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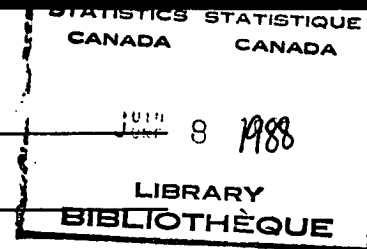
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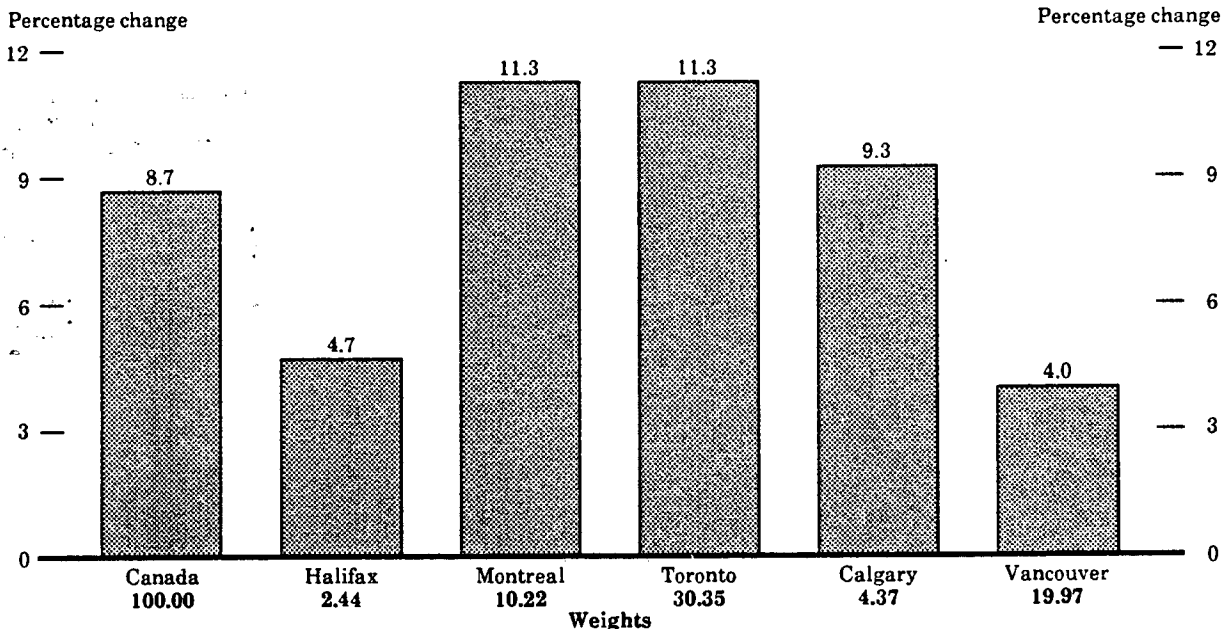


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Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, April 1988



New Housing Price Index April 1988

The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 128.3 in April, up 1.8% from March. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 8.7% higher than the year-earlier level. Between March and April, the estimated house only index increased 1.8%, while the estimated land only index increased 2.2%.

Among the cities surveyed, Toronto showed the largest monthly increase (4.0%) in new housing prices, followed by Saint John-Moncton with a rise of 3.2%. London registered a monthly increase of 2.7%.

On a year-over-year comparison, the increase for Montreal was equal to that of Toronto (11.3%), but both were outdistanced by Hamilton (13.6%). Other Southwestern Ontario cities together with Quebec City

maintained smaller yearly gains although these were higher than those experienced in the remaining Canadian cities with the exception of Calgary and Victoria. In Alberta and British Columbia cities surveyed, despite recent price increases, index levels remained below their 1981 price reference level of 100 with the exception of Calgary (101.4).

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

The second quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Prices Division (613-951-9607).

New Housing Price Indexes

(1981 = 100)

	Weights ¹ 1987	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987	% change	
					April '88/ March '88	April '88/ April '87
Canada Total	100.0	128.3	126.0	118.0	1.8	8.7
Canada (House only)		134.8	132.4	125.4	1.8	7.5
Canada (Land only)		117.9	115.4	104.7	2.2	12.6
St. John's	0.87	114.2	114.2	112.6	-	1.4
Halifax	2.44	132.3	132.3	126.4	-	4.7
Saint John-Moncton	0.98	137.5	133.3	133.3	3.2	3.2
Quebec City	2.26	156.1	154.6	143.2	1.0	9.0
Montreal	10.22	165.3	164.6	148.5	0.4	11.3
Ottawa-Hull	5.74	145.0	143.3	135.0	1.2	7.4
Toronto	30.35	164.5	158.2	147.8	4.0	11.3
Hamilton	2.98	173.6	172.9	152.8	0.4	13.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.30	167.2	167.0	157.6	0.1	6.1
Kitchener-Waterloo	2.08	172.1	171.6	157.8	0.3	9.1
London	1.58	157.0	152.8	146.2	2.7	7.4
Windsor	0.90	128.0	128.3	121.4	-0.2	5.4
Winnipeg	3.11	136.0	135.7	134.3	0.2	1.3
Regina	0.90	118.8	118.4	115.4	0.3	2.9
Saskatoon	1.30	111.5	111.5	109.7	-	1.6
Calgary	4.37	101.4	100.5	92.8	0.9	9.3
Edmonton	4.86	92.6	92.5	88.4	0.1	4.8
Vancouver	19.97	79.7	79.2	76.6	0.6	4.0
Victoria	2.79	73.2	72.9	67.9	0.4	7.8

- Nil or zero.

