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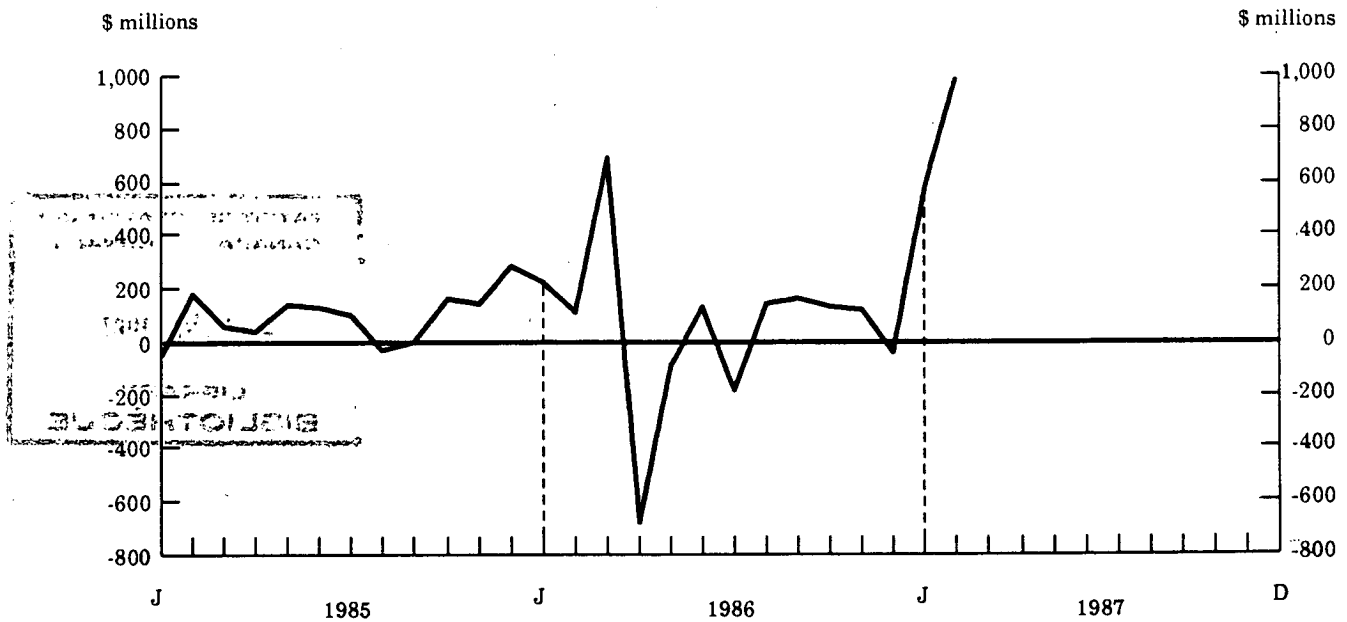


