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International Travel

During August 1984, an estimated 5.3 million United States residents entered Canada, a 3.4% increase from a year earlier. Visitors from other countries increased 10.4% to 329,300. The total non-resident entries to Canada during August numbered 5.6 million, up 3.8% from the same month last year.

Canadian residents re-entering the country following visits to the United States totalled 4.1 million, down 13.1% from August 1983. By comparison, the number of Canadians returning from travel abroad increased 21.7% to 238,100. During August 1984, the total number of residents returning to Canada reached 4.3 million, down 11.7% from the previous year.

The international travel flows during the first eight months of 1984 were as follows:

- 23.8 million United States residents entered Canada, a 0.5% increase from January-August 1983;
- Visitors from other countries increased by 6.3% to 1.4 million;
- Canadians returning from the United States decreased by 5.5% to 25.8 million while resident re-entries from other countries rose 17.8%, totalling 1.4 million.

Long-term tourist entries from the United States in August 1984 (including overnight or longer auto and bus traffic and all entries by boat, plane and train) increased 9.3% to 2.4 million. Residents from other countries — excluding those arriving by land via the United States and intending to stay less than 24 hours — numbered 291,800, up 9.8% from last year. Canadian tourist re-entries from the United States were 1.4 million, down 18.5%, while residents returning from countries other than the United States increased 21.7% to 238,100.

On a year-to-date basis, tourists to Canada from the United States increased by 4.8% to 8.8 million; tourists from other countries numbered 1.2 million, up 6.2% from last year. Canadian tourist re-entries from the United States numbered 8.0 million in the January-August period, down 8.1% from 1983 while residents returning from countries other than the United States increased 17.8% to 1.4 million.

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *International Travel: Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.60/\$16), or contact Paul L. Paradis (613-990-8932).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	405.12	406.84	4.1
Labour Income (\$ million)	July *	19,588.4	19,962.7	4.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept.	11.16	10.95	1.9
Unemployed	Sept.	1,363,000	1,269,000	7.4

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July	3,304.7	3,146.7	5.3
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July	32,426.3	32,368.5	10.0

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July	17,246.0	20,443.1	12.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July	22,178.9	22,284.0	36.8

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)	Aug.	122.9	122.9	3.7
New House Price Index (1981=100)	July	95.2	95.3	0.6
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Aug.	215.0	217.1	1.3
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Aug.	159.1	162.5	2.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Aug.	312.2	312.5	3.6

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	July	1,320.7	8,556.4	2.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug.	11,029	75,027	-20.7

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	June	4,666	27,702	28.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	June	31.1	214.1	9.5
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	June	6,187	45,062	7.6
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	July	8.0	49.1	8.5

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	9,011	74,132	28.2
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug.	8,059	62,054	33.5

PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Aug.	20.9	158.3	20.4
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	July	1,117	8,696	24.6

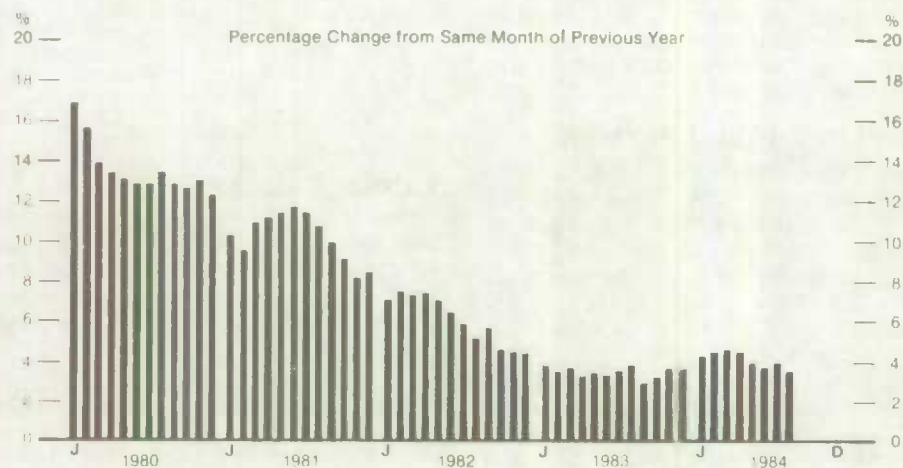
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	806.3	5,633.5	5.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July	17,351.1	129,780.7	16.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug.	1,186.5	10,749.9	34.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug. *	9,768.3	73,432.8	9.5

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

* - new this week.

