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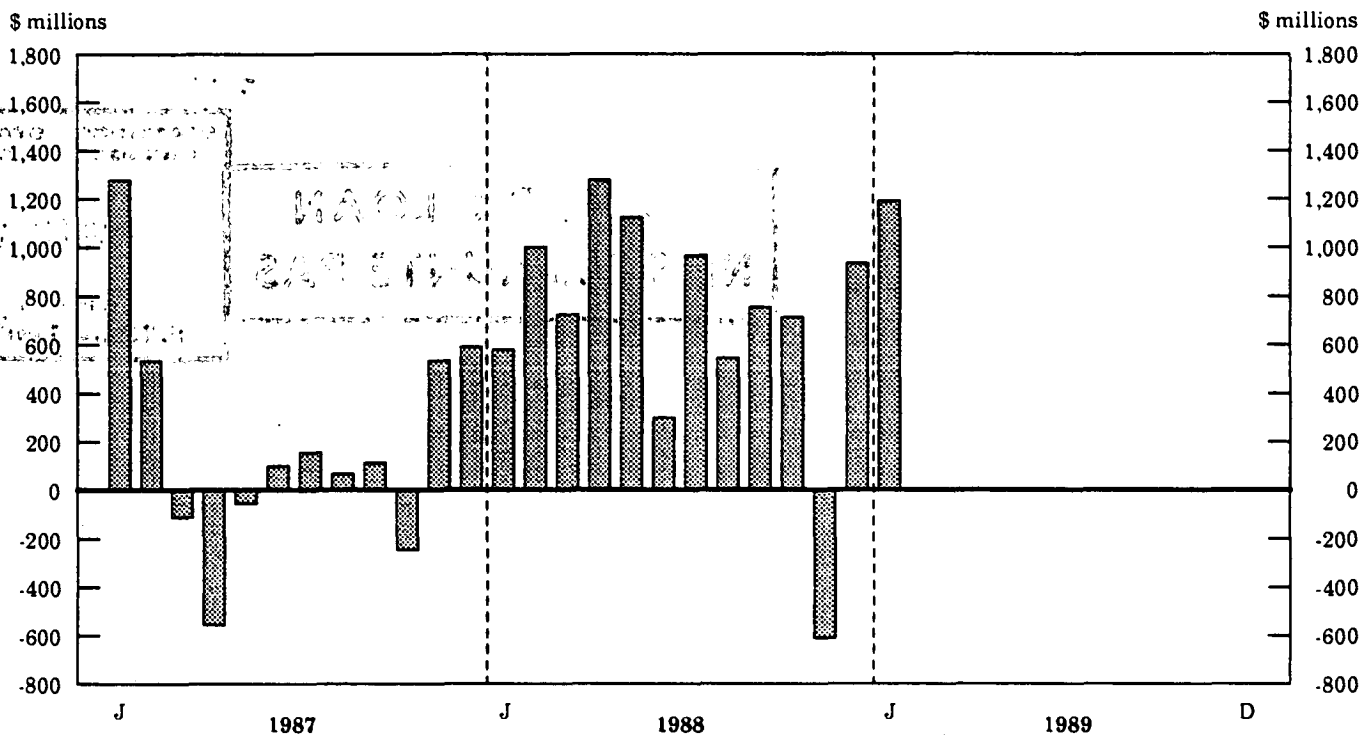


