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- Canada's merchandise trade surplus for April was \$602 million – a decline of \$122 million from the March level.

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- Sales of new motor vehicles decreased 5.3% from April 1987.

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#### Composite Leading Indicator – March 1988 – Note to Users

Users are advised that the release date for the March *Composite Leading Indicator* has been changed, because manufacturing data are being revised.

The Leading Indicator will be released in *The Daily* on Monday, June 20. For more information, call F. Roy-Mayrand (613-951-3627), International and Financial Economics Division.



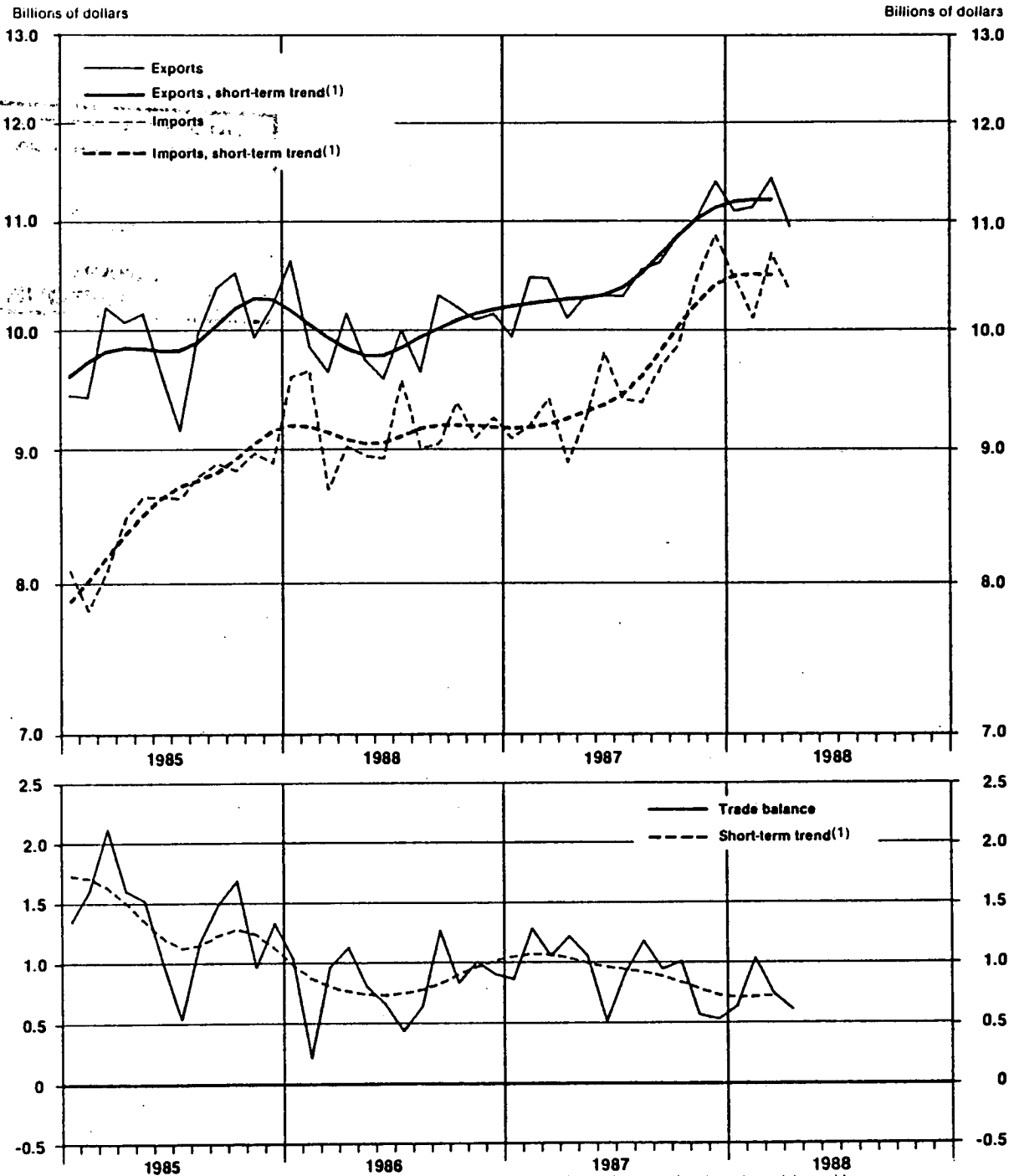
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## Major Releases

