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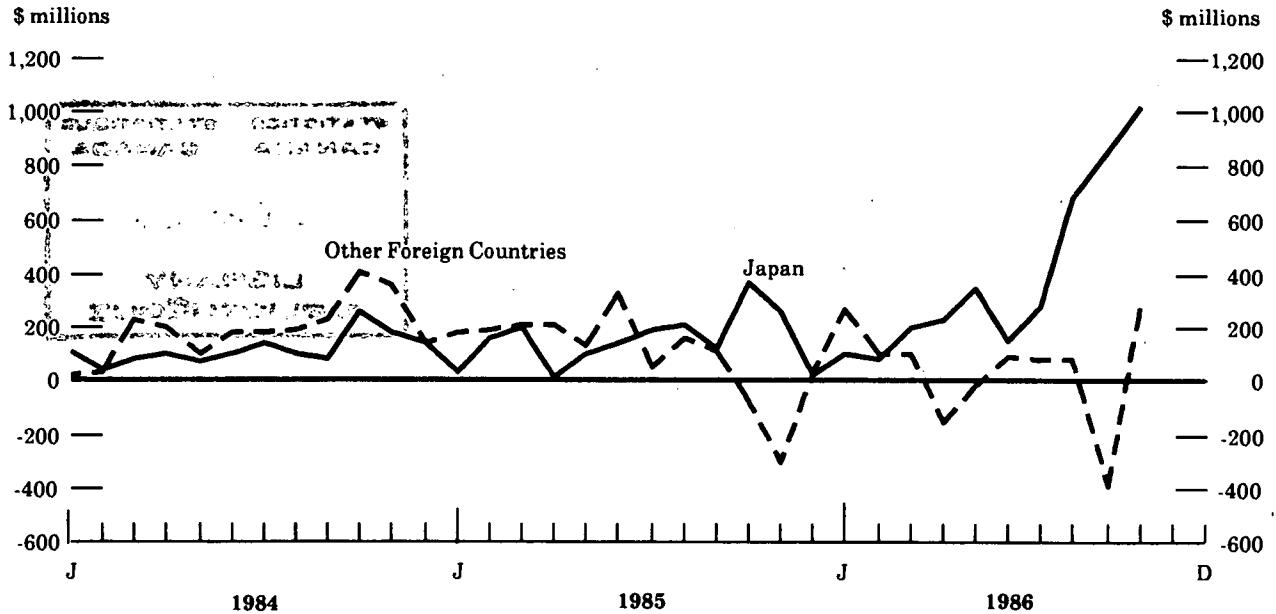
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Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Bonds With Japan and All Other Foreign Countries (Net Sales + / Net Purchases-)



Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents October 1986

Outstanding Canadian Securities

Net sales to non-residents of outstanding Canadian bonds reached a record \$1.3 billion in October, some \$500 million above the previous high set two months earlier. Japan continued to be by far the major investor, with net sales climbing to a record \$1.0 billion. Japan was also the major contributor to the increase of more than 50% in the gross value of bonds traded (sales and purchases) with non-residents. Net investments in Canadian bonds from all other countries increased by some \$300 million, the highest level in more than a year. Net sales of outstanding Canadian stocks were \$95 million, similar to that recorded in the previous two months.

Outstanding Foreign Securities

Residents were net buyers of outstanding foreign bonds in October (\$167 million), in contrast to net reductions in holdings totalling nearly \$400 million in the previous two months. The net investment in the current month was largely channelled into United States government bonds. Net purchases of foreign stocks were \$84 million, evenly distributed between United States and overseas stocks.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150), available in January. Contact: J. Motala (613-990-9052), Balance of Payments, International and Financial Economics Division.

Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents
October 1986

Type of security	Sales to non-residents	Purchases from non-residents	Net sales (+)
(\$ millions)			
Canadian securities:			
Bonds	5,063	3,758	+1,305
Common and preferred stocks	874	778	+95
Total - October 1986	5,936	4,536	+1,400
Total - September 1986	4,045	3,472	+573
Foreign securities:			
Bonds	3,619	3,786	-167
Common and preferred stocks	1,308	1,392	-84
Total - October 1986	4,927	5,177	-251
Total - September 1986	4,101	3,964	+137

Unemployment Insurance Statistics October 1986

Seasonally Adjusted Data

For the week ending October 18, 1986, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 972,000, unchanged from the previous month. The beneficiaries data have been relatively stable during the first 10 months of 1986.

Between September and October 1986, decreases in the number of beneficiaries were observed in Saskatchewan (-1.5%), New Brunswick (-1.2%), Nova Scotia (-1.0%) and the Yukon (-6.4%). An increase occurred in Newfoundland (+1.4%) while the remaining provinces showed little or no change.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits¹ during the week ending October 18, 1986 stood at 928,000, up 5.2% from the previous month, but down 2.8% from October 1985. By sex, 52.1% of the beneficiaries were male and 47.9% were female. Between September and October 1986, the number of males who received unemployment insurance benefits increased by 6.4% to 483,000 while the number of female beneficiaries increased by 3.9% to 445,000.

