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- Canada attracted a record number of foreign overnight visitors in the first quarter of 1988.

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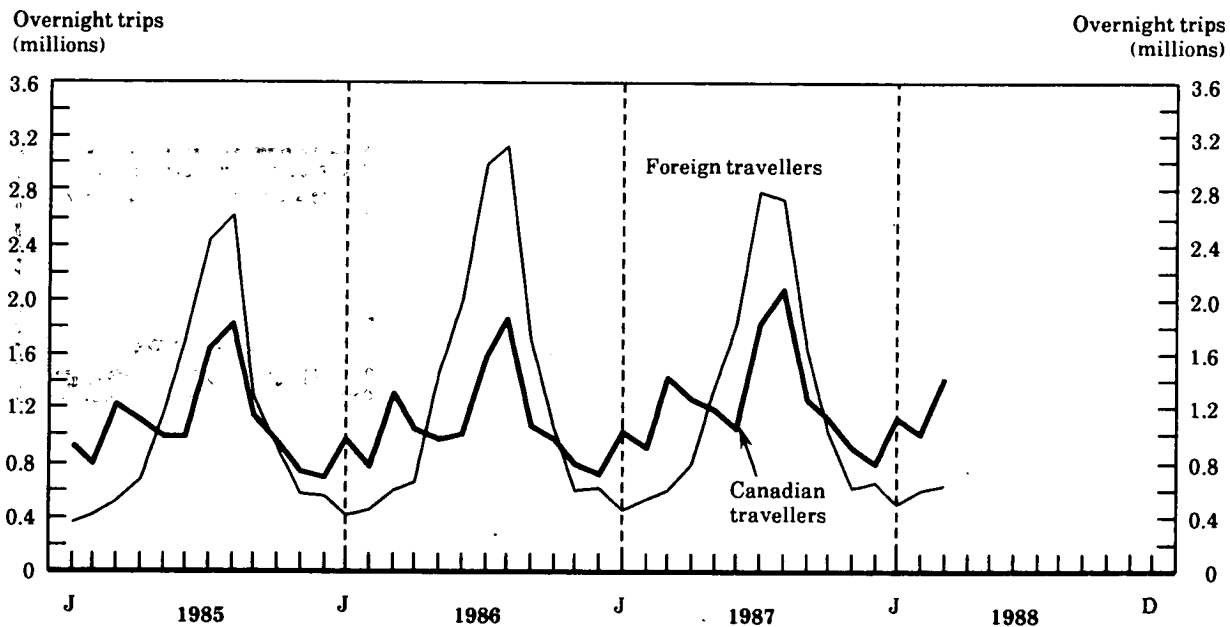
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International Travel Flows



Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

March and First Quarter 1988

Overnight Travel

Preliminary estimates show that non-residents took 9% more trips of one or more nights to Canada in the first quarter of 1988 than in the same period last year. Overnight visits by United States residents totalled 1.4 million, while 290,200 came from all other countries. The Olympic Games in Calgary played a major role in this significant increase of foreign trips to Canada. Other factors may include the buying power of foreign currencies in Canada and a greater awareness of Canada as a tourism destination.

Highlights

- The highest first quarter level on record was registered for the number of overnight visits by Canadian residents to the United States, an increase of 4% over the first quarter of 1987.

- Overnight trips by Canadian residents to countries other than the United States increased by 8% from the first quarter of 1987, marking a sixth quarterly record level.
- A decrease in the number of overnight trips by Canadian residents returning from trips abroad was observed in March 1988 compared to same month of 1987. It is thought that the slight downturn is related to the fact that the Easter holidays were in the first days of April, prompting Canadian visitors to return in April instead of March from their stay outside Canada.

Total Travel

- Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents reached 10.8 million during the quarter, 11% above last year. Trips to the United States by Canadian residents totalled 9.9 million, while trips to all other countries numbered 923,800.

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- Total trips to Canada by United States residents increased by 1% from the first quarter of 1987 to 5.6 million.
- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States jumped 32% to 322,200 during the same period.

The accompanying table shows traveller entries and re-entries for March 1988 and the first three months of the year, covering total and long-term traffic as well as percentage changes from 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2694.