Industry Selling Price Index: Manufacturing (1971=100)



Source: Statistics Canada, Industry Price Indexes (62-011)

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Multiple Jobholders, by Industry and Occupation

A paper in the September 1984 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$3.85/\$38.50) entitled "Multiple Jobholders, by Industry and Occupation", analyzes multiple jobholding data derived from the Survey of 1981 Work History. The study describes the class of worker and industry and occupation characteristics of workers with more than one job.

Some of the paper's findings:

- Over 90% of the 374,000 multiple jobholders in 1981 worked part-time at one or both jobs;
- Only 31% of all multiple jobholders held both jobs in the same industry group;
- More than four in ten multiple jobholders worked in the same occupation in their jobs.

For further information, contact Doreen Duchesne (613-990-9452), Labour Force Activity Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Government Finance

On a financial management basis, the federal government incurred a deficit of \$19,718 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1983. Gross general revenue amounted to \$74,285 million, an increase of \$1,753 million over that of the previous year. Gross general expenditure was \$94,003 million, up \$15,227 million from the 1981-82 fiscal year.

For further information, contact J.P. Bergin (613-990-8559), Public Institutions Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Rail Transport

Canadian railways handled 222.9 million tonnes of revenue freight in 1983, a 4.8% increase from 1982. Domestic loadings rose 4.9% to 209.3 million tonnes, while receipts from U.S. connections increased 3.0% to 13.6 million tonnes.

For further information, order the 1983 issue of *Railway Transport in Canada — Commodity Statistics* (52-211, \$10.60), or contact the Rail Unit (613-990-8693), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron

Preliminary estimates of steel ingot production during September 1984 totalled 1 201 224 tonnes, a 2.2% increase from 1 175 147 tonnes a year earlier.

Pig iron production reached an estimated 750 652 tonnes in September 1984, a 1.8% decrease from 764 277 tonnes recorded in September 1983.

For further information, order the September 1984 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$2.75/\$27.50) or contact G.W. Barrett (613-990-9826), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Security Transactions

Foreign investment in outstanding Canadian securities increased by \$266 million in August 1984, reflecting additional investment in Canadian bonds. Foreign investment in bonds of Canadian issue has averaged \$250 million per month during the past six months. In August, the bulk of the foreign investment came from European and Japanese investors, and principally involved purchases of Government of Canada issues. While trading with non-residents in outstanding Canadian equities produced no net change in the level of foreign holdings, there was a marked increase in the overall value of trading activity in August, rising to more than \$1 billion.

During the period, there was a sharp rise in the gross volume of resident trading activity in outstanding foreign equities and bonds, reaching a record \$3.5 billion. The net change in resident holdings of outstanding foreign securities arising from this activity was, however, quite small; foreign bonds increased by \$33 million whereas equities declined by \$23 million.

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$2.75/\$27.50), or contact John Motala (613-990-9051), International and Financial Economics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Labour Income

Labour income for the month of July 1984 was estimated at \$19,588.4 million, an increase of \$903.3 million or 4.8% from July 1983. Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries rose \$76.2 million between June 1984 and July 1984 to \$17,537.0 million.