Benefits paid during October 1986 totalled \$752 million¹, a decrease of 1.7% from a month earlier, but up 0.8% from October 1985. For the first 10 months of 1986 unemployment insurance payments amounted to \$8,798 million, up 0.8% over the same period in 1985. The change in the year-to-date payments is the result of a 5.8% increase in the average weekly benefit (to \$180.04 from \$170.17) which was partially offset by a 4.7% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 48.9 million from 51.3 million).

A total of 331,000 claims¹ were received for unemployment insurance benefits during October 1986, up 14.6% from a month earlier. This increase was smaller than that observed between September and October in the previous two years. The number of claims received is virtually the same as it was in October 1985 but lower than the 355,000 recorded in October 1984. Since January 1986, a total of 2.66 million claims have been received, 0.7% more than during the same period last year.

¹ *The count of beneficiaries cannot be directly related to the benefit payments made during any one month. Whereas the latter figure covers all disbursements during a month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons who qualified for benefits during a specific week of a month. The number of days available during a month to process claims and to pay benefits influences the levels and trends of the benefits and claims data. However, the beneficiaries count is not affected since it relates to a single week. In making short term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between the beneficiaries data and the other data series.*

Available on CANSIM: Matrices 5700 to 5717 and 26, Series 1.6.

Data for the months of August, September and October 1986 will be published in the October 1986 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of January 1987. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users. For special tabulations and further information contact J.-P. Maynard (613-990-9900), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	August 1986	Oct. 1985	% change from	
					Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Benefits¹						
Amount paid (\$000)	751,714	764,563	725,323	745,569	-1.7	0.8
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,137	4,240	4,065	4,355	-2.4	-5.0
Average weekly benefit (\$)	181.31	179.94	178.04	170.66	0.8	6.2
Claims received (000)	331	289	215	331	14.6	-0.1
Beneficiaries² (000)						
Total	928 ^p	882 ^p	993 ^r	955 ^r	5.2	-2.8
Regular benefits	821 ^p	777 ^p	892 ^r	848 ^r	5.6	-3.2
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	972 ^p	972 ^p	991 ^r	1,007 ^r	0.0	
	January to October				% change	
	1986		1985		1986/1985	
Benefits¹						
Amount paid (\$000)	8,798,289		8,727,564		0.8	
Weeks of benefit (000)	48,867		51,264		-4.7	
Average weekly benefit (\$)	180.04		170.17		5.8	
Claims received (000)	2,665		2,647		0.7	
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average² (000)	1,092 ^p		1,154 ^r		-5.4	

¹ Amount paid and weeks of benefit include work sharing and job creation. However, average weekly benefit excludes these amounts in order to maintain comparability with previous data.

² The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Building Permits

September 1986

After three consecutive increases, the seasonally adjusted value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities dropped 2.0% in September to \$2,172.9 million from \$2,217.1 million in August. This drop was entirely attributable to the residential sector which more than offset an increase registered in the non-residential sector. In spite of this slowing down, the level of building permits remained at a high level in September.

The seasonally adjusted value of residential permits in September fell 7.0% to \$1,262.5 million from \$1,357.2 million in August. The single-family dwelling sector remained relatively strong but nevertheless was responsible for this decrease. On a seasonally adjusted basis, 19,222 units were approved in September (10,371 single-detached and 8,851 multiple dwellings), down 6.0% from 20,446 units in August (11,741 single-detached and 8,705 multiple dwellings). In annual terms, the

approvals represented 230,700 units in September and 245,400 units in August. All regions posted decreases in September except for the Prairies and British Columbia.

The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential projects rose 5.9% in September to \$910.4 million. A large advance recorded by the commercial (+19.4%) component more than offset the combined decreases registered by the industrial (-11.2%) and public (-12.5%) components. Only two provinces, Quebec and British Columbia, recorded significant gains in September.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/\$200), scheduled for release the third week of January 1987. Contact: Gaétan Lemay (613-991-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Building Permits Issued in Canada

(Millions of Dollars)

	Unadjusted				Adjusted				% change	
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1986 ¹	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. '86/ Aug. '86	Sept. '86/ Sept. '85
Residential	1,154.2	1,363.3	1,103.8	1,061.9	1,262.5	1,357.2	1,116.4	1,080.6	-7.0	13.1
Industrial	148.3	217.3	110.2	239.7	143.2	161.3	96.9	181.0	-11.2	47.8
Commercial	529.0	522.3	379.1	430.8	583.7	488.8	392.5	391.6	19.4	48.7
Institutional and governmental	129.3	261.9	232.9	260.4	183.5	209.8	223.6	208.5	-12.5	-17.9
Total	1,960.8	2,364.8	1,826.0	1,992.8	2,172.9	2,217.1	1,829.4	1,861.7	-2.0	18.8

¹ Data include an estimate of late returns.

