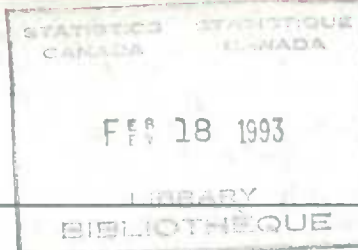




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## A WEEKLY REVIEW

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Friday, February 19, 1993

### OVERVIEW

#### ■ Manufacturers' Shipments Stronger in 1992

In 1992, total Canadian manufacturers' shipments amounted to \$280.5 billion, 1.0% higher than the value for 1991, marking the first increase in three years.

#### ■ Same-day Auto Trips to the United States Drop in 1992

The number of same-day automobile trips to the U.S. by Canadians fell by 3.5% in 1992 to 57.0 million, after five straight years of double-digit increases.

#### ■ Machinery and Equipment Prices: Sharpest Increase in 11 Years

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#### ■ Stocks of Grain Lower in 1992

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#### Manufacturers' Shipments Stronger in 1992

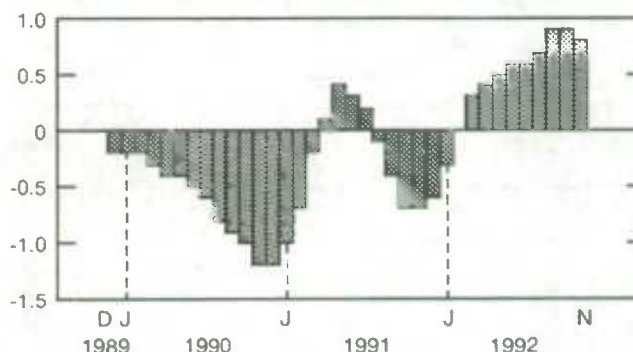
After falling for two years in a row, by 3.8% in 1990 and 6.5% in 1991, the annual value of shipments increased by 1.0% in 1992 to \$280.5 billion. Canadian manufacturers' shipment levels in the first half of 1992 were much lower than in the first half of 1991 but then strengthened, especially in the last four months. Ten major groups increased annual shipments in 1992, compared to only two groups in 1991.

Five provinces had higher shipments in 1992: New Brunswick (6.0%), Manitoba (4.5%), British Columbia (3.6%), Prince Edward Island (2.2%) and

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#### Shipments

Monthly percentage change in trend, seasonally adjusted



Note: The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.



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### ... Manufacturers' Shipments Stronger in 1992

Ontario (1.7%). Decreases were posted in Newfoundland (-11.8%), Nova Scotia (-2.9%), Saskatchewan (-1.6%), Québec (-1.1%) and Alberta (-0.5%). By contrast, all provinces recorded decreases in shipments in 1991.

The value of shipments rose 1.3% in December alone, the fourth increase in five months, as 13 of 22 major groups recorded higher shipment levels. Increased shipments of transportation equipment (4.7%), electrical and electronic products (4.4%) and primary metals (2.9%) were noteworthy. These gains were partly offset by a 3.6% decrease in paper and allied products industries and a 2.1% decline in refined petroleum and coal products industries.

The short-term trend for shipments increased from March to November and at about the same rate of 0.8% to 0.9% for the last three months.

## Same-day Auto Trips to the United States Drop in 1992

In 1992, a total of 57.0 million same-day automobile trips were taken by Canadians to the U.S., a drop of 3.5% from the level posted in 1991. This decline follows five straight years of double-digit increases. The number of automobile trips of one night or more to the United States by Canadian residents also dropped in 1992, by 5.1% to 13.6 million, while the number of comparable trips by air increased 6.1% to 3.8 million.

Travel of one or more nights to the United States, by all modes of travel, reached a level of 18.6 million trips, 2.8% fewer trips than in 1991. The number of Canadians returning from trips of one or more nights to the U.S. decreased for all provinces in 1992 except Ontario, where there was a 0.4% increase. Similar travel to all other countries advanced 9.9% to 3.1 million trips.