The March 1988 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.50/\$55) will be available mid-May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

March and First Quarter 1988

Residence of Travellers	Total trips				Overnight trips ¹			
	March		Jan.-Mar.		March		Jan.-Mar.	
	Number 1988	% Change From 1987	Number 1988	% Change From 1987	Number 1988	% Change From 1987	Number 1988	% Change From 1987
Non-residents								
All countries	2,159,600	0.6	5,917,400	2.6	634,300	6.8	1,728,300	9.2
United States	2,025,100	-1.1	5,595,200	1.3	518,300	2.1	1,438,100	5.5
Other countries	134,500	36.8	322,200	32.4	116,000	34.1	290,200	31.9
Residents of Canada								
All countries	4,135,800	6.0	10,820,200	11.1	1,419,100	-0.9	3,549,300	5.4
United States	3,825,800	6.6	9,896,400	11.4	1,109,100	-0.8	2,625,500	4.4
Other countries	310,000	-1.2	923,800	8.2	310,000	-1.2	923,800	8.2

¹ Figures for the "United States" include auto and bus one or more nights, and estimated long-term numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude entries by land same day via the U.S.A.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending April 30, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending April 30, 1988 totalled 305 741 tonnes, an increase of 8.1% from the preceding week's total of 282 962 tonnes but down 0.6% from the year-earlier level of 307 491 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 5 001 485 tonnes, a decrease of 0.3% from 5 015 528 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Asphalt Roofing

March 1988

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 225 241 bundles in March 1988, a decrease of 4.7% from the 3 382 574^r (revised figure) bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to March 1988 shipments amounted to 8 323 670 bundles, down 5.1% from the 8 766 581^r shipped during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

The March 1988 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of May 16. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Telephone Statistics

January 1988

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$950.5 million in January 1988, up 9.9% from January 1987.

Operating expenses were \$642.2 million, an increase of 8.2% over January 1987. Net operating revenue was \$308.3 million, an increase of 13.6% over January 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The January 1988 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$7.50/\$75) is scheduled for release the week of May 16. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services Division.

Sawmills in British Columbia

February 1988

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 3 116 100 cubic metres (1,320.5 million board feet) of lumber and ties in February 1988, a decrease of 1.0% from the 3 148 100 cubic metres (1,334.1 million board feet) produced in February 1987.

January to December 1988 production was 6 051 400 cubic metres (2,564.4 million board feet), a decrease of 2.5% from the 6 206 800 cubic metres (2,630.3 million board feet) produced over the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2 and 2.2).

The February 1988 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6.50/\$65) is scheduled to be released the week of May 16. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Major Appliances

March 1988

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers increased to 189,595 units in March 1988, up 13.0% from 167,819^r (revised figure) units sold in February 1988, and up 6.1% from the 178,647 units sold in the same month of 1987.

Year-to-date domestic sales to March 1988 amounted to 514,075^r units, up 8.0% from 476,120 units for the same period of 1987.

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

The March 1988 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of May 16. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J. P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

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(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

The Sugar Situation, March 1988.
Catalogue number 32-013
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
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**Production and Disposition of
Tobacco Products,** February 1988.
Catalogue number 32-022
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

**Production and Disposition of
Tobacco Products,** March 1988.
Catalogue number 32-022
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

**Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service
Bulletin, Vol. 16, No. 10, Pack of Canned
Pears,** 1987. Catalogue number 32-023
(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

**Fruit and Vegetable Preservation
Service Bulletin, Vol. 16, No. 19, Pack of
Processed Blueberries,** 1987.
Catalogue number 32-023
(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, February
1988. Catalogue number 36-004
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

**Production, Sales and Stocks of Major
Appliances,** February 1988.
Catalogue number 43-010
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

**Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass
Insulation,** February 1988.
Catalogue number 44-004
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

Refined Petroleum Products, January 1988.
Catalogue number 45-004
(Canada: \$16.50/\$165; Other Countries:
\$17.50/\$175).

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,
February 1988. Catalogue number 46-002
(Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).

**Travel Between Canada and Other
Countries,** October-December 1987.
Catalogue number 66-001
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