¹ Surveys in Sudbury and Thunder Bay account for the remaining weight and are secured due to insufficient sample size. The survey has been discontinued in Prince George.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry

1987

Capital expenditures by Canada's oil- and gas-producing industry in 1987 decreased 10.3% to \$6.1 billion from the 1986 level of \$6.8 billion. Operating costs were also down to \$8.2 billion, from \$9.0 billion.

Highlights

- The conventional, or non-oil sands sector had capital expenditures relating to land acquisition and retention, geological and geophysical activity, exploration drilling, development drilling, production facilities, non-production facilities, enhanced recovery projects and gas-processing plants during 1987 of \$5.5 billion, down 11.3% from the \$6.2 billion recorded in 1986.
- The non-conventional sector capital expenditures relating to exploratory and delineation drilling, research and development, fixed installations, machinery and equipment, housing and pollution control equipment in 1987 amounted to \$0.5 billion, down 16.7% from the 1986 figure of \$0.6 billion.

- Conventional sector operating expenditures relating to gas-processing plants, field, well and gathering operations, taxes and royalties in 1987 amounted to \$6.9 billion, a 10.4% decrease from the \$7.7 billion in 1986.
- Non-conventional sector operating expenditures relating to taxes, royalties, administration expense, land acquisition and retention, reclamation and other during 1987 amounted to \$1.2 billion, the same level as in 1986.

(see table on page 5)

The 1987 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry* (26-213, \$24) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry Expenditures – Conventional and Non-conventional Sectors

	Canada Lands ¹		Provinces		Canada	
	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986
\$ millions						
Capital						
Conventional	471.1	1,259.2	5,074.5	4,939.1	5,545.6	6,198.3
Non-conventional	-	-	539.5	612.8	539.5	612.8
Total	471.1	1,259.2	5,614.0	5,551.9	6,085.1	6,811.1
Operating						
Conventional	54.5	42.9	6,855.1	7,680.8	6,909.6	7,723.7
Non-conventional	-	-	1,251.7	1,248.6	1,251.7	1,248.6
Total	54.5	42.9	8,106.8	8,929.4	8,161.3	8,972.3

- Nil or zero.

¹ Canada Lands are defined as East Coast Offshore, West Coast Offshore, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Arctic Islands and Hudson Bay.

Data Availability Announcements

Electric Power Statistics

March 1988

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in March 1988 increased to 45 597 gigawatt hours (gwh), up 3.3% from the corresponding month last year. Exports decreased 29% to 3 076 gwh, while imports increased from 179 gwh to 433 gwh.
- Year-to-date figures show net generation at 140 480 gwh, up 4.4% over the previous year's period. Exports, at 9 458 gwh, were down 24%, while imports, at 1 469 gwh, were up 158%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The March 1988 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Oil Pipeline Transport

March 1988

Highlights

- In March, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased 9.6% from the same period last year to 14 373 779 cubic metres (m³). Year-to-date receipts, at 42 625 673 m³, were up 10.8% from 1987.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 30.7% compared to March 1987 while pipeline imports declined 3.9% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1988 rose 22.7% from 1987 levels, while imports were down by 19.1%.

- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries declined 4.9% from March 1987 while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 0.3%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The March 1988 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the last week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact G. O'Connor (613-951-3562), Industry Division.

Chain Store Stocks

March 1988

Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,454 million at the end of March 1988, an increase of 3.6% over the level reached in March 1987.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.02:1 in March 1988, down from the ratio of 1.10:1 observed a year earlier and from the average ratio of 1.06:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

The March 1988 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Publications Released

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin, Vol. 16, No. 20, Pack of Processed Cauliflower, 1987.
Catalogue number 32-023
(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

Cement, March 1988.
Catalogue number 44-001
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

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

Communications Service Bulletin, Vol. 18, No. 2, Telecommunication Statistics, First Quarter 1988.
Catalogue number 56-001
(Canada: \$7.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$51).

Summary of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based), March 1988.
Catalogue number 65-001
(Canada: \$16.50/\$165; Other Countries: \$17.50/\$175).

Elementary-Secondary School Enrolment, 1986-1987.
Catalogue number 81-210
(Canada: \$24; Other Countries: \$25).

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