### Imports, Exports, and Trade Balance, All Countries, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis



(1) The short-term trend gives a clearer picture of the direction and rate of change of trade by averaging the substantial monthly fluctuations which frequently occur in trade. The trend for the last month is not shown in the charts above since it frequently changes significantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

## Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

April 1988

### Month-to-month Overview

Canada's international merchandise trade surplus with all its trading partners was down in April, as a result of a larger decline in exports than in imports. The surplus fell from \$724 million in March to \$602 million in April, a level approximately \$200 million lower than the average for the preceding 12 months. The decline in total exports contrasted with the \$289 million increase recorded in March.

Exports fell by \$481 million between March and April, to \$10.9 billion. (The revised level of exports for March was \$11.4 billion.) The industrial goods category contributed most to the drop in exports in April.

Imports totalled \$10.3 billion in April, down \$359 from the revised level for the preceding month and a reversal of the \$589 million increase noted in March. Imports of machinery and equipment posted the largest decline in April.

### Short-term Trend (excludes latest month)

*The monthly movements shown for the short-term trend may differ from those shown for seasonally adjusted values published in other sections of this report. The short-term trend is the result of a weighted moving average, and it is therefore possible that the trend of the seasonally adjusted values may not point in the same direction as the short-term trend.*

### Exports

The short-term trend for exports in March was virtually unchanged from the level in February. With the exception of March 1988, the short-term trend for exports has been up since June 1986. The largest increases were posted for passenger automobiles (the eighth straight increase), wheat and newsprint paper. The rate of increase of the short-term trend for exports of wheat reached a peak of 10.8% in November 1987 and has declined since, standing at 7.6% in March 1988. The trend for natural gas exports also rose, posting a gain of

### Note to Users

With the introduction of the **Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System** which represents a major departure from the previous commodity classification, and starting with January 1988 and at least for the balance of 1988:

- Users should interpret levels and month-to-month movements in commodity data with caution;
- Revisions to imports and exports have been greater than usual but should settle down to more normal levels in the months to come.

Users should also note as a further caution to interpretation of 1988 data as related to 1987 that:

- Recording of imports is now based on the date the merchandise is released by customs and not on the customs stamp date as before January 1988.

In order to maintain continuity in concepts and definitions:

- The balance of payments data continue to be presented on a consignment basis.
- Both raw and seasonally adjusted data for the previous periods reflect the above changes where applicable.

3.7% in March, compared to 3.8% in February. As far as decreases were concerned, the largest declines were recorded in the export trends for lumber (-5.2%), other metal ores, concentrates and scrap, and other end products. Although less significant in terms of value, the short-term trend for exports of wheat flour fell by 27.2%, the largest decline in percentage terms.

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### Imports

The short-term trend for imports was down slightly in March by 0.1% – the first decline in 14 months. However, the rate of increase has been decelerating steadily since October 1987. The trend for imports of motor vehicle parts fell for the second straight month, and the rate of decrease went from 1.0% to 2.0%. Other large decreases were recorded for imports of petroleum and coal products and aircraft. In the latter case, this is the first decrease after seven months of increases. The downward trend for imports of trucks recorded in February continued in March, with a drop of 3.0%. Imports of crude petroleum, other industrial machinery and metal fabricated basic products posted the largest trend increases. The rate of increase of the trend for crude petroleum imports rose to 6.0% in March.

### Commodity Highlights

#### Exports

The seasonally adjusted value of exports was down by 4.2% in April, after an increase of 2.6% was recorded for March. Exports of newsprint paper and coal alone declined by \$102 million and \$94 million. Exports of precious metals fell by \$93 million to \$168 million, their lowest level in 1988. Overall, exports of fabricated materials dropped by \$359 million, or almost three-quarters of the total decline in April, while exports of end products fell by \$58 million. The largest increases were posted for exports of wheat (+ \$87 million), aircraft (+ \$85 million) and passenger automobiles (+ \$78 million). Despite the decline in exports of trucks, automotive products as a whole posted an increase of \$61 million, rising to \$3.0 billion, or 27.2% of total exports in April.

