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Canadian Tourism 1986

In 1986, internal and external events combined to produce a banner year for the tourism industry of this country. Now available are two publications, that together, present a complete picture of the 1986 developments on Canadian tourism, from both international and domestic perspectives.

Highlights from both reports are on pages 2 and 3 of today's *DAILY*.



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International Travel – Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

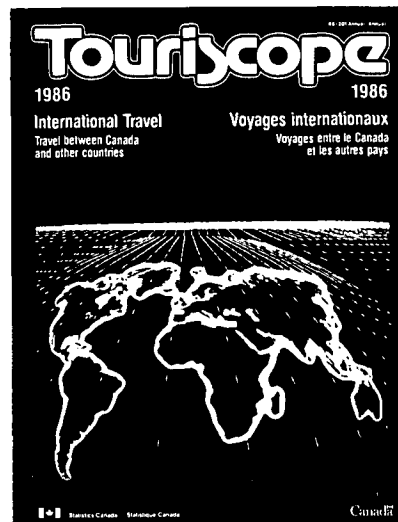
1986

In response to the national task force on tourism data recommendations, Statistics Canada is introducing *Touriscope*, a family of publications reflecting the full range of tourism-related data collected by the Agency. The following two reports are the first in a series designed to better disseminate data on tourism in Canada.

International Travel – Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, 1986 provides the most complete data series available on travel to and from Canada.

Some of the publication's highlights include:

- The number of international trips between Canada and other countries exceeded 86.0 million in 1986, the highest level since 1972.
- Trips of 24 hours or more to Canada by non-residents totalled a record 15.6 million, an increase of 18% over 1985.
- Over 13.6 million U.S. residents entered Canada for a stay of one or more nights, up 17% from 1985 and continuing an upward trend in American tourist visits that began in 1983.
- Overnight trips by residents of countries other than the U.S. reached 2.0 million in 1986, an increase of 25% over 1985 and surpassing the previous highest volume (1.8 million in 1981) by 11%.



- Canada's 1986 deficit on the travel account, at \$1.2 billion, was the lowest since 1981. Although payments by Canadian residents travelling abroad increased by 5% to \$7.5 billion, earnings were up 26% to \$6.3 billion.

Order *International Travel – Travel Between Canada and Other Countries*, 1986 (66-201, \$30/\$31), now available from Publication Sales (613-951-7276). Contact Paul Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education Culture and Tourism Division.

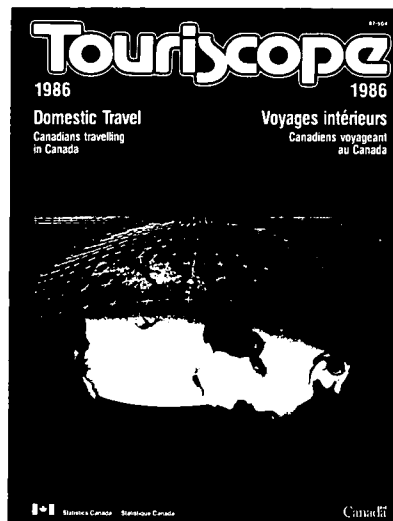
Domestic Travel – Canadians Travelling in Canada 1986

Domestic Travel – Canadians Travelling in Canada, 1986 provides a cross-section of the most current statistics on travel within Canada.

This issue includes three feature articles which focus on various aspects of the Canadian travel industry. They include an analysis of Canadian business travel in 1986; an examination of travel by Canadians both within and outside their province of residence; and finally, a review of the economic importance of the pleasure travel market.

Some highlights are:

