

Wage differentials

That the difference between average Canadian and United States labour income was almost cut in half during the 1960s is one of the trends indicated in a study of labour income released last month by the Department of Labour.

The report says that while labour income per worker in the U.S. exceeded that in Canada by 21.8 per cent in 1961, the difference was down to 12.7 per cent by 1971. *Canadian Labour Income - Recent Trends, The Current Picture* covers the period from 1961 to 1972.

The study contains new data compiled since the publication of two earlier reports prepared in the Department, *The Behaviour of Canadian Wages and Salaries in the Postwar Period and Wages in Canada and the United States, an Analytical Comparison*.

The report says that the wage differential between skilled and unskilled jobs appears to have been fairly stable since 1960, in contrast to a distinct narrowing in the immediate postwar years.

There was also little change in the structure of industrial wage differentials, except that wages in construction rose more than wages in other industries.

The pattern of regional and provincial differentials within Canada was almost the same in 1972 as in 1965, notes the report.

Average weekly earnings in British Columbia continued to be 10 percent above average, while in the Atlantic region they were about 16 percent below, with Quebec 3 to 4 percent below, Ontario about 4 percent above, and the Prairie provinces about 4.5 percent below the average.

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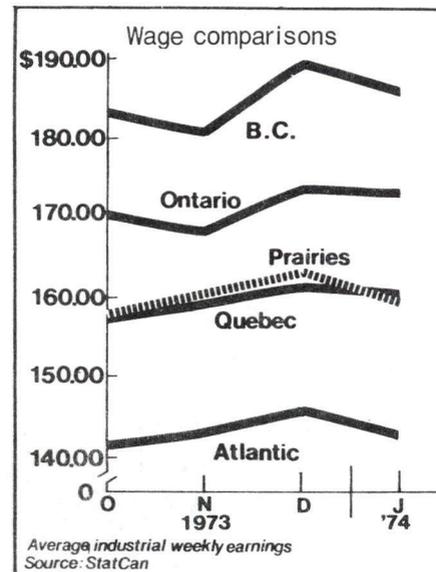
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Slight drop in earnings

Canadian workers earned an average weekly wage of \$167.28 in January, which was 0.6 percent below their December average wages. Construction workers fared the best of all hourly paid workers in January. Their average weekly earnings were \$235.18. Forestry workers earned an average \$206.93, while those in manufacturing got an average \$175.74 a week. The average number of hours worked per week in manufacturing was 39.5, unchanged from the month before. All figures are seasonally adjusted.



EDC financing for Poland

The sale of five machines for manufacture of prestressed concrete slabs by the Spiroll Corporation of Winnipeg to Polimex-Cekop of Warsaw has been negotiated with the assistance of a \$500,000-loan from Canada's Export Development Corporation, Alastair Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, announced recently.

The sale, said Mr. Gillespie, was of great significance to Spiroll as it marked their first entry into the Polish market. The company, which employs 100 people, had exports totalling \$1.5 million in the past year, representing 90 per cent of total sales.

Spiroll now has five licences in Canada, 30 in the United States and 23 in overseas countries. The company is currently negotiating licences with ten other countries.

Polimex-Cekop is the official importing agency of the Polish Government. The financing agreement is with the Polish Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.S., the official financial agency of the Polish Government. It is the first financing agreement EDC has entered into with Poland.

The Spiroll loan brings to 191 the total of loans signed by EDC since 1961. The total amount signed under long-term financing benefiting 45 countries is now \$1,694.46 million. During 1974 EDC has loaned \$217.4 million covering 12 transactions involving ten countries. In addition, EDC has guaranteed \$2 million in loans by private institutions during 1974.

Stanley Cup record and World Hockey Association semi-finals (at April 25)

National Hockey League

April 18, Chicago 4, Boston 2
 April 21, Boston 8, Chicago 6
 April 23, Chicago 4, Boston 3
 April 25, Boston 5, Chicago 2

Tied two games each in best-of-seven series.

April 20, Philadelphia 4, New York 0
 April 23, Philadelphia 5, New York 2
 April 25, New York 5, Philadelphia 3

Philadelphia leads 2-1 in best-of-seven series.

World Hockey Association

April 19, Toronto 6, Chicago 4
 April 21, Chicago 4, Toronto 3

Tied one game each in best-of-seven series.

April 18, Minnesota 5, Houston 4
 April 20, Houston 5, Minnesota 2
 April 21, Minnesota 4, Houston 1

Minnesota leads 2-1 in best-of-seven series.