | 47,222 | 139,132 |
| Cars, 1976 | 82,385 | 39,087 | 121,472 |
| \% change | 11.6 | 20.8 | 14.5 |

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Dalry Factory Production, April 1977 (32-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Metais and MInerais (41-010, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 4, No. 13, Consumption of Nickel, 1975

Seiected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 8, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese, April 1977

## Summary of Net Shipments* of Roilied Steel Products

March 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Domestic |  | Export |  | Tótal |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs: | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 32,176 | 29190 | 56,509 | 51.264 | 88,685 | 80454 |
| Rails | 32,341 | 29340 | 1,847 | 1676 | 34,188 | 31016 |
| Wire rods | 61,682 | 55958 | 20,963 | 19.018 | 82,645 | 74976 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 45,138 | 40949 | 14,052 | 12.748 | 59,190 | 53697 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 11,301 | 10255 | 3,760 | 3411 | 15,061 | 13666 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 53,942 | 48936 | - | - | 53,942 | 48936 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 89,964 | 81614 | 8;215 | $\because 7452$ | 98,179 | 89066 |
| Tie plates and track material | 9,471. | 8592 | 265 | 240 | 9,736 | 8832 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 97,883 | 88797 | 14,889 | 13508 | 112,772. | 102305 |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 215,800 | 195768 | 29,369 | 26643 | 245,169 | 222411 |
| Cold finished bars | 8,291 | 7523 | 407 | $\cdots 369$ | : 8,698 | 7892 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled other, coated | 167,365 | 151830 | 19,731 | 17899 | 187,096 | 169729 |
| Galvanized sheets | 63,923 | 57990 | 9,395 | 8523 | 73,318 | 66513 |
| Total | 889,277 | 806742 | 179,402 | 162751 | 1,068,679 | 969493 |

*Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.
For further information, order the March issue of Primary Iron and Steel (41-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Raliway Freight Traffic, 1976 - Advance Information. Railways in Canada carried 262.9 million tons of revenue freight in 1976, an increase of $5.6 \%$ over the 248.9 million tons hauled in 1975. The total included 240.6 million tons of freight loaded in Canada (up 5.6\% from the previous 12 -month period) and 22.3 mitlion tons received from United States connections (an increase of 5.3\% over 1975).

A geographic breakdown of 1976 rail traffic shows that the only decreases experienced during the year were in Prince Edward Island (-28.8\%), Nova Scotia ( $-1.6 \%$ ), New Brunswick ( $-0.8 \%$ ), and Yukon and Northwest Territories (-17.5\%).

On the basis of commodity groups, the live animals category dropped $36.3 \%$ in 1976 to 153,181 tons and food, feed and beverages declined $1.5 \%$ to 33.8 million tons. Non-carload shipments (mall, express and I.c.l.) fell $25.2 \%$ from 1975. The volume of crude materials which accounted for $52.6 \%$ of all freight carried - was up $6.8 \%$ in 1976 and fabricated materials, the next
largest category, rose 4.3\%. End products and special traffic recorded increases of $3.2 \%$ and $35.5 \%$, respectively. $\therefore$
For further information, order the 1976 issue of Railway Freight Traffic (52-205, \$2.80), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-995-0656), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics C̣anada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Miscellaneous Food Processors, 1975 - Advance Information.
Miscellaneous food processors shipped \$1,533.5 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $11.0 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $8.6 \%$ to $\$ 613.4$ million, the number of employees increased $1.6 \%$ to 19,815 and total salaries and wages increased $15.7 \%$ to $\$ 215.9$ 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 Miscellaneous Food Processors, 1975 (32-224, 70¢).

The Dairy Revlew, April 1977 - Advance Information. An estimated $1,275,555,000$ pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in March, 7.0\% less than March 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first three months of 1977 to $3,430,193,000$ pounds, down 7.9\% from the January-March period in 1976.
For further information, order the April 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.

## For-hire TruckIng Survey, 1975.

Preliminary figures show that for-hire motor carriers in Canada with gross annual intercity operating revenues of $\$ 100,000$ and over earned revenues of $\$ 1.8$ billion in 1975, an increase of $20.5 \%$ from 1974. These carriers transported 116.8 million tons of cargo in 1975 (up $16.6 \%$ ) and generated 25.0 billion ton-miles (up 14.9\% from 1974).

For further information, contact the Motor Carrier Unit (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Tobacco and Tobacco Products, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of unmanufactured tobacco (domestic and imported) held in March amounted to 238 million pounds ( 108 t ) compared to 257 million pounds ( 117 t ) held in March 1976.

For further information, order the March quarter issue of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Statistics (32$014,70 \$ / \$ 2.80$ ), or contact Mr. T.P. Sterling (613-9928619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wool Yarn and Cloth Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
Wool yarn and cloth mills shipped $\$ 163.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 0.9\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $10.9 \%$ to $\$ 80.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $8.8 \%$ to 5,747 and total salaries and wages decreased $2.9 \%$ to $\$ 47.1$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Wool Yarn and Cloth Mills, 1975 (34-209, 70\$).


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## Fabricated Structural Steel

Updated indexes for fabricated structural steel are now available. Quarterly and annual figures are available to the end of 1976 and may be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 125. For further information, contact Mr. A.A. Near (613-9945807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

## Precast Concrete Indexes

Updated indexes for precast concrete are now available. Semi-annual and annual figures are available to the end of 1976 and may be retrieved from CANSIM matrix 126. For further information, contact Mr. A.A. Near (613-9945807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Rallway Carloadings, April 1977 - Advance Information.
The volume of freight carried by railways in Canada in April totalled 23.2 million short tons ( 21.0 million $t$ ), an increase of $7.2 \%$ from a year earlier. Traffic received from United States connections (which accounted for about $9.0 \%$ of the total) was down 0.4\% from April 1976.

In April 1977, sizeable percentage gains were registered for loadings of sulphur ( $88.0 \%$ ); wheat ( $47.4 \%$ ); fertilizers, other than potash ( $40.4 \%$ ); and iron ore (17.4\%).

In the first four months of 1977, rail freight haulings were $5.7 \%$ above the 1976 level at 84.0 million short tons ( 76.2 million $t$ ). Receipts from the U.S. (included above) were $2.4 \%$ below those of the preceding year). Among commodities showing notable increases in the latest period were sulphur, fertilizers, pulpwood, wheat and lumber. Loadings of phosphate rock and other grains declined.
For further information, order the April 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 $0 T 6$.
-Rallway Operating Statistics, February 1977 - Advance Information.
Combined net income of the six major railways operating in Canada totalled $\$ 9.3$ million in February, a drop of $41.7 \%$ from $\$ 16.0$ million a year earlier. Total operating revenues at $\$ 259.0$ million were $6.2 \%$ above the February 1976 level but operating expenses rose 9.6\% to $\$ 249.7$ million.

Freight ton-miles in the latest month declined 1.2\% while passenger-miles were down 6.5\%.

Net income of the six railways for the first two months of 1977 showed a 4.8\% gain over 1976; operating revenues and operating expenses ran 9.4\% and $9.5 \%$, respectively, above year-earlier levels.
Cumulative freight ton-miles were slightly below those of $1976(-0.8 \%)$ while passenger-miles were $6.9 \%$ lower.

For further information, order the February issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.

Motor Vehicle Production, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 113,654 units in April compared to 109,563 units in April 1976. January to April production was 440,522 units compared to 416,900 units a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 53,658 units compared to 47,823 . Year-to-date production was 208,936 units compared to 176,135 units.

For further information, order the April 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.

Veneer and Plywood Mlils, 1975 - Advance Information.
Establishments classified to the veneer and plywood industry shipped $\$ 457.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $1.1 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $0.7 \%$ to $\$ 204.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $4.2 \%$ to 12,732 and total salaries and wages increased $6.4 \%$ to $\$ 141.3$ million.

For further information, contact P.E. Martin (613-992-5140), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Veneer and Plywood Mills, 1975 (35-206, 70¢).

Commercial Printing, 1975 - Advance Information.
Commercial printing establishments shipped $\$ 1,353.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975 . up $11.5 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10.1 \%$ to $\$ 797.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.4 \%$ to 43,485 and total salaries and wages increased $10.2 \%$ to $\$ 478.5$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975 (36-203, \$1.40).

Consolidated Government FInance, 1974 - Advance Information.
Consolidated government revenue for all levels of government totalled $\$ 60,060$ million for the fiscal year ending nearest to December 31, 1974, an increase of $\$ 12,347$ million ( $25.9 \%$ ) over 1973. Tax revenue of $\$ 48,661$ million showed an increase of $\$ 10,100$ million (26.2\%) over 1973. Non-tax revenue amounted to $\$ 11,399$ million, up $\$ 2,247$ million (24.6\%).

Consolidated government expenditure for all levels of government amounted to $\$ 59,298$ million for the fiscal year ending nearest to December 31, 1974, an increase of $\$ 12,285$ million ( $26.1 \%$ ) over 1973. Social welfare ( $\$ 13,299$ million), education ( $\$ 8,792$ million) and health ( $\$ 7,357$ million) were the largest expenditures and represented $22.4 \%, 14.8 \%$ and $12.4 \%$, respectively, of total consolidated government expenditure in 1974. In comparison, these functions comprised $18.3 \%, 15.3 \%$ and $10.1 \%$, respectively, of total consolidated government expenditure in 1965.

For further information, please contact Mr. L. Vincent or Mr. G. Lyttle (613-995-0664), Research and Consolidation Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Cement Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information. Cement manufacturers shipped $\$ 339.2$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 14\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10.5 \%$ to $\$ 210.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $1.9 \%$ to 4,577 and total salaries and wages increased $18.2 \%$ to $\$ 70.2$ 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 Cement Manufacturers, 1975 (44-204, 70¢).

Fruit and Vegetable Preparations, First Quarter 1977 Advance Information.
Advance information on fruit and vegetable preparations for the quarter ending March 31, 1977, containing production data on selected fruit and vegetable commodities (including jams, jellies and marmalades) is now available.

For further information, order the March issue of Fruit and Vegetable Preparations (32-017, 35\$/\$1.40), or contact C. Neville(613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Boatbullding and Repair, 1975 - Advance Information.
The boatbuilding and repair industry shipped $\$ 109.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $1.8 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $1.5 \%$ to $\$ 51.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.9 \%$ to 3,781 and total salaries and wages increased $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 33.8$ 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 Boatbuilding and Repair, 1975 (42-205, 70\$).

Plastics FahrlcatIng Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The plastics fabricating industry shipped \$955.1 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $0.09 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $4.7 \%$ to $\$ 465.4$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.6 \%$ to 25,541 and total salaries and wages increased $6.5 \%$ to $\$ 228.9$ 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 Plastics Fabricating Industry, 1975 (47-208, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended May 28, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended May 28 was 283,783 short tons ( 257444 t), a decrease of $0.3 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 284,509 short tons ( 258102 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 283,300 tons ( 257005 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 154.9 in the current week, 155.3 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.


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Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, April 1977 (36-004, 15¢/\$1.50)
Salt, April 1977 (26-009, 15\$/\$1.50)
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Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing
April 1977


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: Manufacturing (1971=100), April 1977 - Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose $0.5 \%$ in April to 171.0 from the revised March level of 170.2. The index was $6.9 \%$ higher than in April 1976 when it stood at 159.9. Increases of $1.4 \%$ in food and beverage industries, $0.8 \%$ in metal fabricating industries and $0.9 \%$ in electrical products industries contributed most to the advance of the total index in April.
The rise in the food and beverage group mainly reflected price increases for dairy products (2.4\%), miscellaneous food processors ( $3.5 \%$ ) and feeds ( $2.8 \%$ ). The increase in the metal fabricating group was largely due to a $2.1 \%$ increase in metal stamping and pressing. A $3.2 \%$ increase in electric wire and cable contributed most to the rise in the electrical products group.

Vinyl-Asbestos Floor Tlle, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 4,007 short tons. ( 3635 t ) or $8,296,548$ square feet ( 770775 m 2 ) of vinyl-asbestos floor tile in April compared to 6,015 short tons ( 5457 t ) or $12,647,148$ square feet ( 1174958 m2) in April 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Knitted Fabric Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Knitted fabric manufacturers shipped $\$ 232.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $7 \%$ to $\$ 78.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $4 \%$ to 5,629 and total salaries and wages increased $6.1 \%$ to $\$ 46.4$ million.

For further information, contact Mr. E. Gluck (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division,' Statistics Canada; Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Knitting Mills, 1975 (34-215, 704).

## Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes Price Indexes Weighted with Current Period Quantilies Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation (1971=100)

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1974 Annual | 135.8 | 156.3 |
| 1975 Annual | 157.4 | 173.1 |
| 1976 Annual | 158.2 | 177.5 |
| 1975 |  |  |
| IV | 156.3 | 176.3 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| I | 158.3 | 177.9 |
| II | 158.4 | 175.9 |
| III | 158.9 | 178.6 |
| IV77 | 158.1 | 177.7 |
| I | 168.6 | 183.3 |
| l976 |  |  |
| October | 156.4 | 178.9 |
| November | 158.1 | 175.9 |
| December | 160.1 | 179.0 |
| 1977 |  |  |
| January | 168.6 | 183.7 |
| February | 166.5 | 183.9 |
| March | 170.9 | 182.0 |

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

|  | Imports | Exports |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1974 Annual | 149.3 | 116.5 |
| 1975 Annual | 141.2 | 107.2 |
| 1976 Annual | 151.5 | 120.5 |
| 1975 |  |  |
| IV | 142.6 | 107.1 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| I | 150.1 | 116.5 |
| II | 152.8 | 121.0 |
| III | 152.8 | 126.1 |
| IV | 149.5 | 116.8 |
| 1977 |  |  |
| I | 154.3 | 132.8 |
| 1976 |  |  |
| October | 140.0 | 112.3 |
| November | 152.8 | 114.4 |
| December | 155.7 | 123.8 |
| l977 |  |  |
| January | 149.9 | 128.0 |
| February | 157.3 | 128.1 |
| March | 155.6 | 142.5 |

Import and Export Price and Volume Indexes, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Import prices were up 6.6\% and export prices 3.2\% in the first quarter of 1977 compared with the fourth quarter of 1976, an important factor being the 3.8\% decline in the value of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar over this period.

Export volume increased much more rapidly than import volume in the first quarter of 1977. Seasonallyadjusted first quarter export volume was up 10.2\% over the annual level in 1976, compared with a $1.8 \%$ increase for import volume.

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

Gun Ownership and Use in Canada, 1976 - Advance Information.
In August, 1976, Statistics Canada carried out a survey of firearm ownership and use in Canada. The survey was funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey. The results of this survey will be published in a forthcoming Service Bulletin, Statistics of Estimated Gun Ownership and Use in Canada, 1976. Preliminary figures may be obtained on request from Dr. Paul Reed (613-9950746), Justice Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,143.8 million feet board measure ( 2699100 m 3 ) of lumber and ties in March compared to 963.6 million (revised) in March 1976. January to March production increased to $3,168.3$ million feet board measure ( 7476200 m 3 ) from a revised $2,620.9$ million feet board measure ( $6182800 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in 1976.

For further information, order the March; 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, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.


Imports by Commodities
Full details on commodity-country import trade for March 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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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.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, April 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 39,512 in April compared to 38,577 in April 1976 and month-end stocks totalled 104,359 units, down from 124,592. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 17,956 from 34,066 and monthend stocks increased to 62,510 units from 61,440 .

For further information, order the April 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.

## Production of Eggs and Poultry, April 1977 — Advance

 Information.Canadian egg production decreased $5.0 \%$ to 34.5 million dozen in April from 36.3 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was up $0.5 \%$ to 23.0 million from 22.9 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased $5.5 \%$ to 1,800 from 1,905 . Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 4.5\% to 66.7¢ a dozen from 63.8¢ a dozen in April 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended May 21, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
The volume of rail freight loaded in Canada during the third week of May totalled 5.4 million short tons ( 4.9 million t), an increase of $12.8 \%$ over the same 1976 period. Traffic in the East rose $5.4 \%$ in the latest seven days while in the West a gain of $23.1 \%$ was recorded. The total number of cars loaded in Canada at 81,331 was up $6.6 \%$.

Trailer-container freight (piggyback) registered a $6.8 \%$ gain from 1976, rising to 216,195 short tons (196 128 t ).

From January 1 to May 21, 1977, rail carload tratfic rose $7.1 \%$ over the previous year to 91.8 million short tons ( 83.3 million $t$ ). Eastern loadings showed a gain of $3.5 \%$ while there was an $11.6 \%$ increase in Western originations. Cumulative piggyback shipments were $20.1 \%$ above the 1976 level at 4.3 million short tons ( 3.9 million t).

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

Railway Carloadings
7-day period ending May 21

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload trafic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,923,054 | 2,461,132 | 5,384,186 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,772,651 | 1,999,878 | 4,772,529 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2651750 | 2232701 | 4884451 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2515307 | 1.814259 | 4329566 |
| \% change | 5.4 | 23.1 | 12.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 44,529 | 36,802 | 81,331 |
| Cars, 1976 | 44,575 | 31,690 | 76,265 |
| \% change | -0.1 | 16.1 | 6.6 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 157,403 | 58,792 | 216,195 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 137,894 | 64,487 | 202,381 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 142794 | 53335 | 196129 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 125095 | 58502 | 183597 |
| \% change | 14.1 | -8.8 | 6.8 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,861 | 2,514 | 7,375 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,537 | 2,543 | 7,080 |
| \% change | 7.1 | -1.1 | 4.2 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 49,583,852 | 42,203,362 | 91,787,214* |
| Short tons, 1976 | 47,908,348 | 37,808,291 | 85,716,639 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 44981714 | 38286246 | 83267960 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 43461722 | 34299105 | 77760827 |
| \% change | 3.5 | 11.6 | 7.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 807,305 | 638,601 | 1,445,906 |
| Cars, 1976 | 808,633 | 588,405 | 1,397,038 |
| \% change | -0.2 | 8.5 | 3.5 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 3,164,927 | 1,150,300 | 4,315,227 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,605,042 | 988,155 | 3,593,197 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2871173 | 1043535 | 3914708 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2363254 | 896439 | 3259693 |
| \% change | 21.5 | 16.4 | 20.1 |
| Cars, 1977 | 96,771 | 49,736 | 146,507 |
| Cars, 1976 | 86,922 | 41,630 | 128,552 |
| \% change | 11.3 | 19.5 | 14.0 |

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
**Includes adiustments in respect to prior periods.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.


Passenger Bus Statistics (Intercity and Rural)
April 1977

|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1976 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to-date } \\ 1977 \end{array}$ | February | March | April |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carriers Reporting*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue Earned: $\because \because \quad \cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | \$ | 35,444,052 | 37,549,763 | 8,855,788 | 9,876,119 | 10,559,886 |
| Urbán-Suburban Services | \$ | , 96,043 | . 93;650 | 22,795 | 22,637 | 26,025 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 以范 $\therefore$ ? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fares Passengers Carried: | No. : | 10,647,462 | 10,090,809 | 2,391,076 | 2,798,716 | 2,739,855 |
| Urbăn-Suburban Services | No. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 239,459 | 234,629: | 56,069 | 60,030 | 62,615 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | No. | 417,076 | 676,131. | 164,948 | 173,109 | 180,478 |
| Vehicie Miles: |  |  | - $\quad$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| Intercity \& Rural Services* | miles | 36,590,795 | .- 36,966,512* | 8,837,869 | 9,601,346 | 9,867,109 |
|  | km | 58887176 | 59491834 | 14223171 | 15451868 | 15879573 |
| Urban-Suburban Services | miles | 133,302 | 123,701 | 31,086 | 26,803 | 32,961 |
|  | km | 214528 | 199077 | 50028 | 43135 | 53046 |
| Other Services (e.g. charter) | miles | 4,070,057 | 4,227,701 | 1,163,646 | 1,285,032 | 1,218,051 |
| . | km | 6550121 | 6803825 | 1872706 | 2068058 | 1960263 |
| Fuel Consumed: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel Oil | gal. | 5,980,833 | 6,127,412r | 1,514,639r | 1,611,659r | 1,593,543 |
|  | litres | 27189405 | $27855766 r$ | 6885685 r | 7326 746r | 7244389 |
| Gasoline | gals. | 7,339 | 5,235 | 1,456 | 1,212 | 1,184 |
|  | litres | 33363 | 23797 | 6619 | 5509 | 5382 |

[^14]Passenger Bus Statistics (Interclity and Rural), April 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 $0 T 6$.

Urban Transit, April 1977 - Advance Information.
In April, 38 urban transit systems collected $101,075,168$ initial passenger fares. The total distance run was 29,545,907 miles ( 47549528 km ) and their operating revenues amounted to $\$ 33,884,365$.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-9969274), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or order the April issue of Urban Transit (53003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Jewellery and Silverware Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The jewellery and silverware industry shipped $\$ 302.8$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 4.6\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $4.6 \%$ to $\$ 121.1$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.2 \%$ to 7,042 and total salaries and wages increased $7.4 \%$ to $\$ 61.8$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Jewellery and Silverware Industry, 1975 (47-211, 70§).

Ollseeds, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Crushings of oilseeds for April, with oil produced and meal produced (all figures thousands of pounds):

- Soybeans: $114,753(19,454 ; 90,382)$.
- Rapeseed: 104,114 (42,839; 59,690).

For further information, order the April 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.

Orthopaedic and Surgical Appllance Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Orthopaedic and surgical appliance manufacturers shipped $\$ 12.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $31.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $29.3 \%$ to $\$ 9.8$ million, the number of employees increased $19.9 \%$ to 482 and total salaries and wages increased $21.6 \%$ to $\$ 4.47$ million.
For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), 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, 70¢).

Clock and Watch Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Clock and watch manufacturers shipped $\$ 71.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 6.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $6.0 \%$ to $\$ 30.0$ million, the number of employees decreased $9.4 \%$ to 1,363 and total salaries and wages increased $2.4 \%$ to $\$ 11.8$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6. Complete data will be published later in Scientific and Professional Equipment Industries, 1975 (47-206, 70\$).

Feed Industry, 1975 - Advance Information.
The feed industry shipped $\$ 1,256.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 2.9\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $10.2 \%$ to $\$ 257.1$ million, the number of employees increased $0.7 \%$ to 9,260 and total salaries and wages increased $11.6 \%$ to $\$ 91.3$ 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 Feed Industry, 1975 (32-214, 70థ).

Chemical and Mineral Process Plant Indexes, 1st Quarter, 1977
First-quarter figures for the Chemical and Mineral Process Plant Indexes are now available. For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. R.J. Lowe (613-994-9387), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Union Wage Rate Indexes, including selected pay supplements, are now available for April.


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## Provinclal Economic Accountes (Experimental Annual Data), 1961-1974.

Since 1973 Statistics Canada, inco-operation with the provinces, hasbbeen working on the development of regional oconomic accounting in Canada. It is making available today a partial set of ifilovincial Accounts showing the Provincial Gross National Product and the Grossé Proivincial Expenditưre both at market prices', by province, as well as the details of Government Revenue, Expenditure and Surplus or Deficit, by level of government - all series covering the period 1961 to 1974 inclusive.

The project, undertaken in the Gross National Product Division, was to complement work already done by the provinces, help provinces that had not started such projects, dèvelop províncial measures for the provinces that did not want to produce their own, and in the process provide estimates that would be comparable from one province to another ás well as to Canada ass a whole. Working in support of the project, and actively contributing, has been a FederalProvincial Committee under the Chairmanship of Guy Leclerc, Assistant Chief Statisticician, Economic Accounts and Integration Field.

This document "Provincial Economic Accounts (Experimental Annual Data)، 1961-1974" may be the first ever released by Statistics Canada containing "experimental" data, that is, data that are expected to be revised for methodological and conceptual reasons, as well as on routine statistical grounds.

Its release is meant to make the public aware of the development of regional economic accounting in Canada. It is directed particularly at the growing number of economists, statisticians and other researchers familiar with national accounting, and suggestions and advice from these sources, based on actual. use of the data, are expected to contribute largely to their future improvement and extension.