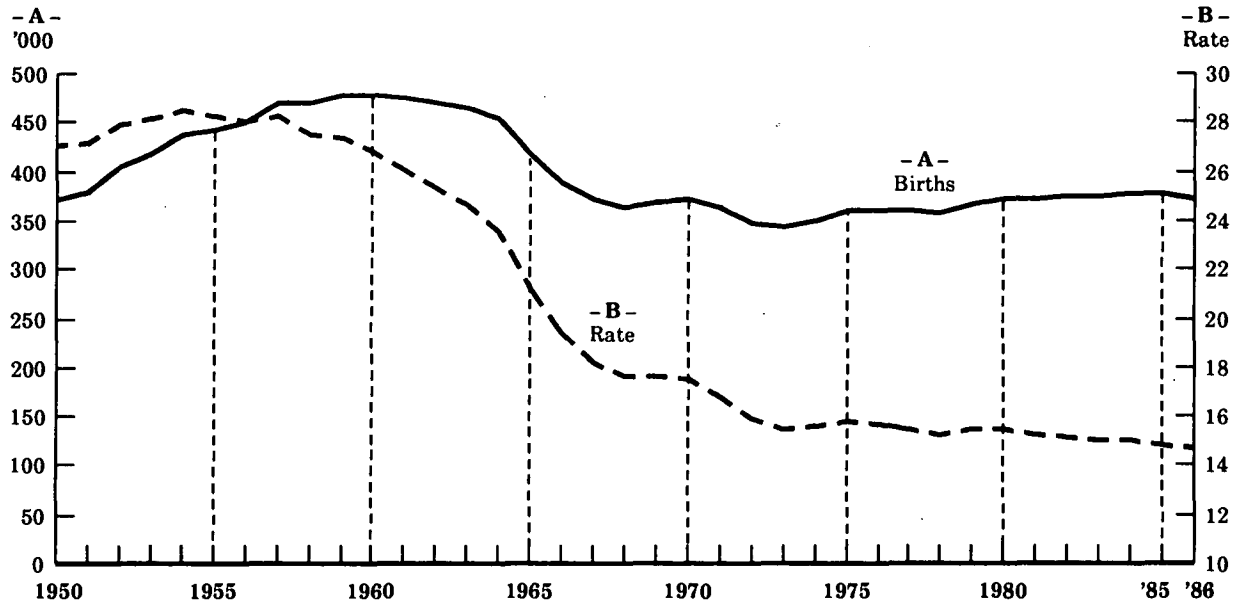
- In 1986, Canadians took 75.3 million domestic trips, the highest level since 1979.
- Travel between the provinces, which accounts for approximately two out of 10 trips taken by Canadians, increased 26% over 1984, while travel within one's own province increased by 10%.
- Business travel witnessed a 35% increase over 1984, while air travel rose by 33%.
- Nights spent in hotels jumped 45% compared to 1984.



- There was a 52% increase over 1984 in the number of Canadians visiting British Columbia. This was due, in part, to Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Order *Domestic Travel – Canadians Travelling in Canada, 1986* (87-504, \$40/\$41), now available from Publication Sales (613-951-7276). Contact Pierre Hubert (613-951-1513), Travel, Tourism and Recreation Section, Education Culture and Tourism Division.

Births and Crude Birth Rates¹, Canada, 1950-1986



¹ Per 1,000 population.

Births and Birth Rates, Canada 1986

A total of 372,913 live births were recorded in Canada in 1986, a decline of 0.7% from 375,727 births in 1985. A 12-year uptrend saw the annual number of recorded births increase steadily from 343,373 in 1973 to 377,031 in 1984 (an increase of 9.8%), before declining by 1.1% in 1985 and 1986.

The 1986 crude birth rate (number of live births per 1,000 population) of 14.7 was 0.7% less than the 1985 rate of 14.8. The birth rate has declined at an average rate of 0.4% per year since 1973.

Fertility Rates

The general fertility rate, i.e. the number of births per 1,000 women of childbearing age (15-49 years) was 54.7 in 1986 compared to 55.1 in 1985.

The general fertility rate peaked at 118 in 1957 during the babyboom period following the second world war. Since then, the fertility rate has dropped to less than half the 1957 rate.

The total fertility rate (average number of children born per woman during her reproductive years of life) declined to 1.67 in 1986, far below the replacement fertility level of 2.1. The highest total fertility rate (3.92) was recorded in 1957.

Provincial Comparisons

Compared to the birth rate of 14.7 for Canada, the 1986 rates for the 10 provinces ranged from 13.0 for Quebec to 18.5 for Alberta. Compared to the previous year, the 1986 birth rate remained unchanged at 16.0 for Manitoba, increased slightly for Nova Scotia (to 14.2 in 1986 from 14.1 in 1985) and Ontario (to 14.7 in 1986 from 14.6 in 1985) and decreased for the remaining seven provinces (see table 1).

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In relation to the overall general fertility rate of 54.7 for Canada, the 1986 provincial rates ranged from 46.9 for Quebec to 70.9 for Saskatchewan. Compared to the previous year, the 1986 general fertility rate increased slightly for Ontario and decreased for the remaining eight provinces. Information for Newfoundland was unavailable (see table 1). The general fertility rate increased both for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Available on CANSIM: table 00010102.

