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Railway carloadings

November 2006

Canada's railways carried slightly less freight in November than they did the month before.

Railway carloadings totalled 24.7 million metric tonnes in November, down 0.3% from the revised 24.8 million metric tonnes loaded in October.

Tonnage in the non-intermodal component was virtually unchanged. Loadings in the intermodal part fell 3.6%, typical for containerized goods, which always show a downward trend from October into January.

Freight coming from the United States, either destined for or passing through Canada, fell 3.0% from October to 2.5 million metric tonnes. Despite this slight drop, tonnage from the United States was the highest reported for the month of November since 1999.

On a commodity basis, an ongoing demand for primary goods has supported loadings of most metallic ores and concentrates.

The biggest gain occurred in iron ore shipments, which rose by about 400,000 metric tonnes, equivalent to a 14.2% increase from October.

November wheat loadings totalled just over 2 million metric tonnes, up 10.3% from October. It was the fourth consecutive monthly increase for wheat loadings.

On the other hand, loadings related to the manufacturing sector were somewhat weaker. Combined loadings of parts and accessories for motor vehicles, automobiles and minivans, as well as motor vehicles intended to carry freight, have shown levels well below previous year averages.

In fact, combined loadings of these three transportation groups during 7 of the previous 11 months in 2006 were at their lowest levels since 1999. While loadings in November showed some sign of recovery, loadings in September and October registered the steepest monthly year-over-year declines compared with 2005. Reductions exceeded 20% for these two months, equivalent to a decline of more than 4,500 carloads.

On a year-over-year-basis, non-intermodal tonnage remained the same as November 2005 as did intermodal

loadings. Traffic received from the United States rose 2.2%.

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Sawmills

November 2006

Lumber production by sawmills fell 6.6% to 6,486.7 thousand cubic meters in November.

Sawmills shipped 6,157.2 thousand cubic meters of lumber in November, down 7.4% from October. Compared with the same month last year, lumber shipments were down 9.6%.

Between October and November, stocks rose 3.7% to 8,307.0 thousand cubic meters.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2134.

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Large urban transit

November 2006 (preliminary)

Combined ridership on 10 large urban transit systems in Canada was 2.7% higher in 2006 than it was for the same month in 2005.

Approximately 123.7 million passenger trips were taken on these transit systems in November. These systems account for about 80% of total urban transit in Canada.

The trips generated \$186.3 million in revenue in November 2006 (excluding subsidies), a 3.8% increase over November 2005.

Available on CANSIM: table 408-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2745.

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Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

October 2006

Data on the net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons, liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products, pipeline exports of crude oil and deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries are now available for October.

Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2148 and 2191.

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National Population Health Survey: Health institutions component

2002/2003

The longitudinal data from the fifth cycle (2002/2003) of the Health Institutions Component of the National Population Health Survey (NPHS) are available today. The survey started following a cohort of 2,287 residents of health institutions in 1994/1995. The respondents have since been re-interviewed every second year. The NPHS Health Institutions component survey data support national level estimates only. After five cycles of collection, the institutions component has now ended.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5003.

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For more information on the NPHS Health Institutions Component, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Janet Pantalone (613-951-4523; fax: 613-951-0792; nphs-ensp@statcan.ca), Health Statistics Division. ■

Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

December 2006

Data on mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation are now available for December.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2110.

Data are available upon request only. For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

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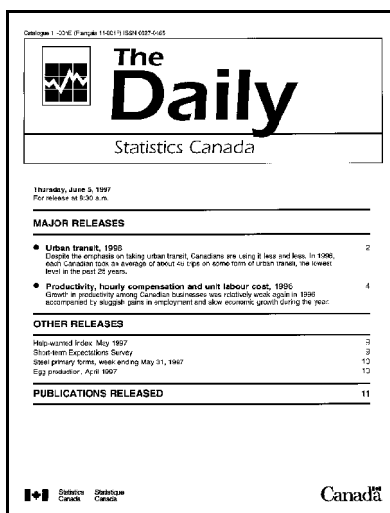
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29	Payroll employment, earnings and hours	November 2006
30	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	December 2006
30	Chronic low income and low-income dynamic among recent immigrants	2000 to 2004
31	Gross domestic product by industry	November 2006
31	Field crop reporting series: Stocks of Canadian grain at December 31	December 2006