The number of trips by Americans who stayed one night or more in Canada fell 1.1% from 1991 to

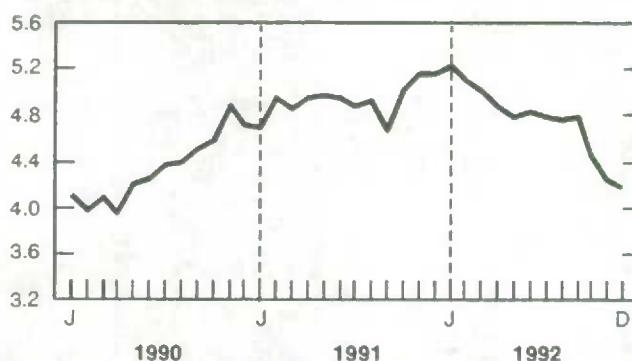
Inventories owned were up by 0.3% in December to \$34.1 billion, following no change in November. Higher levels were recorded in eight of 22 major groups.

Unfilled orders advanced for the first time in four months, by 1.2% in December. The largest increases were in the transportation equipment (1.7%), fabricated metal (7.4%) and electrical and electronic products (2.0%) industries. New orders were up for the third straight month, this time by 2.5%.

For further information, order *Monthly Survey of Manufacturing* (catalogue number 31-001), or contact *Industry Division* at (613) 951-9832. (See also "Current Trends" chart on page 6.)

### Same-Day Trips by Canadian Residents to the United States, by Automobile

Millions, seasonally adjusted



11.9 million while comparable trips by travellers from all other countries rose only slightly, by 0.3% to 2.9 million.

In December, the number of same-day automobile visits by Canadian residents to the United States was down by 1.9% from November to 4.2 million trips, the lowest seasonally adjusted level in almost three years. The downward trend in automobile trips of one night or more to the U.S. also continued, decreasing by 6.0% to 971,000 trips in December.

The flow of foreign travellers to Canada improved in December. The number of trips of one or more nights by American visitors rose for the second month in a row, this time by 5.1%, and the number of trips from all other countries was up by 1.2%.

For further information, order *International Travel - Advance Information* (catalogue number 66-001P), or contact *Education, Culture and Tourism Division* at (613) 951-1791.

### International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

December 1992, Seasonally Adjusted

	('000)	% change previous month	% change previous year
<b>One or More Night Trips</b>			
<b>Non-resident Travellers:</b>			
United States	1,043	5.1	2.0
Other Countries	251	1.2	-0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Residents of Canada:</b>			
United States	1,429	-2.3	-18.4
Other Countries	256	-3.7	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-15.7</b>
<b>Auto Re-entries</b>			
<b>Residents of Canada:</b>			
Same-day	4,167	-1.9	-19.1
Overnight	971	-6.0	-27.4



## Machinery and Equipment Prices: Sharpest Increase in 11 Years

The machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) stood at 106.3 in the fourth quarter of 1992, up 2.6% from its revised third-quarter level. This was the largest quarterly price increase for new machinery and equipment purchased by Canadian industry since 1981. On a year-over-year basis, the index rose 5.5%, the largest annual increase since 1985.

The domestic price component increased 0.9% and the imported goods component rose 4.3%. The weaker Canadian dollar relative to its U.S. counterpart influenced the price of imported machinery and equipment.

Prices in manufacturing industries, which were up by 3.1%, accounted for most of the overall advance, mainly because of increases for paper and allied products (3.5%), primary metals (3.4%) and chemical products (3.3%). The transportation, communication, storage and utilities component, which carries slightly more than one-quarter of the overall weight, increased by 2.1%. Higher charges for electric power (2.1%) and air transportation (4.8%) accounted in large part for the rise. Other notable increases occurred in construction (4.2%) and mines, quarries and oil wells (3.6%).

*For further information, order Construction Price Statistics (catalogue number 62-007) or contact Prices Division at (613-951-9607).*

## Stocks of Grain Lower in 1992

On December 31, 1992, stocks of grain, both farm-held and in commercial positions, totalled 45.9 million metric tonnes, down 12% from 1991. At 36.3 million metric tonnes, Canadian farm stocks of the eight major grains were 11% below the level of 1991 farm stocks. Stocks in commercial positions fell 16% from 1991 to 9.6 million metric tonnes.

