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Building Permits

October 1986

The seasonally adjusted value of building permits issued in Canada totalled \$2,176.6 million in October, down 0.2% from \$2,180.2 million in September. The residential sector recorded gains while declines were noted in the non-residential sector.

The seasonally adjusted value of residential permits increased 3.5% in October to \$1,312.5 million from \$1,268 million in September. Both the single-family dwelling sector and the multi-family sector were responsible for this increase.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the number of units approved in October was up 1.3% to 19,466 units (10,629 single detached and 8,837 multiple dwellings) from 19,215 units in September (10,454 single detached and 8,761 multiple dwellings).

In annual terms, the number of units authorized was 233,800 in October and 230,500 in September. On a regional basis, the value of residential building permits rose in the Atlantic region, Quebec and Ontario while it declined in western Canada.

The seasonally adjusted value of non-residential projects, although remaining relatively strong, slipped to \$864.1 million in October, down 5.3% from \$912.2 million in September. The commercial component (-17.4%) dropped while the industrial (+21.5%) and the public (+11.8%) components recorded gains. The value of non-residential permits registered increases in all regions of the country but British Columbia.

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

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

Building Permits Issued in Canada

(Millions of Dollars)

| | Unadjusted | | | | Adjusted | | | | % change | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Oct. 1986 | Sept. 1986 | Oct. 1985 | Sept. 1985 | Oct. 1986 ¹ | Sept. 1986 | Oct. 1985 | Sept. 1985 | Oct. '86/ Sept. '86 | Oct. '86/ Oct. '85 |
| Residential | 1,226.4 | 1,364.8 | 1,116.7 | 1,103.7 | 1,312.5 | 1,268.0 | 1,020.1 | 1,116.4 | 3.5 | 28.7 |
| Industrial | 170.8 | 168.6 | 229.9 | 110.2 | 176.7 | 145.4 | 196.8 | 96.9 | 21.5 | -10.2 |
| Commercial | 530.0 | 613.2 | 541.3 | 379.0 | 481.5 | 582.7 | 437.9 | 392.5 | -17.4 | 10.0 |
| Institutional and governmental | 238.5 | 174.2 | 209.8 | 232.8 | 205.9 | 184.1 | 163.4 | 223.6 | 11.8 | 26.1 |
| Total | 2,165.9 | 2,320.9 | 2,097.8 | 1,825.9 | 2,176.6 | 2,180.2 | 1,818.2 | 1,829.4 | -0.2 | 19.7 |

¹ Data include an estimate of late returns.

Federal Government Business Enterprises: Financial Statistics 1985

Federal government business enterprises, including their foreign subsidiaries, reported a net loss after provision for income tax of \$1,068 million for the year 1985. This was the largest loss registered since the record \$1,752 million set in 1982 and followed a loss of \$209 million in 1984.

Industry Highlights

Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells

Federal government business enterprises in this industry recorded a loss of \$833 million in 1985, after a profit of \$100 million in 1984.

- Declining world oil prices and changes in the energy outlook led Petro-Canada to write down the carrying value of Canadian frontier oil and gas properties by \$865 million. The unamortized costs of these properties together with provisions for anticipated losses on contracted offshore drilling vessels and ancillary equipment were charged against earnings.

Transportation and Storage

Enterprises in this industry posted a loss of \$74 million, following the previous year's profit of \$118 million.

- Crown corporations such as the Canadian National Railways, VIA Rail, Air Canada and the St. Lawrence Seaway faced intense competition and changes in the transportation environment. Rising equipment maintenance costs, fewer rail passengers, a downturn in seaway traffic and staff reduction programs all had major impacts on the enterprises concerned.

Wholesale Trade

Operations in this industry resulted in a profit of \$394 million in 1985, down from the previous year's level of \$676 million.

- The volatile and competitive nature of the international grain market along with the severe drought conditions reduced the Canadian Wheat Board exports of western grains, notably wheat and barley. Expanded production in other regions of the world - especially the United States and the European Economic Community - increased competition among the world's major grain exporting regions and countries and drove down prices.

Manufacturing

Federal government business enterprises posted a loss of \$311 million in 1985, compared to a loss of \$192 million in 1984. Specific financing and other related charges plus unusual expense charges affected the profitability of this industry division.

- The deferrable charges relating to the Dash 8 development and excess production costs incurred during 1985 were expensed by de Havilland.
- Increased financing costs, writedowns of fixed assets, losses on foreign exchange along with increased provincial mineral royalties placed Eldorado Nuclear Limited in a substantial loss position for the year.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

This industry showed a loss of only \$89 million in 1985, compared to \$587 million in 1984, despite the heavy pressure placed on certain enterprises.

