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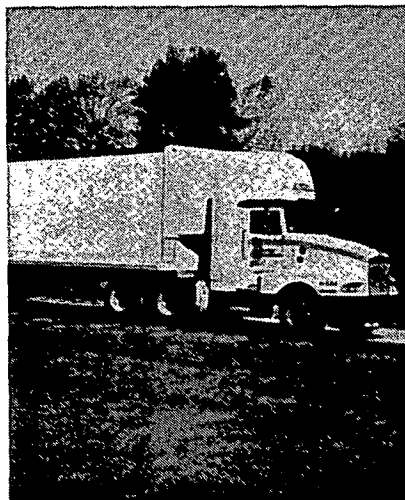
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### Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Trucking Survey

Quarters 1 and 2, 1988



The motor carrier freight quarterly trucking survey represents a new initiative undertaken by Statistics Canada to provide industry analysts with timely data on the economic performance of the for-hire trucking industry.

To date, the annual motor carrier freight survey data were only made available to statistical users some 10 months after the reference period. Now, with the support of Transport Canada and the National Transportation Agency, quarterly estimates for key economic variables will be available three to four months after the reference period.

These detailed tabulations will be published in the *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$8.90/\$71) the week of April 17. See "How to Order Publications."

For further information, contact the Surface Transport Unit (613-951-8700), Transportation Division.



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## Data Availability Announcements

### Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending March 31, 1989

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.8 million tonnes, a decrease of 4.7% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 7.9% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 4.4% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 7.6% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

### Railway Carloadings

	Ten-day Period Ending March 31, 1989	Year-to-date <sup>r</sup>
<b>Carload Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	6 841 536	57 003 210
% change from previous year	-4.7	-7.6
Cars	98,478	838 322
% change from previous year	-7.1	-6.9
<b>Piggyback Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	394 809	3 367 538
% change from previous year	-7.9	-1.0
Cars	13,303	114,046
% change from previous year	-4.4	--

**Note:** Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

<sup>r</sup> revised figures.

-- amount too small to be expressed.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

### For-Hire Trucking Survey

1987

The preliminary results of the 1987 for-hire trucking survey indicate that revenues earned from the domestic inter-city movements increased by 4.8% from \$5.0 billion in 1986 to \$5.3 billion in 1987.

The total tonnage carried increased by 9.4% to 204,835 thousand tonnes in 1987.

In 1987, Canadian-domiciled carriers earned over \$1.4 billion from Canada-United States movements, and, carried over 26 million tonnes of merchandise.

Detailed tabulations will be released in *Trucking in Canada - 1987* (Cat. No.: 53-222) in July 1989.

For more information on the For-Hire Trucking Survey, please contact Raymond Cantin (613-951-2432), Transportation Division.

### **Quarterly Hospital Information System - Hospital Indicators**

April 1988 to June 1988

Hospital statistics for the first quarter of 1988-89 are now available.

These estimates and indicators are based on data reported through the quarterly hospital information system and will be revised as more complete information becomes available.

For more information contact Peter Mix (613-951-1650), Health Care Section, Health Division.

### **Soft Drinks**

March 1989

Data on soft drinks for March 1989 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

The publication *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001,\$2.60/\$26) will be released at a later date.

For further information contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

### **Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products**

April 1, 1989

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at April 1, 1989 and revised figures for March 1, 1989 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$115/year), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more detailed information on this release contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division.

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