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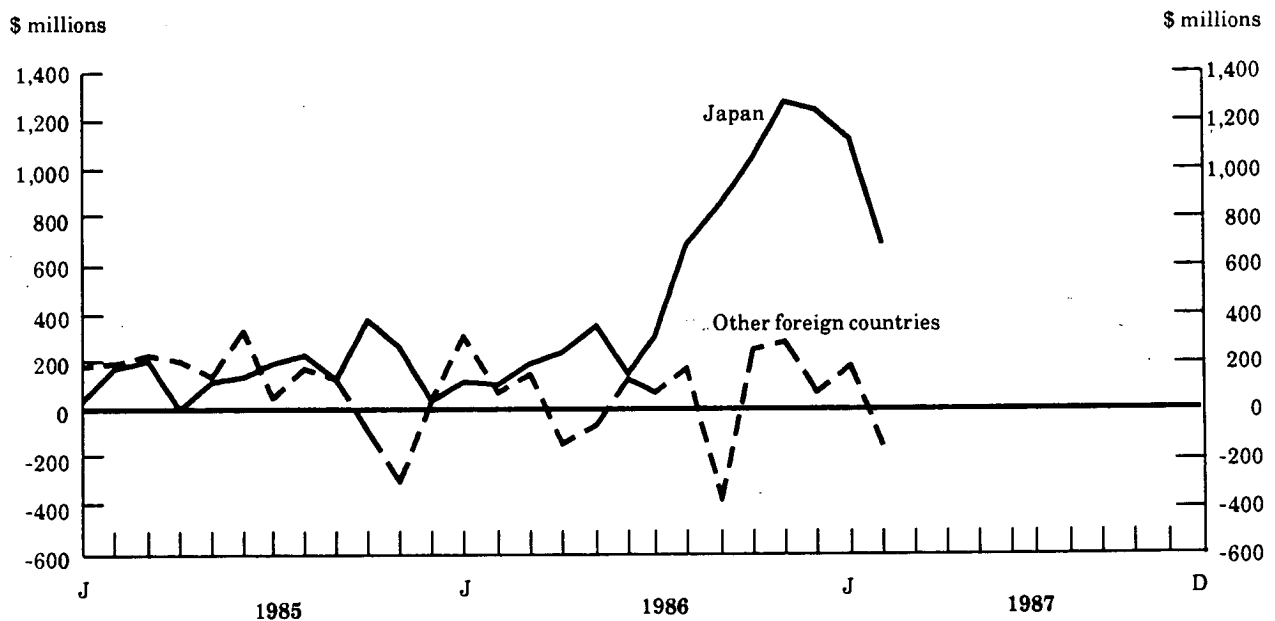
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## Major Releases

### Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Stocks With Non-residents (Net Sales + / Net Purchases-)



### Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Bonds With Japan and All Other Foreign Countries (Net Sales + / Net Purchases-)



## Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents February 1987

### Outstanding Canadian Securities

Non-residents acquired, on a net basis, a record \$1-billion of outstanding Canadian stocks in February, more than the total for the full year 1986. The United States continued to be the largest foreign investor in Canadian stocks, with net sales doubling to over \$800 million in the current month, while the United Kingdom accounted for most of the net investment from overseas countries. The gross value of stocks traded (sales and purchases) with non-residents has also increased sharply in recent months, to a record \$5-billion in February. This was more than double the average monthly value of stocks traded with non-residents in 1986.

Net sales of outstanding Canadian bonds to Japan amounted to \$679 million in February, which on average, was about \$500 million less than was recorded in the previous four months. All other foreign countries reduced their holdings of Canadian bonds by \$157 million in the current month.

### Outstanding Foreign Securities

Trading with non-residents in outstanding foreign stocks produced a net sale of \$17 million. Residents reduced their holdings of United States stocks by \$115 million in February, but continued to invest in overseas stocks, with net purchases amounting to \$98 million. Canadian investment in overseas stocks included the purchase in Canada of shares of a recently privatized British company. Canadian residents have made substantial investments in overseas stocks throughout the last two and a half years, in contrast to the irregular pattern of trading in United States stocks. Residents reduced their holdings of foreign bonds, largely United States issues, by \$180 million, following net investments in the previous four months.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150), available in May. Contact J. Motala (613-990-9052), Balance of Payments, International and Financial Economics Division.

## Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents February 1987

| Type of security             | Sales to<br>Non-residents | Purchases from<br>Non-residents | Net Sales<br>(+) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| (\$ millions)                |                           |                                 |                  |
| <b>Canadian securities:</b>  |                           |                                 |                  |
| Bonds                        | 3,223                     | 2,701                           | + 522            |
| Common and preferred stocks  | 2,990                     | 2,005                           | + 985            |
| <b>Total - February 1987</b> | <b>6,213</b>              | <b>4,706</b>                    | <b>+ 1,507</b>   |
| <b>Total - January 1987</b>  | <b>5,845</b>              | <b>3,981</b>                    | <b>+ 1,863</b>   |
| <b>Foreign securities:</b>   |                           |                                 |                  |
| Bonds                        | 3,436                     | 3,256                           | + 180            |
| Common and preferred stocks  | 2,387                     | 2,370                           | + 17             |
| <b>Total - February 1987</b> | <b>5,823</b>              | <b>5,626</b>                    | <b>+ 197</b>     |
| <b>Total - January 1987</b>  | <b>4,209</b>              | <b>4,064</b>                    | <b>+ 146</b>     |

