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Non-residential building construction price indexes

Third quarter 2000

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (1992=100) stood at 122.0 in the third quarter, up 1.3% from the previous quarter and up 6.4% from the third quarter of 1999 — the highest year-to-year increase since the third quarter of 1989, when the index rose 6.5%.

The index for Toronto increased by 1.8% from the second quarter of 2000, followed by Ottawa (+1.6%), Calgary (+1.2%), Edmonton (+0.9%), Montréal (+0.7%), Vancouver (+0.6%) and Halifax (+0.3%).

Toronto also had the highest year-over-year change (+8.9%) compared with the third quarter of 1999. Ottawa registered a 7.1% annual gain, followed by Montréal (+5.6%), Calgary (+4.9%), Edmonton (+4.6%), Halifax (+2.5%) and Vancouver (+2.4%).

Non-residential building construction price index (1992=100)

	Third quarter 2000	Third quarter 1999 to third quarter 2000 % change	Second quarter 2000 to third quarter 2000
Composite	122.0	6.4	1.3
Halifax	109.3	2.5	0.3
Montréal	118.3	5.6	0.7
Ottawa	121.9	7.1	1.6
Toronto	126.5	8.9	1.8
Calgary	121.3	4.9	1.2
Edmonton	120.2	4.6	0.9
Vancouver	118.7	2.4	0.6

Note: Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in seven major urban areas (Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Three construction categories — industrial, commercial and institutional buildings — are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school).

Besides the major urban areas and composite indexes, a further breakdown of the changes in costs is available by trade group — structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical — within the building types. These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour,

equipment, taxes, overhead and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9930-9931.

The third quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Denise Potvin (613 951-3350; fax: 613 951-1539; potvden@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Steel primary forms

Week ending November 4, 2000 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending November 4 totalled 276 714 tonnes, down 12.8% from 317 215 tonnes a week earlier and up 5.0% from 263 414 tonnes in the same period of 1999. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 14 196 989 tonnes, a 4.9% increase compared with 13 535 230 tonnes produced in the same period of 1999.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jean-Marie Houle (613-951-4925; houlejm@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending October 14, 2000

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the seven-day period ending October 14, was 4.7 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.2% compared with the same period of 1999. The number of cars loaded increased 0.6%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage was 405 000 tonnes, a 4.6% increase from the same period of 1999. The year-to-date figures were off 0.4%.

Total traffic increased 0.2% during the reference period. This brought the year-to-date total to 189.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 5.2% from 1999.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

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Steel pipe and tubing

September 2000

Steel pipe and tubing production for September totalled 207 129 tonnes, an 8.3% decrease from 225 922 tonnes in September 1999.

Year-to-date production to the end of September was 1 999 151 tonnes, up 11.6% from 1 790 497 tonnes produced in the same period of 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

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Environmental protection expenditures by businesses

1998 (preliminary)

Preliminary data from the Survey of Environmental Protection Expenditures, 1998 are now available on request.

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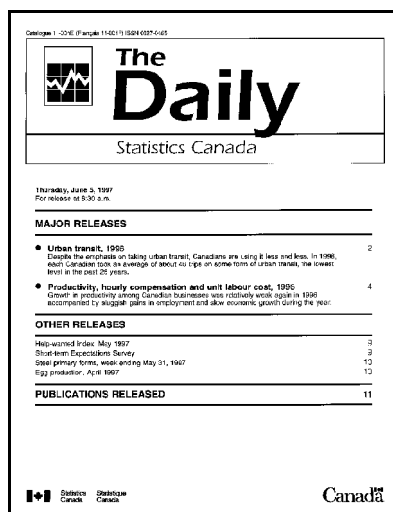
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