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Prices charged by general contractors for non-residential construction advanced 1.3% over the previous quarter at the Canada level, an increase similar to the 1.2% rise noted in the second quarter of 1987. On a year-over-year basis, prices were up 7.3% from the third quarter of 1986.

Between cities there was a shift in the third quarter, with prices in Toronto showing the largest increase at 1.6%, while Montreal - which had recorded the highest increase at 2.8% in the previous period - posted a rise of 0.8%. Prices for non-residential construction also rose in Vancouver (0.8%), Ottawa (1.2%) and Calgary (0.3%).

On a year-over-year basis, prices for non-residential construction in Toronto continued to show the greatest increase at 10.5%, followed

by Montreal (6.2%), Ottawa (4.9%), Edmonton (2.5%), Halifax (2.3%), Vancouver (1.9%) and Calgary (-0.2%).

Although the value of building permits issued in the province of Quebec has dropped from the peak registered in April of this year, construction activity in Montreal is still very strong. In Ontario, construction work has maintained its previous high level. In Alberta and British Columbia, prices continue to be very competitive, with the supply of construction companies and labour exceeding the demand for their services. On a trade basis, price increases for electrical and architectural work have been particularly large, especially in the Toronto area.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 414 and 415:

Order the third quarter issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in December. Contact the Prices Division (613-951-9608).

Output Price Indexes of Non-residential Construction

Third Quarter 1987
(1981=100)

Seven Cities and Canada Indexes

	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Canada
Quarterly Indexes								
1986 Q3	120.0	125.2	124.4	130.3	93.9	92.5	108.1	112.3
1986 Q4	120.4	127.9	126.1	134.2	93.4	92.9	108.7	114.5
1987 Q1	121.2	128.3	127.6	140.6	93.0	93.6	108.2	117.6
1987 Q2	122.0	131.9	129.0 ^r	141.8	93.4 ^r	94.3	109.2	119.0
1987 Q3	122.8	132.9	130.5	144.0	93.7	94.8	110.1	120.5
Percentage Change								
Q1 '87/Q4 '86	0.7	0.3	1.2	4.8	-0.4	0.7	-0.5	2.7
Q2 '87/Q1 '87	0.7	2.8	1.1 ^r	0.9	0.4 ^r	0.7	0.9	1.2
Q3 '87/Q2 '87	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.6	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.3
Q3 '87/Q3 '86	2.3	6.2	4.9	10.5	-0.2	2.5	1.9	7.3

^r Revised.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

September 1987

Steel ingot production for September 1987 totalled 1 205 814 tonnes, an increase of 10.8% from 1 088 158 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 10 989 869 tonnes, an increase of 5.4% from 10 422 870 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

Order the September 1987 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of November 30. Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Grain Marketing Situation Report

October 1987

The situation report for October is now available. This report presents up-to-date information on the Canadian and world grain supply and market situation.

Contact Allister Hickson (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division, Room 600, 266 Graham Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4.

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