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Production and disposition of tobacco products

February 2004

Total cigarettes sold in February by Canadian manufacturers decreased 2% from January to 2.5 billion cigarettes, but increased 6% from the level observed in February 2003.

Cigarette production for February stood at 2.7 billion cigarettes, a decrease of 9% from January, and a decrease of 16% from the 3.2 billion cigarettes produced in February 2003.

At 3.6 billion cigarettes, the level of closing inventories for February 2004 increased by 5% from January, but declined 11% over the level recorded in February 2003.

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The February 2004 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products*, Vol. 33, no. 2 (32-022-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order our products*.

For general information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; *manufact@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Aircraft movement statistics

February 2004 (preliminary)

In February, the 42 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air-traffic control towers reported 340,458 take-offs and landings, an increase of 8.1% compared with February 2003 (314,836). This marks the first increase in year-over-year comparisons of monthly movements since March 2003. The increase partly reflects an extra day of activity as

a result of the 2004 leap year. In spite of the extra day, 13 airports showed year-over-year decreases in aircraft movements for February 2004 compared with February 2003. Two airports showed decreases greater than 20% this month compared with 17 airports in January.

Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) increased by 7.0% (up 15,098 movements) in February compared with February 2003. This represents the first year-over-year percentage increase since December 2003 (+1.2%). Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) rose by 10.7% (10,524 movements) in February 2004 marking the first increase since March 2003.

The top 10 airports in terms of volumes of itinerant movements in February showed year-over-year increases ranging from 21.8% (1,473 movements) at Victoria International to 0.1% (seven movements) at Winnipeg International.

The top 10 airports in terms of local movements showed year-over-year variations ranging from 54.9% (1,798 movements) at Toronto/Buttonville Municipal to -7.2% (-662 movements) at Boundary Bay. Nine of the top 10 airports recorded increases in local movements compared with two airports in January 2004.

The February 2004 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics*, Vol. 3, no. 2 (51F0001PIE, TP1496, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, choose *Free publications*, then *Transport and warehousing*.

Preliminary statistics for the 57 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA flight service stations for February 2004 are also available.

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Electric power statistics

January 2004

Data on electric power for January are now available.

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Coal and coke statistics

January 2004

Data on coal and coke for January are now available.

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Annual survey of water carriers 2002

In 2002, 104 for-hire marine carriers earned an income of \$90 million on revenues of \$2.3 billion. Total revenues earned by these carriers were up by 1.2% from 2001, while expenses increased 3.7%. The for-hire sector carriers recorded \$1.7 billion in liabilities against assets totalling \$2.5 billion.

Government carriers had revenues of \$703 million and expenditures of \$773 million in 2002 with reported assets of \$1.0 billion.

Definitions, data sources and methods: numéro d'enquête 2753.

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