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Second quarter 2004

The top 82 for-hire motor carriers of freight (Canada-based trucking companies earning \$25 million or more annually) generated operating revenues of \$1.83 billion and expenses of \$1.73 billion in the second quarter. Average per-carrier revenue increased 5.2% from the second quarter of 2003 to \$22.3 million. Average per-carrier expenses increased 3.4% to \$21.1 million.

The operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) for the top 82 for-hire carriers was 0.94, compared with 0.96 in the second quarter of 2003. A ratio of greater than 1.00 represents an operating loss.

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Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending August 28, 2004 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending August 28 totalled 309 645 metric tonnes, up 7.1% from 289 085 tonnes a week earlier and 6.4% higher than the 291 101 tonnes produced in the same week of 2003.

The year-to-date total as of August 28 was 10 634 543 tonnes, up 3.2% from 10 304 117 tonnes in the same period of 2003.

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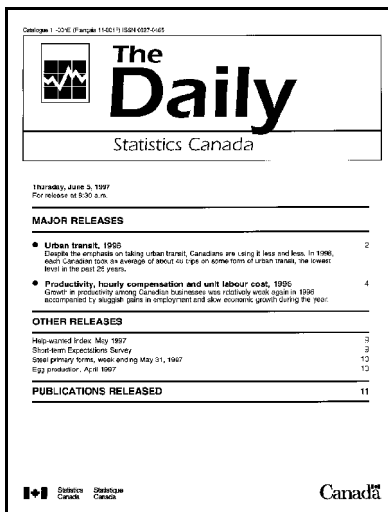
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(Release dates are subject to change.)

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7	Building permits	July 2004
8	Stocks of Canadian grain	As of July 31, 2004
9	Industrial capacity utilization rates	Second quarter 2004
9	Trade in culture services	1996-2002
9	New Housing Price Index	July 2004
10	Canadian international merchandise trade	July 2004
10	Labour Force Survey	August 2004