- The financial difficulties of the Canadian Commercial Bank and Northland Bank resulted in a loss in 1985 for the insurance fund of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- Relatively high interest rates, weak commodity prices and low land values led the Farm Credit Corporation to significantly increase its provision for loan losses.

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- Improved results for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's mortgage insurance fund (profit of \$58 million) dramatically offset the major setbacks of this industry division. This fund had recorded a \$581 million loss in 1984 due to its losses incurred on the Assisted Home Ownership Program and the Assisted Rental Program.

An historical synopsis (1975-1985) on the operations and financial position of federal government business enterprises (including text, tables and charts) is an added feature in this edition.

Available on CANSIM: income and expense - matrices 3214-3222; unappropriated surplus - matrices 3223-3231 and assets, liabilities and net worth - matrices 3232-3240.

Order the 1985 issue of *Federal Government Enterprise Finance* (61-203, \$20/\$21), available in February. Contact: Waneta Featherstone (613-991-1838), Assets, Liabilities and Enterprises Section or Richard Sauriol (613-991-1832), Public Institutions Division.

Federal Government Enterprises

Net Income (Loss) after Provision for Income Taxes
(millions of dollars)

| Year | Trans- porta- tion and Storage | Com- muni- ca- tion | Elec- tric Power | Manu- fac- turing | Mines Quarries and Oil Wells | Whole- sale Trade | Finance Insurance and Real Estate | Govern- ment Ser- vices | Total |
|------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1975 | (281) | 45 | (4) | 8 | - | 383 | 89 | (9) | 231 |
| 1976 | (207) | 43 | (6) | 2 | 18 | 216 | 113 | - | 179 |
| 1977 | (223) | 24 | - | (10) | 32 | 236 | 245 | (7) | 297 |
| 1978 | 30 | 40 | - | 19 | 25 | 174 | 154 | 63 | 505 |
| 1979 | 154 | 25 | - | 103 | 41 | 430 | 67 | 28 | |
| 1980 | 115 | 43 | - | 156 | 83 | 719 | (245) | (14) | 857 |
| 1981 | 179 | 62 | - | (8) | 65 | 528 | (168) | (12) | 646 |
| 1982 | (359) | (240) | 7 | (1,634) | 4 | 565 | (82) | (13) | (1,752) |
| 1983 | 63 | (231) | 6 | (544) | (12) | 397 | (329) | (14) | (664) |
| 1984 | 118 | (316) | 6 | (192) | 100 | 676 | (587) | (14) | (209) |
| 1985 | (74) | (132) | (6) | (311) | (833) | 394 | (89) | (17) | (1,068) |

Data Availability Announcements

Major Appliances

December 1986

Canadian manufacturers produced 199,327 major appliances during December 1986, a decrease of 11.7% from the 225,700 units produced in the previous month but an increase of 12.7% from the 176,821 units produced in December 1985.

Year-to-date production to December 1986 amounted to 2,435,458 units versus 2,102,070 for the same period in 1985, a 15.9% rise.

Domestic sales of major appliances by these Canadian firms increased to 181,701 units in December 1986, up 3.1% from 176,310 units in November 1986 and up 8.0% from the 168,279 units sold in the same month of 1985.

Year-to-date domestic sales to December 1986 amounted to 2,171,169 units compared to 1,998,683 units for the same period of 1985, an 8.6% increase.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

Order the December 1986 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of February 9. Contact: J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Sawmills in British Columbia

November 1986

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1 844 700 cubic metres (781.7 million board feet) of lumber and ties in November 1986, a decrease of 28.9% from the 2 593 100 cubic metres (1,098.9 million board feet) produced in November 1985.

January to November 1986 production was 29 028 900 cubic metres (12,301.7 million board feet), a decrease of 5.2% from the 30 627 700 cubic metres (12,979.3 million board feet) produced over the same period in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2).

Order the November 1986 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6/\$60), to be released the week of February 9. Contact: Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), B.C. and Yukon Regional Office, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Gypsum Products

December 1986

Manufacturers shipped 26 291 356 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in December 1986, up 13.9% from the 23 074 187 square metres shipped in December 1985 and up 3.5% from the 25 407 960 square metres shipped in November 1986.

Year-to-date shipments were 295 986 276 square metres, an increase of 22.3% over the January to December 1985 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11 and 12).

Order the December 1986 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of February 9. Contact: Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Cement

December 1986

Manufacturers shipped 625 370 tonnes of cement in December 1986, an increase of 11.8% from the 559 294 tonnes shipped a year earlier and a decrease of 25.9% from the 843 820 tonnes shipped in November 1986.

January to December 1986 shipments reached 10 264 021 tonnes, an increase of 7.5% from the 9 552 239 tonnes (revised figures) shipped during 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 13).