Total farm stocks of wheat (excluding durum) were 18.3 million metric tonnes, down 2% from the previous year. Commercial stocks were down 22% to 5.0 million metric tonnes. Farm stocks of durum wheat totalled 2.9 million metric tonnes, a decline of 26% from the previous year.

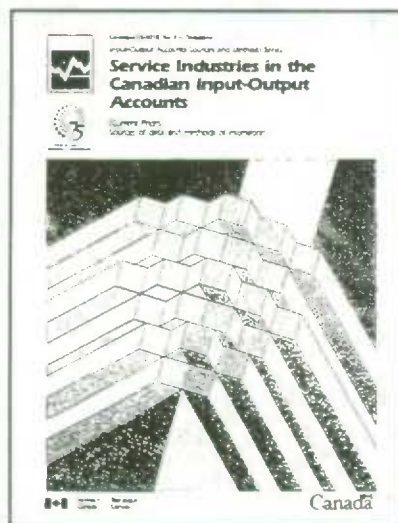
Oilseed farm stocks, at 2.6 million metric tonnes, were 26% lower than in 1991. Farm stocks of soybean, the only oilseed to show an increase from the previous year, totalled 502 thousand metric tonnes, up 16% from 1991. Canola farm stocks dropped 27% to 1.8 million metric tonnes, while commercial stocks were up 58% to 748 thousand metric tonnes. Flaxseed farm stocks dropped to 370 thousand metric tonnes from 700 thousand metric tonnes in storage at December 31, 1991.

*For further information, order Field Crop Reporting Series: No. 1, Stocks of Canadian Grain at December 31, 1992 (catalogue number 22-002) or contact Agriculture Division at (613) 951-3862.*

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Field Crop Reporting Series No. 1 : Stocks of Canadian Grain at December 31, 1992		22-002	12/80	14/96	16/112
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Canadian Economic Observer	February 1993	11-010	22/220	26/260	31/310
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Touriscope: International Travel - Advance Information, Vol. 8, No. 12	December 1992	66-001P	6.10/61	7.30/73	8.50/85
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Footwear Statistics	December 1992	33-002	5/50	6/60	7/70
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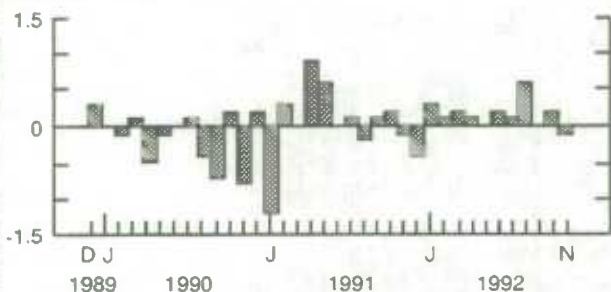
*Service Industries in the Canadian Input-Output Accounts, Vol. 2 - Occasional* (catalogue number 15-601E, \$45) is the first publication to be released in the *Input-Output Accounts Sources and Methods Series*. For more information on the content of this publication, contact Yusuf Siddiqi (613-951-8909) or Steve O'Brien (613-951-8910), Input-Output Division.



## CURRENT TRENDS

### Gross Domestic Product

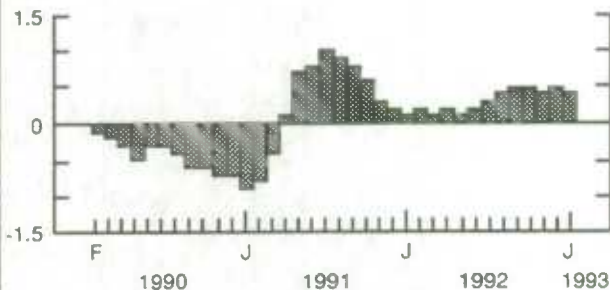
% change,  
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Real gross domestic product at factor cost edged down by 0.1% in November following four straight monthly increases.