Copies of the report may be obtained free of charge from the Gross National Product Division of Statistics Canada (contact L. Grand at 613-995-0511). The data is also available on CANSIM - please call Mrs. D. Day (613-995-7406).

Further information on this subject is available from J.S. Wells, Director-General, System of National Accounts (Current), Joel Diena, Project Leader or from any Regional Advisory Office.

Tuberculosis Statistics, 1975 - Advance Information. Tuberculosis incidence of new active and reactivated cases for the year 1975 totalled 3,552 compared to 3,770 in 1974. The rate per 100,000 population was 15.6 for 1975 compared to 16.8 in 1974. Out of 3,552 tuberculosis cases reported in 1975, there were 1,015 cases in immigrants residing in Canada. In 1974 out of 3,770 tuberculosis cases, 1,036 were immigrants.

Pending publication of Tuberculosis Statistics: Morbidity and Mortality, Facilities and Services, 1975 (82-212, \$2.10), advance information is available from A. Bourdon (613-995-0864), Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Commerclal Fallutres, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary figures show that failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts totalled 920 in the first quarter of 1977 compared with 655 in the corresponding period of 1976. Estimated total liabilities of bankrupt firms was $\$ 107,244,169$, down from \$917,817,621 in January-March 1976.
For further information, order the first quarter issue of Commercial Failures (61-002, 70¢/\$2.80), or contact R. R. Rotor (613-996-6631), Chief, Financial Institutions Section, Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Raw HIdes, Skins and FInished Leather, April 1977 Advance information.
In April, packers, dealers and tanners held 276,764 cattle hides, up from 275,573 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts increased to 156,817 from 126,760 and wettings decreased to 166,438 from 214,412.

For further information, order the April 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.

Manufacturers of Mixed Fertillzers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of mixed fertilizers shipped $\$ 142.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $26.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $3.7 \%$ to $\$ 36.4$ million, the number of employees increased $1.4 \%$ to 1,169 and total salaries and wages increased $18.3 \%$ to $\$ 12$ 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 Manufacturers of Mixed Fertilizers, 1975 (46-220, 70¢).


## Earnings and Work Experience, 1975

Selected tables on the earnings and work experience and incomes of unemployed individuals and families from the Survey of Consumer Finances are now available for the year 1975. These tables update 1971 data published in reports catalogue numbers 13-552 and 13-554 and 1973 unpublished data, available on request.

For further information, contact Mrs. A. Paoliello (613-992-4742), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.
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Wholesafétrade, 1971 Census of Canada (97-723, \$1.40)

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Shoe Factorles and Boot and Shoe Findlings Manufacturers, 1975 (33-203, 70థ)
Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, 1975 (63-205, 70\$).
Soaps and Synthetic Dètergents, March 1977 (46-003, 30\$/\$3)
Stocks of Dairy and Frozen Poultry Products, May 1977 (32-009, 30\$/\$3)

Weekly Security Price Indexes
May 1977. - Advance Information.


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

## Relationship Between Foreign Control and Industrial Concentration for the Leading(1) 40 Manufacturing Industries, 1972



1. Ranked on the basis of Industry shipments.
2. Unconsolidated enterprises are groupings of all establishments under common controliwhich are classlfled to the same industry.
X : Figures are confidential.

Structural Aspects of: Forelgn Control, . 1972 Advance Information.
The accompanying two tables provide preliminary information from a forthcoming new occasional report expected to be published later this year. This report outlines the extent of foreign control in the leading eight enterprises at the detailed industry level. It outlines the role of foreign-controlled enterprises among the leading 100, 500 and 1,000 enterprises. It also measures the extent of industrial diversification by Canadian and foreign firms, the importance of enterprises operating more than one plant in an industry, and provides various other summary mea-
sures comparing the structure of : foreign and: Canadian-controlled firms in Canada.

For further information, order Structural Aspects of Domestic and Forsign Control in the Manufacturing; Mining and. Forestry Industries in Canada, 1970 and 1972 (31-523, \$2.80 estimated price), or contact John McVey, (613-995-1073), $\therefore$ Multinational :'Enterprises Section, Statistics Canada; Ottawa K1A OT6:
(see table on next page):

The Importance of the Leading Consolidated* Enterprises in the Manufacturing, Mining and Forestry Industries by Control, 1972

| Control Categories | Groups of Consolidated Enterprises |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Top } 100 \\ (1-100) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Next } 400 \\ & (101-500) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Next } 500 \\ (501-1,000) \end{array}$ | Remaining $(1,001-29,812)$ | Total |
| Total Forelgn and Canadian Controlled: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Consolidated Enterprises | 100 | 400 | 500 | 28,812 | 29,812 |
| Number of Establishments | 2,032 | 1,999 | 1,159 | 29,717 | 34,907 |
| Average Number of Industries** | 6.5 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Value Added (\$ Billions) | 12.5 | 6.4 | 2.2 | 6.1 | 27.2 |
| Shipments (\$ Billions) | 29.4 | 13.9 | 4.7 | 13.4 | 61.4 |
| Employment ('000's) | 673.0 | 403.0 | 165.7 | 564.0 | 1,805.7 |
| Total Forelgn Controlled: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Consolidated Enterprises | 66 | 281 | 227 | 1,052 | 1,626 |
| Number of Establishments | 1,158 | 1,340 | 483 | 1,227 | 4,208 |
| Average Number of Industries** | 6.0 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Value Added (\$ Billions) | 6.9 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 13.5 |
| Shipments (\$ Billions) | 17.4 | 10.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 31.5 |
| Employment ('000's) | 361.6 | 276.1 | 71.5 | 71.0 | 780.2 |
| Total Canadian Controlled: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Consolidated Enterprises | 34 | 119 | 273 | 27,760 | 28,186 |
| Number of Establishments | 874 | 659 | 676 | 28,490 | 30,699 |
| Average Number of Industries** | 7.6 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Value Added (\$ Billions) | 5.6 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 13.7 |
| Shipments (\$ Billions) | 12.0 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 11.4 | 29.9 |
| Employment ('000's) | 311.4 | 126.9 | 94.2 | 493.0 | 1,025.5 |

- Consolidated enterprises are aggregations of all establishments under common control while unconsolidated enterprises are aggregations of establishments under common control which are classified to the same industry. Thus, a consolidated enterprise may be comprised of several unconsolidated enterprises or industry components if it had operations in more than one industry. The leading consolidated enterprises are ranked on the basis of their aggregate value added.
** This is the average number of four-digit S.I.C. industries in which the consolidated enterprise has operations or the average number of unconsolidated enterprises operated.


## Total Cash Recelpts from Farming Operations <br> January-April <br> (millions of dollars)

|  | 1976 | 1977 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 42.1 | 38.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 37.8 | 40.4 |
| New Brunswick | 40.5 | 39.8 |
| Quebec | 410.0 | 382.2 |
| Ontario | 856.9 | 825.3 |
| Manitoba | 298.7 | 267.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,101.2 | 889.6 |
| Alberta | 711.2 | 730.9 |
| British Columbia | 125.9 | 126.9 |
| Canada | 3,624.3 | 3,341.7 |

Farm Cash Receipts, January-April 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-April period of 1977 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled $\$ 3,341.7$ million compared to $\$ 3,624.3$ million realized during the correspon-ding-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 January-April issue of Farm Cash Receipts (21-001, 30థ/\$3), or contact E.S. Boyko (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased in March to 572,100,000 feet board measure ( $1350006 \mathrm{m3}$ ) from a revised $452,504,000$ feet board measure ( $1067790 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in March 1976. Stocks on hand at the end of March totalled 1,289,792,000 feet board measure ( $3043570 \mathrm{m3}$ ).

For further information, order the March 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 0V6.

## New Motor Vehicle Sales, April 1977 - Advance

 Information.New motor vehicles sold in April reached 127,310 units, down $5.8 \%$ from a year earlier. This included 76,934 passenger cars (down 11.2\%) and 29,490 commercial vehicles (down 9.2\%) manufactured in Canada and the U.S., and 19,533 passenger cars (up $32.1 \%$ ) and 1,353 commercial vehicles (up 10.7\%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value decreased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 787.8$ million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for $\$ 689.2$ million (down 4.2\%) and commercial vehicles for $\$ 225.1$ million (down 6.5\%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased $30.5 \%$ to $\$ 92.2$ million and those of commercial vehicles increased $11.8 \%$ to $\$ 6.4$ million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 406 units of coaches and buses valued at $\$ 10.7$ million.

Seasonally-adjusted April sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the U.S. decreased $12.0 \%$ from March to 63,164 units and those of passenger cars from overseas decreased $2.0 \%$ to 16,992 units. Similarly-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles were down $15.5 \%$ to 26,265 units.

For the first four months of 1977, total sales reached 446,986 units ( 402,380 in 1976), with an accumulated value of $\$ 2,802.8$ million. This represented an increase of $16.5 \%$ in value over sales for the corresponding period in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, 30\$/\$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of Palnts, Varnishes and Lacquers, April 1977 Advance Information.
Producers' trade and industrial sales of paints, varnishes and lacquers totalled \$40,554,698 in April compared to \$39,880,775 in April 1976.

For further information, order the April 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 OV6.

Telephone Statistics, April 1977 - Advance Infor:ination.
Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of $\$ 291.6$ million in April, up 9.8\% over April 1976. Operating expenses were $\$ 209.1$ million, an increase of $16.1 \%$. Net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 82.5$ million, a decrease of 3.5\% from April 1976.

Telephone toll messages increased 4.4\% to 77.2 million in the latest month.

For further information, order Telephone Statistics (56-002, $\$ 1.50$ per year), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Television Recelving Sets, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of television sets in April were 20,757 colour sets and 2,331 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, sales were 23,342 and 5,667.

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.

Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of household furniture shipped $\$ 695.4$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 2.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $0.4 \%$ to $\$ 360.4$ million, the number of employees decreased $3.4 \%$ to 27,147 and total salaries and wages increased $5.5 \%$ to $\$ 226.1$ million.
For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Household Furniture Manufacturers, 1975 (35-211, \$1.05).

Farm impiement and Equipment Sales, January-April 1977 - Advance Information.
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for January to April 1977 were valued at $\$ 323.3$ million, a decrease of $8.9 \%$ from the JanuaryApril 1976 figure of $\$ 355.0$ million. Repair parts for the latest period had a value of $\$ 47.0$ million compared with $\$ 46.4$ million in 1976.

For further information, order the April 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 0 T6.

Stoves and Ranges, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of electric stoves and ranges in April increased 9.2\% to 37,658 units from 34,473 units in April 1976. Closing inventory of these products increased $3.5 \%$ to 92,407 units from 89,302.

For further information, order the April 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.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 4, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 4 was 275,224 short tons (249 679 t), a decrease of $3.0 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 283,783 short tons (257 444 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 274,674 tons ( 249180 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 150.2 in the current week, 154.9 a week earlier and 149.9 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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## Wholesale Price Indexes

(1935-39=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & \text { 1977* } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1977^{*} \end{aligned}$ | Apr. <br> 1976 | Mar.$1976$ | \% Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Apr. $/ 77$ Mar. $/ 77$ | Apr. $/ 77$ <br> Apr. $/ 76$ |
| General whoiesale index | 556.0 | 553.7 r | 510.6 | 506.5 | 0.4 | 8.9 |
| - Vegetable products | 518.2 | 511.6r | 456.0 | 456.1 | - 1.3 | 13.6 |
| Animal products | 555.1 | 551.7 r | 561.2 | 552.7 | 0.6 | -1.1 |
| Textile products | 472.9 | 473.8r | 429.3 | 426.8 | -0.2 | 10.2 |
| Wood products | 772.5 | 774.1r | 676.5 | 676.9 | -0.2 | 14.2 |
| Iron products | 588.3 | 587.1 r | 562.3 | 551.8 | 0.2 | 4.6 |
| Non-ferrous metals including gold | 488.9 | 490.3 r | 431.9 | 423.8 | -0.3 | 13.2 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 466.6 | 461.1r | 426.2 | 425.1 | 1.2 | 9.5 |
| Chemical products | 405.9 | 404.9r | 387.3 | 383.7 | 0.2 | 4.8 |
| Summary indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron products and non-ferrous metals excluding gold | 642.3 | 642.4 r | 591.7 | 580.1 | - $-\frac{1}{0}$ | 8.6 |
| Raw and partly manufactured goods | 529.4 | 528.3 r | 480.8 | 475.6 | 0.2 | 10.1 |
| Fully and chiefly manufactured goods | 569.6 | 566.7 r | 526.4 | 522.4 | 0.5 | 8.2 |

*These indexes are preliminary.

General Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100), April 1977 - Advance Information.
The general wholesale price index rose 0.4\% in April to 556.0 from the revised March level of 553.7. The index was 8.9\% higher than in April 1976 when it stood at 510.6. Five major group indexes increased and three declined.

The vegetable products group index increased 1.3\% in April, reflecting price increases of $5.1 \%$ for rubber and its products, $1.5 \%$ for tea, coffee and cocoa and $17.0 \%$ for potatoes. The animal products group index rose $0.6 \%$, largely due to increases of $2.7 \%$ for livestock, $1.5 \%$ for milk and its products and $16.8 \%$ for lard and tallow. Partially offsetting these increases were declines of $2.3 \%$ for fish and $2.6 \%$ for cured meats.

Increases were also noted in April for non-metallic minerals (1.2\%), iron products (0.2\%) and chemical products $(0.2 \%)$. The non-ferrous metal products group index declined $0.3 \%$, and $0.2 \%$ decreases were registered for the textile products and wood products group indexes.

Raliway Operating Statlstics, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of $\$ 30.0$ million in March, more than double the $\$ 12.7$ million realized a year earlier. Operating revenues rose $13.9 \%$ to $\$ 303.4$ million while operating expenses increased $7.8 \%$ to $\$ 273.5$ million.
Revenue freight ton-miles rose 6.9\% in March 1977; freight train miles were higher by 2.8\%; and freight car-
miles showed a gain of $5: 8 \%$. Passenger-miles were also up, increasing $9.8 \%$ from March 1976. This gain was entirely due to passenger-miles generated in intercity movements as non-commuter services actually declined by $24.5 \%$. (It should be noted that the operations of "Go Transit" are not included in these statistics).

During the first quarter of 1977, railway operating revenues were $11.2 \%$ above the year-earlier level; expenses were up $8.9 \%$; and net income at $\$ 37.6$ million was nearly double that of the January-March 1976 period. Cumulative freight ton-miles were up $1.8 \%$ but passenger-miles showed a decline of $1.2 \%$.

For further information, order the March issue of Railway Operating. Statistics (52-003, 30 $\$ / \$ 3$ ), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Iron Ore, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian mines shipped $4,021,668$ short tons of iron ore in April compared to $5,254,722$ short tons in April 1976. This brought the four-months output to $9,386,776$ short tons in 1977 from 10,288,410 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the April issue of Iron Ore (26-005, 15\$/\$1.50); or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Weekly Security Price Indexes
June 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | June 3/77 <br> This week | May 27/77 <br> Week ago | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 6 / 77 \\ \text { Month ago } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1971=100 |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 98.0 | 98.5 | 100.2 |
| Industrials | 85 | 95.6 | 96.7 | 99.8 |
| Foods | 9 | 82.9 | 84.1 | 87.2 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 74.2 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 111.3 | 113.4 | 109.9 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 118.4 | 120.1 | 129.5 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 95.6 | 95.5 | 98.2 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 105.1 |
| Industrial mines | 6 | 86.1 | 87.6 | 91.5 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 193.1 | 201.2 | 189.9 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 87.3 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 90.8 | 91.1 | 95.3 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 103.7 | 105.2 | 105.7 |
| Construction | 5 | 231.1 | 236.7 | 231.3 |
| Trade | 15 | 77.5 | 77.6 | 79.4 |
| Utiitites and services | 28 | 80.2 | 88.6 | 96.5 |
| Transportation | 6 | 131.7 | 132.3 | 129.0 |
| Pipelines | 5 | $88.9{ }^{\text {' }}$ | 87.9 | 86.6 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 95.2 | 96.1 | 97.5 |
| Telephone | 4 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 97.6 |
| Electric power | 3 | 121.7 | 120.4 | 119.1 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 74.6 | 74.5 | 73.5 |
| Finances | 21 | 108.2 | 106.9 | 108.2 |
| Banks | 8 | 109.9 | 108.2 | 110.7 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 103.9 | 103.8 | 101.5 |
| Insurance | 4 | 104.7 | 104.7 | 106.2 |
| Mining Index |  |  | 107.2 |  |
| Golds | 9 | 191.5 | 191.2 | 206.2 |
| Base metals | 8 | 65.9 | 66.9 | 67.6 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 183.0 | 187.7 | 186.6 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 105.5 | 104.9 | 104.8 |

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

Manufacturers of Mlscellaneous Electrical Products, 1975 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers of miscellaneous electrical products shipped $\$ 378.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $6.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $3.0 \%$ to $\$ 220.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.1 \%$ to 11,744 and total salaries and wages increased $7.3 \%$ to $\$ 107.5$ 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 Manufacturers of Miscellaneous Electrical Products, 1975 (43-210, 70\$).

Particle Board, April 1977 - Advance Information. Canadian firms produced $46,070,000$ square feet ( 4.279000 m 2 ) $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}(15.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) basis of particle board in April compared to a revised $53,247,000$ square feet ( $4947000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) in April 1976, a decrease of 13.5\%.

For further information, order the April issue of Particle Board ( $36-003,15 \Phi / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact Mr. C. Sturton (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Manufacturers of Small Electrical Appllances, 1975 Advance Information.
Manufacturers of small electrical appliances shipped $\$ 247.9$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 1.6\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $6.9 \%$ to $\$ 152.7$ million, the number of employees decreased $15.3 \%$ to 7,132 and total salaries and wages decreased $6.2 \%$ to $\$ 66.7$ 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 Manufacturers of Small Electrical Appliances, 1975 (43-203, 704).

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Railway Transport (52-004, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Voll: 7 , No. 3, Railway Operating Statistics, December 1976

Canada's Balance of Internatlonal Indebtedness, 1974 I Advance Information.

- Canada's balance of international indebtedness rose by $\$ 3.7$ billion to $\$ 35.3$ billion at the end of 1974 . This represented a record annual increase, surpassing the previous high of $\$ 2.1$ billion in 1973. The balance of international indebtedness represents the amount by which Canada's outstanding liabilities or obligations to other countries exceed Canada's assets or claims against other countries. Canada has traditionally been a net debtor as the accumulated stock of liabilities acquired over the years has consistently been larger than that of assets. The net indebtedness of Canada to investors in other countries has shown an almost uninterrupted growth from its post-war low of $\$ 4.0$ billion in 1949.

Not only net indebtedness, but also gross assets and gross liabilities registered record absolute increases in 1974, with gross assets rising $\$ 4.4$ billion to $\$ 37.5$ billion and liabilities expanding $\$ 8.1$ billion to $\$ 72.8$ billion. Assets and liabilities both rose about 13\% over 1973. For assets this corresponded with the average annual growth rate during the previous five years, while for liabilities the rate of increase was much higher than the $8 \%$ annual average recorded during the years 1969 through 1973. Among the assets, the major contributors to the advance were short-term receivables with an increase of $\$ 1.8$ billion and direct investment with a rise of $\$ 1.5$ billion. On the liabilities side, foreign direct investment provided a sizeable growth of $\$ 3.4$ billion while government bonds and short-term payables each increased by $\$ 1.5$ billion.

Since 1926, the year from which regular official estimates of Canada's international investment position have been published, Canada's gross external assets have grown at an average annual rate of $7 \%$ while gross external liabilities have expanded at a rate of $5 \%$. Canada's net international indebtedness, which rose from $\$ 5.1$ billion to $\$ 35.3$ billion during the period 1926 to 1974, registered an average annual increase of 4\%.
The items in Canada's balance of international indebtedness, excluding net official monetary assets and miscellaneous short-term receivables and payables, have been allocated geographically. On this basis, the total value of Canada's gross assets in the United States at the end of 1974 amounted to $\$ 8.4$ billion, unchanged from the previous year. This was the net result of a decrease in short-term holdings of foreign exchange with United States residents by the chartered banks offset by an impressive rise of $\$ 1.0$ billion in direct investment (including undistributed profits). Gross liabilities to the United States grew 11\%, or $\$ 4.9$ billion, following a $9 \%$ rise in 1973, and Canada's net indebtedness to the United States rose to $\$ 41.4$ billion. There was an expansion of $\$ 2.9$ billion in direct investment, mainly as a result of larger retained
earnings, whire United States investors also increased their holdings of Canadian government bonds by $\$ 1.0$ billion.

Canada's net indebtedness with the United Kingdom declined $20 \%$ to $\$ 1.2$ billion at the end of 1974. Assets grew at a faster rate than liabilities as Canadian shortterm holdingss of foreign exchange with the United Kingdom increased mainly in association with growth of the Euro-dollar market.

Canada's net indebtedness to all other countries fell by almost one-fourth to $\$ 1.9$ billion as assets in this group of countries rose $29 \%$ to $\$ 8.5$ billion. There were expansions in direct investment and, largely from export credits, in miscellaneous assets. A substantial increase in liabilities to this group of countries occurred mainly in government bonds and in nonresident holdings of Canadian dollars in the form of banking deposits.

For further information, contact F. Chow (613-9962545), Balance of Payments Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.
(see table on next page)
Production, Consumption and Inventories of Rubber, April 1977 - Advance Information.
April production of rubber increased to 41,145,000 pounds ( 18662000 kg ) from 27,289,000 pounds (12 377000 kg ) in April 1976. Consumption of rubber increased to $57,071,000$ pounds ( 25891000 kg ) from 54,095,000 pounds ( 24538000 kg ) in April 1976.