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## Wholesale Trade

February 1987

### Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for February 1987 were up 13.2% from the previous year. This year-over-year rise follows a gain of 8.6% registered between January 1986 and January 1987. In the first two months of 1987, sales were up 10.9% compared to the corresponding period in 1986.
- In February, all major trade groups registered increased sales over a year earlier. The trade groups having the most significant impact on the overall sales increase were wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+13.5%), lumber and building materials (+28.6%) and food (+12.3%).

- Wholesale trade increases between February 1986 and February 1987 were posted in all regions, ranging from 20.2% in Ontario to 4.1% in the Prairie provinces.

### Inventories

- Inventory levels in February 1987 were 4.7% higher than those reported in February 1986. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of February 1987 stood at 1.66:1, down from the 1.79:1 recorded in the corresponding month of 1986.

(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 44.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5/\$50), available the third week of May. Contact Gilles Berniquez (613-991-3537), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

## Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change in Sales and Inventories for February 1987/1986

| Major Trade<br>Groups - Regions                          | Sales                        |                              |                      | Inventories                  |                              | Stocks/Sales Ratios       |                           |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Jan.<br>1987/86 <sup>r</sup> | Feb.<br>1987/86 <sup>p</sup> | Jan.-Feb.<br>1987/86 | Jan.<br>1987/86 <sup>r</sup> | Feb.<br>1987/86 <sup>p</sup> | Feb.<br>1986 <sup>r</sup> | Feb.<br>1987 <sup>p</sup> |
| <b>Total all trades</b>                                  | <b>8.6</b>                   | <b>13.2</b>                  | <b>10.9</b>          | <b>5.1</b>                   | <b>4.7</b>                   | <b>1.79</b>               | <b>1.66</b>               |
| Food   | 9.9                          | 12.3                         | 11.0                 | -0.7                         | -0.4                         | .87                       | .77                       |
| Tobacco, drugs and toilet<br>preparations                | -4.3                         | 0.8                          | -1.8                 | 9.0                          | 6.7                          | .96                       | 1.02                      |
| Apparel, dry goods, furniture<br>and general merchandise | 13.2                         | 20.3                         | 17.0                 | 0.6                          | -0.8                         | 2.15                      | 1.77                      |
| Motor vehicles and accessories                           | -0.6                         | 8.1                          | 3.9                  | 11.9                         | 9.6                          | 2.05                      | 2.08                      |
| Farm machinery, equipment<br>and supplies                | 19.1                         | 19.3                         | 19.2                 | -10.1                        | -13.9                        | 5.71                      | 4.12                      |
| Other machinery, equipment<br>and supplies <sup>1</sup>  | 10.6                         | 13.5                         | 12.1                 | 6.6                          | 8.1                          | 1.88                      | 1.79                      |
| Metals, hardware, plumbing<br>and heating equipment      | 6.2                          | 7.4                          | 6.8                  | 4.2                          | 0.9                          | 1.91                      | 1.79                      |
| Lumber and building materials                            | 20.2                         | 28.6                         | 24.5                 | 9.8                          | 10.7                         | 1.95                      | 1.68                      |
| Other wholesalers <sup>2</sup>                           | 7.7                          | 14.2                         | 11.0                 | 6.4                          | 7.5                          | 1.79                      | 1.68                      |
| <b>Regions</b>   |                              |                              |                      |                              |                              |                           |                           |
| Atlantic provinces                                       | 6.3                          | 14.4                         | 10.3                 | 7.1                          | 10.0                         | 1.61                      | 1.55                      |
| Quebec   | 9.4                          | 8.6                          | 9.0                  | 6.3                          | 4.2                          | 1.64                      | 1.57                      |
| Ontario  | 8.7                          | 20.2                         | 14.4                 | 8.9                          | 8.9                          | 1.75                      | 1.58                      |
| Prairie provinces  | 5.0                          | 4.1                          | 4.5                  | -3.0                         | -4.3                         | 2.51                      | 2.30                      |
| B.C., Yukon and<br>Northwest Territories                 | 11.8                         | 11.7                         | 11.7                 | 4.4                          | 6.4                          | 1.50                      | 1.43                      |

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>1</sup> Includes: electrical machinery, equipment and supplies; and machinery and equipment, n.e.s.

