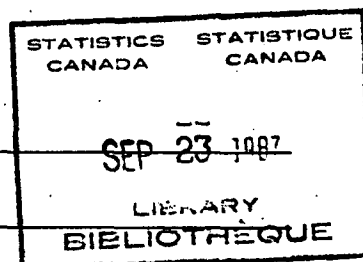


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Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, department store sales in July 1987 totalled \$1,063 million, a decrease of 2.2% from the previous month's revised total of \$1,086 million. Lower sales were recorded in 29 of the 40 departments.
- Department store sales have fluctuated significantly during the first seven months of 1987, with growth having remained generally weak.
- Seasonally adjusted, department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$4,472 million at the end of July 1987, up 0.9% over the June 1987 revised value of \$4,432 million. This moderate increase followed a 0.2% decrease in June and a 2.4% increase in May.
- The ratio of inventories to sales stood at 4.21:1 in July, up from the average ratio of 4.12:1 observed in the six previous months.

Unadjusted Data

- Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$937 million in July 1987, up 0.4% over the July 1986 level of \$933 million. Cumulative sales for the period January to July 1987 totalled \$6,391 million, up 1.2% over the corresponding period in 1986.

- Excluding food and kindred products, department store sales increased 4.6% in July 1987 and 12.7% in June, compared to the corresponding months a year earlier.
- Six provinces posted gains in July 1987 over the corresponding month in 1986, with increases ranging from 13.6% in Prince Edward Island to 1.5% in Saskatchewan. Decreases were recorded in British Columbia (-11.8%), Alberta (-11.6%), Newfoundland (-7.0%) and Manitoba (-2.7%). Sales were up in six of the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed.
- Sales by major department stores in July 1987 totalled \$554 million, down 2.6% from the corresponding month a year earlier, while junior department stores had sales of \$382 million, up 5.1% over the same period last year.
- Unadjusted, department store stocks at month-end totalled \$4,292 million, an increase of 9.1% over the level reached in July 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 112.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130), available the third week of November. Contact Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Canadian Telecommunications Plant Price Index (CTPPI)¹

1986

The Canadian Telecommunications Plant Price Index (1981 = 100) reached a preliminary level of 127.6 for 1986, up 3.1% from the revised 1985 level of 123.8. Prices for central office equipment rose 3.2%, general equipment 2.7%, station equipment 1.7% and outside plant installations 1.6%.

¹ The index measures price change through time for capital expenditures made by members of the Canadian telecommunications industry.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 98.

Order the third quarter issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in December. Contact Les Graham (613-990-9615), Prices Division.

Mineral Wool

August 1987

Manufacturers shipped 9 369 556 square metres of mineral wool (all R factors) in batts in August 1987, down 2.1% from the 9 567 536 square metres shipped a year earlier but up 1.1% from the 9 269 034 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of August 1987 were 65 645 632 square metres, an increase of 17.3% from the same period in 1986.

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

Order the August 1987 issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of October 5. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Electric Storage Batteries

July 1987

Canadian manufacturers sold 197,901 automotive replacement batteries in July 1987, an increase of 20.3% from the 164,543 batteries sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales amounted to 1,053,284 automotive replacement batteries in July 1987, down 7.0% from 1,132,241 for the same period in 1986.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$4/\$40), available the week of September 28. Contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Shipments of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

August 1987

Canadian manufacturers shipped 181 088 thousand square metres of corrugated boxes and wrappers in August 1987, an increase of 8.2% from the 167 302 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to August 1987 domestic shipments totalled 1 441 561 thousand square metres, up 2.8% from 1 402 885 thousand square metres for the same period in 1986.

Order the August 1987 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of October 5. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

Stocks of Frozen Meats

September 1, 1987

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of September amounted to 28 253 tonnes as compared with 28 674 tonnes a month earlier and 26 243 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

Order the September issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release on October 6. Contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-990-8714), Agriculture Division.

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