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January 1989

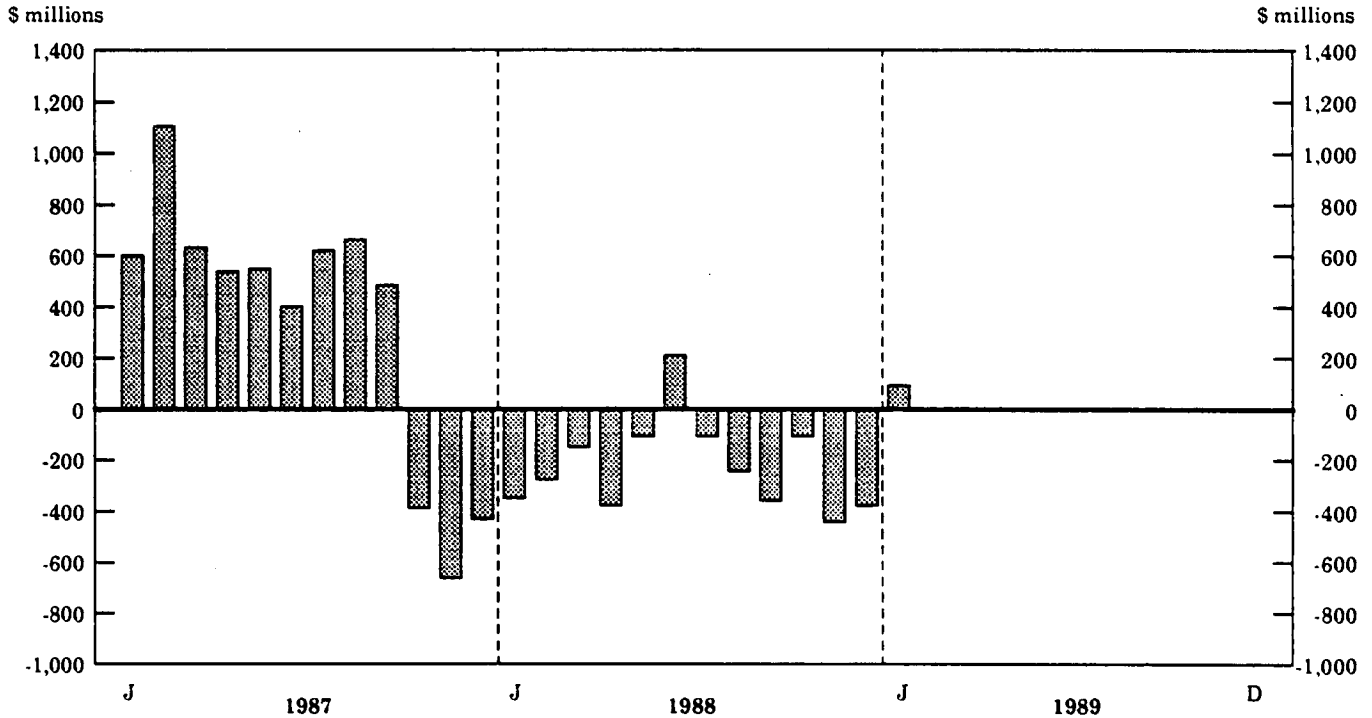
Outstanding Canadian Securities

In January 1989, non-residents continued to invest heavily in outstanding Canadian bonds, with a net investment of \$1.2 billion. This was the highest net investment in the last nine months. Most of this investment came from the United Kingdom, the United States and West Germany.

Non-residents also invested in outstanding Canadian stocks in January, with a net investment of some \$100 million. This differed from the pattern of net disinvestments recorded since October 1987. (In the current month, stock prices as measured by the TSE 300 Composite increased by about 7% to their highest level since the October 1987 crash.) The net investment came from the United States; overseas investors continued, however, to reduce their holdings of Canadian stocks. The gross value of stocks traded (sales and purchases) with non-residents rose by 11% to the second highest trading value in the past year.

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**Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Stocks With All Non-residents
(Net Sales + Net Purchases-)**



Outstanding Foreign Securities

Residents acquired, on a net basis, \$379 million of outstanding foreign bonds in January, more than offsetting the net disinvestment in the previous two months. These funds were invested in U.S. Government securities. Residents also acquired \$33 million of outstanding foreign stocks.

The January 1989 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150) will be available in April. See "How to Order Publications".

(See table on page 4)

For further information on this release, contact: J. Motala (613-951-9052), Balance of Payments, International and Financial Economics Division.

Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents

January 1989

(\$ millions)

Type of security	Sales to Non-residents	Purchases from Non-residents	Net Sales (+)
Canadian securities:			
Bonds	5,047	3,848	+ 1,199
Common and preferred stocks	1,816	1,729	+ 87
Total - January 1989	6,862	5,577	+ 1,285
Total - December 1988	5,455	4,902	+ 553
Foreign securities:			
Bonds	1,874	2,253	-379
Common and preferred stocks	1,579	1,612	-33
Total - January 1989	3,453	3,865	-412
Total - December 1988	4,767	4,683	+ 84

Wholesale Trade

January 1989

Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for January 1989 were 6.7% above those of January 1988. This increase follows rises of 4.8% in December and 10.0% in November 1988 over the corresponding months of 1987.
- The three largest trade groups recorded sales increases over January 1988: wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+14.9%), wholesalers of food (+11.9%) and other wholesalers (+10.3%). In January 1989, four of the nine trade groups within wholesale trade registered decreased sales from a year earlier: wholesalers of motor vehicles and accessories (-13.6%), wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-10.4%), wholesalers of tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations (-6.3%) and wholesalers of lumber and building materials (-3.9%).

