

# Poor's income share decreases

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OTTAWA — The poorest 20 per cent of the Canadian population received a slightly lower share of total income during 1975, compared with a year earlier, according to Statistics Canada.

Figures released this week show that the lowest 20 per cent group (quintile) of all families and unattached individuals received 3.9 per cent of the total income last year, down slightly from 4 per cent in 1974.

While the 1975 share was still above the 3.6 per cent recorded in 1971, it was well below the 4.4 per cent obtained by this group in 1965.

The figures suggest that despite government efforts to redistribute income with family allowances and other transfers to individuals, low-income groups are still receiving a lower share of total income than during the mid-1960s before many social welfare policies were improved.

The lowest 20 per cent group represents those families and unattached individuals who in 1975 received total income amounting to \$4,968 or less. This includes all wages and salaries, transfer payments, investment income and other income.

People in the second lowest fifth of the population, those who earned between \$4,968 and \$9,666, also lost ground last year. Their share of total income dropped to 10.6 per cent from 10.9 per cent in 1974 and 11.8 per cent 10 years ago.

The middle fifth of the population, those who earned between \$9,666 and \$14,461 last year, had a slight increase in their share to 17.8 per cent from 17.7 per cent. But this was still lower than the 18 per cent

obtained in 1965.

The people in the second highest fifth of the population, those who earned between \$14,461 and \$20,233 in 1975, experienced an increase in their share to 25.3 per cent from 24.9 per cent in 1974 and 24.5 per cent 10 years earlier.

The highest fifth of the population, those who earned in excess of \$20,233 in 1975, had a slight drop in their share to 42.4 per cent last year from 42.5 per cent in 1974 but this was still higher than the 41.4 per cent share recorded in 1965.

In summary, the richest 40 per cent of the population, which received 67.7 per cent of total income in 1975, gained ground at the expense of the poorest 40 per cent of the people, who obtained only 14.5 per cent of total income, while the middle 20 per cent of the population received about the same share as in 1974.

Statistics Canada figures show that average family income in 1975 amounted to \$16,263 (before deductions), up 10 per cent from 1974. However, there was no improvement in real purchasing power because rising consumer prices eroded the income gain.

The average income of unattached individuals rose by 9 per cent to \$6,664 last year.

On an individual basis, excluding people without income and children under 15 years of age, men received an average income of \$10,770, while the corresponding figure for women was \$4,710.

The 1975 income distribution by fifths of the population for families showed the same trends as the distribution for families and unattached individuals combined.

Family income going to the lowest fifth last year amounted to



6.1 per cent of total family income (compared with 6.3 per cent in 1974). The second fifth had 13.1 per cent (13.1 per cent). The middle fifth 18.4 per cent (18.2 per cent), the second highest fifth 24.0 per cent (23.6 per cent) and the highest fifth 38.4 per cent (38.8 per cent).

While no figures are available for 1975, Statistics Canada has a breakdown for 1974 on what proportion of the income in each fifth of the population came from wages and salaries, transfer payments and other categories of income.

For the poorest fifth of the families and unattached individuals, wages and salaries in 1974 contributed only 30.9 per cent of total income, while self-employment income amounted to 1.4 per

cent, transfer payments 54.9 per cent, investment income 7.1 per cent and miscellaneous income 5.7 per cent.

For the middle fifth, wages and salaries contributed 81.2 per cent, self-employment income 4.9 per cent, transfer payments 7.6 per cent, investment income 2.4 per cent.

For the richest fifth wages and salaries contributed 77.7 per cent of total income, self-employment income 12.2 per cent, transfer payments 2.9 per cent, investment income 5.7 per cent and miscellaneous income 1.5 per cent.

The Atlantic region showed the greatest improvement in average family income with the 1975 level at \$13,117 compared with \$11,647 in 1974.

## 2-1 in overtime

# Tigers lose championship

Concordia University Stingers of Montreal are this year's CIAU Soccer champions. In a double overtime thriller played in Montreal last Sunday afternoon the Stingers downed the hustling AUAA Champion Dalhousie Tigers by a 2-1 margin, scoring the winning goal with only two minutes remaining in

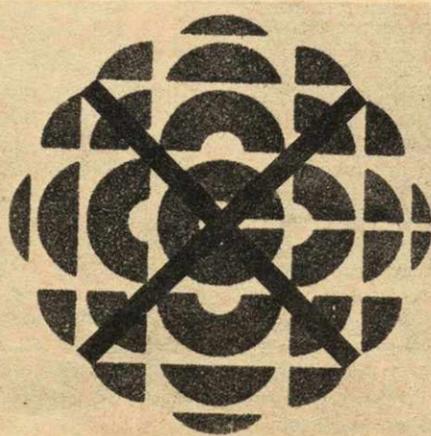
the 2nd overtime period. For the Tigers, playing their third game in three days, it was a heartbreaking loss and the players were obviously still dejected as they deplaned Sunday evening at the Halifax International Airport.

Enroute to the final game on Sunday, the Tigers had to first get

by the surprisingly strong University of Toronto Blues, which they did Friday afternoon winning by a score of 2-1 on goals by Len Vickery and Jack Hutchison. Hutchison's winner was scored with 30 seconds remaining in the game. This victory enabled the Tigers to advance to the tournament's semi-final game with the No. 1 seeded UBC Thunderbirds who were defending National champions. In this game, it was the Tigers winning in overtime 3-2. All Conference halfback David Houlston scored the winner from a wild goal mouth scramble. The Tigers had started quickly and led 2-0 at the half on goals by Jack Hutchison

and Ray Riddell, however the always dangerous West Coasters rallied with 2 second half markers to send the game into overtime, setting the stage for Houlston's game winner. On Sunday, Chris Coleman scored for Dal early in the 2nd half, only to have the Stingers tie the game on a questionable penalty kick by Gordie Wallace setting the stage for the double overtime period. Wallace was again the culprit as he scored with two minutes remaining to give the Stingers their hard earned victory.

Our Soccer Team can hold their heads high. It is not disgrace to play well and lose. They have played well all season and the entire University should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. Second best in Canada, although not the ultimate, isn't really that bad!



## CBC discrimination opposed

Atlantic University newspapers have now reaffirmed their support of the CBC radio advertising boycott.

At last weekend's conference of the Atlantic Region of the Canadian University Press, held in Fredericton, the Dalhousie Gazette moved the motion seconded by the Atheneum of Acadia University.

At the September conference held in Wolfville, it was decided

that all papers consider a boycott of CBC radio because of their discrimination against gays. CBC refuses to air public service announcements from gay groups. The present motion no longer asks for consideration, but rather a definite boycott.

The vote was unanimous with all nine ARCUP papers in support of the motion.



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