### Composite Leading Indicator

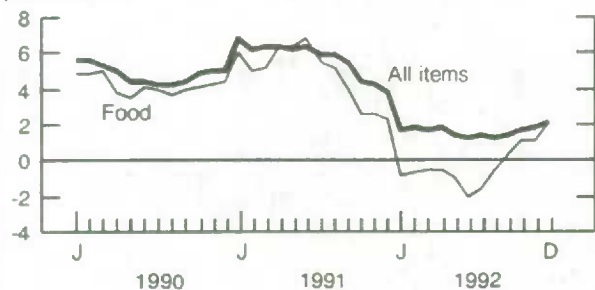
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The growth of the composite leading indicator was 0.4% in January, in line with the revised monthly gains of 0.4% or 0.5% recorded since October.

### Consumer Price Index

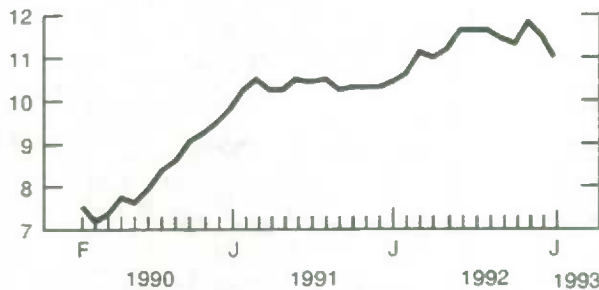
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The year-over-year increase in the all-items CPI rose to a one-year high of 2.1% in December. The food index also showed an increase of 2.1%.

### Unemployment Rate

%



In January, the unemployment rate fell to 11.0% from 11.5% in December.

### Manufacturing

Billions  
of dollars



Canadian manufacturer's shipments increased by 1.3% in December to \$24.4 billion. The level of unfilled orders increased 1.2%, the first rise in four months.

### Merchandise Trade

Billions  
of dollars



The seasonally adjusted value of merchandise exports fell by 2.0% in November while imports rose by 4.4%, pushing Canada's trade balance to \$1 billion.

**Note:** All series are seasonally adjusted except the consumer price index.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Period	Level	Change Previous Period	Change Previous Year
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Gross Domestic Product (\$ billion, 1986)	November	505.8	-0.1%	1.2%
Composite Leading Indicator (1981 = 100)	January	148.8	0.4%	3.7%
Operating Profits of Enterprises (\$ billion)	3rd Quarter	10.7	6.3%	-15.0%
<b>DOMESTIC DEMAND</b>				
Retail Trade (\$ billion)	November	15.6	0.5%	2.7%
New Motor Vehicle Sales ('000 units)	December	108.5	4.3%	8.2%
<b>LABOUR</b>				
Employment (millions)	January	12.3	0.1%	0.3%
Unemployment Rate (%)	January	11.0	-0.5	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	January	65.2	-0.3	-0.5
Labour Income (\$ billion)	November	32.7	0.0%	2.5%
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	November	556.51	0.3%	3.4%
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b>				
Merchandise Exports (\$ billion)	November	13.7	-2.0%	16.3%
Merchandise Imports (\$ billion)	November	12.7	4.4%	9.1%
Merchandise Trade Balance (\$ billion)	November	1.0	-0.8	0.9
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>				
Shipments (\$ billion)	December*	24.4	1.3%	7.4%
New Orders (\$ billion)	December*	24.6	2.5%	10.0%
Unfilled Orders (\$ billion)	December*	21.6	1.2%	-5.8%
Inventory/ Shipments Ratio	December*	1.40	-0.01	-0.12
Capacity Utilization (%)	3rd Quarter	75.0	0.9	1.0
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1986 = 100)	December	129.1	0.0%	2.1%
Industrial Product Price Index (1986 = 100)	December	111.0	0.4%	3.5%
Raw Materials Price Index (1986 = 100)	December	110.2	-0.2%	10.6%
New Housing Price Index (1986 = 100)	December	134.7	-0.1%	0.6%

*Note: All series are seasonally adjusted with the exception of average weekly earnings and the price indexes.*

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