#### Imports

Following an increase of 5.8% in March, imports reversed in April, posting a decline of 3.4%. (In January and February, imports had fallen by 3.7% and 3.4%.) This decline in imports is attributable to the end products sector, notably motor vehicle parts (-\$162 million), aircraft (-\$150 million) and equipment and tools (-\$89 million). Overall, imports of end products were down \$464 million from the preceding month, falling to \$6.8 billion. The

largest increases were recorded for imports of passenger automobiles (+\$181 million), ores (+\$75 million) and crude petroleum (+\$70 million). Although much less significant in terms of value, sugar imports in April fell to 48.4% of the level recorded for March, the largest decline in percentage terms. Sugar imports totalled \$27 million in April.

### Trading Partner Highlights

#### Exports

Merchandise exports to the United States were down by \$488 million in April to \$8.0 billion. Exports to Japan and "other OECD countries" also posted declines of \$74 million and \$18 million. On the other hand, increases were recorded in exports to other countries (+\$59 million), "other EEC countries" (+\$35 million) and the United Kingdom (+\$5 million).

#### Imports

Following an increase of \$230 million in March, imports from the United States fell by \$68 million in April to \$7.1 billion. Other decreases were posted for imports from "other countries" (-\$167 million), "other EEC countries" (-\$160 million), the United Kingdom (-\$49 million) and "other OECD countries" (-\$21 million). Imports from Japan, however, rose by \$107 million.

### Annual Revisions (1984 to 1987)

In accordance with the policy on the annual release of revised statistics from the system of national accounts, statistics on international merchandise trade adjusted on a balance of payments basis have been revised annually in order to incorporate the findings of research and analysis on the quality of these statistics and the underlying concepts. This issue of the *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade*, in addition to presenting the most up-to-date data for the current year, presents revised data on international merchandise trade for the years 1984 to 1987 inclusive. These revisions may be attributed to factors such as correction of exports data due to undercoverage, coding errors, calculation of new balance of payments adjustments or new seasonal adjustment factors.

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As a result of these corrections, export statistics for 1987, for example, have been revised upwards by \$360 million, while statistics on imports have been revised downwards by \$275 million. These annual revisions and the full details of the revised statistics are available on the CANSIM database. These statistics will be used in calculating the gross domestic product and balance of payments statements.

(see tables on pages 6 and 7)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3686-3713, 3718, 3719 and 3887-3913.

The April 1988 issue of the *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (H.S. Based) (65-001, \$16.50/\$165) will be available the first week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean- Pierre Simard (613-951-1711) (for analysis information), or John Butterill (613-951-4808) for price-index information, Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

For summary information, available the day of release, order the *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (H.S. Based) (65-001P, \$5.50/\$55).