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

Footwear Statistics, April 1977 - Advance Information.
April production of footwear of all types decreased to 3,091,714 pairs from 3,730,438 pairs in April 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

## Canada's Balance of International Indebtedness, Selected Year Ends, 1964-1974

| Item | 1964 | 1965r | 1966r | 1967r | 1968 | 1969r | 1970r | 1971r | 1972r | 1973r | 1974 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | billions of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada's assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct investment | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 9.3 |
| Portfolio investment | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Miscellaneous investment(1) | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| Government of Canada credits(2) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Government of Canada subscriptions to international investment agencies | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Canadian long-term Investment abroad | 7.1 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 12.8 | 13.9 | 16.0 | 18.8 |
| Net official monetary assets | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Other Canadian short-term holdings of foreign exchange | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Gross assets(3) | 12.0 | 11.7 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 15.4 | 17.6 | 20.1 | 21.1 | 22.2 | 24.7 | 27.3 |
| Net official monetary assets | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| United States(3, 4) | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| United Kingdom(3, 4) | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Other countries (3, 4) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 8.5 |
| Short-term receivables n.i.e.(5) | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 10.2 |
| Gross assets . | 12.4 | 12.9 | 13.9 | 15.5 | 18.2 | 20.8 | 23.9 | 26.6 | 29.4 | 33.1 | 37.5 |
| Canada's Habllites: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct investment | 16.0 | 17.4 | 19.0 | 20.7 | 22.5 | 24.4 | 26.4 | 27.9 | 29.6 | 32.8 | 36.2 |
| Government bonds | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 11.4 |
| Other portfolio investment | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 9.1 |
| Miscellaneous investment | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Forelgn long-term Investment In Canada | 27.5 | 29.6 | 32.1 | 34.7 | 38.0 | 41.6 | 44.0 | 46.2 | 50.0 | 54.6 | 60.2 |
| Non-resident equity in Canadian assets abroad | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Official SDR liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Total long-term liabilites | 29.0 | 31.2 | 33.7 | 36.5 | 39.9 | 43.9 | 46.9 | 49.5 | 53.0 | 58.1 | 63.9 |
| Non-resident holdings of Canadian dollars | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.1 |
| Gross Ilabilitles(3) | 29.6 | 31.9 | 34.4 | 37.1 | 40.7 | 44.7 | 47.7 | 50.5 | 54.1 | 59.4 | 66.0 |
| United States(3) | 23.1 | 25.1 | 27.4 | 29.7 | 32.4 | 35.2 | 37.4 | 39.1 | 41.1 | 44.9 | 49.8 |
| United Kingdom(3) | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| Other countries(3, 6) | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 10.4 |
| Short-term payables n.i.e. $(5,7)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance company obligations | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Other | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 5.4 |
| Gross llabilitles | 32.8 | 35.3 | 37.9 | 40.8 | 44.4 | 48.8 | 52.1 | 55.1 | 58.9 | 64.7 | 72.8 |
| Canada's Internatlonal Indebledness: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Indebtedness | 20.4 | 22.4 | 24.0 | 25.3 | 26.2 | 28.0 | 28.2 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 31.6 | 35.3 |
| Net official monetary assets | -3.1 | -3.3 | -2.9 | -2.9 | -3.3 | -3.3 | -4.7 | -5.6 | -6.0 | -5.8 | -5.8 |
| United States | 18.4 | 20.3 | 21.7 | 23.4 | 24.9 | 26.6 | 28.9 | 32.0 | 33.9 | 36.5 | 41.4 |
| United Kingdom | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Other countries | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| Short-term n.i.e. | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | -0.9 | -2.4 | -3.1 | -3.4 |

(1) Includes export credits by government and private sectors less reserve against government inactive assets.
(2) Includes medium-term non-marketable United States government securities held under the Columbia River Treaty arrangements since 1964.
(3) Excludes short-term receivables and payables.
(4) Excludes net official monetary assets.
(5) Country distribution not available.
(6) Includes international financial agencies.
(7) Since the end of 1964 certain finance company obligations, previously classified as long-term investments, are shown as part of short-term liabilities.
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Industrlal Chemicals, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Manufacturers shipped 63,014,571 pounds ( 28582928 kg ) of polyethylene-type synthetic resins in April compared to a revised $51,677,860$ pounds (23 440681 kg ) in April 1976.
For further information, order the April issue of Specified Chemicals (46-002, 15\$/\$1.50), or contact

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Agriculture: Machinery and Equipment on Census-farms, 1976 Census of Canada (96-853, \$3)

Foundation Garment Industry, 1975 (34-212, 70¢)
Cordage and Twine Industry, 1975 (34-203, 70¢)

## Service Bulietins:

Fabricated Metal Products (41-009, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 6, April 1977: No. 19, Cemented Tungsten Carbide Blanks and Tools; No. 20, Domestic and Farm Water Systems; No. 21, Sanitaryware

Investment Statistics (61-007, \$2.80 per year), Vol. 3, No. 2, Capital Expenditures in the Petroleum and Natural Gas and Allied Industries in Canada, 1956-1977

Retall Trade, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Seasonaily-adjusted retail saies for April were \$ $\$ 5,032.9$ milion, an increase of $0.2 \%$ : from the $\$ 5,020.9$ million recorded in March. Sales rose in 16 :of the 28 trade groüps. Book and stationery stóres (17.4\%) and sporting goods and accessories stores $(10.1 \%)$ showed the largest increases while specialty shoe stores ( $\mathbf{- 1 8 . 5 \%}$ ) had the largest decterase. Six of the 10 provinces registeredin'teasedjsales from
 Newfoundiand. The largest deciine occurred in Saskatchewan ( $-4.6 \%$ ) while Nova Scotia remained unchanged.

Total retaii trade without seasonal adjustment reached $\$ 5,154.5$ miliion in Aprii, an increase of 6.5\% over April 1976. Sales were up in 24 of the 28 trade groups with the largest gains recorded by used car dealers (27.5\%) and book and stationery stores (22.9\%). Ali provinces except Saskatchewan (-1.2\%) reported increased saies over Aprii 1976, ranging from a high of $9.0 \%$ for British Columbia to $0.9 \%$ for New Brunswick. Montreal sales rose 5.0\%; Toronto $7.5 \%$; Winnipeg $8.8 \%$; and Vancouver, 6.1\%.

Revised total retail trade, unadjusted for seasonal influences, for March was $\$ 4,679.5$ miliion, up $10.7 \%$ from March 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Travel Between Canada and Other Countrles, April 1977 - Advance information.
Preliminary statistics for April show that 2.0 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 1.7\% from April 1976. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 3.2 million, an increase of $11.0 \%$ over April 1976. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. decreased $2.1 \%$ to 75,200 while Canadian travellers returning from these countries increased $6.7 \%$ to 148,100 .

For further information, order the April 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.

Alrport Activity, 1976 - Advance Information.
Scheduled enplaned and deplaned passengers at Toronto international Airport increased 9.9\% to 5,339,878 in the last six months of 1976 from 4,859,078 in the corresponding period of 1975.

Similar figures for Montreal Mirabel and Dorvai airports combined show an increase of $6.0 \%$ to 3,472,973 in the last six months of 1976 from 3,276,959 passengers in the corresponding period of 1975.

Monthly airport activity statistics for the top 50 airports in Canada are now available for the last six months of 1976. The airport tables, and further information can be obtained by calling Mr. W.J. Benoit (613-995-9897), Airport Activity Survey, Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A ON9.

Sugar Sales, May 1977 - Advance information.
For May, Canadian sugar refineries reported total sales of 93431990 kilograms (205,982,309 lbs.) of all types of sugar. Domestic sales amounted to 85879983 kilograms ( $189,332,983$ lbs.) and export sales totailed 7552007 kilograms (16,649,326 lbs.).

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

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, Aprii 1977 - Advance Information:
Canadian manuffacturers produced $5,714,437$ phonograph records in April, up from 5,025,164 in Aprii 1976. Production of pre-recorded tapes ( 8 track cartridges and cassettes oniy) decreased to $1,107,955$ from $1,256,431$.

For further information, order the April 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.

Flsh FreezIngs and Stocks, April 1977 - Advance information.
Advance data on Fish Freezings and Stocks for the month of Aprii are now available.

For further information, order the April issue of Fish Freezings and Stocks (24-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mr. C. Nevilie (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa KtA OV6.

Mineral Production, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian production of metais in April and 1977 to date, with comparable 1976 figures in brackets:

- Goid, 135,661 troy ounces $(137,551)$ - 561,097 troy ounces $(563,335)$.
- Silver, 3,840,966 troy ounces $(3,722,053)$ $15,201,101$ troy ounces $(14,142,885)$.
- Primary copper, 55,412 short tons $(63,292)$ 284,501 short tons $(259,852)$.
- Primary nickel, 22,899 short tons (23,521) - 94,605 short tons $(92,645)$.
- Refined lead, 18,898 short tons $(17,588)-74,927$ short tons $(73,696)$.
- Refined zinc, 51,963 short tons $(46,437)-210,383$ short tons $(168,410)$.
For further information, order the April 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.

1975 Census of Manufactures - Selected Principal Statistics of the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Province*

| Province | No. of Establishments | Production and related Manufacturing Activity |  |  |  |  | Value of shipments of goods of own manu: facture | Value added |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Manhours paid '000 | Wages | Cost of fuel and electricity | Cost of materials and supplies used '000 |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 270 | 10,164 | 22,011 | 97,086 | 26,139 | 418,747 | 650,008 | 208,030 |
| Prince ${ }^{\text {E E d ward Island }}$ | 117 | 1,817 | 3,817 | 13,090 | 2,234 | 74,173 | 108,562 | 34,132 |
| Nova Scotia | 689 | 27,895 | 57,564 | 247,063 | 51,332 | 1,139,514 | 1,819,094 | 675,705 |
| New Brunswick | 559 | 22,348 | 47,234 | 211,698 | 77,788 | 1,041,867 | 1,669,422 | 583,162 |
| Quebec | 9,375 | 394,333 | 813,089 | 3,520,808 | 537,335 | 13,664,166 | 23,969,342 | 9,959,518 |
| Ontario | 12,244 | 612,399 | 1,263,844 | 6,312,633 | 791,471 | 25,557,998 | 44,427,319 | 18,364,390 |
| Manitoba | 1,215 | 41,057 | 83,830 | 373,209 | 50,260 | 1,537,285 | 2,580,985 | 1,014,619 |
| Saskatchewan | 653 | 13,995 | 28,584 | 143,740 | 22,622 | 719,195 | 1,176,473 | 437,152 |
| Alberta | 1,821 | 45,781 | 94,635 | 491,988 | 65,828 | 3,131,381 | 4,726,466 | 1,581,096 |
| British Columbia | 3,131 | 101,712 | 198,384 | 1,255,032 | 180,058 | 3,884,150 | 7,328,476 | 3,286,568 |
| Yukon | 8 | 29 | 60 | 263 | 26 | 1,092 | 2,123 | 1,016 |
| Northwest Territories | 17 | 186 | 394 | 1,788 | 225 | 7,301 | 11,438 | 3,900 |
| Canada | 30,099 | 1,271,716 | 2,613,446 | 12,668,398 | 1,805,318 | 51,176,870 | 88,469,709 | 36,149,287 |


|  | Working owners and partners | Administrative, office and other non-manufacturing employees Number Salaries \$'000 |  | Total Activity |  |  | Total value of shipments and other revenue |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Total e <br> Number | mployees Salaries and wages | Total cost of materials, supplies and goods for re-sale $\$ 1000$ |  | Value added |
| Newfoundland | 97 | 2,762 | 34,592 | 12,926 | 131,677 | 483,206 | 730,531 | 222,495 |
| Prince Edward Island | 40 | 536 | 5,017 | 2,353 | 18,107 | 88,736 | 125,800 | 36,741 |
| Nova Scotia | 177 | 9,367 | 114,576 | 37,262 | 361,639 | 1,309,148 | 2,014,327 | 700,019 |
| New Brunswick | 125 | 6,660 | 81,267 | 29,008 | 292,965 | 1,180,840 | 1,833,915 | 610,085 |
| Quebec | 2,377 | 137,565 | 1,852,113 | 531,898 | 5,372,921 | 16,143,988 | 26,925,070 | 10,461,199 |
| Ontario | 2,777 | 237,491 | 3,357,109 | 849,890 | 9,669,742 | 32,762,052 | 53,360,922 | 20,129,713 |
| Manitoba | 318 | 13,945 | 168,213 | 55,002 | 541,422 | 1,820,632 | 2,929,090 | 1,080,398 |
| Saskatchewan | 154 | 5,218 | 64,541 | 19,213 | 208,281 | 803,718 | 1,278,960 | 455,185 |
| Alberta | 290 | 18,751 | 247,969 | 64,532 | 739,957 | 3,414,951 | 5,066,789 | 1,638,347 |
| British Columbia | 612 | 35,251 | 546,374 | 136,963 | 1,801,405 | 4,365,636 | 7,907,676 | 3,385,178 |
| Yukon | 5 | 9 | 108 | 38 | 371 | 1,159 | 2,249 | 1,067 |
| Northwest Territories | 5 | 34 | 480 | 220 | 2,268 | 8,048 | 13,175 | 4,889 |
| Canada | 6,977 | -467,589 | 6,472,357 | 1,739,305 | 19,140,755 | 62,382,114 | 102,188,503 | 38,725,317 |

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Quarteriy Report on Job Vacancies, First Quarter 1977 (71-002, 70¢/\$2.80)
Agriculture, Population, Tenure, Age and Residence of Operator, Type of Organization, 1976 Census of Canada (96-856, \$3)
Gas Utlilities, February 1977 (55-002, 30\$/\$3)
Rigid Insulating Board, April 1977 (36-002, 15¢/\$1.50)
Radio and Television Receiving Sets, April 1977 (43-004, 30§/\$3)

Oils and Fats - Manufacturers' Sales
April 1977 - Advance Information


- Includes baking and frying oils and fats.

For further information, order the April 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.

The Consumer Price Index, May 1977.
The all-items Consumer Price Index for Canada (1971=100) advanced $0.8 \%$ to 159.2 in May from 157.9 in April. One-half of the increase was attributable to a 1.4\% rise in the food index, the fifth successive month in which this index has registered a relatively-sharp advance. Higher housing charges, including those for household operation items, were responsible for close to an additional one-quarter of this latest advance. While the food index registered a $1.4 \%$ rise, the index for all items excluding food increased $0.5 \%$. Between May 1976 and May 1977, the total CPI advanced 7.6\%.

The 1.4\% increase in the food index was largely due to higher prices for beef products (up $4.6 \%$ on average), for fresh produce, coffee, sugar and butter. Lower prices for restaurant meals - resulting mainly from the introduction of higher sales tax exemption levels on meals in two provinces - partially offset these increases. The index for food consumed at home (up 1.7\% in the latest month) has now increased 8.0\% in the six-month period between November 1976 and May 1977, following a period of relative price stability.

Increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation as well as higher prices for furniture and other household items accounted for a significant proportion of the $0.5 \%$ rise in the index for all items excluding food. Other important contributing factors included widespread price increases for beer and liquor, barber and hairdressing services and garden supplies and slightly higher prices for new automobiles.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods, including food, increased $1.0 \%$ in the latest month while that for services rose $0.4 \%$. Between May 1976 and May 1977, the price level of services increased $9.4 \%$ while that for goods advanced $6.4 \%$.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the all-items CPI advanced 0.6\% from April to May. This included a 1.1\% rise in the food index and a $0.5 \%$ increase in the index for all items excluding food.
(see tables on pages 3 and 4)

In May, the current annual rate of change in the CPI, based on the seasonally-adjusted movement in the latest three-month period, was $10.4 \%$.

Fruit and Vegetable Production, June 1977 - Advance Information.
Advance information is now available on the latest area, production and value for fruits and vegetables. For further information, order the June issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003,40¢/\$3), or contact Karen Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Publishing, 1975 - Advance Information.
Establishments primarily engaged in publishing shipped $\$ 392.0$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $21.6 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $16.2 \%$ to $\$ 244.8$ million, the number of employees increased $4.5 \%$ to 9,182 and total salaries and wages increased $17.3 \%$ to $\$ 92.8$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975 (36-203, \$1.40).

Publishing and Printing, 1975 - Advance Information. Establishments primarily engaged in publishing and printing shipped $\$ 1,002.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $14.0 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $12.3 \%$ to $\$ 740.9$ million, the number of employees increased $2.4 \%$ to 33,562 and total salaries and wages increased 13.7\% to $\$ 391.0$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries, 1975 (36-203, \$1.40).

## Consumer Price Index for Canada and Main Components

(1971=100)
(Not seasonally adjusted)

|  | Relative importance(1) |  | Indexes |  | \% | nge |  | ution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1976 |  | May | 7 from |  |
|  |  | May | Apr. | May | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | May <br> 1976 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
| All Items | 100 | 159.2 | 157.9 | 148.0 | 0.8 | 7.6 | 100 | 100 |
| Food | 27 | 177.2 | 174.7 | 167.0 | 1.4 | 6.1 | 50 | 22 |
| All items excluding food | 73 | 152.8 | 152.0 | 141.4 | 0.5 | 8.1 | 50 | 78 |
| Housing | 33 | 160.0 | 159.1 | 145.8 | 0.6 | 9.7 | 23 | 42 |
| Clothing | 9 | 140.0 | 139.5 | 131.3 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 4 | 8 |
| Transportation | 15 | 153.0 | 152.7 | 141.7 | 0.2 | 8.0 | 4. | 16 |
| Health and personal care | 4 | 154.8 | 152.7 | 144.1 | 1.4 | 7.4 | 7 | 4 |
| Recreation, education and reading | 6 | 141.6 | 140.7 | 135.2 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 5 | 4 |
| Tobacco and alcohol | 6 | 143.0 | 141.7 | 135.4 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 7 | 4 |
| Purchasing power of the 1971 consumer dollar | - | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.68 |  |  |  |  |
| All-items Consumer Price Index converted to 1961=100 |  | 212.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(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.

## Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, April 1977 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 29,243 units in April, up from 25,477 in April 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 4,450 units compared to 5,385 . Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 22,728 units compared to 20,962 . Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 505 units compared to 561 .

For further information, order the April 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.

Slaughtering and Meat Processors, 1975 - Advance Information.
Slaughtering and meat processors shipped $\$ 3,828.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $7.0 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $11.7 \%$ to $\$ 746.3$ million, the number of employees increased $0.5 \%$ to 32,993 and total salaries and wages increased $16.0 \%$ to $\$ 391.0$ 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 Slaughtering and Meat Processors, 1975 (32-221, 709).

Stocks of Dalry and Frozen Poultry Products, June 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of frozen poultry products at June 1 amounted to 74.2 million pounds compared with last year's total of 51.1 million pounds.
For further information, order the June 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 $0 L 7$.

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

-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).

Railway Carioadings
10 Day Period Ended May 31

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.
Rallway Carloadings, 10 Days Ended May 31, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Loadings of Canadian rail freight totalled 6.9 million short tons ( 6.3 million $t$ ) in the last 10 days of May, an increase of $9.5 \%$ over the similar 1976 period. East of the Lakehead traffic rose $1.3 \%$ while in the West loadings advanced by 23.1\%. The total number of cars loaded in Canada at 106.029 was up $7.9 \%$ and average short tons'per loaded car rose to 65.2 from 64.2.
Trailer-container freight (piggyback), while registering an increase of $10.7 \%$ in the East, declined $24.7 \%$ in the West, resulting in only a marginal over-all gain of 0.2\%.

In the first five months of 1977, rail carload traffic was $7.1 \%$ ahead of the 1976 pace at 98.6 million short tons ( 89.4 million t). Piggyback movements were up $18.8 \%$ in the latest period.

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


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In F February, net generation increased to 26.6TW.h

\% Hydro frieration decreased $0 \%$ while thermal prôductifon increased $34.9 \%$.

For further information, order the February 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 $0 V 6$.

Metal Rolling, Casting and ExtrudIng, 1975 — Advance Information
The metal rolling, casting and extruding industries shipped $\$ 232.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 16.0\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $16.6 \%$ to $\$ 88.4$ million, the number of employees decreased $6.2 \%$ to 4,573 and total salaries and wages increased $5.1 \%$ to $\$ 46.4$ million.

For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complate data will be published later in Metal Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1975 (41-215, 70¢).

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 11, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 11 was 287,527 short tons ( 260840 t ), an increase of $4.5 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 275,224 short tons (249 679 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 279,658 short tons ( 253701 t). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons (166 211 t) equalling 100 was 156.9 in the current week, 150.2 a week earlier and 152.6 one year ago.
For further information, contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.


Concrete Products, April 1977 (44-002, 15 $/$ /\$1.50)
Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, April 1977 (43-002, 15\$/\$1.50)
Frult and Vegetable Preparations, Quarter Ended March 31, 1977 (32-017,
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Railway Carloadings, April 1977 (52-001, 30థ/\$3)
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Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes (47-004, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, No. 4 , Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, April 1977

Energy Statistics (57-002, \$4.20 a year), Index to Service Bulletin-IND-SB (11) Energy Statistics

The Labour Force, May 1977.
Employment increased in May while unemployment declined and Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped back to 7.9\% from 8.3\% in April. The rate in May 1976 was $7.0 \%$.

The adjusted employment level reached 9,749,000 in May, up 86,000 from April. The unemployment level was estimated at 841,000, down 29,000 from April.

The adjusted employment level for women aged 25 and over rose a substantial 50,000 in May. For women 15 to 24 the level increased 6,000. Increases of 15,000 occurred both among men 25 and over and men 15 to 24.

The adjusted unemployment level decreased for all major age-sex groups - by 11,000 for men 25 and over, by 7,000 for women 25 and over, by 4,000 for men 15 to 24 and by 7,000 for women 15 to 24.

Seasonally-adjusted May unemployment rates for the provinces, with April rates in brackets: Newfoundland 14.7\% (16.8\%); Prince Edward Island 10.6\% (9.7\%); Nova Scotia 10.6\% (11.2\%); New Brunswick 12.2\% (13.0\%); Quebec 10.0\% (9.8\%); Ontario 7.3\% (7.4\%); Manitoba 6.1\% (6.7\%); Saskatchewan 5.7\% (5.5\%); Alberta 4.2\% (4.3\%); and British Columbia 7.8\% (9.1\%).

Without seasonal adjustment, the May labour force was $10,645,000$ with $9,822,000$ employed and 824,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of $7.7 \%$. In April, the labour force was 10,$340 ; 000$ with $9,425,000$ employed and 914,000 unemployed for a rate of $8.8 \%$. In May 1976, the labour force was 10,285,000 with $9,576,000$ employed and 708,000 unemployed for a rate of $6.9 \%$.

For further information, order the May issue of The Labour Force (71-001, 55\$/\$5.50).
(see graph on next page).

Manufacturers of Piastics and Synthetic Resins, 1975. - Advance Information.

Manufacturers of plastics and synthetic resins shipped $\$ 456$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down $1.2 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $16.1 \%$ to $\$ 184.3$ million, the number of employees increased $0.7 \%$ to 4,683 and total salaries and wages increased $12.7 \%$ to $\$ 64.5$ 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 Manufacturers of Plastics and Synthetic Resins, 1975 (46-211, 70థ).

Canned and Frozen Frults and Vegetables, April 1977 - Advance Information.

Advance information on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables for April containing data on pack, shipments and stocks of selected fruits and vegetables is now available.
For further information, order the April issue of Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly (32-011, 30\$/\$3), or contact Mr. C.A. Neville (613-9922231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Copper and Copper Alloy Roling, Casting and Extruding, 1975 - Advance Information.
The copper and copper alloy rolling, casting and extruding industries shipped $\$ 319.6$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 35.3\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $25.2 \%$ to $\$ 68.3$ million, the number of employees decreased $14.3 \%$ to 3,240 and total salaries and wages decreased $6.5 \%$ to $\$ 38.7$ million.
For further information, contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Copper and Copper Alloy Rolling, Casting and Extruding, 1975 (41-224, 70¢).

## Employment, Canada



Unemployment Canada

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Steel Ingots and Plg Iron, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary stael ingots production for May was 1,235,209 short tons ( 1120563 t ). Preliminary pig iron production for May was 910,291 short tons ( 825802 t ). For further information, order the May 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 Eanada, Ottawa K1A OV3.

Quarierly Esilmates of the Canadian Baiance of internatlonal Paymenis, First Quarter 1977.
On a seasonally-adjusted basis the deficit on current account fell to $\$ 841$ million in the first quarter of 1977. This was $\$ 251$. million less than in the previous quarter. With the exception of the third quarter of 1976, it was the smallest quarterly deficit recorded since the fourth quarter of 1974. Merchandise exports rose an extraiordinary $12 \%$ while imports showed a sharp increase of $8 \%$; the resulting surplus of $\$ 780$ million was almost double that for the preceding quarter.

The strength of exports was mainly concentrated in sales of automotive products, aluminum, lumber and iron ore. Sales of crude petroleum, newsprint, nickel and barley were down. There was an increase of $15 \%$ in exports to the United States, Canada's major trading partner, which recorded a rate of growth of more than 5\% in Real Gross National Product in the first quarter of 1977 despite one of the most severe winters on record. Exports to Japan rose 13\% and to the European Economic Community only 2\%. The major increases recorded in export prices were for rapeseed, asbestos, primary iron and steel, nickel and newsprint. Prices of wheat and barley were lower than in the previous quarter.
The growth rate for imports was the highest since the first quarter of 1974 and followed slight growth in the last quarter of 1976. On a commodity basis the largest increases in imports occurred in automotive products, chemicals, beverages, agricultural and industrial machinery. There were reductions in imports of wearing apparel, coal, crude petroleum and non-ferrous metals. Both the U.S. and Japan showed an increase of $10 \%$ in the value of their sales to Canada. The level of purchases from the European Economic Community remained practically unchanged. For all other countries an increase of $5 \%$ was recorded. The major increases recorded in import prices were for the groupings of cocoa, coffee and tea, vegetables, fruits, textiles and crude petroleum. Prices declined for coal and sugar.

