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In the third quarter of 1986, preliminary estimates show that Canada registered its highest third quarter surplus ever on the international travel account (\$1,062 million). The record total was entirely due to a very large surplus of \$1,179 million with the United States on the travel account. This also represents a record level compared with previous third quarter results.

In percentage terms, the increase in travel receipts was the highest since the third quarter of 1967, during Expo 67. The improvement was brought about by the strongest advance in receipts, in absolute terms, ever recorded in a third quarter.

Payments by Canadians travelling abroad declined by 1.9% from the third quarter of 1985, the first third quarter decrease since 1982.

During the first nine months of 1986, the travel account deficit (at \$691 million) decreased by \$907 million compared with the same period in 1985. This represents the lowest deficit for the January-September period since 1975.

Revisions to the second quarter of 1986 estimates are also included in the accompanying table.

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Receipts and Payments on International Travel

	1985					1986 ^p		
	QI	QII	QIII	QIV	1985	QI	QII	QIII
		(million \$)						
United States	1				•			
Receipts Payments Balance	370 1,230 -860	876 1,091 -215	1,795 1,055 740	633 782 -149	3,674 4,158 -484	457 1,303 -846	1,109 1,196 -87	2,252 1,073 1,179
All other countries								
2	148 728 728 7580 5	380 714 70.7334	576 925 -349	228 585 -357	1,332 2,952 -1,620	194 834 -640	519 699 -180	752 869 -117
Total all countries		\$ \$	· :					
Receipts Payments Balance	518 V 11,958 75) (440)	1,256 2 1,805 549	2,371 1,980 391	861 1,367 -506	5,006 7,110 -2,104	651 2,137 -1,486	1,628 1,895 -267	3,004 1,942 1,062

Preliminary estimates.

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Chain Store Stocks September 1986

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,614 million at the end of September 1986, up 6.7% over the level reached in September 1985.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.28:1 in September 1986, up slightly from the average ratio of 1.22:1 observed in the first eight months of the year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the September 1986 issue of Merchandising Inventories (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the fourth week of December. Contact: Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

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