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Major Release

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

January 1987

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements), for construction trades (1981=100) remained unchanged in January

1987 from December's level of 136.9. An increase of 0.4% in Saint John was not large enough to move the Canada index upward.

By city, the largest 12-month increase in union wage rates for construction trades was reported in St. John's (13.7%) while cities in Quebec and Ontario increased by an average of 3.4%. Winnipeg recorded an advance of 1.3%, while cities in British Columbia showed no change. The sharp rise in St. John's resulted from settlements for nine trades with two-year terms, effective September 15, 1986 where first-year changes varied from -0.2% to 41.1%; seven other trades have not yet settled. The

sharp increase of 41.1% was for labourers, due mainly to a reversal of the rollback introduced in August 1984. Their wage rate including supplements increased from \$11.18 in January 1986 to \$15.77 in January 1987, surpassing the rate of \$14.72 before the rollback.

The accompanying table presents indexes for 18 cities across Canada. Cities in Saskatchewan and Alberta are excluded from this table, as no collective agreements have been signed for the majority of trades in these two provinces.

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

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact: the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements

January 1987
(1981=100)

	Jan. '87	Dec. '86	Jan. '86	% change	
				Jan. '87/ Dec. '86	Jan. '87/ Jan. '86
Canada	136.9	136.9	132.2	-	3.6
St. John's	142.2	142.2	125.1	-	13.7
Halifax	160.6	160.6	151.8	-	5.8
Saint John	143.1	142.5	134.3	0.4	6.6
Quebec City	136.8	136.8	131.5	-	4.0
Chicoutimi	136.2	136.2	131.0	-	4.0
Montreal	136.5	136.5	131.2	-	4.0
Ottawa	141.6	141.6	135.0	-	4.9
Toronto	137.6	137.6	131.7	-	4.5
Hamilton	138.1	138.1	132.1	-	4.5
St. Catharines	138.7	138.7	133.8	-	3.7
Kitchener	141.8	141.8	136.4	-	4.0
London	141.4	141.4	136.2	-	3.8
Windsor	138.4	138.4	133.3	-	3.8
Sudbury	140.0	140.0	134.9	-	3.8
Thunder Bay	139.0	139.0	134.0	-	3.7
Winnipeg	133.2	133.2	131.5	-	1.3
Vancouver	132.1	132.1	132.1	-	-
Victoria	132.1	132.1	132.1	-	-

- Nil or zero.

Data Availability Announcements

Shipments of Paper Grocery Bags and Checkstand Sacks

January 1987

In January 1987, with corresponding figures for January 1986 in brackets, Canadian firms shipped 142,950,000 (139,731,000) standard grocery bags, an increase of 2.3% and 55,270,000 (77,629,000) checkstand sacks, a decrease of 28.8%.

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

Wool Production and Supply

1986

Wool production in Canada in 1986 is estimated at 1,220,800 kilograms, down 7% from the 1985 level of 1,310,800 kilograms. Imports of wool in 1986, at 15,020,000 kilograms, were up 10% from 1985. Exports totalled 936,000 kilograms, down 18% from the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1184-1186.

Order *Wool Production and Supply, 1986* (23-205, \$15), to be released the week of March 16. Contact: B. Rosien (613-991-2509), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Exports of Wheat Flour and Barley Malt

December 1986

Customs exports of wheat flour and barley malt during December 1986 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

- Wheat flour 22.5,
- Malt 8.3.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5612 (series 1) and 5613.

Order the December 1986 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release the second week of March. Contact: Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or Anthony Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Ottawa.

Selected Financial Indexes

January 1987

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

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact: the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9606/7), Prices Division.

Paper Bag Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the paper bag industry (SIC 2733) totalled \$271.2 million, up 1.0% from \$268.6 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5491 and to be released shortly in catalogue 36-250B 2733. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

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

Shipbuilding and Repair Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the shipbuilding and repair industry (SIC 3271) totalled \$1,008.9 million, down 3.6% from \$1,046.8 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5564 and to be released shortly in catalogue 42-251B 3271. Commodity data for this industry will become available in June.

Contact: G.W. Barrett (613-991-3515),
Industry Division.

Publications Released

System of National Accounts: Financial Flow Accounts, Third Quarter 1986.
Catalogue number 13-002
(Canada: \$35/\$140; Other Countries: \$36/\$144)

Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, December 1986.
Catalogue number 23-003
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110).

Livestock Report - Pigs, January 1, 1987.
Catalogue number 23-008
(Canada: \$15/\$60; Other Countries: \$16/\$64).

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, February 1987. Catalogue number 32-012
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110).

Primary Iron and Steel, December 1986.
Catalogue number 41-001
(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Culture Communiqué - Periodical Publishing, 1984.
Catalogue number 87-001
(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

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Reference period

March

9	Building Permits	November 1986
9	New Housing Price Index	January 1987
9	Financial Activity in Canada	Fourth Quarter 1986
9	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	January 1987
9	Housing Starts	January 1987
9	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	January 1987
9	Farm Product Price Index	January 1987
10	New Motor Vehicle Sales	January 1987
11	Private and Public Investment in Canada	Outlook 1987
11	Estimates of Labour Income	December 1986
12	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade	January 1987
12	Help-wanted Index	February 1987
13	Labour Force Survey	February 1987

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