<sup>2</sup> Includes: farm products (excluding grain); paper and paper products; scrap and waste materials; and wholesalers, n.e.s.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Television Viewing in Canada

Fall 1986

Preliminary data show that in the fall of 1986 Canadians spent an average of 24.2 hours per week watching television, a level which has remained almost stationary in recent years.

Comedy and drama shows were the most popular - accounting for 58% of total viewing - while news and public affairs made up a further 19%.

Canadian programs comprised 35% of total viewing - mostly news and public affairs tuning (87%). The percentage of Canadian comedy and drama programming watched was 9.0%.

Additional information including breakdowns by province, language, sex and occupation may be obtained from Anthony Young (613-991-1573) or Ian McDiarmid (613-991-1561), Culture Sub-division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

### Cable Television

1986

Information is now available for the cable television industry for 1986.

Order the *Communications Service Bulletin*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (56-001), scheduled for release the week of May 11. Contact J.R. Slattery (613-991-2205), Services Division.

### Mineral Wool

March 1987

Manufacturers shipped 4 242 816 square metres of mineral wool (all R factors) in batts in March 1987, down 59.3% from the 10 419 433 square metres shipped the year earlier and down 57.0% from the 9 870 677 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of March 1987 were 24 066 218 square metres, an increase of 5.5% from the same period in 1986.

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

Order the March 1987 issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of May 4. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

### Sawmills in British Columbia

January 1987

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 3 058 500 cubic metres (1,296.1 million board feet) of lumber and ties in January 1987, an increase of 0.2% over the 3 053 900 cubic metres (1,294.1 million board feet) produced in January 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2).

Order the January 1987 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6/\$60), to be released the week of May 4. Contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), B.C. and Yukon Regional Office, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

## **Leather Tanneries Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the leather tanneries industry (SIC 1711) totalled \$233.9 million, up 7.9% from \$216.7 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5420 and to be released shortly in catalogue 33-251B 1711. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact Carla Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

## **Glove Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the glove industry (SIC 2493) totalled \$64.5 million, up 12.1% from \$57.5 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5453 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-252B 2493. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact Carla Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

## **Motor Vehicle Fabric Accessories Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the motor vehicle fabric accessories industry (SIC 3257) totalled \$867.7 million, up 6.8% from \$812.1 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5561 and to be released shortly in catalogue 42-251B 3257. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

## **Soap and Cleaning Compounds Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the soap and cleaning compounds industry (SIC 3761) totalled \$1,364.4 million, up 5.2% from \$1,296.5 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6878 and to be released shortly in catalogue 46-250B 3761. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-991-3513), Industry Division.

## **Indicating and Recording Instruments Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the indicating and recording instruments industry (SIC 3911) totalled \$864.7 million, up 22.5% from \$706.0 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6884 and to be released shortly in catalogue 47-250B 3911. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

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

### **Sign and Display Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the sign and display industry (SIC 3971) totalled \$439.8 million, up 20.2% from \$365.9 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6892 and to be released shortly in catalogue 47-250B 3971. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

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

### **Button, Buckle and Clothes Fastener Industry**

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the total value of shipments for the button, buckle and clothes fastener (SIC 3992) totalled \$82.6 million, up 11.3% from \$74.2 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6894 and to be released shortly in catalogue 47-250B 3992. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

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



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**Family Incomes – Census  
Families, 1985.**

**Catalogue number 13-208**

(Canada: \$12; Other Countries: \$13).

**Inventories, Shipments and  
Orders in Manufacturing**

**Industries, January 1987.**

**Catalogue number 31-001**

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

**Credit Unions, 1982.**

**Catalogue number 61-209**

(Canada: \$50; Other Countries: \$51).

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| 30                                   | Raw Materials Price Index                            | March 1987       |