This quarter's increase in the surplus on merchandise trade was partially offset by an expansion of $\$ 164$ million in the deficit on services. The deficit on travel increased about $\$ 100$ million as payments continued to rise while receipts remained steady. An increase of about $\$ 50$ million in interest payments was more than offset by a reduction of almost $\$ 75$ million in dividend payments. Freight and shipping, other service transactions and withholding tax together contributed $\$ 85$ million to the increase in the deficit on services. The deficit on goods and services taken together dropped nearly $\$ 250$ million. The surplus on transfers increased about $\$ 10$ million.

Total capital movements, unadjusted for seasonal variations, produced a net capital inflow of $\$ 810$ million during the first quarter of 1977, about $30 \%$ less than in the last quarter of 1976. This capital inflow represented just over half the size of the unadjusted current account deficit and Canada's official reserves were reduced by $\$ 766$ million.

Interest differentials between Canada and the U.S. narrowed during the quarter, reducing the advantage to Canadians to borrow funds abroad and to nonresidents to invest in Canadian debt instruments. Some easing of monetary conditions in Canada was reflected in a decline in short-term interest rates
following a reduction in the Bank rate in February, the third such reduction in slightly more than two months. There was little change, however, in the covered yield differential between Canada and the United States on short-term paper; throughout the quarter representative rates indicated a slight incentive to invest in Canada on a covered basis.

Following its decline and temporary recovery towards the end of 1976, the Canadian dollar depreciated substantially against the majority of international currencies during the first quarter of 1977. It reached a low of 106.11 Canadian cents per U.S. dollar in March, its lowest level since being unpegged at the end of May 1970.

The net capital inflow was more than accounted for by transactions in long-term forms which produced a net inflow of $\$ 1,010$ million. New issues of Canadian securities raised $\$ 1,428$ million, which was substantially less than in the previous quarter but was still high by historical standards prior to the last quarter of 1975. Other forms of portfolio investment produced a net outflow of $\$ 237$ million, $\$ 24$ million less than the net outflow in these forms in the previous quarter. Direct investment in Canada was estimated at a net inflow of $\$ 135$ million in the first quarter of 1977. This represented a substantial swing from the net outflows recorded for this item in each of the last two quarters of 1976 when there were very large purchases by Canada of existing foreign direct investments in Canada. The net outflow for Canadian direct investment abroad was estimated at $\$ 170$ million for the first quarter of 1977 , about $\$ 45$ million more than in the previous quarter. Other long-term capital movements combined to produce a net outflow of $\$ 146$ million as loans and subscriptions of the Government of Canada of $\$ 187$ million and export credits of $\$ 92$ million at its direct or indirect risk, more than offset miscellaneous transactions.

Capital movements in short-term forms produced a net outflow of $\$ 200$ million, a swing of $\$ 246$ million from the net inflow recorded in the preceding quarter. Canadian holdings of short-term funds abroad increased $\$ 357$ million, with about half of this increase in the form of claims of Canadian chartered banks on nonresidents (including their foreign branches). The net increase in Canadian holdings of short-term funds abroad represented a swing of nearly $\$ 1$ billion from the net inflow in these forms in the previous quarter. There was also a decrease of $\$ 73$ million in nonresident holdings of Canadian dollar deposits, a turnaround of nearly $\$ 400$ million from the net inflow in this form in the final quarter of 1976. Trading in money market paper swung by nearly $\$ 240$ million to produce a net inflow of $\$ 178$ million in the first quarter of 1977.
A substantial: reduction occurred in the size of the balancing item, representing unidentified transactions, which shifted to a presently estimated credit (apparent inflow) of about $\$ 175$ million. In the last quarter of 1976, a period during which a longpredicted substantial downward shift occurred in the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar, the balancing item was estimated at an apparent outflow of around $\$ 1.85$ billion. Under those circumstances it was not surprising for a substantial unrecorded apparent outflow to occur.

Financial Inatitutions
First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | 1st Quarter 1977 <br> \$'000 | Chang <br> Same <br> a Year <br> Amount <br> $\${ }^{\prime} 000$ | m d er | Amount Change from 4th Quarter 1976 \$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trust Companles |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgages | 14,695,849(1) | 2,310,447 | 21.0 | 500,313 |
| Total Assets | 20,918,281(1) | 3,342,819 | 21.4 | 1,155,101 |
| Demand Deposits | 3,762,205(1) | 495,355 | 17.5 | 222,084 |
| Term Deposits | 15,141,381(1) | 2,429,323 | 21.3 | 809,648 |
| Mortgage Companles |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgages | 6,736,672 (1) | 1,154,395 | 17.2 | 199,530 |
| Total Assets | 8,128,426(1) | 1,497,195 | 18.1 | 292,551 |
| Demand Deposits | 438,019(1) | 100,455 | 13.6 | 19,506 |
| Term Deposits | 4,655,953(1) | 827,346 | 16.3 | 79,229 |
| Mortgage Investment Trust Corp's. |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgages | 770,683 | 162,353 | 26.7 | 62,574 |
| Total Assets | 1,398,279 | 344,885 | 32.8 | 130,109 |
| Sales Finance and Consumer Loan Companles |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Financing |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial and Commercial | 2,153,903 | 79,395 | 3.9 | -116,099 |
| Consumer Business | 2,301,694 | 99,400 | 4.5 | -42,114 |
| Wholesale Financing | 2,075,704 | 114,423 | 5.8 | 297,316 |
| Small Loans Act | 223,734 | -16,529 | -6.9 | -13,314 |
| Other Personal Loans | 1,564,134 | 15,45.1 | 1.0 | -4,095 |
| Total Assets | 11,283,147 | 618,490 | 5.8 | 186,259 |
| Mutual Funds (Cost) |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian Preferred Shares | 97,325 | -25,729 | -20.2 | -7,737 |
| Canadian Common Shares | 1,065,160 | -104,398 | -9.2 | -5,748 |
| Foreign Pret. and Common Shares | 431,441 | -90,588 | -18.7 | -39,234 |
| Total Assets | 2,908,487 | -37,985 | -1.3 | 123,848 |
| Total Portiolio - Cost | 2,794,493 | -45,819 | -1.6 | 100,174 |
| - Market | 2,898,227 | 13,018 | - | 114,657 |
| FIre and Casualty Ins. Co's. |  |  |  |  |
| Net Premiums | 1,004,255 | 190,878 | 23.5 | -24,850 |
| Underwriting Gain | 55,156 | 113,442 |  | 139,039 |
| Total Assets | 6,876,026 | 1,130,859 | 19.7 | 183,173 |
| Closed-End Funds (Cost) |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian Common Shares | 355,144 | 10,692 | 3.0 | 7,587 |
| Total Portfolio - Cost | 497,415 | 18,029 | 3.6 | 4,614 |
| - Market | 700,600 | 47,792 | 6.8 | 18,685 |
| FInance Leasing Corp. |  |  |  |  |
| Lease Contracts | 723,425 | 78,346 | 12.2 | 6,015 |
| Total Assets | 1,048,221 | 188,846 | 22.2 | -6,271 |

Further information will be contained in the Statistics Canada Publication Financial Institutions, First Quarter 1977 (61-006, $\$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$ ).
(1) Large changes due mainly to a mortgage company now included in a consolidated return in the Trust Industry. The Changes From Previous Periods have been corrected to account for this consolidation.

Prellminary Monthly Report of Petroleum Sales, April 1977
(Thousands of Barrels)

| - . . | Motor Gasoline | Aviation Turbo Fuel | Kerosene and Stove Oil | Diesel Fuel | Light Fuel | Heavy Fuel | Other. Products | Total Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newfoundland | 274 | . 83 | 74 | 301 | 278 | 293 | 102 | 1,405 |
| Prince Edward Island | 77 | 2 | 18 | 22 | 88 | 77 | 6 | 290 |
| Nova Scotia | 561 | 59 | 93 | 183 | 619 | 960 | 68 | 2,543 |
| New Brunswick | 438 | 30 | 59 | 158 | 622 | 1,155 | -353 | 2,109 |
| Quebec | 4,171 | 493 | 260 | 1,008 | 3,025 | 2,873 | 508 | 12,338 |
| Ontario | 6,114 | 642 | 101 | 1,421 | 2,533 | 1.879 | 2,338 | 15,028 |
| Manitoba | 722 | 102 | 48 | 306 | 79 | 66 | 67 | 1,390 |
| Saskatchewan | 905 | 45 | 30 | 446 | 69 | 1 | 107. | 1,603 |
| Alberta | 1,899 | 240 | 21 | 930 | 36 | -18 | 414 | 3,522 |
| British Columbia | 1,832 | 258 | 76 | 854 | 528 | 743 | 421 | 4,712 |
| Northwest Territories | 17 | 32 | 9 | 52 | 29 | - | 8 | 147 |
| Yukon | 21 | 3 | 15 | 25 | 18 | - | 2 | 84 |
| Canada | 17,031 | 1,989 | 804 | 5,706 | 7,924 | 8,029 | 3,688 | 45,171 |
| Canada 1976 | 17,471 | 1,922 | 957 | 5,678 | 8,182 | 7,900 | 3,435 | 45,545 |
| \% change 1977/1976 | - -2.6 | 3.4 | -16.0 | 0.5 | -3.2 | 1.6 | 7.4 | 0.8 |

Refined Petroleum Products, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary information indicates Canadian refineries produced 47,841,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in April, an increase of $0.01 \%$ compared to the latest available data for April $1976(47,796,000)$.

Preliminary data shows that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 45,171,000 barrels, a decrease of $0.09 \%$ from the April 1976 figure $(45,545,000)$.

For further information, order the April 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.


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Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics, March 1977 (73-001-p, N/C)
Urban Transit, April 1977 (53-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Products Made From Canadian Clays, March 1977 (44-005, 15\$/\$1.50)
Asphait Roofing, April 1977 (45-001, 15¢/\$1.50)
Stoves and Furnaces, April 1977 (41-005, 30\$/\$3)
Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, April 1977 (33-001, 30థ/\$3)
Copper and Nickel Production, April 1977 (26-003, 15\$/\$1.50)
Siliver, Lead and Zinc Production, April 1977 (26-008, 15\$/\$1.50)
Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, April 1977 (33-003, 30\$/\$3)
Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Apri! 1977 (41-006, 15¢/\$1.50) (continued)

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Trade with ins United Siates
Following the strike-related interruption in the last quarter of 1976, a marked improvement occurred in the two-way trade in the first quarter of 1977, with both exports and imports reaching record levels. From the largest seasonally-adjusted deficit of 1976 in the fourth quarter, there was a contraction in the first quarter as the rise in exports surpassed that of imports. The latest deficit compared roughly with the level of the AprilSeptember period of 1976.

Over the year, exports of automotive products expanded $32 \%$ to $\$ 2,452$ million in the first quarter of 1977 from \$1,859 million in the same period of 1976. Almost $60 \%$ of the $\$ 593$ million gain was due to higher shipments of motor vehicles to help supply the firstquarter surge in purchases by American consumers and businesses. Imports of motor vehicles and parts from the United States totalled $\$ 2,589$ million, up 19\% from the first quarter of 1976. Close to $55 \%$ of the $\$ 412$ million rise was accounted for by increased parts imports. The pronounced improvement in the vehicle trade balance was, however, largely responsible for the $57 \%$ reduction in the automotive deficit from $\$ 318$ million to $\$ 137$ million.

## Duly-free Trade

The proportion of duty-free imports by each country is a rough measure of the two-way trade under the Canada - United States Automotive Agreement of 1965. About $95 \%-96 \%$ of the Canadian shipments entered the U.S. free of duty in the period 1970 to 1976. The proportion of duty-free imports into Canada was a shade lower at roughly $94 \%-95 \%$. The drop to $92 \%$ in 1974 was caused by a temporary rise in dutiable tire imports on account of labour disputes in the tire manufacturing industry. Pratically all passenger cars entered free of duty, while the proportion for automotive parts averaged around $94 \%-95 \%$.

In a duty-free comparison, the annual balances have been more favorable to Canada than for total automotive trade. For the surplus years 1970-1972, the export balances were slightly better; and in the subsequent deficit period, duty-free balances were smaller than the over-all deficits.

## Overseas Trade

Exports of motor vehicles and parts to overseas countries advanced $14.5 \%$ from $\$ 129$ million in the March quarter of 1976 to $\$ 148$ million in 1977. Passenger vehicles accounted solely for the gain, as exports of trucks fell. The rise was concentrated in shipments to oil-producing countries in the Middle East and to Venezuela.
Imports of automotive goods declined slightly to $\$ 230$ million from the unusually-high first quarter 1976 total of $\$ 233$ million. A decline in automotive parts
imports was counterbalanced by an increase in the value of tire imports from the European Economic Community and Japan.

## Passenger:Car Importa

The total number of imported cars rose more than $2 \%$ from 179,500 units to 183,600 units between the inital quarters of 1976 and 1977. Automobiles from the U.S. and West Germany increased $7.5 \%-8 \%$, while the numbers from other sources fell. The U.S. share of imported cars rose-sharply from $72 \%$ to $75.5 \%$, which was, however, lower than $79.5 \%$ in the first quarter of 1975. The West German share increased slightly to $5 \%$, but the share of Japanese cars contracted two percentage points to $16.7 \%$.

The strengthening against the Canadian dollar of between $3.5 \%$ and $11 \%$ in the currencies of the three principal suppliers contributed to raising the unit values of the automobiles. Over-all, the net price increase of foreign-built imports averaged $16 \%$, with the increase for American cars falling slightly below but with the rise for West German vehicles exceeding the average considerably. Basic price increases, the introduction of new product lines and changes in the import mix were other factors affecting the unit values of imported vehicles.

Fe,- further information, contact H.W. Iwasaki (613-992-2663), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see tables on pages 3-4)
Puipwood and Wood Residue, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Roundwood production decreased $5.6 \%$ to 630,215 cunits ( 1783000 m 3 ) in April from 667,259 cunits ( 1887000 m 3 ) in April 1976. Consumption of roundwood and wood residue decreased $8.1 \%$ to $2,194,328$ cunits ( 6214000 m 3 ) from. 2,388,554 cunits ( $6764000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) and the closing inventory of these two products decreased $9.7 \%$ to $9,866,965$ cunits ( 27940000 m 3 ) from $10,928,886$ cunits ( $30944000 \mathrm{m3}$ ). Receipts of wood residue decreased $6.4 \%$ to 982,729 cunits ( 2783000 m 3 ) from 1,050,189 cunits (2 973000 m 3 ).

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

Canada-United States Trade In Automotive Products

|  | 1975 | 1976 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { reer } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Change Between Quarters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |
| United States Imports from Canada* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 2,858 | 3,430 | 839 | 1,069 | 230 |
| Trucks, etc. | 932 | 1,344 | 326 | 444 | 118 |
| Parts | 2,045 | 2,942 | 664 | 900 | 236 |
| Tires and tubes | 68 | 163 | 30 | 39 | 9 |
| Total | 5,903 | 7,879 | 1,859 | 2,452 | 593 |
| Canadian Imports from United States |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 2,184 | 2,321 | 519 | 649 | 130 |
| Trucks, etc. | 942 | 970 | 221 | 275 | 54 |
| Parts | 4,522 | 5,474 | 1,398 | 1,621 | 223 |
| Tires and tubes | 174 | 115 | 39 | 44 | 5 |
| Total | 7,822 | 8,880 | 2,177 | 2,589 | 412 |
| Balance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 674 | 1,109 | 320 | 420 | 100 |
| Trucks, etc. | -10 | 374 | 105 | 169 | 64 |
| Parts | -2,477 | -2,532 | -734 | -721 | 13 |
| Tires and tubes | -106 | 48 | -9 | -5 | 4 |
| Total | -1,919 | -1,001 | -318 | -137 | 181 |
| Excluded: retroactive adjustments to imported parts from U.S. for special tooling charges | 110 | 43 | 19 | - |  |

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

Canada-United States Duity-Free Trade In Automotlve Products, 1970-1976

|  | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States Imports from Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 1,537 | 1,930 | 2,021 | 2,264 | 2,510 | 2,827 | 3,405 |
| Trucks, etc. | 552 | 566 | 667 | 748 | 835 | 905 | 1,299 |
| Parts. | 1,037 | 1,394 | 1,654 | 2,047 | 1,820 | 1,912 | 2,767 |
| Tires and tubes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Duty-Free | 3,126 | 3,890 | 4,342 | 5,059 | 5,165 | 5,644 | 7,471 |
| \% of Total Imports | 96 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 96 | 95 |
| Canadian Imports from United States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 657 | 958 | 1,052 | 1,436 | 1,628 | 2,179 | 2,317 |
| Trucks, etc. | 255 | 336 | 474 | 604 | 848 | 885 | 917 |
| Parts | 2,003 | 2,351 | 2,757 | 3,362 | 3,661 | 4,267 | 5,182 |
| Tires and Tubes | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Total Duty-Free | 2,915 | 3,645 | 4,283 | 5,403 | 6,138 | 7,333 | 8,416 |
| \% of Total Imports | 95 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 92 | 94 | 95 |
| Baiances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free | 211 | 245 | 59 | -344 | -973 | -1,689 | -945 |
| Dutiable | -7 | -47 | -15 | -84 | -245 | -230 | -56 |
| Total imports | 204 | 198 | 44 | -428 | -1,218 | -1,919 | -1,001 |

Canada-Overseas Countries Trade in Automotive Products

|  |  |  | First Quarter |  | Change Between Quarters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1975 | 1976 | 1976 | 1977 |  |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |  |
| Canadlan exports |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 163 | 220 | 38 | 79 | 41 |
| Other motor vehicles | 258 | 207 | 49 | 29 | -20 |
| Parts | 180 | 171 | 39 | 38 | -1 |
| Tires and tubes | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Re-exports | 10 | 10 | 2 | 1 | -1 |
| Total | 616 | 615 | 129 | 148 | 19 |
| Canadian Imports |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cars | 365 | 482 | 134 | 129 | -5 |
| Other motor vehicles | 45 | 50 | 11 | 13 | 2 |
| Parts | 206 | 231 | 68 | 57 | -11 |
| Tires and tubes | 82 | 79 | 20 | 31 | 11 |
| Total | 698 | 842 | 233 | 230 | -3 |
| Balance | -82 | -227 | -104 | -82 | 22 |

Canadian Passenger Car Imports

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { First Quarter } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |  | First Quarter 1977 |  | Change Between Quarters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Units (000) | Share \% | Units (000) | Share \% | Volume | Average Price \% | Exchange Rate* \% |
| United States | 129.0 | 71.9 | 139.0 | 75.7 | 7.8 | 15.9 | 3.5 |
| Japan | 33.7 | 18.8 | 30.7 | 16.7 | -8.9 | 6.0 | 9.7 |
| West Germany | 8.5 | 4.7 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 7.7 | 18.9 | 11.1 |
| United Kingdom | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | -3.0 | 14.8 | -11.3 |
| France | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.2 | -36.5 | -15.0 | -6.0 |
| Italy | 1.3 | 0.7 | - | - | - | 107 | - |
| Other Countries | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -80.4 | 10.7 | - |
| All Countrles | 179.5 | 100.0 | 183.6 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 16.2 | 2.6 |

- Minus ( - ) sign indicates depreciation in value of 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.

Prellminary Report on Job Vacancles, Three Months Ended May 31, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary estimates for the three-month period ended May 31 show a 10\% increase in the average number of vacant jobs from the three-month period ended February 28, 1977 and a decrease of $20 \%$ from the comparable period in 1976. In the latest period, the average number of vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs was 42,700*.

Vacancies for full-time jobs increased by $12 \%$ to 38,300 from 34,100 in the preceding period, but longerterm vacancies (jobs unfilled for more than four weeks) decreased by $5 \%$ to $12,100$.

For every 1,000 existing jobs in the lates three-month period, five were vacant, the same as in the preceding period. The comparable rate last year was six per 1,000.

The highest vacancy rates were observed in Alberta (nine per 1,000) and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (both seven per 1,000 ). The lowest vacancy rate (three per 1,000) occurred in Newfoundland and New Brunswick.
*The Job Vacancy Survey provides an estimate of the average number of vacancies available on any given day in a three-month period. The estimate of this three-month average is derived from six observations taken at regular intervals. Consequently, the survey does not cover those vacancies which occur and are filled between individual observations. In addition, the survey does not cover openings in agriculture, fishing, hunting, trapping and households. The data derived from the Job Vacancy Survey, taken over time, are consistent and reliable indicators of trends in job openings. For detailed definitions and design of the survey see Canadian Job Vacancy Survey, Technical Appendix, 1972 (71521, 50§).

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

|  | Three-month Periods Ending |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 1977 p \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (Rates per 1,000 jobs) |  |  |
| Canada(1) | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Atlantic Provinces(2) | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Newfoundland | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| New Brunswick | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Quebec | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Ontario | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| Manitoba | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Saskatchewan | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Alberta | 9 | 10 | 12 |
| British Columbia | 4 | 3 | 5 |

p Preliminary estimates.
(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.
(2) Includes Prince Edward Island.

For further information, contact Mr. J.A. Boucek (613-9922006), or Ms. M. Beaubien (613-996-7148), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Consumer Credit, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached $\$ 22,498$ million at the end of April, 16.0\% more than a year earlier. Outstanding balances of selected credit holders at the end of April 1977, with percentage changes from a year earlier:

- Chartered banks' personal loans: $\$ 17,064$ million, up 21.5\%.
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans: $\$ 77$ million, up 22.2\%.
- Life insurance companies' policy loans: \$1,236 million, up 6.4\%.
- Sales finance and consumer loan companies' loans: small $\$ 217$ million, down $8.0 \%$; large $\$ 1,475$ million, down 1.4\%; instalment sales paper $\$ 1,110$ million, down 0.4\%.
- Department stores and furniture, TV, radio and household appliance stores: $\$ 1,319$ million, up 2.9\%.
Credit holders reporting quarterly had combined outstanding balances of $\$ 6,016$ million at the end of the first quarter of 1977, up $18.4 \%$ from a year earlier. The largest of such credit holders, credit unions and caisses populaires, reported balances outstanding of $\$ 3,912$ million, up $18.0 \%$. (Also included in the quarterly total: other retail stores; other credit-card issuers; public utilities; and trust and mortgage companies.)

Including quarterly reporters, outstanding balances at the end of the first quarter of 1977 totalled $\$ 28,174$ million, up 17.2\% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the April 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.

Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1976 -. Advance Information.
Sales of farm implements and equipment (including repair parts) for 1976 were valued at $\$ 1,288,796,625$, up $16.1 \%$ from the 1975 figure of $\$ 1,110,341,162$. The value of new machines sold increased 17.4\% from $\$ 966,298,960$ in 1975 to $\$ 1,134,085,710$ in 1976; repair parts for 1976 at $\$ 154,710,915$ were up $7.4 \%$ from 1975 sales of $\$ 144,042,202$.

Further information will be contained in Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, 1976 (63-203, 70\$). Advance details may be obtained from Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9307), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.
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Data Avallable on Contracting Industries, 1975

Now available free of charge is an information bulletin entitled Selected Financial and Operational Characteristics of Highway, Road and Bridge and Heavy Engineering General Contractors, 1975. For additional information concerning these industries, contact G. Beauchamp (613-994-9795), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0 T6.
Also available is a bulletin on Selected Financial and Operational Characteristics of Residential and Non-Residential General Contractors, 1975.
For additional information concerning these industries, contact P. Zylstra (613-994-9795), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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## Service Bulletin:

Communlcations (56-001, $\$ 1.40$ per year), Vol. 7, No. 12, Notice to Subscribers

Wholesale Trade, April 1977 - Advance Information. Sales by wholesale merchants for April were estimated at $\$ 4,367,860,000$, up $4.3 \%$ from $\$ 4,189,694,000$ in April 1976.

Wholesale inventories were valued at $\$ 7,621,998,000$ at the end of April, an increase of $10.7 \%$ from $\$ 6,887,935,000$ on hand a year earlier.

