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## Major Release

### Sales of Natural Gas

December 1986

Sales of natural gas by main distributors during December 1986 amounted to 5 544 607 thousand cubic metres, a 5.2% decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from December 1985 in brackets: residential sales, 1 839 127 thousand cubic metres (+3.6); commercial sales, 1 427 824 thousand cubic metres (-4.2) and industrial sales, 2 277 656 thousand cubic metres (-11.8).

Canada totalled 48 480 877 thousand cubic metres, a 3.3% decrease from the level recorded during the same period in 1985.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from January to December 1985 in brackets: residential sales, 12 913 030 thousand cubic metres (+1.2); commercial sales, 10 428 188 thousand cubic metres (-2.3) and industrial sales, 25 139 659 thousand cubic metres (-5.8).

Order the December 1986 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$10/\$100), available the third week of March. Contact: Gary Smalldridge (613-991-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

### Annual Data

For the year 1986, sales of natural gas in

### Natural Gas Sales

December 1986

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	11	57	-	-	68
Quebec	113 209	159 472	271 438	-	544 119
Ontario	772 640	576 504	877 369	87 754	2 314 267
Manitoba	96 502	92 538	39 558	-	228 598
Saskatchewan	123 203	99 035	87 929	-	310 167
Alberta	547 766	342 433	736 009	-	1 626 208
British Columbia	185 796	157 785	177 599	-	521 180
Canada - December 1986	1 839 127	1 427 824	2 189 902	87 754	5 544 607
Canada - December 1985	1 775 869	1 491 038	2 581 533		5 848 440
% change	3.6	-4.2	-11.8		-5.2
Year-to-date					
Canada 1986	12 913 030	10 428 188	24 713 352	426 307	48 480 877
Year-to-date					
Canada 1985	12 762 512	10 668 759	26 690 853		50 122 124
% change	1.2	-2.3	-5.8		-3.3

Note: Revised figures will be available in *Gas Utilities* (55-002) as well as on CANSIM.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Interim Household and Family Projections 1985-2006

A set of household and family projections by type for Canada, the provinces and territories to the year 2006 is now available. These are interim projections and will be updated when the 1986 census data become available later this year.

To obtain copies of *Interim Household and Family Projections for Canada, Provinces and Territories to 2006* (\$14), available the week of February 16, contact: S. Paulin (613-991-2306), Population Projections Section, Demography Division.

### Coal and Coke Statistics November 1986

#### Highlights

Canadian production of coal totalled 5 110 kilotonnes in November 1986, down 0.2% from the same month in 1985. Year-to-date production stood at 52 054 kilotonnes, down 7.0%.

Exports of coal in November rose 25.4% from November 1985 to 2 135 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 24 275 kilotonnes, 2.3% below last year's level.

Coke production decreased 4.2% to stand at 355 kilotonnes in November 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

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

### International Seaborne Shipping January-June 1986

- Preliminary figures indicate that the total cargo tonnage handled at Canadian ports, in international shipping, reached 90.6 million tonnes during the first six months of 1986, down 2.1% from the corresponding period in 1985. At 74.1% of the total, cargo loadings accounted for virtually the same share as a year earlier.
- While containerized freight tonnage increased 16.2% over 1985, non-containerized cargo tonnes fell 2.9%.
- The four principal commodities (coal, iron ore and concentrates, wheat and crude petroleum) accounted for 51.0% of the total tonnage handled. Cargo tonnes handled with percentage changes from the corresponding 1985 period were as follows in millions of tonnes: coal, 18.3 (-8.0%); iron ore and concentrates, 15.5 (-9.6%); wheat, 6.5 (-12.6%) and crude petroleum, 5.9 (53.9%).
- The principal region of origin for inbound cargoes was the United States, representing 46.4% of the total tonnage unloaded, down from 53.3% a year earlier. This decrease can be mostly attributed to a 21.9% drop in cargo tonnes originating from U.S. Great Lake ports.
- Asia remained the principal destination region, accounting for 36.5% of outbound cargo tonnage - this share is virtually unchanged over 1985.

Contact: Gaston Levesque (613-990-8698), Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

## **Production of Biscuits**

Fourth Quarter 1986

Production of biscuits (all types) totalled 55 404 989 kilograms, up 11.0% from the 49 905 224 kilograms produced during the fourth quarter of 1985. The cumulative year-to-date production for 1986 was 187 342 581 kilograms, up from 184 069 326 kilograms for the same period a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 190.

Order the fourth quarter 1986 issue of *Production of Selected Biscuits* (32-026, \$5/\$20), to be released mid-February. Contact: Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

## **Grain Marketing Situation Report**

January 1987

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

Contact: Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Room 600, 266 Graham Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4.

## **Women's Blouse and Shirt Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the women's blouse and shirt industry (SIC 2444) totalled \$126.5 million, down 17.0% from \$152.4 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5448 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-252B 2444. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

Contact: Jacques Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## **Stationery Paper Products Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the stationery paper products industry (SIC 2792) totalled \$403.0 million, up 10.2% from \$365.7 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5493 and to be released shortly in catalogue 36-250B 2792. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

Contact: Bruno Pépin (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

## **Book Publishing Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the book publishing industry (SIC 2831) totalled \$615.8 million, up 8.5% from \$567.4 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5500 and to be released shortly in catalogue 36-251B 2831. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

Contact: R. Wright (613-991-3514), Industry Division.

## **Electric Lamp (Bulb and Tube) Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the electric lamp (bulb and tube) industry (SIC 3333) totalled \$212.7 million, down 6.7% from \$227.9 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5572 and to be released shortly in catalogue 43-250B 3333. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

Contact: A. Diaz (613-991-3523), Industry Division.

**Ophthalmic Goods Industry**  
1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the total value of shipments for the ophthalmic goods industry (SIC 3914) totalled \$241.0 million, up 1.2% from \$238.2 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6887 and to be released shortly in catalogue 47-250B 3914. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

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