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Domestic Travel

Third Quarter 1986 Canadian Travel Survey

Results from the third quarter 1986 Canadian Travel Survey indicate that the downward trend in domestic travel that was evident in the early 80s, and particularly acute in 1984, has come to a halt. The travel habits of Canadians appear to have returned to levels similar to 1979, which represented the peak of domestic travel.

During July, August and September of this year, domestic travellers took an estimated 39.7 million trips throughout Canada. These travel patterns resulted in a 22% jump over 1984 levels or an increase of approximately 7.3 million trips. In relation to the peak travel year (1979), there was virtually no change.

Canadians reported that 27.9 million of these journeys lasted at least one night. This was an 11% improvement over the low levels of 1984 but 4% fewer compared to 1979 records. The continuation of Expo 86 in the summer quarter undoubtedly contributed to a 44% increase in overnight travel in British Columbia by both residents of that province and other Canadians.

More detailed information will be provided in the April 1987 issue of *Travel-log* (87-003, Vol. 6, No. 1). Contact: Pierre J. Hubert, Travel, Tourism and Recreation Section (613-991-1513), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Input-Output Tables (Revised Estimates), 1961-1981

Revised series of annual Input-Output Tables, both in current and constant prices, are released today. The Input-Output Tables at medium aggregation are available on CANSIM matrices 7711 to 7870 and 4683 to 4762. The non-confidential data base at the worksheet level are available directly from the Input-Output Division.

The current dollar Input-Output Tables will be published in the forthcoming occasional publication *The Input-Output Structure of the*

Canadian Economy 1961-1981 (15-510) and the constant dollar Input-Output Tables will be published in the forthcoming occasional publication *The Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy in Constant Prices, 1961-1981* (15-511).

Contact: Yusuf Siddiqi (613-990-8909), Input-Output Division.

Railway Transport in Canada 1985

Total operating revenue of railways operating in Canada amounted to \$7,668.8 million in 1985 while operating expenses for the same period amounted to \$6,845.1 million.

The number of persons engaged in Canadian rail operations averaged 91,330 with an average hourly wage of \$15.08.

Order the 1985 issue of *Railway Transport in Canada: General Statistics* (52-215, \$32), scheduled for release the last week of January 1987. Contact: the Rail Unit (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

Coal and Coke Statistics September 1986

Highlights

Canadian production of coal totalled 4 174 kilotonnes in September 1986, down 12.8% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 41 696 kilotonnes, down 8.3%.

Exports in September fell 3.9% from September 1985 to 1 840 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 19 862 kilotonnes, 1.7% below last year's level.

Coke production increased 7.2% to stand at 404 kilotonnes in September 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 009.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$8/\$80), available the second week in January. Contact Dave Madsen (613-990-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Shipments of Paper Grocery Bags and Checkstand Sacks

October 1986

In October 1986, with corresponding figures for October 1985 in brackets, Canadian firms shipped 178,592,000 (187,105,000) standard grocery bags, a decrease of 4.5% and 73,277,000 (89,014,000) checkstand sacks, a decrease of 17.7%.

Year-to-date shipments of grocery bags totalled 1,727,017,000 (1,733,731,000), a decrease of 0.4% and shipments of checkstand sacks amounted to 745,403,000 (848,455,000), a decrease of 12.1%.

Contact: Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

Structural Steel Price Indexes

Third Quarter 1986

Fabricated structural steel-in-place price indexes for the third quarter of 1986 are now available. These indexes, at the Canada level, show a decrease of 0.4% from the second quarter of 1986 and an increase of 3.0% from one year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 419.

Order the fourth quarter 1986 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in February 1987. Contact Bernard Lebrun (613-990-9608), Prices Division.

Notifiable Disease Summary

Four-week period ending November 22, 1986

Statistics and new cases of notifiable diseases for the four-week period ending November 22, 1986 are now available by sex and five-year age group for Canada and the provinces.

Available on CANSIM: cross-classified table 00050123.

Contact: Leslie Gaudette (613-991-1774), Health Division.

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5	Raw Materials Price Index	November 1986
5	Employment, Earnings and Hours	October 1986
6-8	Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry	October 1986
7	Housing Starts	November 1986
8	New Housing Price Index	November 1986
8	Help-wanted Index	December 1986
8	Farm Product Prices Index	November 1986
9	Labour Force Survey	December 1986
12	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	November 1986
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12-13	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	November 1986
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13	Farm Cash Receipts	January-November 1986
14	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade	November 1986
15-16	Building Permits	October 1986
19	Sales of Refined Petroleum Products	November 1986
19-20	Retail Trade	November 1986

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20	The Consumer Price Index	December 1986
20-21	Department Store Sales and Stocks	November 1986
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22-23	Leading Indicator of Building Construction Activity in Canada	September 1986
26	Wholesale Trade	November 1986
26	Security Transactions with Non-residents	November 1986
27	Crude Oil and Natural Gas	October 1986
28	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	November 1986
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30	Employment, Earnings and Hours	November 1986
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