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

Shipping Statlstics, 1976 - Advance Information.
Preliminary shipping data for the annual publications, Shipping Reports, Parts I to V, are now available in advance of the final data released in the regular publications. Part I presents International Seaborne Shipping (by Country) (54-202, \$2.80); Part II, International Seaborne Shipping (by Port) (54-203, \$1.05); Part III, Coastwise Shipping (54-204, \$1.40); Part IV, Origin and Destination for Selected Ports (54-206, \$2.10); and Part V, Origin and Destination for Selected Commodities (54-207, \$1.05).

Also available are preliminary origin and destination statistics for non-selected ports and non-selected commodities in both international and domestic shipping.

For further information, contact Mr. D. Chartrand (613-996-9274), Chief, Water Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
Dairy Factory Production, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of creamery butter decreased 9.5\% in May to 26.1 million pounds from 28.9 million pounds a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production decreased $5.5 \%$ to 14.4 million pounds from 15.2 million pounds and production of ice cream mix increased $20.6 \%$ to 3.3 million gallons from 2.8 million gallons.

For further information, order the May issue of Dairy Factory Production (32-002, 154/\$1.50), or contact Mr. C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Stocks of Dalry and Frozen Pouliry Products, June 1, 1977 - Advance Information.
Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were down to 34.9 million pounds on June 1 compared with last year's corresponding total of 80.1 million while stocks of cheddar cheese were up to 60.8 million pounds from 57.4 million. Stocks of skim milk powder decreased 40.5\% to 205.7 million pounds and stocks of evaporated whole milk decreased $19.0 \%$ to 18.6 million pounds.

For further information, order the June 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 OL7.
Miscellaneous Paper Converters, 1975 - Advance Information.
Miscellaneous paper converters shipped $\$ 717.3$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $3.9 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 345.2$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.1 \%$ to 17,059 and total salaries and wages increased $10.3 \%$ to $\$ 178.4$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Miscellaneous Paper Converters, 1975 (36-206, 70¢).

## Weekly Securlty Price Indexes

June 1977 - Advance Information.

|  | Number stocks priced | June 10/77 This week | June 3/77 <br> Week ago | May 13/77 <br> Month ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1971=100$ |  |  |  |
| Investors Index | 134 | 98.4 | 98.0 | 99.8 |
| Industrials | 85 | 95.5 | 95.6 | 98.8 |
| Foods | 9 | 84.0 | 82.9 | 87.1 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 5 | 71.8 | 72.3 | 73.4 |
| Textiles and clothing | 3 | 109.1 | 111.3 | 110.4 |
| Pulp and paper | 7 | 118.9 | 118.4 | 127.2 |
| Printing and publishing | 5 | 92.7 | 95.6 | 98.5 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 103.1 | 102.6 | 104.1 |
| Industrial mines | , | 85.9 | 86.1 | 89.8 |
| Metal fabricating | 9 | 190.2 | 193.1 | 194.6 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 4 | 85.0 | 86.3 | 87.9 |
| Petroleum | 8 | 91.7 | 90.8 | 93.9 |
| Chemicals | 5 | 103.8 | 103.7 | 104.3 |
| Construction | 5 | 232.0 | 231.1 | 234.7 |
| Trade | 15 | 77.3 | 77.5 | 78.3 |
| Utilitles and services | 28 | 100.6 | 99.2 | 97.3 |
| Transportation | 6 | 132.9 | 131.7 | 129.4 |
| Pipelines | 5 | 90.2 | 88.9 | 86.5 |
| Radio and TV broadcasting | 5 | 99.1 | 95.2 | 98.4 |
| Telephone | 4 | 104.8 | 102.5 | 99.7 |
| Electric power | 3 | 122.1 | 121.7 | 120.5 |
| Gas distribution | 5 | 74.9. | 74.6 | 74.1 |
| Finances | 21 | 109.8 | 108.2 | 108.7 |
| Banks | 8 | 112.1 | 109.9 | 110.7 |
| Investment and loan | 9 | 104.3 | 103.9 | 103.5 |
| Insurance | 4 | 105.4 | 104.7 | 106.4 |
| Mining Index | 17 | 107.1 | 106.6 | 112.3 |
| Golds | 9 | 192.7 | 191.5 | 205.0 |
| Base metals | 8 | 66.0 | 65.9 | 67.9 |
| Uraniums | 2 | 181.2 | 183,0 | 183.9 |
| Primary oils and gas index | 5 | 105.2 | 105.5 | 104.7 |

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

Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars), May 1977

- Advance Information.

Production of cigarettes for May amounted to 5.6 billion compared to 5.4 billion for May 1976. Production of cigars was 38.0 million compared to 44.0 million for May 1976.

For further information, order the May 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.



|  | 1971 <br> percentage weight | 1977 |  |  |  | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| © |  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| Index of Indusirial Production ${ }^{\dagger}$ | 29.497 | 122.8 | 122.6 | 122.7 | 122.3 | -0.3 |
| Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells | 3.819 | 114.8 | 118.0 | 1.16 .7 | 113.6 | -2.7 |
| Metal mines | 1.584 | 116.3 | 118.9 | 119.1 ${ }^{\prime}$ | 115.4 | -3.1 |
| Mineral fuels | 1.492 | 111.4 | 117.5 | 115.6 | 111.7 | -3.4 |
| Non-metal mines (except coal mines) | . 363 | 133.8 | 132.4 | 123.1 | 120.3 | -2.3 |
| Manufacturing industries | 22.862 | 121.0 | 120.4 | 121.0 | 121.3 | 0.2 |
| Food and beverage industries | 3.254 | 112.6 | 114.2 | 114.3 | 114.6 | 0.3 |
| Tobacco products industries | . 212 | 122.5 | 118.7 | 118.0 | 117.0 | -0.8 |
| Rubber and plastics products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| industries | . 650 | 152.9 | 149.1 | 147.1 | 149.0 | 1.3 |
| Leather industries | . 206 | 97.3 | 94.0 | $90: 0$ | 93.8 | 4.2 |
| Textile industries | . 756 | 109.1 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 107.0 | 0.2 |
| Kinitting mills | . 205 | 102.5 | 100.8 | 101.8 | 102.2 | 0.4 |
| Clöthing industries | . 742 | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.8 | 111.2 | 0.4 |
| Wood industries | . 968 | 137.5 | 131.2 | 128.7 | 129.1 | 0.3 |
| Furniture and fixture industries | 420 | 112.1 | 110.4 | 1.10.7 | 1100 | -0.6 |
| Paper and allied industries | 1.878 | 117.8 | 117.5 | 115.4 | 116.1 | 0.6 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 1.123 | . 118.1 | 117.2 | 116.4 | 117.7 | 1.1 |
| Primary metal industries | 1.976 | '107.6 | 107.6 | 111.2 | 108.5 | -2.4 |
| Metal fabricating industries (except machinery and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machinery industries (except electrical machinery) | 1.008 | 132.3 | 130.9 | 131.5 | 131.8 | -1.0 |
| Transportation equipment industries | 2.571 | 133.9 | 133.1 | 137.9 | 136:6 | -0.9 |
| Electrical products industries | - 1.631 | 116.2 | 115.0 | -114.1 | 117.4 | 2.9 |
| Non-metalic mineral products industries | . 905 | 115.2 | 114.3 | 117.6 | 121.4 | 3.2 |
| Petroleum and coal products industries | . 394 | 136.5 | 139.9 | 134.3 | 133.7 | -0.4 |
| Chemical and chemical products industries | 1.363 | 139.8 | 139.8 | 141.8 | 143.8 | 1.4 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing industries | . 713 | 111.6 | 111.2 | 111.7 | 1.12.1 | 0.4 |
| Electric power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 148.4 | 147.1 | 144.5 | - 141.7 | -1.9 |
| Special Industry grouplngs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 119.6 | 119.5 | 119.0 | 119.8 | 0.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.5 | 121.3 | 123.0 | 122.9 | -0.1 |

Index of Industrial Production, April 1977 — Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined $0.3 \%$ to 122.3 in April from 122.7 in March. Manufacturing increased in April, while mining and utilities decreased.

For further information, order the April 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 OT6.

Housing Starts and Completions in Centres of 10,000 Population \& Over
April 1977 - Advance Information

|  | Starts |  |  |  |  | Completions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Double | Row. | Apt. | Total | Single | Double | Row | Apt. | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 31 | 2 | - | - | 33 | 181 | - | - | 45 | 226 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Nova Scotia | 145 | 16 | 15 | 195 | 371 | 202 | 7 | - | 39 | 248 |
| New Brunswick | 52 | 4 | - | 108 | 164 | 121 | 10 | - | 216 | 347 |
| Quebec | 1,613 | 72 | 112 | 1,569 | 3,366 | 1,263 | 136 | 85 | 1,142 | 2,626 |
| Ontario | 1,805 | 895 | 1,064 | 996 | 4,760 | 1,397 | 504 | 572 | 2,238 | 4,711 |
| Manitoba | 270 | 26 | 25 | 99 | 420 | 178 | 57 | 42 | 98 | 375 |
| Saskatchewan | 174 | 14 | - | 738 | 926 | 324 | 22 | 78 | 43 | 467 |
| Alberta | 749 | 248 | 967 | 667 | 2,631 | 1,072 | 92 | 588 | 537 | 2,289 |
| British Columbia | 1,042 | 147 | 334 | 765 | 2,288 | 822 | 129 | 406 | 824 | 2,181 |
| Canada | 5,883 | 1,424 | 2,517 | 5,137 | 14,961 | 5,564 | 957 | 1,771 | 5,182 | 13,474 |
| Metropolltan Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 305 | 38 | 417 | 467 | 1,227 | 273 | 46 | 356 | 210. | 885 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 56 | - |  |  | 56 | 24 | - |  |  | 24 |
| Edmonton | 248 | 52 | 550 | 82 | 932 | 626 | 26 | 152 | 161 | 965 |
| Halifax | 101 | 16 | 15 | 195 | 327 | 125 | 7 | - | 5 | 137 |
| Hamilton | 183 | 19 | 35 | 3 | 240 | 106 | 48 | 201 | 309 | 664 |
| Hull | 17 | - | - | 24 | 41 | 36 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 55 |
| Kitchener | 116 | 20 | 21 | - | 157 | 174 | 10 | 29 | - | 213 |
| London | 134 | 28 |  | - | 162 | 53 | 18 | 12 | - | 83 |
| Montreal | 926 | 58 | 81 | 1.143 | 2,214 | 748 | 125 | 80 | 1,052 | 2,005 |
| Oshawa | 100 | 82 | 100 | 1,143 | 282 | 22 | 20 | B0 | , 156 | 2, 198 |
| Ottawa | 27 | 16 | 253 | - | 296 | 21 | 20 | - | 503 | 544 |
| Quebec | 157 | 2 |  | 32 | 191 | 123 | 2 | - | S03 | 125 |
| Regina | 91 | 12 | - | 276 | 379 | 94 | - 16 | 70 | - | 180 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 138 | 56 | 47 | 74 | 315 | 78 | 38 | 31 | - | 147 |
| Saint-John | 28 | - | - | 12 | 40 | 52 | 6 | - | 162 | 220 |
| St. John's | 28 | - | - | - | 28 | 60 | - | - | 162 | . 60 |
| Saskatoon | 50 | 2 | - | 462 | 514 | 135 | 4 | - | - | 139 |
| Sudbury | 48 | 30 | - | - | 78 | 25 | 4 | - | - | 29 |
| Thunder Bay | 37 | - | - | - | 37 | 34 | - | 35 | 80 | 149 |
| Toronto | 515 | 518 | 574 | 535 | 2,142 | 446 | 192 | 201 | 667 | 1,506 |
| Vancouver | 512 | 85 | 279 | 383 | 1,259 | 500 | 102 | 347 | 607 | 1,556 |
| Victoria | 83 | 18 | 32 | 340 | 473 | 66 | 18 | 55 | 189 | 328 |
| Windsor | 89 | 2 | - | 180 | 271 | 55 | $\overline{57}$ | 42 | 76 | 131 |
| Winnipeg | 247 | 26 | - | 99 | 372 | 140 | 57 | 42 | 98 | 337 |
| Sub-Total | 4,236 | 1,080 | 2,410 | 4,307 | 12,033 | 4,016 | 767 | 1,616 | 4,281 | 10,680 |
| Major Urban Areas | 424 | 66 | 10 | 235 | 735 | 390 | 59 | 17 | 226 | 692 |
| Other areas 10,000 + | 1,223 | 278 | 97 | 595 | 2,193 | 1,158 | 131 | 138 | 675 | 2,102 |
| All Areas 10,000 + | 5,883 | 1,424 | 2,517 | 5,137 | 14,961 | 5,564 | 957 | 1,771 | 5,182 | 13,474 |

For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, April 1977 (64-002, 40థ/\$4).

## Rallway Carloadings

7-day period ending June. 7

*Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
$\because$ Includes adjustments in respect to prior periods.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Rallway CarloadIngs, 7 Days Ended June 7, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Railways operating in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons ( 4.8 million $t$ ) of revenue freight in the first week of June, an increase of $4.8 \%$ over the same period in 1976. Traffic originating East of the Lakehead declined 2.9\% during the latest period while Western loadings were up 16.6\%. The total number of cars loaded rose $2.6 \%$ to 81,535 from 79,464.

Trailer-container shipments (piggyback) were down $4.9 \%$, with traffic losses recorded in both regions of the country.

From January 1 to June 7, 1977, rail freight loadings at 104.2 million short tons ( 94.5 million $t$ ) registered a gain of 7.3\% over 1976. Piggyback movements were up 17.6\% from the earlier year level.

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

Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods, March' 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian mills shipped $265,297,000$ square feet ( 24647000 m 2 ) 3/8" ( 9.525 mm basis) of softwood plywood in March, up from a revised 222,853,000 square feet ( $20703000 \mathrm{m2}$ ) in March 1976.

Shipments of hardwood plywood amounted to $44,490,000$ square feet ( 4132000 m 2 ) surface measure for March, an increase of 15.5\% over March 1976.

For further information, order the March issue of Peeler Logs, Veneers and Plywoods (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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## Exports by Commoditles

Full details on commodity-country export trade for April 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 0 T6.

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## Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities, May

 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. Some such inter-city price comparisons are published separately: for reference see footnote to ensuing tables.
From April to May, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases ranging from $0.4 \%$ in Winnipeg to $0.8 \%$ in six other cities. Higher food prices - notably for beef, fresh produce, coffee, soft drinks, butter and sugar - along with increased shelter charges were major contributors to these increases. Other important factors included higher prices for barber and hairdressing services, seasonal recreation equipment, new cars and for beer and liquor.

## St. John's

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.4\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for food at home, notably for beef, fresh vegetables, coffee and bread; higher shelter charges and telephone rates. Prices up for cigarettes while those for restaurant meals were down as a result of higher sales tax exemption levels.

## Halifax

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.7\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1\%.

Main contributors: higher household operation expenses resulting from increased telephone rates and fuel oil prices; shelter charges also up. Prices also up for coffee, pork products, butter and bread as well as for barber and hairdressing services.

## Salnt John

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.3\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for butter, coffee, soft drinks, poultry and restaurant meals; increased charges for both owned and rented accommodation and higher prices for selected clothing items. Telephone rates were down.

## Quebec City

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.5\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, coffee and butter; increased prices for beer and liquor and for barber and hairdressing services.

## Montreal

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for beef and coffee. Higher prices for beer and liquor, new cars and for selected clothing items.

## Ottawa

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.9\%.

Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, fresh vegetables, coffee and soft drinks. Prices also up for seasonal recreation equipment, men's haircuts and and alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises. Movie admission charges were down as were some restaurant meal prices.

## Toronto

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.4\%.
Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for fresh produce, coffee, beef and poultry; higher charges for shelter and household operation; prices up for seasonal recreation equipment and for women's hairdressing services.

## Thunder Bay

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.7\%.
Main contributors: higher food prices, notably for beef, pork, and fresh produce. Prices also up for women's hairdressing services and for seasonal recreation equipment.
WInnipeg
All items: April to May 1977, up 0.4\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 7.3\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher household operation expenses; increased prices for fresh produce, coffee, sugar, pork, seasonal recreation equipment and new cars.

## Saskatoon

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.5\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.1\%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges for both owned and rented accommodation and higher telephone rates. Automobile insurance premiums up, as were restaurant meal prices.
(Continued)

## Regina

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.8\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 9.5\%
Maln contributors: increased shelter charges and higher telephone and water rates; increased automobile insurance premiums. Prices also up for food consumed at home and for barber and hairdressing services.

## Edmonton

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.6\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.6\%.

Main contributors: increased prices for domestic gas and increased shelter charges. Higher prices registered for fresh fruit, coffee and beef; prices for alcoholic beverages and for men's wear up.

## Calgary

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.7\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 8.5\%.

Main contributors: increased homeownership and household operation charges; higher prices for beef fresh fruit, coffee and butter. Alcoholic beverages and women's hairdressing services also up.

## Vancouver

All items: April to May 1977, up 0.5\%; May 1976 to May 1977, up 6.2\%.

Main contributors: increased food prices, notably for dairy products, bread, fresh vegetables, coffee and soft drinks. Prices up for new cars, barber and hairdressing services, seasonal recreation equipment and admissions to movies.
(see table on pages 4-5)

Bullding Permits, April 1977 - Advance Information. The value of building permits issued in Canada, seasonally adjusted, decreased $11.7 \%$ to $\$ 975.6$ million in April from a revised $\$ 1,104.6$ million in March. In April 1976, the corresponding figure was $\$ 1,040.6$ million.

The value of proposed residential construction dropped to $\$ 594.4$ million ( $\$ 731.6$ million in March 1977) when the number of new dwellings authorized decreased, reflecting an annual rate of 225,400 units compared to an unusually-high rate of 289,800 in March. Single-detached houses fell to an annual rate of $109,200(125,200)$ and multiple dwellings to a rate of $116,200(164,600)$.

Industrial projects, estimated at $\$ 85.1$ million, remained practically unchanged compared to March ( $\$ 86.5$ million), commercial projects increased to $\$ 204.5$ million ( $\$ 155.8$ million) and publicly-initiated construction decreased to $\$ 91.6$ million ( $\$ 130.8$ milIion).

For further information, order the April issue of Building Permits (64-001, 70 $/ \$ 7$ ), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-994-9527), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
(see table on page 6)

Stocks of Frozen Meat Producis, June 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of June amounted to 118.9 million pounds as compared with 129.2 million last month and 113.9 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the June issue of Stocks of Frozen Meat Products (32-012, 304/\$3), or contact C.M. Riach (613-994-9974), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

## Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 18, 1977 — Advance

 Information.Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 18 was 285,318 short tons (258 836 t), a decrease of $0.8 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 287,527 short tons ( 260840 t). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 265,315 tons ( 240690 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 155.7 in the current week, 156.9 a week earlier and 144.8 one year ago.

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

## Consumer Price Indexes for Reglonal Clities 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 caninot be used to compare levels of prices between cities. *

|  | $\underset{\text { items }}{\substack{\text { All }}}$ | Food | Housing | Clothing (1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 1=100) \end{gathered}$ | Health and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and alcohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 164.1 | 189.8 | 162.1 | 134.4 | 159.1 | 162.1 | 136.9 | 146.9 |
| April 1977 index | 162.8 | 188.7 | 160.5 | 133.7 | 157.9 | 161.5 | 136.4 | 143.9 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 |
| Hallifax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 155.6 | 176.6 | 153.2 | 132.9 | 156.9 | 143.6 | 135.5 | 140.7 |
| April 1977 index | 154.5 | 175.5 | 151.3 | 131.6 | 157.4 | 141.4 | 134.9 | 140.3 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 11.3 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 7.6 |
| Salnt John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 158.0 | 183.7 | 154.4 | 131.6 | 153.4 | 157.0 | 149.9 | 133.0 |
| April 1977 index | 157.1 | 181.0 | 153.9 | 131.1 | 153.3 | 156.3 | 149.6 | 133.8 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 10.1 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| Quebec Clty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 154.8 | 181.4 | 146.5 | 134.7 | 153.9 | 148.2 | 141.0 | 144.7 |
| April 1977 index | 153.6 | 179.1 | 146.1 | 134.8 | 153.8 | 145.4 | 139.8 | 141.3 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.5 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 5.5 | 6.6 |
| Montreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 155.9 | 180.2 | 143.1 | 145.7 | 156.1 | 151.6 | 145.0 | 146.4 |
| April 1977 index | 154.7 | 178.2 | 142.4 | 144.9 | 155.6 | 149.9 | 144.3 | 142.7 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 2.6 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 7.6 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 156.6 | 173.7 | 153.9 | 147.7 | 150.3 | 152.6 | 137.3 | 145.0 |
| April 1977 index | 155.6 | 171.2 | 153.2 | 147.3 | 150.2 | 151.1 | 137.2 | 144.0 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 10.6 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 3.1 | 5:0 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 155.9 | 177.4 | 150.3 | 137.4 | 151.0 | 161.4 | 142.3 | 142.0 |
| April 1977 index | 154.7 | 174.4 | 149.7 | 136.6 | 150.8 | 159.7 | 141.1 | 142.3 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | -0.2 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 9.2 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Thunder Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 158.7 | 178.8 | 156.5 | 131.5 | 163.8 | 157.3 | 140.5 | 141.0 |
| April 1977 index | 157.4 | 175.0 | 156.1 | 131.8 | 163.5 | 154.1 | 139.3 | 140.7 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 5.5 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 159.6 | 176.6 | 164.9 | 137.5 | 150.8 | 156.7 | 140.3 | 141.9 |
| April 1977 index | 158.9 | 175.6 | 163.9 | 137.0 | 150.8 | 156.6 | 138.9 | 141.9 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 11.8 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 2.8 |
| Saskatoon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 155.6 | 174.3 | 152.2 | 141.7 | 148.7 | 146.3 | 152.6 | 146.0 |
| April 1977 index | 154.8 | 174.1 | 151.0 | 141.2 | 146.8 | 146.5 | 152.3 | 145.1 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 10.3 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 11.4 |
| Regina |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 157.4 | 171.1 | 156.5 | 139.1 | 151.9 | 155.1 | 156.8 | 147.5 |
| April 1977 index | 156.1 | 169.9 | 155.0 | 138.8 | 149.9 | 152.6 | 155.9 | 146.1 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 11.5 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 11.8 |

## Consumer Price Indexes for Reglonal Clites 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."

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ali } \\ \text { Items } \end{gathered}$ | Food | Housing | Ciothing (1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trans- } \\ \text { porta- } \\ \text { tion } \\ 71=100) \end{gathered}$ | Heaith and personal care | Recreation education and reading | Tobacco and aicohol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Edmonton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 158.4 | 170.5 | 165.7 | 138.8 | 156.3 | 147.4 | 141.5 | 135.7 |
| April 1977 Index | 157.4 | 170.3 | 163.6 | 138.2 | 156.1 | 145.7 | 140.8 | 133.8 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.4 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 11.7 | 5.7 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 5.6 |
| Calgary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 index | 157.1 | 170.8 | 158.8 | 142.5 | 154.0 | 152.4 | 143.4 | 137.7 |
| April 1977 Index | 156.0 | 169.5 | 157.4 | 141.9 | 153.7 | 149.9 | 142.9 | 136.0 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 1977 Index | 160.4 | 180.5 | 158.0 | 140.7 | 156.4 | 156.4 | 137.0 | 143.7 |
| April 1977 Index | 159.6 | 179.3 | 157.4 | 141.0 | 156.0 | 152.5 | 135.3 | 143.4 |
| \% change from April 1977 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 0.2 |
| \% change from May 1976 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 9.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 5.5 |

*For inter-city indexes of retail price differentiais refer to Tabie 12 of Consumer Prices and Price indexes ( $62-010, \$ 1.40 / \$ 5.60$ ).

## Buliding Permits

April 1977 - Advance Information


Preliminary figures.
For further information order Building Permits, April 1977 (64-001, 70¢/\$7).