**Table 1**  
**Merchandise Trade of Canada**  
 April 1988

	Customs Basis				Balance of Payment Basis					
	Exports <sup>1</sup> raw	Imports raw	Exports <sup>1</sup> raw	Imports raw	Exports <sup>1</sup> S.A. <sup>3</sup>	Imports S.A. <sup>3</sup>	Balance S.A. <sup>3</sup>	Period-to-period change <sup>2</sup>		
								Exports <sup>1</sup> S.A. <sup>3</sup>	Imports S.A. <sup>3</sup>	Balance S.A. <sup>3</sup>
				\$ millions				%	%	\$ millions
1982	84,530	67,856	84,393	66,739	84,393	66,738	17,654	0.0	-13.5	10,362
1983	90,613	75,520	90,556	73,098	90,556	73,098	17,457	7.3	9.5	-197
1984	112,384	95,460	111,330	91,493	111,330	91,492	19,838	22.9	25.2	2,381
1985	119,474	104,355	119,070	102,669	119,070	102,669	16,400	7.0	12.2	-3,437
1986	120,670	112,511	119,889	110,079	119,889	110,079	9,810	0.7	7.2	-6,590
1987	125,087	116,239	126,125	115,149	126,125	115,149	10,976	5.2	4.6	1,166
1986										
I quarter	29,171	27,666	29,372	26,924	30,106	27,913	2,193	-1.8	4.6	-1,786
II quarter	31,283	29,637	31,020	28,949	29,451	26,872	2,578	-2.2	-3.7	385
III quarter	28,431	27,284	28,341	26,697	29,923	27,598	2,326	1.6	2.7	-253
IV quarter	31,785	27,924	31,156	27,509	30,409	27,696	2,713	1.6	0.4	388
1987										
I quarter	29,714	27,776	30,278	27,346	30,833	27,662	3,171	1.4	-0.1	457
II quarter	31,687	29,578	31,832	29,326	30,668	27,915	2,752	-0.5	0.9	-418
III quarter	29,628	27,814	30,071	27,472	31,407	28,419	2,988	2.4	1.8	236
IV quarter	34,057	31,071	33,944	31,005	33,217	31,153	2,065	5.8	9.6	-924
1988										
I quarter	33,540	34,661	33,157	32,038	33,577	31,201	2,377	1.1	0.2	312
1987										
January	9,154	8,767	9,353	8,487	9,924	9,074	850	-2.1	-1.8	-41
February	9,889	8,974	10,074	9,001	10,460	9,185	1,274	5.4	1.2	424
March	10,671	10,034	10,851	9,858	10,449	9,403	1,046	-0.1	2.4	-229
April	10,223	9,407	10,334	9,310	10,090	8,882	1,208	-3.4	-5.5	162
May	10,658	9,493	10,589	9,432	10,285	9,242	1,043	1.9	4.0	-164
June	10,807	10,678	10,909	10,585	10,293	9,791	502	0.1	5.9	-542
July	9,528	9,508	9,635	9,476	10,280	9,391	889	-0.1	-4.1	388
August	9,362	8,560	9,564	8,496	10,532	9,364	1,168	2.4	-0.3	278
September	10,738	9,747	10,872	9,500	10,595	9,664	931	0.6	3.2	-237
October	11,336	10,138	11,343	10,073	10,850	9,853	997	2.4	1.9	66
November	11,513	10,622	11,382	10,670	11,003	10,452	551	1.4	6.1	-446
December	11,207	10,311	11,220	10,262	11,365	10,848	517	3.3	3.8	-34
1988										
January	10,173	12,332	10,366	10,045	11,072	10,443	628	-2.6	-3.7	111
February	11,198	10,363	10,849	10,153	11,108	10,084	1,024	0.3	-3.4	396
March	12,170	11,966	11,942	11,839	11,398	10,673	724	2.6	5.8	-300
April	11,003	10,312	11,020	10,215	10,916	10,315	602	-4.2	-3.4	-122
Year-to-date										
1987	39,937	37,182	40,612	36,656	40,923	36,544	4,378	1.7	-1.0	1,058
1988	44,544	44,973	44,178	42,253	44,494	41,516	2,978	8.7	13.6	-1,400

<sup>1</sup> Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.

<sup>2</sup> Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

<sup>3</sup> Seasonally Adjusted.

Note: - Due to rounding, monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.  
 - The 1984 to 1987 figures include the final revisions.

**Table 2**  
**Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas**  
April 1988  
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