For further information, order the July-September 1984 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$5.55/\$22.20), or contact Mrs. Gauthier (613-990-9900), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Retail Trade

Unadjusted Sales

Preliminary estimates show retail sales in Canada in August 1984 (without adjustment for seasonal fluctuations) rose 9.4% over August 1983 to \$9,768.3 million in current dollars. The estimated sales for July 1984 were revised downward to \$9,426.4 million, registering a 3.8% gain over the same month of last year. The most notable gains in August were reported by garages (+18.4%), used car dealers (+17.9%) and motor vehicle dealers (+17.8%). In contrast, major decreases were recorded by household appliance stores (-15.8%), furniture, T.V., radio and appliance stores (-10.0%) and general merchandise stores (-5.9%).

On a regional basis, Saskatchewan posted a 2.5% decrease in retail sales from August 1983; all other provinces reported increases ranging from 2.9% in Newfoundland to 14.1% in Nova Scotia. Sales were also higher in all the metropolitan areas surveyed: 8.0% in Toronto; 8.3% in Vancouver; 11.9% in Winnipeg and 15.1% in Montreal.

Cumulative sales for the first eight months of 1984 reached \$73,432.8 million, up 9.5% over the same period a year earlier.

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

Adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of selling days, retail trade estimates for August 1984 fell 1.3% to \$9,500.2 million compared to the previous month's revised sales of \$9,623.5 million. Decreased sales were reported by household appliance stores (-4.7%), used car dealers (-3.6%) and general merchandise stores (-3.5%); the most notable retail gains were registered by florists (+3.3%), specialty shoe stores (+3.1%), variety stores and automotive parts and accessories stores (+2.1% respectively).

With the exception of Manitoba, which indicated no change in sales from the previous month, all provinces recorded sales declines ranging from 0.1% in British Columbia to 3.4% in Saskatchewan. In the metropolitan areas, decreased sales were registered in Winnipeg (-1.4%), Vancouver (-1.5%), Toronto and Montreal (-2.1% respectively).

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$3.85/\$38.50), or contact Jean-Pierre Simard (613-990-9665), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Prices of Agricultural Products

The August 1984 index number of farm prices of agricultural products for Canada (1971=100) is 296.8, 1.9% lower than the July 1984 number of 302.5 and 4.2% higher than the August 1983 number of 284.9.

For further information, order *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, \$1.60/\$16) or contact Steven Dandford (613-990-8706), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Radio and Television

Revenues of privately-owned Canadian radio broadcasting operations for the year ended August 31, 1983 were an estimated \$492 million, up 3% from the previous fiscal year. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 4% to \$438 million; depreciation reached \$17 million; interest expense, \$22 million, and other income, \$3 million. Net profit before tax was \$15 million compared to \$30 million in 1982.

Television broadcasting revenues during the period increased 12% to \$833 million, while programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses rose 15% to \$635 million. Depreciation totalled \$26 million and interest expense \$34 million. Net profit before tax was estimated at \$149 million, an increase of 4% over 1982.

CBC operations produced revenues of \$131 million in 1983, compared to \$111 million in the previous year. The net cost of operating the CBC during the 1983 fiscal year was \$735 million compared to \$694 million in 1982.

For further information, order the 1983 issue of *Radio and Television Broadcasting* (56-204, \$6.65), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-990-8693), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Cable Television

Preliminary estimates show cable television revenues for the year ended August 31, 1983 were \$534 million, up 13% from \$472 million in the preceding fiscal year. Programming, technical, sales and administrative expenses increased 13% to \$324 million from \$288 million a year earlier. Depreciation was estimated at \$81 million; interest at \$67 million and other income was \$3 million. Pre-tax profits totalled \$64 million, compared to \$36 million in 1982.

For further information, order the 1983 issue of *Cable Television* (56-205, \$6.35), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-990-8693), *Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Therapeutic Abortions

The publication *Some Facts about Therapeutic Abortions in Canada, 1970-1982* provides, through a series of charts, an historical perspective of therapeutic abortions performed in Canada. This publication (non-catalogued, \$7) is available from the Casual Sales Unit (613-990-8114).