Order *Births and Deaths*, 1986 (84-204, \$20), available in February 1988. Contact S. Wadhera (613-951-1764) or Beth Sander (613-951-1746), Health Division.

Births, Birth Rates and General Fertility Rates by Province, 1981, 1985 and 1986

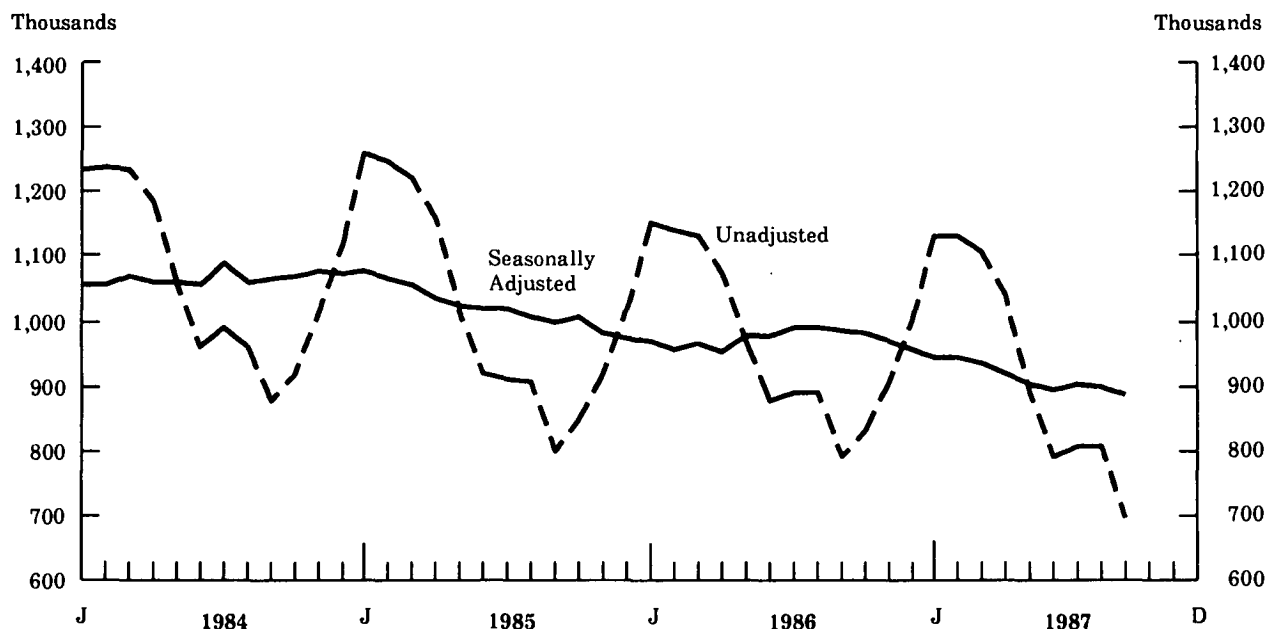
| | Births | | | Birth Rate ¹ | | | General Fertility Rate ² | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|------|------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 1986 | 1985 | 1981 | 1986 | 1985 | 1981 | 1986 | 1985 | 1981 |
| Canada | 372,913 | 375,727 | 371,346 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 54.7 | 55.1 | 56.7 |
| Newfoundland | 8,100 | 8,500 | 10,130 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 17.8 | .. | .. | .. |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,928 | 2,008 | 1,897 | 15.2 | 15.8 | 15.5 | 59.4 | 62.5 | 62.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 12,358 | 12,450 | 12,079 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 53.2 | 53.4 | 55.0 |
| New Brunswick | 9,788 | 10,121 | 10,503 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 52.0 | 53.4 | 58.3 |
| Quebec | 84,634 | 86,340 | 95,322 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 14.8 | 46.9 | 47.5 | 53.2 |
| Ontario | 133,882 | 132,208 | 122,183 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 54.5 | 54.4 | 53.1 |
| Manitoba | 17,009 | 17,097 | 16,073 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 62.3 | 62.6 | 62.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 17,513 | 18,162 | 17,209 | 17.3 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 70.9 | 72.4 | 73.5 |
| Alberta | 43,744 | 43,813 | 42,638 | 18.5 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 66.7 | 67.4 | 69.2 |
| British Columbia | 41,967 | 43,127 | 41,474 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 15.1 | 55.2 | 56.6 | 57.4 |
| Yukon | 483 | 464 | 536 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 23.2 | 69.4 | 68.2 | 78.2 |
| Northwest Territories | 1,507 | 1,437 | 1,302 | 28.8 | 28.2 | 28.5 | 105.7 | 103.1 | 107.4 |

¹ Birth rate is the number of live births per 1,000 population.