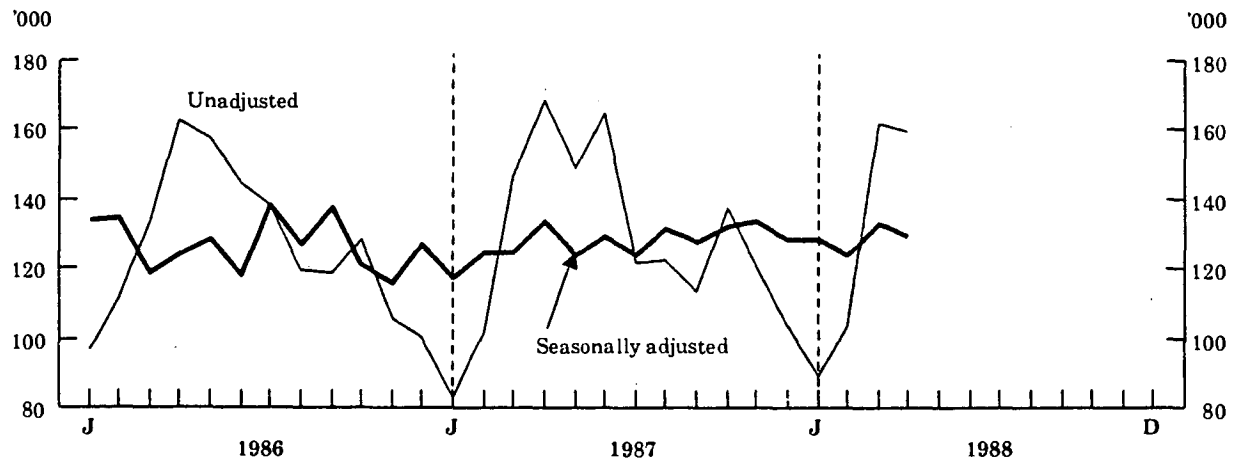
	Period-to-period change				Year-to-date		Change over previous year	
	March 1988	April 1988	March 1988	April 1988	March 1988	April 1988	Year-to-date	Change over previous year
	\$ millions		%	%	\$ millions	\$ millions	%	\$ millions
<b>Exports to:<sup>1</sup></b>								
United States	8,505.7	8,017.4	2.1	-5.7	175.1	-488.2	33,245.1	5.7 1,804.1
United Kingdom	266.9	272.2	3.9	2.0	10.1	5.3	1,078.7	1.8 18.8
Japan	704.7	630.8	5.6	-10.5	37.6	-73.9	2,620.2	35.3 683.0
EEC '86 excl. UK	560.1	595.3	5.5	6.3	29.1	35.2	2,225.6	7.6 157.3
Other OECD '86	221.7	203.7	-17.0	-8.1	-45.3	-18.0	927.8	16.7 132.6
Other Countries	1,138.3	1,196.8	7.8	5.1	82.8	58.5	4,396.5	21.4 775.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,397.6</b>	<b>10,916.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>-481.2</b>	<b>44,493.8</b>	<b>8.7 3,571.2</b>
<b>Imports from:<sup>1</sup></b>								
United States	7,208.6	7,140.6	3.3	-0.9	229.8	-68.0	28,523.0	12.9 3,255.6
United Kingdom	477.5	428.1	18.1	-10.4	73.2	-49.4	1,698.9	16.8 244.0
Japan	671.6	778.9	-0.7	16.0	-4.7	107.3	2,738.9	12.9 312.7
EEC '86 excl. UK	939.2	778.8	12.8	-17.1	106.2	-160.4	3,476.9	18.0 530.5
Other OECD '86	304.1	282.8	26.9	-7.0	64.5	-21.2	1,143.4	10.5 109.0
Other Countries	1,072.6	905.6	12.6	-15.6	120.3	-167.0	3,934.5	15.2 519.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,673.5</b>	<b>10,314.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>589.4</b>	<b>-358.8</b>	<b>41,515.6</b>	<b>13.6 4,971.3</b>
<b>Balance with:</b>								
United States	1,297.1	876.9			-54.7	-420.2	4,722.1	-1,451.6
United Kingdom	-210.6	-155.9			-63.1	54.7	-620.2	-225.2
Japan	33.2	-148.0			42.2	-181.2	-118.8	370.3
EEC '86 excl. UK	-379.0	-183.4			-77.1	195.6	-1,251.3	-373.2
Other OECD '86	-82.3	-79.1			-109.7	3.2	-215.6	23.6
Other Countries	65.7	291.2			-37.5	225.5	461.9	256.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>724.1</b>	<b>601.7</b>			<b>-300.0</b>	<b>-122.4</b>	<b>2,978.2</b>	<b>-1,400.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Exports to "Other OECD Countries" and imports from the United Kingdom, "Other OECD Countries" and "Other Countries" do not have seasonality. Consequently, these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Note: - Portugal and Spain are included in the EEC.

- Imports for April 1988 by country of origin from the United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) amounted to \$6,896.7 millions. This represents the starting figure from which the Canada/United States reconciliation takes place.

**Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1986-1988**



**New Motor Vehicle Sales**

April 1988

**Highlights**

**Seasonally Adjusted Sales**

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 129,000 units in April 1988, a decrease of 3.1% from the revised March 1988 level of 133,000 units. In April, lower sales were posted for both passenger cars (-2.4%) and commercial vehicles (-4.4%).
- In the first four months of 1988, motor vehicle sales fluctuated significantly while experiencing little overall growth, as declines in April and February largely offset a sharp gain in March.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars recorded a significant decrease of 6.8% in April 1988 to a level of 56,000 units, while imported passenger cars increased by 7.0% to a level of 30,000

units. The drop in April for North American passenger car sales followed an increase of 6.5% in March, whereas imported passenger car sales increased following two consecutive monthly declines.

**Unadjusted Sales**

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 160,000 units in April 1988, down 5.3% from the April 1987 level. Commercial vehicle sales advanced by 7.2%, the ninth consecutive monthly year-over-year increase, while passenger car sales recorded a decrease of 10.3%.
- Unit sales of imported passenger cars were down 11.5% from their level in April 1987. The decline was attributable to a 28.9% decrease in cars imported from "other countries" and to a 2.4% drop in Japanese cars. Sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 9.7%.