For further information, contact S. Wadhwa (613-990-8386), Program Manager, *Therapeutic Abortions, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Egg Production

Canadian egg production decreased 3.7% to 41.2 million dozen in August 1984 from 42.7 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers was down 3.2% to 23.4 million from the August 1983 total of 24.1 million; the number of eggs per 100 layers declined 0.5% to 2,112 from 2,123.

For further information, contact Paul Murray (613-990-8714), *Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Department Store Sales

Unadjusted Sales

Canadian department stores reported seasonally unadjusted sales of \$873.0 million in August 1984, up 2.6% from the August 1983 level. Sales were higher in 27 of the 40 departments; the largest increases were registered by girls' and teenage girls' wear (+17.1%); men's clothing (+14.2%); and women's and misses' dresses, house dresses, aprons and uniforms (+12.5%). The most notable decreases were recorded in floor coverings (-21.33%), furniture (-17.9%) and piece goods (-15.6%).

At the provincial level, with the exception of Saskatchewan (-3.2%) and Alberta (-0.1%), all provinces reported increased department store sales. Of the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, six reported increased sales with gains ranging from 15.2% in Quebec City to 1.5% in Hamilton. Sales declined in Calgary (-1.0%), Toronto (-0.6%), Edmonton (-0.3%) and Vancouver (-0.3%).

Sales by major department stores in August 1984 totalled \$530.6 million, a 0.3% rise from the same month last year. Junior department stores recorded sales of \$342.4 million, up 6.3% from the August 1983 sales.

Department store sales constituted 8.9% of total retail trade in Canada in August 1984, a notable decline from the 9.5% share held in August 1983.

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

Adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of trading days, total department store sales in August 1984 declined 2.1% to \$924.8 million from the revised July 1984 level of \$945.0 million. Among the 30 departments recording lower sales, the largest decreases were reported in women's and misses' coats and suits (-12.2%); china and glassware (-9.4%); and furniture (-8.2%). The most notable gains were registered in gasoline, oil, auto accessories, repairs and supplies (+10.2%); infants' and children's wear and nursery equipment (+8.3%); and girls' and teenage girls' wear (+7.4%).

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$3.30/\$33), or contact Jean-Pierre Simard (613-990-9665).

Microdata on Family Incomes

Two microdata tapes containing data on the 1982 incomes of economic and census families in Canada are now available to the public at a cost of \$300 each. In addition to information on earnings, transfers and total income for the family head and spouse, 15 component sources of family income and income after tax are contained on each tape. Family characteristics such as status, vis-à-vis low income cut-offs, number of earners, life cycle and tenure are provided. Personal and labour-related characteristics of the head of the economic/census unit and spouse such as age, education, mother tongue, labour force status and occupation are also given.

These data were recently published in *Income Distributions by Size in Canada, 1982* (13-207, \$11.10) and in *Family Income (Census Families), 1982* (13-208, \$6.65).

For further information, contact Robert Allard (613-990-9775), *Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6*.

Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

Canadian firms produced 95 094 cubic metres of waferboard in August 1984, an increase of 7.1% compared to 88 817 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1983. The production of particleboard in August 1984 totalled 60 931 cubic metres, down 0.7% from 61 355 cubic metres recorded a year earlier.

Hardboard production in Canada reached 41,857,000 square feet 1/8-inch basis in August 1984, a decrease of 31.6% from 61,188,000 square feet 1/8-inch basis in the preceding year.

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$1.60/\$16).

Steel Pipe Tubing

Steel pipe production in Canada during August 1984 totalled 118 575 tonnes; this represents a 57.9% increase from 75 090 tonnes recorded in August 1983.

For further information, order the August 1984 issue of *Steel Pipe Tubing and Fittings* (41-011, \$1.60/\$16).

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The directory contains descriptions of 175 data files located throughout the Bureau. Descriptions include information about the data such as origin, universe, subject content, geographic coverage, availability of custom tabulations, and who to contact for further information.

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