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Selected Meat and Meat Preparatlons, April 1977 (32-020, 15¢/\$1.50)
Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, April 1977 (41-011, 15\$/\$1.50)

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Coal and Coke Statistics, March 1977 (45-002, 40¢/\$4)

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Metals and Minerals (41-010, $\$ 2.80$ per year), Vol. 4, No. 15, Consumption of NonMetallic Minerals, 1975

Grose Na\&ional Produci, First Quarter 1977.
Gross National Product, seasonally adjusted at annual rates increased $2.2 \%$ in the first quarter to a level of $\$ 199.9$ billion. Measured in real terms, GNP increased $1.3 \%$ after having fallen $0.2 \%$ in the last quarter of 1976. The economy swing: back to a relatively healthy but narrowly based rate of real growth in the fitst quarter, largely on the stréngth of a substantial increase in the value of exports and a consequent improvement in the balance of trade in goods and services. An increase in the real value of government current expenditure also contributed a significant amount to the expansion in real output. But personal expenditure on goods and services, which accounted for almost all of last year's real growth, declined $0.4 \%$ in real terms as spending on both semi-durable and non-durable goods fell, and there was little strength in gross fixed capital formation.
Despite increases in the implicit price indexes for a number of major expenditure aggregates, the price of national production as measured by the over-all GNP implicit price index rose only $0.8 \%$ in the first quarter. This was primarily because the implicit price index for government current expenditure fell $2.4 \%$ after increasing $6.4 \%$ last quarter, when large retroactive wage payments were made. Removing these payments gives a better measure of the "underlying" rate of price change in the economy, and on this basis the government and GNP implicit price indexes increased during the quarter by $1.9 \%$ and $1.7 \%$, respectively.
The improvement in the foreign sector balance coincided with a decline in the value of the Canadian dollar against most major foreign currencies, and this movement was equivalent to about half of the very large $6.5 \%$ increase in the implicit price index for imports. Higher import prices were in turn partially responsible for an acceleration in the price index for personal expenditure, which increased $2.0 \%$ after a $1.1 \%$ increase in the fourth quarter of 1976. The exchange rate movement also contributed to the $3.2 \%$ increase in the export implicit price index. A large proportion of Canada's exports is priced in U.S. dollars, presumably in part because the prices are set by world markets and not by the Canadian exporter. A rise in the price of U.S. currency in terms of Canadian therefore has the effect of raising the Canadian dollar price of these exports, even though the price to foreign customers has not changed.
The increases in the volume and price level of exports both apparently helped to improve the performance of corporation profits before taxes, which increased $15.6 \%$, and accounted for about twothirds of the growth in output measured in income terms. The largest percentage increases were in manufacturing and mining - industries that produce commodities experiencing strong export growth in the first quarter - and in wholesale and retail trade. The first quarter increase followed a very weak year in 1976, and the growth in profits from one year ago was only slightly stronger than that in GNP as a whole.
About half of the first quarter change in profits resulted from windfall gains made by selling goods from inventory at prices higher than those that prevailed when they were produced. The inventory
valuation adjustment, which measures these profits, increased in absolute magnitude by $\$ 1.6$ billion from the fourth to the first quarter, most of which can be attributed to the corporate sector. The largest changes in inventory profits were in manufacturing and retail trade.
Wages, salaries, and supplementary labour income increased $1.0 \%$ in the first quarter. This very low rate of growth is to some extent misleading because it has been distorted by the retroactive wage payments made by governments in the fourth quarter, but after these have been adjusted for, the first quarter rate of growth was $2.3 \%$. Of this, most was a result of an increase in average compensation rather than in employment.
Net income received by farm operators from farm production fell more than $20 \%$ during the quarter, which left it at less than half its level of a year ago. There was also a decline of $2.1 \%$ in interest, dividends, and miscellaneous investment income. These declines together with the weakness in labour income more than offset relatively large increases in non-farm unincorporated business income and in government transfers to persons, and personal income rose only $\mathbf{1 . 5 \%}$ during the quarter. This left it $9.6 \%$ above the first quarter of 1976, the lowest year-over-year rate of growth in personal income since the first quarter of 1971.

Because personal income tax collections increased by very nearly as much as personal income in the first quarter, personal disposable income rose only $0.5 \%$. Personal expenditure on goods and services increased $1.6 \%$ in current dollar terms, with the result that personal saving as a percentage of personal disposable income fell to $8.5 \%$ from $9.5 \%$ last quarter.
In real terms, personal expenditure fell $0.4 \%$. Spending on durable goods was up $1.8 \%$, largely as a result of higher real expenditure on automobiles and recreational equipment, and expenditure on services increased $1.9 \%$. Spending on semi-durable goods fell $2.4 \%$, however, and there was a $3.7 \%$ decline in expenditure on non-durable goods, which reflected lower real spending on food.

Gross fixed capital formation increased $0.5 \%$ in real terms during the quarter, most of which resulted froma $3.5 \%$ increase in business investment in nonresidential construction. As the Private and Public Investment in Canada survey of 1977 intentions suggested, most of this growth was attributable to an increase in engineering expenditure. There was also a modest $0.5 \%$ increase in business investment in machinery and equipment, but business investment in residential construction fell $2.0 \%$ in real terms, making this the third consecutive quarter in which residential construction activity has declined.
After a moderate amount of stock building last quarter, the real value of the physical change in inventories fell by $\$ 1.0$ billion in the first quarter. Much of this decline appears to have resulted from unexpectedly strong export demand.
(continued)

Exports of goods and services increased $10.0 \%$ in current dollar terms in the first quarter, putting them $17.4 \%$ above the level of a year ago. There were substantial increases in exports of automobiles, trucks, aluminum, wheat, and iron ore, with United States demand accounting for most of the growth. Imports increased by a more moderate $7.2 \%$, and as a result, the deficit in trade of goods and services fell to $\$ 3.9$ billion from $\$ 4.8$ billion in the previous quarter. The service deficit continued to increase, however, largely as a result of further deterioration in the travel account.

In constant dollar terms, exports increased 6.5\% while imports grew $0.7 \%$. The very large increase in the implicit deflator for imports reflects the depreciation of the Canadian dollar as well as sharp price increases in fresh fruits and vegetables, coffee, tea and cocoa.

The increase in the real value of exports accounted for most of the first quarter growth, and because of its timing it may appear that the swing in the real growth rate can be linked to the decline in the international value of the dollar. It is not clear, however, that the increase in export value can be attributed completely or even primarily to the exchange rate movement. And the partially offsetting effects of the dollar's loss of value on the service account have yet to be seen in full, because a low level of dividend payments to nonresidents in the first quarter masked the increase in debt servicing on foreign currency-denominated liabilities. There is also a danger that the exchange rate fall will in future reduce personal expenditure growth, because of the wealth-reducing impact of higher prices for personal expenditure commodities. This of course may act to hold down growth in imports, but it may also reduce expansion of expenditure on domestically-produced commodities.

Government current expenditure on goods and services increased $1.8 \%$ in current dollar terms in the first quarter, while capital expenditure showed little change. Transfer payments to persons were up strongly, with higher provincial payments accounting for much of the $7.8 \%$ growth, and there was also an increase in subsidy payments. The net result of these movements was that total expenditure of all levels of government combined, excluding inter-government transfers, rose $3.2 \%$ during the quarter.

Total revenue of all levels of government increased $6.4 \%$, of which about $40 \%$ was attributable to higher personal direct taxes. Corporate direct tax liabilities also rose sharply in the quarter. As a result, the deficit of all levels of government on a National Accounts basis fell to $\$ 1.3$ billion from $\$ 3.5$ billion last quarter.

Following usual practice, data from 1971 to 1976 have been revised. A discussion and analysis of the revisions will be provided in the first quarter issue of National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001, $\$ 1.05 / \$ 4.20$ ) to be released in late July.

Employment, Earnings and Hours (Seasonaliy Adjusted), April 1977 - Advance Information.
The first estimates of the Canadian industrial composite "index of employment (1961=100) for April show a $0.5 \%$ increase from March. Except for trade and for finance, insurance and real estate, which declined, all industry divisions advanced. All regions posted gains
except British Columbia, which remained the same.
Average weekly earnings rose $0.9 \%$ at the national industrial composite level in April. All industry divisions, excluding finance, insurance and real estate which regressed, and all regions registered gains.
Average weekly hours of hourly-rated wage-earners were unchanged in mining (including milling) and in construction, but decreased in manufacturing. Average hourly earnings advanced in three industry divisions.


#### Abstract

*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 February and March will be published in the April 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 4-6)

## Seasonally-Adjusted Employment Indexes (1971=100).

Starting with this issue of the Statistics Canada Daily, the text and accompanying table on the Canada employment indexes (selected industries) using 1971 as the base year will no longer be published. However, the data will still be available by contacting Catherine Boies (613-992-1635), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV2.

Stocks of Fruit and Vegetabies, June 1, 1977 Advance Information.
Stocks of fruits, frozen and in preservatives, in storages and factories on June 1 totalled 24.4 million pounds compared with 27.7 million last year. Holdings of vegetables, frozen and in brine, totalled 70.1 million pounds ( 97.5 million in 1976).

For further information, order the June 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 0 L7.

Salaries and Qualifications of Teachers In Pubilc Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1974-75 and 1975-76 - Advance Information.
Advance information from the forthcoming publication ( $81-202, \$ 1.40$ ) is now available regarding salaries and qualifications of elementary and secondary teachers for the school years 1974-75 and 1975-76. Requests for information should be specified and forwarded to Miss Michele Meloche (613-995-9795), Elementary-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Employment, Earnings and Hours, Advance Data

April 1977

| Industry Division and Area 1960 S.I.C. | Employment Index Numbers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1977 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \\ 1961= \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Mar. } \\ 1976 \\ =100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1977 f \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{gathered}$ |
| Industry Division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | 56.0 | 58.2 | 64.7 | 65.4 | 51.4 | 56.6 | 78.7 | 71.9 | 74.7 | 72.9 |
| Mining, including milling | 119.6 | 120.7 | 120.3 | 119.7 | 114.0 | 116.2 | 124.0 | 121.8 | 121.0 | 121.4 |
| Manufacturing | 125.6 | 124.2 | 123.4 | 123.5 | 128.0 | 127.1 | 126.8 | 126.2 | 126.5 | 126.5 |
| Durable Goods | 137.0 | 136.0 | 135.5 | 136.1 | 141.1 | 139.9 | 138.0 | 137.7 | 138.4 | 138.7 |
| Non-durable Goods | 116.4 | 114.8 | 113.6 | 113.3 | 117.4 | 116.8 | 117.9 | 117.3 | 116.9 | 116.5 |
| Construction | 104.9 | 98:0 | 96.4 | 96.8 | 110.0 | 103.6 | 113.9 | 112.4 | 112.1 | 112.7 |
| Transportation, Communication and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Utilities | 127.6 | 126.3 | 125.9 | 126.0 | 126.7 | 124.0 | 129.9 | 129.2 | 129.6 | 129.3 |
| Trade | 168.3 | 167.5 | 167.2 | 170.4 | 172.3 | 170.1 | 169.7 | 170.1 | 171.3 | 172.6 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 190.0 | 189.9 | 189.6 | 189.4 | 180.8 | 180.3 | 191.4 | 192.2 | 191.0 | 191.0 |
| Service | 247.8 | 242.5 | 237.7 | 235.8 | 238.3 | 234.2 | 251.1 | 249.0 | 245.9 | 246.2 |
| Industrial Composite | 142.1 | 140.4 | 139.6 | 140.0 | 142.4 | 140.7 | 144.8 | 144.1 | 144.2 | 144.4 |
| Industrial Composite: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 125.0 | 122.1 | 121.9 | 121.6 | 127.0 | 124.8 | 132.1 | 130.4 | 130.9 | 129.5 |
| Newfoundland | 126.7 | 124.9 | 124.2 | 120.1 | 126.0 | 123.8 | 136.1 | 136.7 | 135.3 | 130.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 136.6 | 128.9 | 129.5 | 129.0 | 135.8 | 124.4 | 150.9 | 147.7 | 150.7 | 146.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 124.5 | 121.3 | 121.0 | 121.4 | 126.3 | 124.1 | 127.9 | 126.0 | 126.7 | 127.2 |
| New Brunswick | 123.6 | 120.6 | 120.8 | 122.2 | 127.7 | 126.3 | 132.2 | 129.8 | 130.7 | 130.8 |
| Quebec | 125.5 | 124.3 | 123.5 | 125.0 | 129.2 | 127.5 | 128.7 | 127.9 | 127.5 | 128.8 |
| Ontario | 145.8 | 144.0 | 143.8 | 144.0 | 145.9 | 144.0 | 147.6 | 147.2 | 147.6 | 147.4 |
| Prairie Region | 155.2 | 154.2 | 153.3 | 153.2 | 151.7 | 150.8 | 158.8 | 158.7 | 158.5 | 158.3 |
| Manitoba | 123.2 | 122.2 | 121.8 | 122.4 | 126.9 | 125.8 | 125.2 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 141.1 | 139.3 | 139.0 | 138.8 | 139.0 | 137.4 | 145.5 | 145.1 | 145.3 | 144.9 |
| Alberta | 187.9 | 187.1 | 185.7 | 184.9 | 177.7 | 176.8 | 192.5 | 191.9 | 191.7 | 191.0 |
| British Columbia | 170.9 | 169.3 | 165.3 | 164.8 | 166.9 | 164.6 | 171.2 | 171.2 | 170.8 | 170.9 |
| Yukon | 184.1 | 183.2 | 177.0 | 173.9 | 159.9 | 183.4 | 190.3 | 195.9 | 191.4 | 187.6 |
| Northwest Territories | 159.8 | 157.1 | 144.0 | 143.7 | 151.0 | 146.2 | 167.9 | 166.5 | 157.8 | 161.2 |
| Canada | 142.1 | 140.4 | 139.6 | 140.0 | 142.4 | 140.7 | 144.8 | 144.1 | 144.2 | 144.4 |

. .figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.
Elementary-Secondary School Enrolment, 1976-1977

- Advance Information.

Advance information from the forthcoming publication (81-210, \$1.05) is now available regarding grade and age of elementary and secondary students for the 1976-1977 school year. Requests should be specified and forwarded to Mr. J. Seidle or Mrs. R. Campbell (613-995-9795), Elementary-Secondary Education Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Employment, Earnings and Hours (continued)

|  | Average Weekly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry Division and Area | Unadjusted for seasonal variations |  |  |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |
| 1960 S.I.C. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \\ \text { doll } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ ars | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1977 \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | Mar. 1977p | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{array}$ |

Industry Division:
Forestry
Mining, including milling
Manufacturing
Durable Goods
323.64326 .77332 .50316 .35297 .65291 .81310 .42310 .09319 .10313 .96
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllll}343.23 & 343.80 & 340.31 & 339.26 & 311.84 & 310.78 & 342.58 & 338.95 & 337.54 & 335.10\end{array}$

281.03279 .26276 .89271 .28253 .98250 .97280 .30279 .32 276.67. 270.09

361.36358 .35351 .16344 .21322 .92328 .68361 .50358 .64349 .97345 .28

Construction
Transportation, Communication and
Other Utilities
285.59 283.25-283.39 280.44255 .32251 .44284 .23282 .97281 .84278 .99

Trade
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllll}189.53 & 186.05 & 184.50 & 182.28 & 174.59 & 171.13 & 189.44 & 186.97 & 186.21 & 184.55\end{array}$
227.87229 .20224 .12220 .64214 .62212 .70225 .39225 .75222 .25219 .65

Service Industrial Composite
industrial Composite:
Atlantic Region
Newfoundland
Prince Edward Island
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick
Quebec

| 168.47 | 167.16 | 168.06 | 166.87 | 158.63 | 156.14 | 168.91 | 166.61 | 168.97 | 166.11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

246.12244 .29242 .53239 .34224 .40221 .76246 .54244 .36242 .43239 .22

Ontario
Prairie Region
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia
Yukon
Northwest Territories
Canada
$218.42218 .59217 .06217 .54198 .48197 .71218 .51 \quad 216.60 .214 .76214 .68$


223.03224 .67223 .87223 .55199 .68 201.01 221.22220 .68220 .32218 .42
241.00238 .42236 .91233 .74219 .09216 .85241 .41239 .14236 .65233 .44

$243.24241 .42240 .81237 .86219 .10217 .20243 .39240 .96240 .67 \quad 239.27$
$223.33221 .50219 .68 \quad 219.07$ 203.02 $201.88 \quad 223.06 \quad 221.19221 .18 \quad 220.28$
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllll}231.42 & 229.30 & 227.28 & 224.59 & 210.10 & 205.41 & 231.17 & 229.14 & 227.83 & 226.52\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllllll}276.22 & 275.11 & 273.77 & 272.59 & 255.07 & 251.13 & 283.16 & 277.30 & 276.01 & 272.10\end{array}$

| 342.22 | 348.68 | 339.43 | 340.34 | 296.14 | 271.53 | - | - | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 279.56 | 288.90 | 299.74 | 287.91 | 283.06 | 287.11 | - | - | - |



[^16]Employment, Earnings and Hours (contlinued)

| Industry Division and Area (1960 S.I.C.) | Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Apr. 19771 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{gathered}$ | Feb. 1977p | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1977 r \end{aligned}$ | Apr. 1976 num | Mar. 1976 er | Apr. 1977 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } \\ \text { 1977p } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { Ja77r }}{\substack{\text { 197. }}}$ |
| Average Weekly Hours: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 40.3 | 40.7 | 40.6 | 41.0 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 40.5 |
| Manufacturing | 38.7 | 38.9 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 38.9 | 39.0 | 38.5 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 38.4 |
| Durable Goods | 39.6 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 39.7 | 39.3 | 39.6 | 39.7 | 39.0 |
| Non-durable Goods | 37.7 | 38.0 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 38.1 | 38.3 | 37.5 | 38.0 | 37.8 | 37.8 |
| Construction | 38.5 | 38.5 | 37.8 | 37.2 | 38.7 | 39.6 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 38.3 | 38.1 |
| Building | 37.2 | 37.0 | 36.5 | 36.5 | 37.7 | 38.7 | 36.9 | 37.4 | 36.7 | 36.9 |
| Engineering | 41.1 | 41.6 | 40.6 | 39.0 | 40.8 | 41.7 | 42.5 | 43.2 | 41.0 | 40.3 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 38.0 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 38.1 | 38.4 | 38.0 | 37.4 | 37.7 | 38.7 | 37.5 |
| Quebec | 38.9 | 39.2 | 38.9 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.5 | 38.6 | 39.1 | 38.6 | 38.9 |
| Ontario | 39.4 | 39.7 | 39.7 | 38.8 | 39.6 | 39.5 | 39.3 | 39.6 | 39.7 | 38.8 |
| Prairie Region | 37.2 | 37.6 | 37.3 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 37.3 | 37.5 |
| British Columbia | 36.2 | 36.1 | 36.5 | 36.9 | 36.5 doll | 36.6 | 36.1 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 36.9 |
| Average Hourly Earnings: Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, including milling | 7.96 | 7.98 | 7.90 | 7.84 | 7.29 | 7.26 | 7.98 | 7.91 | 7.91 | 7.85 |
| Manufacturing | 6.28 | 6.22 | 6.16 | 6.11 | 5.65 | 5.58 | 6.27 | 6.22 | 6.18 | 6.10 |
| Durable Goods | 6.69 | 6.61 | 6.57 | 6.50 | 6.02 | 5.94 | 6.70 | 6.63 | 6.60 | 6.50 |
| Non-durable Goods | 5.85 | 5.80 | 5.72 | 5.70 | 5.26 | 5.19 | 5.84 | 5.80 | 5.74 | 5.69 |
| Construction | 9.59 | 9.56 | 9.51 | 9.44 | 8.48 | 8.53 | 9.50 | 9.46 | 9.36 | 9.30 |
| Building | 9.42 | 9.36 | 9.31 | 9.26 | 8.45 | 8.51 | 9.44 | 9.35 | 9.26 | 9.16 |
| Engineering | 9.89 | 9.95 | 9.91 | 9.84 | 8.54 | 8.56 | 9.65 | 9.79 | 9.68 | 9.73 |
| Manufacturing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Region | 5.76 | 5.80 | 5.73 | 5.74 | 5.14 | 5.17 | 5.72 | 5.71 | 5.59 | 5.60 |
| Quebec | 5.63 | 5.57 | 5.53 | 5.49 | 5.05 | 4.98 | 5.62 | 5.58 | 5.55 | 5.50 |
| Ontario | 6.38 | 6.31 | 6.26 | 6.19 | 5.80 | 5.72 | 6.37 | 6.31 | 6.28 | 6.16 |
| Prairie Region | 6.38 | 6.19 | 6.16 | 6.12 | 5.63 | 5.48 | 6.38 | 6.25 | 6.24 | 6.17 |
| British Columbia | 8.12 | 8.12 | 8.03 | 8.01 | 7.34 | 7.27 | 8.16 | 8.16 | 8.05 | 7.99 |

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Fruit and Vegetable Production, June 1977 (22-003, 40¢/\$3)
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Canned and Frozen Frults and Vegetables, April 1977 (32-011, 30\$/\$3)
Production of Canada's Leading MInerals, April 1977 (26-007, 15\$/\$1.50)
Steel Ingots and Plg Iron, May 1977 (41-002, 15\$/\$1.50)

Real Domestic Product, April 1977 - Advance Information.
The seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product declined $0.3 \%$ to 1253 in April from a level of 125.7 in in March: ${ }^{\text {\& }}$ The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production declined $0.3 \%$. Output of goodsproducing industries decreased $0.5 \%$, while that of service-producing industries was down 0.2\%.

In the goods-producing industries, lower production levels were recorded in agriculture, forestry, fishing and trapping, construction, mining and utilities, while only manufacturing increased. The decreases in agriculture, fishing and trapping and forestry were minimal. Construction was down for the second consecutive month, due to a large decline in residential building activity. The decline in mining was the result of widespread decreases in metal mines, mineral fuels and non-metallic minerals. Utilities were down sharply due to decreases in both electric power and gas distribution. Total manufacturing increased for the second consecutive month; within manufacturing, non-durables increased while durables were relatively unchanged from March. In non-durables manufacturing, increases were recorded by manufacturers of food and beverages, rubber and plastic products, leather products, textiles, clothing, paper and allied products, printing and publishing and chemicals and chemical products. In durables manufacturing, primary metals, metal fabricating and transportation equipment manufacturers declined, while manufacturers of electrical and non-metallic mineral products increased substantially.

Service-producing industries recorded in April the first monthly decline since May 1976. The decrease resulted from declines in transportation, storage and communication, trade, and public administration and defence. Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services industries increased. In transportation, storage and communication, decreases were registered in air transport, railway transport, bus transport, urban transit systems and communication systems, while grain elevators increased substantially. In trade, wholesale trade declined slightly, while retail trade was unchanged from March.

Within retail trade, food; hardware and drug stores increased, while department stores, motor vehicle dealers and clothing stores declined. Finance, insurance and real estate, and community, business and personal services increased slightly. Public administration and defence services declined substantially due to major decreases in federal, provincial and local administration.

For further information, order the April 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 table on next page)
Radio Alr-Time Sales, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were $\$ 6.0$ million in March, an increase of $5.3 \%$ from $\$ 5.7$ million in March 1976. Agency and other commissions reduced gross national sales to $\$ 5.1$ million, up $6.3 \%$ from $\$ 4.8$ million.

Net local air-time sales rose $16.1 \%$ to $\$ 14.4$ million in March from $\$ 12.4$ million a year earlier.

Gross radio air-time sales for 1977 to date were reported at $\$ 55.1$ million compared to $\$ 51.6$ million for 1976, an increase of $6.8 \%$. Net sales rose $7.4 \%$ to $\$ 49.1$ million from $\$ 45.7$ million.