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- The Japanese share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 22.3% in April 1988 from 20.5% a year earlier. The Japanese share grew at the expense of overseas manufacturers from "other countries", as their market share declined to 8.4% from 10.6% in April 1987.
- With the exception of Ontario, where unit sales increased by 4.1%, all other provinces registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in April 1988 compared to April 1987, with decreases ranging from 26.2% in Prince Edward Island to 5.1% in Alberta.
- For the first four months of 1988, total new motor vehicle sales increased 2.9% from the same period last year to 514,000 units. Sales of domestic passenger cars were down 1.0% to 239,000 units, while imported passenger car sales dropped 2.7% to 109,000 units. Commercial vehicle sales continued to show strength with the year-to-date total 13.5% higher than in 1987.

(see table on page 10)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

#### Note to Users:

Total new motor vehicle sales has an MCD (months of cyclical dominance) of 5, which represents the number of months over which a change in the seasonally adjusted series must move in a given direction before one can be reasonably certain that the trend-cycle of that series also has moved in the given direction.

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

The April 1988 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

**New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada**  
April 1988

	January 1988 <sup>r</sup>	February 1988 <sup>r</sup>	March 1988 <sup>r</sup>	April 1988 <sup>p</sup>
	Units % change	Units % change	Units % change	Units % change
	(Seasonally adjusted data)			
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>128,475</b> 0.1	<b>124,229</b> -3.3	<b>132,989</b> 7.1	<b>128,895</b> -3.1
<b>Passenger cars by origin:</b>				
North America	57,942 -1.3	56,816 -1.9	60,518 6.5	56,389 -6.8
Overseas	30,019 4.6	28,894 -3.7	28,439 -1.6	30,432 7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,961</b> 0.6	<b>85,710</b> -2.6	<b>88,956</b> 3.8	<b>86,820</b> -2.4
<b>Commercial vehicles</b>	<b>40,514</b> -1.1	<b>38,519</b> -4.9	<b>44,032</b> 14.3	<b>42,075</b> -4.4
	April 1988	Change 1988/87 <sup>r</sup>	January- April 1988 <sup>r</sup>	Change 1988/87 <sup>r</sup>
	Units	%	Units	%
	(Unadjusted sales)			
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>159,970</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>514,399</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Passenger cars by origin:</b>				
North America	75,343	-9.7	238,975	-1.0
Japan	24,191	-2.4	77,504	6.3
Other countries (including South Korea)	9,146	-28.9	31,049	-19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,680</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>347,528</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<b>Commercial vehicles by origin:</b>				
North America	46,349	6.7	150,886	13.9
Overseas	4,941	12.3	15,985	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,290</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>166,871</b>	<b>13.5</b>

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area April 1988

- Removing the effect of the sale of Woodward Stores Ltd.'s food division, department store sales increased 1.2% over April 1987, to a level of \$1,003 million. (Not adjusted for structural changes, department store sales decreased 1.8%).
- Cumulative sales for the first four months of 1988 totalled \$3,379 million, an increase of 3.8% (after adjustment) over the corresponding period in 1987.
- Department store sales during April 1988, for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, were as follows (with the percentage change from April 1987 in parentheses):

#### Province

- Newfoundland, \$10.8 million (-8.6%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$6.4 million (1.8%);
- Nova Scotia, \$31.0 million (-8.3%);
- New Brunswick, \$20.8 million (-7.8%);
- Quebec, \$203.3 million (3.1%);
- Ontario, \$411.9 million (4.9%);
- Manitoba, \$45.6 million (-10.3%);
- Saskatchewan, \$31.0 million (-4.1%);
- Alberta, \$109.5 million (-12.9%);
- British Columbia, \$133.1 million (-10.4%).

#### Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$42.0 million (-10.2%);
- Edmonton, \$48.1 million (-13.4%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$17.4 million (-6.4%);
- Hamilton, \$30.6 million (9.3%);
- Montreal, \$115.7 million (3.8%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$47.5 million (-0.9%);
- Quebec City, \$29.1 million (5.2%);
- Toronto, \$170.1 million (10.1%);
- Vancouver, \$77.1 million (-11.3%);
- Winnipeg, \$41.6 million (-10.5%).

