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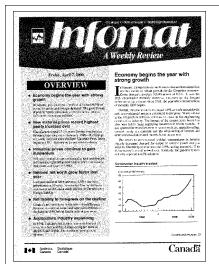
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Preliminary statistics for January to September 1999 will be published in *Surface and marine transport service bulletin*, (50-002-XIB, \$10/\$62). See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque @ statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

Cellular telecommunications industry

Cellular telephone service providers reported annual revenues of \$4.1 billion in 1998, an increase of 28.5% compared with \$3.2 billion in 1997. Operating expenses rose by 44.4% to \$4.3 billion (compared with \$3.1 billion in 1997), leading to the industry's first operating loss since 1987.

However, the number of cellular telephone subscribers continues to grow strongly. At the end of 1998 there were 5.9 million subscribers, 25.1% more than there were at the end of 1997 (4.7 million).

A summary of these data appears in *Communications service bulletin*, (56-001-XIB, \$10/\$32), which is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Haig McCarrell (613-951-5948), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division.

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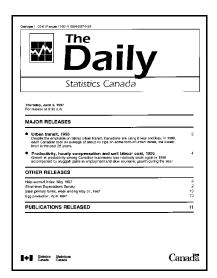
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