For further information, order the March issue of Radio Broadcasting (56-003, 15 $\uparrow / \$ 1.50$ ), or contact P.T. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications.Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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(1971=100)
(Seasonally AdJusted)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1971 \\ \text { percentage } \\ \text { weight } \end{array}$ | 1977 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | \% Change |
| Real Domestlc Product | 100.000 | 125.6 | 125.5 | 125.7 | 125.3 | -0.3 |
| Agriculture | 3.371 | 88.9 | 88.7 | 85.5 | 85.2 | -0.4 |
| Forestry | . 715 | 115.1 | 112.7 | 126.1 | 123.3 | -2.2 |
| Flahing and Trapping . | . 181 | 78.4 | 85.3 | 93.3 | 88.9 | -4.7 |
| Mines (lncluding miling), quarries and oll wells | 3.819 | 114.8 | 118.0 | 116.7 | 113.6 | -2.7 |
| Manufecturing Industries | 22.862 | 121.0 | 120.4 | 121.0 | 121.3 | 0.2 |
| Construction Industry. | 6.980 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 114.9 | 113.5 | -1.2 |
| Transportation, storage and communication | 9.096 | 133.8 | 135.2 | 136.1 | 134.5 | -1.2 |
| Transportation | 5.874 | 124.2 | 125.7 | 128.1 | 126.2 | -1.5 |
| Air transport and services incidental to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| air transport | . 679 | 186.0 | 186.4 | 188.9 | 184.9 | -2.1 |
| Railway transport | 1.700 | 114.0 | 117.7 | 123.5 | 119.0 | -3.6 |
| Bus transport, interurban and rural | . 089 | 118.0 | 127.3 | 133.0 | 129.9 | -2.3 |
| Urban transit systems | . 250 | 121.8 | 118.0 | 118.8 | 114.8 | -3.4 |
| Pipeline transport | . 489 | 127.1 | 127.2 | 126.3 | 127.1 | 0.6 |
| Storage | . 258 | 84.8 | 103.0 | 93.5 | 101.1 | 8.1 |
| Grain elevators | . 177 | 73.1 | 99.4 | 86.3 | 97.5 | 13.0 |
| Communication | 2.964 | 157.1 | 156.9 | 155.7 | 153.9 | -1.2 |
| Eloctic power, gas and water utilities | 2.816 | 148.4 | 147.0 | 144.5 | 141.7 | -1.9 |
| Trade | 11.367 | 135.5 | 134.4 | 133.6 | 133.2 | -0.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 4.509 | 126.0 | 126.8 | 126.2 | 125.6 | -0.5 |
| Wholesale merchants | 3.242 | 126.5 | 128.5 | 127.8 | 127.2 | -0.5 |
| Retail trade | 6.858 | 141.7 | 139.3 | 138.4 | 138.2 | -0.1 |
| Food stores | 1.368 | 114.3 | 112.1 | 113.6 | 114.9 | 1.1 |
| General merchandise stores | 1.562 | 142.5 | 139.5 | 138.3 | 136.6 | -1.2 |
| Department stores | . 927 | 165.4 | 161.8 | 158.2 | 154.5 | -2.3 |
| Other general merchandise stores | . 635 | 109.1 | 107.0 | 109.1 | 110.4 | 1.2 |
| Motor vehicle dealers | . 697 | 165.3 | 161.9 | 160.8 | 156.0 | -3.0 |
| Clothing stores | . 462 | 134.3 | 128.7 | 130.9 | 127.6 | -2.5 |
| Hardware stores | . 098 | 116.5 | 114.0 | 120.2 | 120.8 | 0.5 |
| Furniture, television, radio and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appliance stores | . 177 | 142.1 | 149.0 | 144.8 | 144.8 | - |
| Drug stores | . 290 | 170.1 | 169.0 | 168.9 | 172.8 | 2.3 |
| Finance, Insurance and real estate | 12.036 | 132.5 | 132.4 | 132.5 | 132.9 | 0.3 |
| Community, business and personal service Industries | 19.359 | 126.6 | 126.6 | 127.7 | 128.1 | 0.3 |
| Education and related services | 6.509 | 115.6 | 116.2 | 117.5 | 118.0 | 0.4 |
| Health and welfare services | 5.272 | 131.2 | 131.7 | 132.2 | 132.7 | 0.4 |
| Amusement and recreation services | . 427 | 150.1 | 150.0 | 150.0 | 152.0 | 1.3 |
| Services to business management | 2.311 | 134.5 | 134.8 | 135.4 | 134.8 | -0.4 |
| Personal services | 1.000 | 107.3 | 107.9 | 107.8 | 108.0 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2.799 | 138.9 | 137.6 | 139.3 | 139.8 | 0.4 |
| Public administration and defence | 7.388 | 124.6 | 125.2 | 125.5 | 124.2 | -1.0 |
| Special grouplngs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Index of industrial production | 29.497 | 122.8 | 122.6 | 122.7 | 122.3 | -0.3 |
| Real domestic product less agriculture | 96.629 | 126.9 | 126.9 | 127.1 | 126.7 | -0.3 |
| Goods-producing industries | 40.754 | 118.6 | 118.3 | 118.2 | 117.6 | -0.5 |
| Goods-producing industries less agriculture | 37.383 | 121.3 | 121.2 | 121.1 | 120.5 | -0.5 |
| Service-producing industries | 59.246 | 130.4 | 130.5 | 130.8 | 130.6 | -0.2 |
| Commercial industries | 81.341 | 127.1 | 126.9 | 126.9 | 126.5 | -0.3 |
| Commercial industries less agriculture | 77.970 | 128.7 | 128.6 | 128.7 | 128.2 | -0.4 |
| Non-commercial industries | 18.659 | 119.1 | 119.7 | 120.4 | 120.1 | -0.2 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 11.496 | 119.6 | 119.5 | 119.0 | 119.8 | 0.7 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 11.366 | 122.5 | 121.3 | 123.0 | 122.9 | -0.1 |

## Summary of Net Shipments* of Roiled Steel Products

April 1977 - Advance Informatlon:

|  | Domestic |  | Export |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tons of } \\ & 2,000 \text { lbs. } \end{aligned}$ | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes | tons of 2,000 lbs. | metric tonnes |
| Ingots and semi-finished shapes | 31,376 | 28465 | 64,676 | 58673 | 96,052 | 87138 |
| Rails | 26,053 | 23634 | : $\mathbf{2 , 3 7 8}$ ! | 2157 | 28,431 | 25791 |
| Wire rods | 62,738 | 56915 | 19,878 | 18033 | 82,616 | 74948 |
| Structural shapes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy | 49,990 | 451351 | 15,483 | 14.046 | 65,473 | 59397 |
| Bar-sized shapes | 12,497 | 11339 | 2,729 | 2476 | 15,226 | 13815 |
| Concrete reinforcing bars | 41,461 | 37612 | - | - | 41,461 | 37612 |
| Other hot rolled bars | 78,896 | 71572 | 7,604 | 6899 | 86,500 | 78471 |
| Tie plates and track material | 3,253 | $2!951$ | 3,921 | 3557 | 7,174 | 6508 |
| Plates (including plates for pipes and tubes) | 78,381 | 71103 | 12,514 | 11353 | 90,895 | $82 \mid 456$ |
| Hot rolled sheets and strip | 180,313 | 163578 | , 36,877. | 33455 | 217,190 | 197033 |
| Cold finished bars | 7,721 | 7005 | 248 | 224 | 7,969 | 7229 |
| Cold reduced sheets and strip, cold rolled |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other, coated Galvanized sheets | 142,291 65,448 | 129087 59375 | 14,171 11,062 | 12856 10036 | 156,462 76,510 | 141943 69411 |
| Total | 780,418 | 707.987 | 101,541 | 173.765 | 971,859 | 881752 |

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## EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE: ALL COUNTRIES



Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, May 1977 Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Infomat. Seasonally-adjusted exports on a balance-ofpayments basis fell for the second successive month to $\$ 3,464$ million in May. This decline of $8.5 \%$ was sharper than that for imports, which contracted $6.2 \%$ to $\$ 3,407$ million. At $\$ 57$ million, the May trade surplus decreased to the lowest level so far in 1977. The latest surplus compared with those of $\$ 153$ million in April and $\$ 502$ million in March. But the export balance of $\$ 712$ million for the three months ending in May was still up considerably from $\$ 401$ million for the preceding period of December-February.

## Exports (Customs Basis)

After reaching a peak in April, seasonally-adjusted exports to the United States declined $2.5 \%$ to $\$ 2,500$ million in May. The fairly steady rise in natural gas deliveries during 1977 was reversed in May by a sharp contraction. Exports of lumber, liquefied gases and
motor vehicles also fell. Shipments of ores and concentrates, pulp, non-ferrous metals and automotive parts rose.

Canadian exports to overseas countries dropped $25 \%$ to $\$ 910$ million in May, following a $13.5 \%$ decline in the previous month. Shipments were lower to all overṣeas markets except the European Economic Community and covered, after allowance for seasonal variation, wheat, forestry products and some industrial materials. Exports of asbestos and non-ferrous metals were up from April.
(continued)

Merchandise Trade of Canada

|  | Customs Basis* Unadjusted |  | Balance of Payments Basis* |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imports (\$ millions) | Exports | Imports | Balance |
| 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | - 8,928 | 8,936 | 9,032 | 8.746 | 8,734 | 8,577 | 157 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | ,8,803 | 9,153 | 8,580 | 8,993 | 9,013 | 9,155 | -142 |
| Second Quarter : | $\therefore 10,109$ | 10,041 | 10,096 | 9,866 | 9,470 | 9,215 | 255 |
| Third Quarter | - 9,9359 | 8,727 | 9,289 | 8,575 | 9,820 | 9,220 | 600 |
| Fourth Quarter | -9,876 | 9,549 | 10,010 | 9,452 | 9,672 | 9,296 | 376 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter. | 10,219 | 9,925 | 10,201 | 9,776 | 10,815 | 10,035 | 780 |
| 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December | 3,297 | 3,072 | 3,340 | 3,031 | 3,352 | 3,229 | 123 |
| 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,135 | 3,003 | 3,100 | 2,958 | 3,342 | 3,178 | 164 |
| February | 3,217 | 3,183 | 3,212 | 3,140 | 3,483 | 3,369 | 114 |
| March | 3,867 | 3,739 | - 3,889 | 3,678 | 3,990 | 3,488 | 502 |
| April | 3,496 | 3,533 | 3,500 | 3,487 | 3,786 | 3,633 | 153 |
| May | 3,919 | 3,949 | 3,974 | 3,897 | 3,464 | 3,407 | 57 |

"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 tasis 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).

In a three-month comparison, exports to the U.S. rose $7.5 \%$ to $\$ 7,626$ million in the March-May period. Contributing close to half of the increase were higher shipments of motor vehicles, in particular passenger cars. Exports of natural gas, non-ferrous metals and machinery rose, but deliveries of crude oil and automotive components decreased.

Exports to overseas countries advanced about $14.5 \%$ to $\$ 3,534$ million, with the bulk of the increase occurring in countries other than the E.E.C. and Japan. Shipments of ores and concentrates, nonferrous metals, asbestos, pülp and newsprint were higher in the March-May period, but exports of wheat, lumber and automotive goods declined.

## Imports (Customs Basis)

Seasonally-adjusted imports from the U.S. fell $5.6 \%$ to $\$ 2,439$ million in May, after a rise of $6.6 \%$ in April. Imports of trucks, automotive parts and machinery declined, but those of passenger cars rose.

Imports from overseas countries contracted in two successive months to $\$ 1 ; 020$ million in May; with imports declining from most sources. A sharp fall occurred, after seasonal adjustment, in crude oil landings, and imports of motor vehicles also declined from April. Imports of automotive components increased, however, as did. those of other equipment and consumer goods.

Imports from the U.S., on a three-month basis, continued to advance, reaching $\$ 7,453$ million in the March-May period. Nearly two-thirds of this increase
was attributable to motor vehicles and parts. Imports of other equipment and tools also rose, but those of machinery fell. Imports from overseas countries increased $12 \%$ to $\$ 3,235$ million, with some two-thirds of the expansion originating in countries other than the E.E.C. and Japan. Prominent among increased imports were crude oil, industrial machinery, automotive parts and some consumer goods. Declines occurred from the months of December-February in imports of motor vehicles, other equipment and apparel.

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the May issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 40థ/\$4).
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Imports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs basis


Table 2
Imports by Princlpal Trading Areas.


Table 3

Imports From All Countrles by Sections and Leading Commodity Groupings: van:


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


Table 4
Total Exports, Seasonally Adjusted, Customs Basis


Table 5
Total Exports by Princlpal Trading Areas


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


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

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

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | Mar. <br> 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & 1976 \end{aligned}$ |  | \% Change From |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mar. <br> 1977 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ |
| Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross amount (\$000) | 355,355 | 428,029 | 314,906 |  | -17 | 13 |
| Net amount (1) (\$000) | 353,816 | 426,214 | 313,676 |  | -17 | 13 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 3,512 | 4,245 | 3,409 |  | -17 | 3 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 101.18 | 100.83 | 92.37 |  | - | 10 |
| Claims received (000) | 200 | 211 | 193 |  | -6 | 3 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 859p | 897p | 813 |  | -4 | 6 |


(1) After cancellation of warrants and collection of overpayments.
(2) Monthly average
p Preliminary figures

- Amount too small to be expressed

For further information order the April 1977 issue of Preliminary Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001-p) or Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, Quarterly, \$1.05/\$4.20) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461) Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

Prellminary Report on Unemployment Insurance Statistics, April 1977 - Advance Information.
The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit during the week ending April 16 totalled 859,000*, 4\% less than in March but 6\% more than a year earlier. About 10\% of the beneficiaries drew special benefits, mainly sickness and maternity.
Net unemployment insurance benefit paid in April amounted to $\$ 354$ million*, down 17\% from the previous month but $13 \%$ more than in April 1976. For the first four months of 1977, benefit payments reached $\$ 1,553$ million, an increase of $11 \%$ from the corresponding period in 1976. The average weekly benefit accounted for most of the increase, rising $9 \%$ to \$101.01.
Persons seeking benefit filed 200,000 claims in April, 6\% fewer than in March but 3\% more than in April 1976. Claims received in the first four months of 1977 numbered 878,000, up 2\% from January-April 1976.

[^18]Inventories, Shlpments and Orders In Manufacturing Industrles, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Commencing with this report, monthly estimates of inventories, shipments and orders in manufacturing for the period January 1974 to March 1976 have been adjusted and are now based on 1974 Census of Manufactures data. As a result, the preliminary estimates for April 1977 and other data in the accompanying tables are not directly comparable with previously-published series. These revised estimates incorporate newly-calculated factors for seasonal adjustment, a number of changes in the panel of reporting establishments and a large number of reported values that were not received in time for use in calculating the data published previously.
Comparable data from January 1974 forward are now in CANSIM data bank and will be published in the April issue of Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001, 55\$/\$5.50). For further information, contact H.D. Wightman (613-9967008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.
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Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventorles and Orders In All Manufacturing Industries
(Based on 1974 Census of Manufacturers Benchmarks)

|  | Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ; | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Mar. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ \text { 1977r } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,928.5 | 9,626.9 | 8,263.2 | 7,949.6 |
| Non-durable | 4,756.8 | 5,028.8 | 4,538.1 | 4,287.0 |
| Durable | 4,171.7 | 4,598.1 | 3,725.1 | 3,662.6 |
| New Orders: Total | 9,219.8 | 9,856.9 | 8,649.6 | 8,230.7 |
| Non-durable | 4,764.6 | 5,047.4 | 4,533.5 | 4,360.5 |
| Durable | 4,455.1 | 4,809.6 | 4,116.1 | 3,870.2 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 10,712.8 | 10,421.5 | 10,191.4 | 9,805.1 |
| Non-durable | 1,456.6 | 1,448.8 | 1,430.2 | 1,434.8 |
| Durable | 9,256.2 | 8,972.7 | 8,761.2 | 8,370.2 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 17,779.0 | 17,827.6 | 17,526.9 | 17,241.3 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 18,672.9 | 18,764.2 | 18,482.9 | 18,219.0 |
| Raw materials | 7,449.3 | 7,491.0 | 7,289.1 | . $7,426.1$ |
| Goods in process | 4,853.3 | 4,931.2 | 4,944.2 | 4,816.7 |
| Finished Products | 6,370.3 | 6,342.0 | 6,249.5 | 5,976.3 |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Variation |  |  |  |
| Shipments: Total | 8,873.4 | 9,019.3 | 8,750.9 | 8,681.8 |
| Non-durable | 4,811.4 | 4,810.9 | 4,795.4 | 4,680.7 |
| Durable | 4,062.0 | 4,208.4 | 3,955.5 | 4,001.1 |
| New Orders: Total | 9,242.9 | 9,314.1 | 9,142.3 | 8,865.5 |
| Non-durable | 4,787.1 | 4,796.9 | 4,806.3 | 4,731.9 |
| Durable | 4,455.8 | 4,517.2 | 4,336.0 | 4,133.6 |
| Unfilled Orders: Total | 10,761.2 | 10,391.7 | 10,096.9 | 9,705.5 |
| Non-durable | 1,425.7 | 1,450.0 | 1,464.0 | 1,453.1 |
| Durable | 9,335.5 | 8,941.7 | 8,632.9 | 8,252.4 |
| Inventory Owned: Total | 17,612.2 | 17,559.1 | 17,336.3 | 17,137.9 |
| Inventory Held: Total | 18,515.6 | 18,485.0 | 18,291.3 | 18,130.4 |
| Raw materials | 7,579.1 | 7,537.6 | 7,270.9 | 7,351.4 |
| Goods in process | 4,814.8 | 4,831.7 | 4,910.2 | 4,807.6 |
| Finished products | 6,121.7 | 6,115.7 | 6,110.2 | 5,971.4 |
| Ratio of Total Inventory Owned to Shipments | 1.98 | 1.95 | 1.98 | 1.97 |
| Ratio of Finished Products to Shipments | 0.69 | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.69 |

Estimated Value of Shipments of Own Manufacture by Province of Origin

|  | Not Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & \text { 1977p } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & \text { 1977r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & \text { 1977r } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ \text { 1976r } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ \text { 1975r } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan.-Dec. } \\ & \text { 1974r } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | (\$ millions) |  | (\$ millions) |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 46.2 | 48.7 | 44.5 | 585.9 | 652.9 | 711.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 177.8 | 185.9 | 168.5 | 1,978.8 | 1,819.2 | 1,696.1 |
| New Brunswick | 179.5 | 182.3 | 172.0 | 1,859.4 | 1,671.3 | 1,585.7 |
| Quebec | 2,215.1 | 2,434.7 | 2,136.9 | 25,791.6 | 23,969.0 | 22,396.3 |
| Ontario | 4,636.1 | 5,036.4 | 4,234.2 | 50,291.4 | 44,428.6 | 41,404.5 |
| Manitoba | 240.6 | 260.1 | 224.3 | 2,748.2 | 2,580.5 | 2,279.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 104.4 | 107.6 | 98.2 | 1,218.5 | 1,170.9 | 1,045.2 |
| Alberta | 463.3 | 484.3 | 444.0 | 5,273.4 | 4,718.1 | 3,821.3 |
| British Columbia | 855.4 | 878.3 | 731.4 | 8,718.6 | 7,328.1 | 7,411.1 |
| Canada* | 8,928.5 | 9,626.9 | 8,263.2 | 98,597.3 | 88,456.5 | 82,454.6 |

[^19]Industrial Corporations, Financial statistics, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.
After-tax profits of Industrial corporations, not seasonally adjusted; were $\$ 2,157$ million for the first quarter of 1977, an increase of $\$ 139$ million ( $6.9 \%$ ) from the first quarter of 1976.
Total sales of $\$ 59$ billion increased $\$ 6$ billion (11.3\%) from the first quarter of 1976. Assets increased \$4 billion (2.4\%) over the fourth quarter of 1976 and $\$ 15$ billion (9.8\%) from the first quarter of 1976.
(Please note that these figures represent the latest data for the first quarter of 1977 and supersede the preliminary estimates for the same period released last month. These figures are aiso available on CANSIM.)
For further information, order the first quarter issue of Industrial Corporations, Financial Statistics (61003, \$1.75/\$7), or contact Mr. R. St. Germain (613-9962130), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Federal Government Employment, First Quarter 1977 - Advance Information.

Including members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the federal government and its enterprises had 562,107 employees as of March 1977, an increase of 14,937 from March 1976. (The main reason for the increase was that government departments hired approximately 8,900 more employees for Federal Labour Intensive Projects than a year eariier).
Gross payroil (including overtime and retroactive payments) for the first quarter of 1977 was $\$ 2,022.1$ million, an increase of $\$ 269.5$ milion over the corresponding quarter in 1976.
For further information, order the first quarter issue of Federal Government Employment (72-004, $70 ¢ / \$ 2.80$ ), or contact Mr. T. Moore (613-995-0669), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Telephone Statistice - Preliminary Report on Large Telephone Systems, 1976 - Advance Information.
Fifteen major telephone systems reported revenues of $\$ 3,323.8$ million in 1976, up $17.8 \%$ over 1975. Operating expenses were $\$ 2,246.4$ million, an increase of 18.2\%. Net operating revenue amounted to $\$ 1,077.4$ million, an advance of $17.0 \%$ over 1975.
Telephone toll messages increased 7.5\% to 917.8 million in 1976.

For further information, order Telephone Statistics - Preliminary Report on Large Telephone Systems, 1976 (56-202, 35¢), or contact Patrick Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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Selected Dairy By-products (32-024, \$1.40 a year), Vol. 6, May 1977: No. 9, Production and Inventory of Instant Dry Skim Milk Powder; No. 10, Production and Inventory of Process Cheese

Metals and Minerals (41-010, \$2.80 a year), Vol. 5, No. 2, Consumption of Cobalt, 1976

New Housing Price Indexes
February 1977 - May 1977 - Advance Information

| - |  |  |  |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | April 1977 | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 1977 \end{gathered}$ | February 1977 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May/77 } \\ & \text { May/76 } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1971=100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ottawa-Hull | 197.1 | 198.2 | 198.2 | 199.1 | 4.0 |
| Toronto | 180.2 | 180.0 | 179.1 | 179.1 |  |
| Edmonton | 261.7 | 260.0 | 259.7 | 256.3 | 6.5 |
| (Jan. 1975=100) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 2.6 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 119.0 | 117.9 | 117.9 | 117.1 | 9.9 |
| Regina | 133.9 | 133.8 | 134.7 | 135.1 | -2.5 |

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.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers shipped 1,452,957,000 square feet ( 134985000 m 2 ) of corrugated boxes and wrappers in May, a decrease of $3.0 \%$ from a revised $1,496,689,000$ square feet ( 139047000 m 2 ) in May 1976.

January-May shipments totalled 7,023,883,000 square feet ( 653393000 m 2 ) in 1977 compared to a revised $7,218,558,000$ square feet ( 670626000 m 2 ) in 1976.

For further information, order the May 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.

Crude Petroieum and Natural Gas Production, March 1977 - Advance Information.
Crude petroleum production for March was 1,477,000 barrels/day, up $10.3 \%$ from 1,339,000 B/D in March 1976.

Natural gas production for the same period averaged $10,692,000 \mathrm{mcf}$./D, an increase of $5.1 \%$ from 10,172,000 Mcf./D.

For further information, order the March 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 OV6.