Order the December 1986 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$4/\$40), available the week of February 9. Contact: Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Oils and Fats

November 1986

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in November 1986 totalled 54 674 tonnes, an increase of 10.1% from the 49 681 tonnes produced in October 1986. The 1986 cumulative year-to-date production totalled 525 798 tonnes, up 4.2% from the corresponding 1985 figure of 504 838 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 835 tonnes in November 1986, up from the 8 902 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date in 1986

were 88 172 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 93 455 tonnes in 1985. Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 6 918 tonnes in November 1986 from 5 966 tonnes in October. The cumulative sales to date in 1986 were 61 690 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 62 597 tonnes in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of February 2. Contact: Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

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| Sacks, Checkstand | September 1986 | January 12, 1987 |
| | November 1986 | January 21, 1987 |
| | November 1986 (Revised) | January 27, 1987 |
| Sawmills East of the Rockies | October 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| Science and Technology Statistics: Changes in Definitions | | January 22, 1987 |
| Securities, Outstanding, Transactions with Non-residents | November 1986 | January 29, 1987 |
| Seniors Boom | October 1986 | January 6, 1987 |
| Shipments, Manufacturing Industries | November 1986 | January 20, 1987 |
| Skim Milk Powder | November 1986 | January 2, 1987 |
| Social Trends, Canadian | | January 16, 1987 |

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| Soft Drinks, Production | November 1986 | January 2, 1987 |
| Steel Ingots | November 1986 | January 23, 1987 |
| | December 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| | Week Ending December 20, 1986 | January 2, 1987 |
| | Week Ending December 27, 1986 | January 5, 1987 |
| | Week Ending January 3, 1987 | January 7, 1987 |
| | Week Ending January 3, 1987 | January 12, 1987 |
| | Week Ending January 10, 1987 | January 15, 1987 |
| | Week Ending January 17, 1987 | January 22, 1987 |
| | Week Ending January 24, 1987 | January 28, 1987 |
| Steel Pipe | November 1986 | January 23, 1987 |
| Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products | November 1986 | January 21, 1987 |
| Steel, Rolled | November 1986 | January 26, 1987 |
| Store Sales, Department | November 1986 | January 13, 1987 |
| Store Stocks, Chain | October 1986 | January 5, 1987 |
| | November 1986 | January 28, 1987 |
| Street Contracting Industry | 1984 | January 22, 1987 |
| Sugar Sales | December 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| Suit and Jacket Industry, Men's and Boys' | 1985 Census of Manufactures | January 9, 1987 |
| Tapes, Pre-recorded | November 1986 | January 15, 1987 |
| Taverns | October 1986 | January 2, 1987 |
| | November 1986 | January 20, 1987 |
| Telecommunications Statistics | Third Quarter 1986 | January 5, 1987 |
| Telephone Statistics | November 1986 | January 19, 1987 |
| Tire Industry | 1985 Census of Manufactures | January 30, 1987 |
| Tobacco Products | December 1986 | January 20, 1987 |
| Trade, Preliminary Statement of Canadian International | November 1986 | January 14, 1987 |
| Trade, Wholesale | November 1986 | January 26, 1987 |
| Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents | November 1986 | January 29, 1987 |
| Transit, Urban | November 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| Travel Between Canada and Other Countries | November 1986 | January 9, 1987 |
| Trucking in Canada | 1985 | January 5, 1987 |
| Trusteed Pension Funds | Second Quarter 1986 | January 29, 1987 |
| Trusteed Pension Plans, Financial Statistics | 1985 | January 16, 1987 |
| Tube Industry | 1985 Census of Manufactures | January 30, 1987 |
| Tubing, Steel | November 1986 | January 23, 1987 |
| Unemployment Insurance Statistics | November 1986 | January 28, 1987 |

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| Union Wage Rate Index, Construction | December 1986 | January 22, 1987 |
| Urban FSA and Rural Postal Code | | |
| Summary Data | 1985 | January 5, 1987 |
| Urban Transit | November 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| Valve, Metal | 1985 Census of Manufactures | January 23, 1987 |
| Vegetable Production | 1986 | January 15, 1987 |
| Vehicle Sales, New | November 1986 | January 12, 1987 |
| Vending Machine Operators | 1985 | January 19, 1987 |
| Waferboard | December 1986 | January 20, 1987 |
| Watch Industry | 1985 Census of Manufactures | January 9, 1987 |
| Wheat Flour | November 1986 | January 21, 1987 |
| Wholesale Trade | November 1986 | January 26, 1987 |
| Wire, Steel | November 1986 | January 21, 1987 |
| Wood Residue Statistics | November 1986 | January 16, 1987 |
| Wool, Mineral | December 1986 | January 21, 1987 |
| Wrappers | November 1986 | January 7, 1987 |
| | November 1986 (revised) | January 13, 1987 |

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