² General fertility rate is the number of births per 1,000 women of childbearing age, 15-49 years.

.. Figures not available.

Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1984-1987



Unemployment Insurance Statistics September 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending September 17, 1987, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 885,000 - down 1.3% from the preceding month. The number of beneficiaries has generally been decreasing since August 1986 when it stood at 990,000.
- By province, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased between August and September 1987 in Alberta (6.7%), Manitoba (2.5%), Ontario (2.4%), the Yukon (1.9%) and British Columbia (1.5%). There was little or no change in the remaining provinces.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In September 1987, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 798,000 - a decrease of 11.5% from September 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 383,000 or by 17.5% compared to September 1986. For the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 5.2% to 415,000.

¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

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- Benefits paid during September 1987 totalled \$751 million², down 1.8% from September 1986. For the first nine months of 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$8,124 million, up 1.0% from the same period last year. The year-to-date change resulted from 5.2% increase in the average weekly payment (to \$189.19 from \$179.89) which was partially offset by a 4.0% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 42.9 million from 44.7 million).
- A total of 268,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in September 1987, down (-7.0%)

from the same month a year ago. Since the start of 1987, the number of claims received was 2,224,000, a decrease of 4.7% compared to the same period a year earlier.

(see table on page 9)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6) and 5700-5717.

Data for the months of July, August, and September 1987 will be published in the September 1987 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of December. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users. For special tabulations or other information contact J.-P. Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month. It should be noted that these data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

| | | | | | % change from | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | September 1987 | August 1987 | July 1987 | September 1986 | August 1987 | September 1986 |
| Benefits | | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 751,161 | 760,128 | 862,590 | 764,563 | -1.2 | -1.8 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 3,977 | 4,062 | 4,777 | 4,240 | -2.1 | -6.2 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 188.89 | 187.15 | 180.55 | 180.32 | 0.9 | 4.8 |
| Claims received (000) | 268 | 214 | 287 | 289 | 25.2 | -7.0 |
| Beneficiaries¹ (000) | | | | | | |
| Total | 798 ^p | 903 ^p | 908 ^r | 902 ^r | -11.6 | -11.5 |
| Regular benefits | 696 ^p | 806 ^p | 807 ^r | 792 ^r | -13.6 | -12.0 |
| Regular benefits – Seasonally adjusted | 885 ^p | 897 ^p | 901 ^r | 984 ^r | -1.3 | |
| | January to September | | | | % change | |
| | 1987 | | 1986 | | 1987/1986 | |
| Benefits | | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 8,123,817 | | 8,046,575 | | | 1.0 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 42,940 | | 44,730 | | | -4.0 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 189.19 | | 179.89 | | | 5.2 |
| Claims received (000) | 2,224 | | 2,334 | | | -4.7 |
| Beneficiaries – Year-to-date average¹ (000) | 1,056 ^p | | 1,112 ^r | | | -5.1 |

¹ 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.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

October 1987

Available on CANSIM: matrices 400-405, 956 and 958.

Order the fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in March 1988. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981=100) for October 1987 remained unchanged from the September 1987 level of 140.7. On a year-over-year basis, this 18-city Canada composite index increased by 2.9%.

The following table shows the rates for reinforcing steel erectors, roofers and asbestos mechanics for selected cities.

Construction Union Wage Rates¹

October 1987
(In dollars)

| | Trades | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | Reinforcing Steel Erector | | Roofer | | Asbestos Mechanic | |
| | B | B&S | B | B&S | B | B&S |
| St. John's | 14.92 | 17.95 | 15.03 | 17.16 | 16.53 | 19.47 |
| Halifax | 17.12 | 18.84 | 15.91 | 17.43 | 19.83 | 24.31 |
| Saint John | 14.40 | 15.84 | 13.44 | 15.07 | 17.55 | 19.74 |
| Montreal | 16.75 | 19.71 | 17.40 | 20.43 | 18.72 | 21.88 |
| Ottawa | 18.56 | 23.06 | 16.40 | 19.92 | 18.37 | 22.46 |
| Toronto | 17.78 | 23.47 | 19.72 | 21.82 | 20.20 | 24.47 |
| Thunder Bay | 21.25 | 23.48 | 17.15 | 19.88 | 19.58 | 23.79 |
| Winnipeg | 16.65 | 20.07 | 16.16 | 18.49 | 16.60 | 18.96 |
| Regina | 17.76 | 21.15 | 15.00 | 17.95 | .. | .. |
| Edmonton | 12.75 | 15.27 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Vancouver | 18.98 | 24.12 | 18.97 | 23.68 | 18.31 | 23.99 |