Sales of Cement, May 1977 - Advance Information. Sales of cement reported by Canadian producers for May totalled 1,121,383 short tons - 1017301 t (metric tonnes). Sales in Quebec were 306,938 tons 278449 t (metric tonnes) and in Ontario were 357,377 tons - 324207 t (metric tonnes).
For further information, contact Gordon McWade (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

## Rallway Carloadings

7-day period ended June 14

|  | East | West | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 2,782,198 | 2,482,419 | 5,264,617 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 2,742,803 | 1,958,298 | 4,701,101 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 2523968 | 2252013 | 4775981 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2488229 | 1776538 | 4264767 |
| \% change | 1.4 | 26.8 | 12.0 |
| Cars, 1977 | 43,378 | 37,775 | 81,153 |
| Cars, 1976 | 43,181 | 31,514 | 74,695 |
| \% change | 0.5 | 19.9 | 8.6 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 149,326 | 56,368 | 205,694 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 145,674 | 62,673 | 208,347 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 135466 | 51136 | 186602 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 132153 | 56856 | 189009 |
| \% change | 2.5 | -10.1 | -1.3 |
| Cars, 1977 | 4,718 | 2,430 | 7,148 |
| Cars, 1976 | 4,868 | 2,564 | 7,432 |
| \% change | -3.1 | -5.2 | -3.8 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |
| Total carload traffic: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 59,326,230 | 50,154,765 | 109,480,995 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 57,663,376 | 44,162,638 | 101,826,014 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 53819851 | 45499637 | 99319488 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 52311335 | 40063671 | 92375006 |
| \% change | 2.9 | 13.6 | 7.5 |
| Cars, 1977 | 958,557 | 759,460 | 1,718,017 |
| Cars, 1976 | 960,030 | 689,463 | 1,649,493 |
| \% change | -0.2 | 10.2 | 4.2 |
| Plggyback traffic*: |  |  |  |
| Short tons, 1977 | 3,671,220 | 1,321,649 | 4,992,869 |
| Short tons, 1976 | 3,095,729 | 1,184,549 | 4,280,278 |
| Metric tonnes, 1977 | 3330475 | 1198980 | 4529455 |
| Metric tonnes, 1976 | 2808398 | 1074605 | 3883003 |
| \% change | 18.6 | 11.6 | 16.6 |
| Cars, 1977 | 112,239 | 57,358 | 169,597 |
| Cars, 1976 | 102,810 | 49,760 | 152,570 |
| \% change | 9.2 | 15.3 | 11.2 |

*includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
Note: All 1976 figures revised.

Railway Carloadings, 7 Days Ended June 14, 1977 Published Only in Statistics Canada Daily.
Railways in Canada loaded 5.3 million short tons (4.8 million t) of revenue freight in the above week, an increase of $12.0 \%$ over the comparative 1976 period. West of the Lakehead originating traffic rose only $1.4 \%$, while in the West a gain of $26.8 \%$ was recorded The number of cars loaded totalled 81,153, up $8.6 \%$ from a year ago.

Trailer-container freight movements (piggyback) at 205,694 short tons ( 186602 t) were down $1.3 \%$.

In the period January 1 to June 14, 1977, rail carload traffic rose $7.5 \%$ over 1976 to 109.5 million short tons ( 99.3 million t). Piggyback shipments were $16.6 \%$ above the year-earlier level.

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

VInyl-asbestos Floor Tlle, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers produced 3,936 short tons ( 3562 t ) or $8,184,408$ square feet ( 760356 m 2 ) of vinyl-asbstos floor tile in May compared to 4,399 short tons (3 991 t ) or $9,458,037$ square feet ( 878680 m 2 ) in May 1976.
For further information, order the May issue of Vinylasbestos 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.

## Additional Informatlon

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## Misceilaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products Indus-

 tries, 1975 - Advance Information.Miscellaneous non-metallic mineral products industries shipped $\$ 370.7$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up 18\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $22 \%$ to $\$ 237.3$ million, the number of employees increased $5 \%$ to 8,478 and total salaries and wages increased $19 \%$ to $\$ 103.3$ 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 Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries, 1975 (44210, 70§).

## Misceilaneous Chemicai Industries, 1975.

Miscellaneous chemical industries shipped $\$ 841.5$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, up $6.7 \%$ from 1974. Total value added by the industry increased $3 \%$ to $\$ 422.8$ million, the number of employees were virtually unchanged at 16,770 and total salaries and wages increased $11.8 \%$ to $\$ 197.0$ million.
For further information, contact J.L. Dornan (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete date will be published in later in Miscellaneous Chemical Industries, 1975 (46-216, 70¢).

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May 1977 - Advance Information
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For further information, order Construction Price Statistics, Monthly Bulletin (62-007, \$4 per year), or contact Mr. G. John (613-994-5807), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV5.

Sales FinancIng, April 1977 - Advance Information. Sales finance companies purchased $\$ 227.1$ million of retail finance paper in April, a decrease of 12.1\% compared with the $\$ 258.5$ million purchased in April 1976. The total purchases comprised $\$ 60.7$ million for passenger cars, $\$ 28.8$ million for other consumer goods, $\$ 94.2$ million for commercial vehicles and $\$ 43.5$ million for other commercial and industrial goods.

Wholesale financing undertaken by these companies during the first quarter of 1977 amounted to $\$ 1,959.9$ million, an increase of $20.5 \%$ over the $\$ 1,625.9$ million financed in January-March 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Raliway Carloadings, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Railways in Canada loaded 23.0 million short tons ( 20.9 million t) of revenue freight in May, an increase of 9.3\% over May 1976. Traffic received from United States connections declined 10.2\%.

Commodities registering the largest percentage increases in the current month included fertilizers (excluding potash), up $77.5 \%$; gypsum, up $65.2 \%$; lumber, up 43.4\%; and coal, up 48.4\%.

In the January-May 1977 period, rail freight loadings were up $7.3 \%$ over 1976 to 99.3 million short tons ( 90.1 million t). Receipts from U.S. connections were down 4.1\%.

Among commodities showing notable percentage gains in the first five months of 1977 were sulphur, fertilizers (excluding potash), wheat, wood pulp, pulpwood chips, potash and iron ore. Grains other than wheat declined $13.1 \%$.

For further information, order the May issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 30థ/\$3) or, for seasonally-adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A $0 T 6$.

Motor Vehicle Production, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Production of passenger cars totalled 116,608 in May compared to 103,696 in May 1976. January to May production in 1977 was 557,130 units compared to 520,596 a year earlier. All commercial vehicles totalled 54,473 units compared to 45,458 . Year-to-date production in 1977 was 263,409 units compared to 221,593 in 1976.

For further information, order the May 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 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, May 1977 Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of refrigerators were 39,009 units in May compared to 40,895 a year earlier and month-end stocks totalled 112,756 units, down from 126,316. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers decreased to 22,932 units from 32,867 and month-end stocks decreased to 57,818 units from 63,917.

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

## Key Economic Serles

During the coming month, the release of key economic series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below. It is possible, however, that some data may appear during the week earlier or the week later for reasons unknown at this time.
Week Beginning Monday, July 4:

- Industry Selling Price Index (May)
- Wholesale Price Index (May)

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- Building Permits (May)
- Unemployment Insurance Statistics (May) For any enquiry concerning the release of these series, please contact Mr. Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production, Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Steel Ingots, Week Ended June 25, 1977 - Advance Information.
Preliminary steel ingots production for the week ended June 25 was 281,645 short tons ( 255504 t), a decrease of $1.3 \%$ from the preceding week's total of 285,318 short tons (258 836 t ). The comparable week's total in 1976 was 251,200 tons ( 227885 t ). The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 short tons ( 166211 t) equalling 100 was 153.7 in the current week, 155.7 a week earlier and 137.1 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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> 1976 Census of Populatlon and Housing Publishing of final results of the 1976 Census of Population and Housing will begin very soon. Approximately 100 reports will be produced in total. Orders are now being taken for Volume 1 , a set of 12 reports on the geographic distribution of the population. The price in Canada is $\$ 39.75$ for the set, and includes a binder in which to keep the reports. Elsewhere, the price is $\$ 47.70$.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Imports by Countrles, January-March 1977 (65-006, \$2.10/\$8.40)
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Juin 1977 - Advance Information.


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

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## Additional Informatlon

When names and telephone numbers are not provided, additional information can often be obtained from the regional User Advisory staff of Statistics Canada or from its Central Inquiries Service, Ottawa (613-9924734).

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| (514-283-5725) | R3C OK4 | $(604-666-3695)$ |

Also, toll-free access to the regional statistical information service is provided in Charlottetown, Moncton, Saint John 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.

Puip and Paper Milis, 1975 - Advance Information.
Pulp and paper mills shipped $\$ 5,122.1$ million worth of products of own manufacture in 1975, down 10.2\% from 1974. Total value added by the industry decreased $14.7 \%$ to $\$ 2,601.5$ million, the number of employees decreased $2.5 \%$ to 84,046 and total salaries and wages decreased $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 1,091.7$ million.

For further information, contact G.W. Barrett (613-992-2371), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6. Complete data will be published later in Pulp and Paper Mills, 1975 (36-204, 70¢).

Raw Hides, Skins and Finished Leather, May 1977 Advance Information.
In May, packers, dealers and tanners held 238,953 cattle hides, down from 251,621 a year earlier. Cattle hide receipts decreased to 133,642 from 213,173 and wettings decreased to 165,023 from $213,757$.

For further information, order the May 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.


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1971 Census of Merchandising and Services.Publishing of the results of the 1971 Census of Merchandising'and Services isnow almost complete.

The complete series of 19 reports, including binders, can be ordered from the Publications Distribution Unit, for $\$ 24.75$ in Canada, plus $20 \%$ elsewhere.

Reports can also be ordered in sets according to type of trade: Prices in Canada are: Retail, $\$ 9.00$; Wholesale, $\$ 6.00$; and Service, $\$ 9.75$, plus $20 \%$ eisewhere.
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## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

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Employment, Earnings and Hours, March 1977 (72-002, 709/\$7)
Exports by Commodities, April 1977 (65-004, 804/\$8)
Buliding Permits, April 1977 (64-001, 70\$/\$7)
Water Transpórtation, iq974 (54-205, \$1.05)
Fish Freezings and Stocks, April 1977 (24-001; 40¢/\$4)
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Production of Eggs and Poultry, Aprip 1977 (23-003, 304/\$3)
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(1971=100)
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|  | Relative Importance(1) | Index |  |  | Percent Change |  | Percent Contribution to Total Change From |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | May* $1977$ | Apr.* $1977$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 1976 \end{gathered}$ | From Apr./77 | From May/76 | Apr. $/ 77$ | May/76 |
| Industry Selling Price Index:Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | 100.0 | 173.1 | 172.4 | 160.9 | 0.4 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| SIC Major Groups: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Food and Beverage Industries | 19.9 | 188.4 | 185.0 | 174.5 | 1.8 | 8.0 | 86.6 | 22.6 |
| 3. Rubber and Plastics Products Industries | 2.5 | 146.5 | 146.9 | 139.3 | -0.3 | 5.2 | -1.3 | 1.5 |
| 4. Leather Industries | 0.9 | 173.0 | 172.3 | 162.1 | 0.4 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 5. Textile Industries | 3.5 | 149.1 | 148.9 | 142.0 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.9 | 2.0 |
| 6. Knitting Mills | 0.9 | 131.6 | 131.2 | 124.6 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 8. Wood Industries | 4.7 | 180.4 | 181.2 | 165.5 | -0.4 | 9.0 | -4.9 | 5.8 |
| 9. Furniture and Fixture Industries | 1.6 | 171.6 | 171.6 | 161.2 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| 10. Paper and Allied Industries | 8.2 | 192.1 | 192.1 | 182.7 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 6.3 |
| 12. Primary Metal Industries | 8.4 | 190.0 | 190.6 | 167.9 | -0.3 | 13.2 | -6:4 | 15.1 |
| 13. Metal Fabricating Industries | 7.5 | 168.7 | 168.6 | 162.1 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| 14. Machinery Industries | 4.4 | 156.8 | 156.1 | 150.6 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 2.2 |
| 16. Electrical Products Industries | 6.8 | 146.9 | 146.6 | 139.8 | 0.2 , | 5.1 | 2.6 | 3.9 |
| 17. Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries | 3.2 | 177.8 | 176.7 | 164.0 | 0.6 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 3.6 |
| 18. Petroleum and Coal Products Industries | 4.2 | 237.0 | 237.0 | 204.0 | 0.0 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 11.4 |
| 19. Chemical and Chemical Products Industries | 6.6 | 173.8 | 173.8 | 167.2 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 3.5 |
| Other Major Groups(2) | 16.7 | 148.6 | 148.0 | 137.2 | 0.4 | 8.3 | 11.9 | 15.4 |

[^21](1) Group weights are based on 1971 value of shipments (Census of Manufacturers, 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: Manufacturing (1971=100), May 1977 - Advance Information.
The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing rose to 173.1 in May, up 0.4\% from the revised April level of 172.4 and $7.6 \%$ higher than in May 1976 when it stood at 160.9 .

More than four-fifths of the advance in the total index in May was attributable to a $1.8 \%$ increase in the food and beverage major group. Contributing most to the rise in foods and beverages were price increases for slaughtering and meat processors (4.6\%), miscellaneous food processors (2.4\%), dairy products (1.2\%,
breweries (2.6\%) and feeds (1.3\%). Cane and beet sugar processors decreased $4.4 \%$.
(Please note that this month the accompanying table has been expanded to show the percentage contribution made by each major group to the change in the total Industry Selling Price Index over the past month and the past year.)

Total Value of Construction Work Performed - Type of Structure by New and Repalr, Canada, 1975-1977* *****

|  |  | 1975 |  |  | 1976 |  |  | 1977 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of Structure | New | Repair | Total | New | Repair | Total | New | Repair | Total |
| Construction - Total | 24,055,805 | 4,320,539 | 28,376,344 | 27,063,092 | 4,710,086 | 31,773,178 | 29,155,316 | 5,194,009 | 34,349,325 |
| Bullding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction - Total | 13,923,751 | 2,685,664 | 16,609,415 | 16,058,798 | 2,975,312 | 19,034,110 | 16,157,408 | 3,306,286 | 19,463,694 |
| Residential | 7,113,857 | 1,575,805 | 8,689,662 | 9,763,811 | 1,813,859 | 11,577,670 | 9,807,914 | 2,055,296 | 11,863,210 |
| Industrial | 1,146,232 | 363,446 | 1,509,678 | 1,075,584 | 379,295 | 1,454,879 | 1,090,387 | 411,052 | 1,501,439 |
| Commercial | 3,378,962 | 353,503 | 3,732,465 | 2,970,534 | 357,187 | 3,327,721 | 2,879,433 | 377,521 | 3,256,954 |
| Institutional | 1,376,134 | 184,768 | 1,560,902 | 1,323,637 | 187,774 | 1,511,411 | 1,362,505 | 202,207 | 1,564,712 |
| Other building |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Englneering |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction - Total | 10,132,054 | 1,634,875 | 11,766,929 | 11,004,294 | 1,734,774 | 12,739,068 | 12,997,908 | 1,887,723 | 14,885,631 |
| Marine construction | 142,208 | 38,445 | 180,653 | 129,355 | 40,421 | 169,776 | 179,134 | 43,149 | 222,283 |
| Road, highway and aero- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| drome construction <br> Waterworks and | 1,964,287 | 417,659 | 2,381,946 | 2,117,521 | 496,748 | 2,614,269 | 2,225,696 | 510,694 | 2,736,390 |
| sewage systems | 1,123,314 | 118,028 | 1,241,342 | 1,198,490 | 117,326 | 1,315,816 | 1,376,209 | 132,401 | 1,508,610 |
| Dams and irrigation | 111,505 | 25,970 | 137,475 | 89,173 | 24,331 | 113,504 | 100,645 | 27,571 | 128,216 |
| Electric power |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Railway, tele- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| telegraph | 739,569 | 359,558 | 1,099,127 | 788,885 | 402,894 | 1,191,779 | 829,370 | 439,365 | 1,268,735 |
| Gas and oil |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| facilities | 1,528,787 | 321,027 | 1,849,814 | 2,033,939 | 300,129 | 2,334,068 | 2,595,493 | 347,782 | 2,943,275 |
| Other engineering 2, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| construction | 1,882,680 | 168,728 | 2,051,408 | 1,737,985 | 163,714 | 1,901,699 | 2,039,903 | 177,323 | 2,217,226 |

* Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.
** In the Statistics Canada report Private and Public Investment in Canada, the total value of construction work performed is given as $\$ 28,374.5$ million for $1975, \$ 31,770.3$ million for 1976 and $\$ 34,347.0$ million for 1977 . The differences with values in this report are due to rounding procedures.
*** "Other building" and "Other engineering" contain structures which could not be published in their specific categories due to the secrecy provisions of the Statistics Act.

Construction In Canada, 1975-1977 - Advance Information.
Construction volume for 1975 and 1976 amounted to $\$ 28,376.3$ million and $\$ 31,773.2$ million, respectively. The volume is expected to increase to $\$ 34,349.3$ million in 1977. The construction program anticipated for 1977 exceeds the 1976 volume by $\$ 2,576.1$ million or $8.1 \%$ which compares with increases of $14.9 \%$ and $12.0 \%$ realized in 1975 and 1976. The actual increase realized in 1976 is higher than the $11.8 \%$ that was anticipated last year.

Expenditures in all provinces are expected to increase in 1977, with notable advances of $13.9 \%$ in Alberta, 11.4\% in Nova Scotia, 11.0\% in Saskatchewan and $9.6 \%$ in Quebec. In 1977, new construction is estimated to be up $7.7 \%$, while the repair portion shows an increase of $10.3 \%$.

The value of engineering construction at $43.3 \%$ of the total expected volume for 1977 is up $16.9 \%$ over 1976, while building activity at $56.7 \%$ is up only $2.3 \%$ over the year before. The strength in the engineering group of structures is primarily due to projects classified under electric power construction, and gas and oil facilities. Building construction will probably rise $2.3 \%$ with the largest dollar volume increases in residential buildings and institutional-type buildings such as schools, churches, hospitals, etc. Expendi-
tures on commercial buildings will decrease by $\$ 70.8$ million (2.1\%).

For further information, order Construction in Canada, 1975-1977 (64-201, \$1.40). For additional information concerning construction expenditures by sector, province and by contract-own account breakdown, please contact V. Totten (613-994-9756), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.
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## Financlal Flows

Advance information on financial flows for the first quarter of 1977, for selected sectors, is now available.

For further information, contact G. Hughes (613-995-0851), Financial Flows Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Key Economic Series (Correction)

Please note the following correction to the list of release dates published in the June 28 issue:
Labour Force Survey (June) July 12 (not 13)

Total Value of Construction Work Performed - Labour Content and Cost of Materials Used by Province, 1975 - 1977 (1), (2), (3), (4)

(1) Actual expenditures 1975, preliminary actual 1976, intentions 1977.
(2) In the Statistics Canada report Private and Public Investment in Canada, the total value of construction work performed is given as $\$ 28,374.5$ million for $1975, \$ 31,770.3$ million for 1976 , and $\$ 34,347.0$ million for 1977 . The differences with values in this report are due to rounding procedures.
(3) British Columbia includes Northwest Territories and Yukon.
(4) Number of employees is given in equivalent man-years.

Railway Operating Statistics, April 1977 — Advance Information.
Canada's six major railways reported combined net income of $\$ 23.9$ million in April, nearly three times the $\$ 8.9$ million posted in April 1976. Operating revenues rose $6.8 \%$ to $\$ 284.1$ million in the latest period while operating expenses were up only $1: 2 \%$ to $\$ 260.2$ million.
Freight ton-miles rose 7.1\% in April, freight trainmiles increased $1.2 \%$ and freight car-miles were up $3.1 \%$. Passenger-miles showed a gain of $5.5 \%$ while passenger car-miles declined 0.7\%. (Passengeí data do not include operations of "Go Transit").

In the first four months of 1977 , railway operating revenues were $10.0 \%$ above the year-earlier level; expenses were up $6.8 \%$; and net operating income at $\$ 61.5$ million was more than double that of the January-April 1976 period Cumulative freight tonmiles rose $3.2 \%$ and passenger-miles were up $0.4 \% . \therefore$

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

Salt, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian shipments of salt and salt content of brine decreased to 344,830 short tons in May from 389,826 short tons in May 1976. This brought 1977 output to 2,723,788 short tons from 2,778,104 short tons in 1976.

For further information, order the May issue of Salt (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-9920491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

Sour Cherry Crop, 1977 - Advance Information. In the Niagara District of Ontario the sour cherry crop was forecast on June 27 to be 35\% larger than last year.

For further information, order the July issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003, 40¢/\$3 for the series), or contact Miss K.C. Wardley (613-994-9994), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OL7.

Productlon of Eggs and Poultry, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian egg production increased 2.2\% to 37.9 million dozen in May from 37.0 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was up 1.2\% to 22.8 million from 22.6 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased $1.1 \%$ to 1,990 from 1,969. Farm price of eggs sold for market increased 6.3\% to 67.0¢ a dozen from 63.0¢ a dozen in May 1976.

For further information, order the May 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.

The Dalry Review, April 1977 — Advance Information. An estimated $1,435,739,000$ pounds of milk were produced for all purposes in April, 8.5\% less than April 1976.

This brought the total estimate of production during the first four months of 1977 to 4,865,932,000 pounds, down 8.1\% from the January-April period in 1976.

For further information, order the May 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.

Production, Shipmenta and Stocks on Hand of Sawmilis In British Columbla, April 1977 - Advance Information.
Sawmills in British Columbia produced $1,010.7$ million feet board measure ( $2385000 \mathrm{m3}$ ) of lumber and ties in April compared to a revised 945.4 million feet board measure (2 231000 m3) in April 1976. January to April production increased to $4,179.0$ million feet board measure ( 9861300 m 3 ) from a revised $3,566.3$ million feet board measure (8 $415500 \mathrm{m3}$ ) in 1976.

For further information, order the April 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.

Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers, May 1977 - Advance Information.
Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales of automatic washing machines were 27,854 units in May, up from 26,658 in May 1976. Conventional washing machine sales were 6,726 units compared to 5,622 (revised). Canadian sales of electric clothes dryers were 20,321 units compared to a revised 22,693. Gas dryer sales on the domestic market were 537 units compared to 519.

For further information, order the May 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.

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[^0]:    The table above is an aggregation of financial flows data designed to provide a synopsis of Canadian credit market activity. The top portion of the table focuses on, but is not limited to, borrowing by the non-financiai sectors of the economy. Only fiows through what may be termed organized credit markets are included. Funds supplied by the immediate lending sector appear in the bottom portion of the table. This part of the table measures the asset increase of the immediate lending sectors in respect of the same conventional credit market instruments encountered in the top portion of the table.

[^1]:    For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

[^2]:    -- Less than $0.05 \% \times$ Confidential

[^3]:    *Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
    p Preliminary figures.
    $r$ Revised figures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

[^4]:    For further information, contact Information Unit (613-994-9957). Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

[^5]:    . figures ñot available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

[^6]:    . . figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

[^7]:    figures not available.
    $f$ figures estimated based on limited number of returns.
    p preliminary figures.
    $r$ revised figures.

[^8]:    Iricludes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
    ** One carrier sòld his business as of March 1976
    $r$ Revised figures.

[^9]:    (1) Based on 1976 Area.
    (2) Not a Census Metropolitan Area in 1971.

[^10]:    *Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
    p Preliminary figures.
    $r$ Revised figures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

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[^12]:    . figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

[^13]:    *Includes trailers and containers on flat cars.
    Note: All 1976 figures revised.

[^14]:    - Includes charter operations of one intercity bus company.
    ** One carrier sold his business as of March 1976.
    r Revised figures.

[^15]:    *Preliminary figures.
    For further information, contact Mr. D. Wilson (613-996-4991), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6. Complete data will be published later in Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas, 1975 (31-203, \$2.80).

[^16]:    . .figures not available. f-first estimate based on limited number of returns. p-preliminary figures. r-revised figures.

[^17]:    *Producer's shipments excluding producer's interchange.
    For further information, order the April issue of Primary Iron and Steel (41-001, 40\$/\$4), or contact Mr. J.L. Barnes (613-9920388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV6.

[^18]:    "The count of beneficiaries cannot be related to the benefit payments made during a month. Whereas the latter figure covers all benefits payments made during the month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons receiving benefit for a specific week each month.

[^19]:    *Includes Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
    p Preliminary figures.
    $r$ Revised figures.
    NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

[^20]:    For further information, order Housing Starts and Completions, March 1977 (64-002, 554/\$5.50).

[^21]:    - These indexes are preliminary.