#### Note to Users:

Data users should be aware that the occurrence of Easter in early April may have had an impact on March and April 1988 data. The estimates have not been adjusted to remove this effect.

Users should also note that the year-over-year movements for some provinces and census metropolitan areas have been affected by major structural changes during 1987, including the sale of Woodward Stores Ltd.'s food department to Canada Safeway Ltd. The adjusted provincial percentage changes in April were as follows: Alberta (-3.6%) and British Columbia (1.7%). The confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act preclude releasing adjusted movements for Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of June 27.

The April 1988 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20) will be available the first week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Colleen Loggie (613-951-3548), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

## **Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns** April 1988

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,260.7 million for April 1988, an increase of 15.1% over the \$1,095.6 million reported for the same period last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The April 1988 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$5/\$50) will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Services Division (613-951-3506).

## **Air Carrier Operations in Canada** Second Quarter 1987

### **Highlights**

- The total number of passengers carried by Canadian air carriers rose by 4.0% to 8.1 million in the second quarter of 1987 as compared to the same period of 1986.
- Passengers carried by Canadian carriers on scheduled services during the second quarter have risen steadily from 5.0 million in 1983 to 7.0 million in 1987. Hours flown on scheduled services during this quarter increased by 9.4% over the second quarter of 1986.
- A year-to-date operating income was reported by Canadian air carriers at each reporting level. Level I carriers experienced the most dramatic change from the \$92.8 million operating loss they reported for January to June 1986. For this period in 1987, they observed a \$104.2 million operating profit.

- Year-to-date operating revenues per employee were up 2.5% for Level I carriers over the same period in 1986. The 1987 ratio of \$63,437 per employee represents the sixth consecutive increase since 1981, when this figure was \$43,810.

The April-June 1987 issue of *Air Carrier Operations in Canada* (51-002, \$88/\$92) will be available the second week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6192), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

## **Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes**

April 1988

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,184,358 phonograph records in April 1988, up 10.1% from the 2,893,295<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) produced a year earlier. Production of tapes increased to 3,487,577 in April 1988, up 6.9% from 3,261,947<sup>r</sup> tapes in April 1987.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records amounted to 13,292,209 – up 0.2% from the 13,271,635<sup>r</sup> records produced during the January to April 1987 period.

Cumulative production of tapes decreased 2.3% to 13,792,468 from 14,114,877<sup>r</sup> tapes during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

The April 1988 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Danielle Côté (613-951-3521), Industry Division.

## Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

April 1988

Canadian manufacturers produced 137 425 cubic metres of waferboard in April 1988, an increase of 1.3% from the 135 643 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 123 120 cubic metres in April 1988, up 6.3% from 115 871 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for April 1988 was 3 339 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (35,937 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch). The production of hardboard for April 1987 is confidential.

Production of waferboard during the first four months of 1988 totalled 586 189 cubic metres, up 19.7% from the 489 845 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 444 643 cubic metres, up 2.0% from 435 767 cubic metres in January to April 1987. Production of hardboard reached 14 196 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm (152,806 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), an increase of 10.3% from 12 872 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (138,550 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch) for the first four months in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The April 1988 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

## Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

June 1, 1988

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at June 1, 1988 and revised figures for May 1, 1988 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

The April 1988 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110) is scheduled for release June 30. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Koroluk (613-951-2549), Agriculture Division.

## Export and Import Price Indexes

April 1988

Current and fixed weighted export and import price indexes, on a (1981=100) balance of payments basis are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to April 1988 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3633, 3635, 3636, 3638.

Customs based current and fixed weighted U.S. price indexes are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to April 1988 on a 1981=100 basis. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 "All Countries" and "U.S. Only" SITC section indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3639-3642.

The April 1988 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (H.S. Based) (65-001, \$16.50/\$165), will be available the first week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact John Butterill (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division.



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**Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, February 1988.**  
**Catalogue number 41-011**  
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**Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, March 1988.**  
**Catalogue number 41-011**  
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**Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, April 1988.**  
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**Catalogue number 43-010**  
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**Catalogue number 44-001**  
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Provincial Government Enterprise Finance, 1985.**  
**Catalogue number 61-204**  
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**Industry Price Indexes, March 1988.**  
**Catalogue number 62-011**  
(Canada: \$16.50/\$165; Other Countries: \$18.50/\$185).

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