- Wholesale trade increases between January 1988 and January 1989 were posted in all regions. Increases ranged from 13.0% in the Atlantic provinces to 2.2% in the Prairie provinces.

Inventories

- Inventory levels in January 1989 were 3.8% higher than those reported in January 1988. The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of January 1989 stood at 1.64:1, down slightly from 1.68:1 recorded in the corresponding month of 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 44 and 50.

The January 1989 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5.80/\$58) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3541), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change in Sales and Inventories for January 1989/1988

Major Trade Groups - Regions	Sales		Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	Dec. 1988/87 ^r	Jan. 1989/88 ^p	Dec. 1988/87 ^r	Jan. 1989/88 ^p	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1989 ^p
Total all trades	4.8	6.7	6.0	3.8	1.68	1.64
Food	9.0	11.9	1.9	1.7	0.78	0.71
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	-8.2	-6.3	-10.6	-7.6	1.03	1.01
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	10.6	17.6	9.6	1.2	2.43	2.09
Motor vehicles and accessories	-5.0	-13.6	2.9	5.6	2.18	2.67
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	-40.3	-10.4	-9.7	-9.6	3.89	3.93
Other machinery, equipment and supplies ¹	12.9	14.9	6.3	5.6	1.67	1.53
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	5.1	10.8	22.9	20.4	1.62	1.76
Lumber and building materials	-1.9	-3.9	5.1	-1.8	2.02	2.06
Other wholesalers ²	10.0	10.3	12.1	4.5	1.72	1.63
Regions						
Atlantic provinces	12.7	13.0	13.2	12.6	1.56	1.55
Quebec	8.9	4.8	10.3	9.3	1.65	1.73
Ontario	2.9	8.0	5.5	2.1	1.64	1.55
Prairie provinces	-2.7	2.2	--	-1.3	2.10	2.03
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	10.7	9.8	6.3	3.8	1.42	1.34

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

¹ Includes: electrical machinery, equipment and supplies; and machinery and equipment, n.e.s.

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

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Production (Primary Forms)

Week Ending March 18, 1989

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending March 18, 1989 totalled 313 121 tonnes, an increase of 2.1% from the preceding week's total of 306 570 tonnes and up 4.4% from the year-earlier level of 299 985 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1989 was 3 388 332 tonnes, an increase of 5.5% from 3 212 458 tonnes for the same period in 1988.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

Follow-up of 1982 Graduates Survey 1987

Data are now available from the 1987 follow-up survey of 1982 trade/vocational, college and university graduates. This is the second survey of these graduates' experiences in the labour market after graduation. They were originally queried in June/July 1984 in the National Graduates Survey. Over 31,000 respondents to that survey, who provided a forwarding address, were re-interviewed by telephone in March 1987.

The 1987 survey was sponsored by Employment and Immigration Canada, with the co-operation of provincial ministries responsible for postsecondary education and labour/manpower planning and the Department of the Secretary of State. The two surveys, taken together, provide a longitudinal glimpse of graduates' labour market experiences during the first five years after graduation. Topics include: labour force status, duration of unemployment, relationship of job to field of study, match between education qualifications and job requirements, occupations, industries, employment mobility, job satisfaction, further studies after graduation, and attitudes of graduates towards their education.

A summary of findings is available in the *Education Statistics Bulletin, The Class of 82 Revisited* (81-002, \$4.50/\$45), Volume 11, Number 1, released today.

For further information contact W. Clark (613-951-1522) or R. Lortie (613-951-1525), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Fur Production

1987-88

The value of pelts sold during the 1987-88 season was \$123,449,379, down 20.3% from the previous season. Wildlife pelts brought in \$64,903,166 or 52.6% of the total. Fur farm production accounted for \$58,546,213, down from \$79,575,246 the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5692-5699, 9511-9515.

The 1987-88 issue of *Fur Production* (23-207, \$30) will be available the first week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact P. Meszaros (613-951-2505), Agriculture Division.

Residential Care Facilities 1986-87

Preliminary statistics from *Residential Care Facilities* are now available for the 1986-87 reporting year. The data base is comprised of key data elements relating to the types of facilities and the characteristics of the predominant group of their residents. The variables include: type, size and ownership of the facility; the level of care given to the residents; revenues and expenditures; staff; as well as age and sex of the residents. The data are compiled by province and facility type and size.

For further information on this release, contact Peter J. Paddon (613-951-8782), Health Division.

Publications Released

Exports by Country (H.S. Based),
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Catalogue number 65-003
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30	Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	December 1988
31	Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry	January 1989
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