¹ Rates are available for other trades and other cities.

.. Figures not available.

B = Basic rate.

B&S = Basic rate plus selected pay supplements: vacation pay, statutory holiday pay, employer's contribution to health and welfare and pension plans.

Data Availability Announcements

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period ending November 7, 1987

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 5.8 million tonnes, an increase of 19.5% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 24.0% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 10.1%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 4.0% more than that loaded in the previous year.

Railway Carloadings

| | Seven-day Period ending November 7, 1987 | Year to date |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Carload Traffic | | |
| Tonnes | 5 841 485 | 211 025 937 |
| % change from previous year | 19.5 | 4.0 |
| Cars | 77,943 | 3,090,244 |
| % change from previous year | 6.8 | 1.5 |
| Piggyback Traffic | | |
| Tonnes | 323 107 | 10 924 911 |
| % change from previous year | 24.0 | 5.6 |
| Cars | 9,992 | 387,515 |
| % change from previous year | 10.1 | 3.8 |

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1986 figures and the 1987 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

Contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Direct Program Payments to Agricultural Producers

1986

Direct program payments made to producers under various federal, provincial and municipal government programs totalled \$2.9 billion at the Canada level in 1986. After deducting participation fees or producer premiums, direct payments were \$2.5 billion, up 32% from the 1985 estimate of \$1.9 billion.

Detailed payments, which increase farm cash receipts or reduce farm operating expenses, are now available for the first time by program and province for the 1971 to 1986 period.

Order Supplement II, 1987 of *Agriculture Economic Statistics* (21-603, \$10/\$30), available during the first week of December. Contact George Beelen or Jacqueline LeBlanc-Cooke (613-951-8706), Agriculture Division.

Chain Store Stocks

September 1987

Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,489 million at the end of September 1987, a decrease of 3.0% from the level reached in September 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.13:1 in September 1987, up marginally from the average ratio of 1.11:1 observed in the eight previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the September 1987 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the third week of January 1988. Contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Mineral Wool

October 1987

Manufacturers shipped 10 861 156 square metres of mineral wool (all R factors) in batts in October 1987, up 5.9% from the 10 252 392 square metres shipped a year earlier and up 5.4% from the 10 303 381 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of October 1987 were 86 815 492 square metres, an increase of 14.0% from the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 7. Contact Sharon McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Selected Financial Indexes

October 1987

October 1987 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the fourth quarter issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in March 1988. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Publications Released

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, October 1987.

Catalogue number 32-022

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, August 1987. Catalogue number 35-003

(Canada: \$6/\$60; Other Countries: \$7/\$70).

Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 5, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Roads and Highways - Length and Expenditures, 1985-86.

Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Rail Revenue Data for Selected Rail Carriers, 1985-86. Catalogue number 50-002

(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

Railway Carloadings, August 1987.

Catalogue number 52-001

(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

Communications Service Bulletin, Vol. 17, No. 7, Telecommunication Statistics, Third Quarter 1987. Catalogue number 56-001

(Canada: \$6.50/\$39; Other Countries: \$7.50/\$45).

Farm Product Price Index, September 1987.

Catalogue number 62-003

(Canada: \$6/\$60; Other Countries: \$7/\$70).

Industry Price Indexes, September 1987.

Catalogue number 62-011

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

New Motor Vehicle Sales, July 1987.

Catalogue number 63-007

(Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90).

International Travel - Travel between Canada and Other Countries, 1986.

Catalogue Number 66-201

(Canada: \$30; Other Countries: \$31)

Security Transactions with Non-residents, August 1987. Catalogue number 67-002

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

Domestic Travel - Canadians Travelling in Canada, 1986. Catalogue number 87-504

(Canada: \$40; Other Countries: \$41).

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