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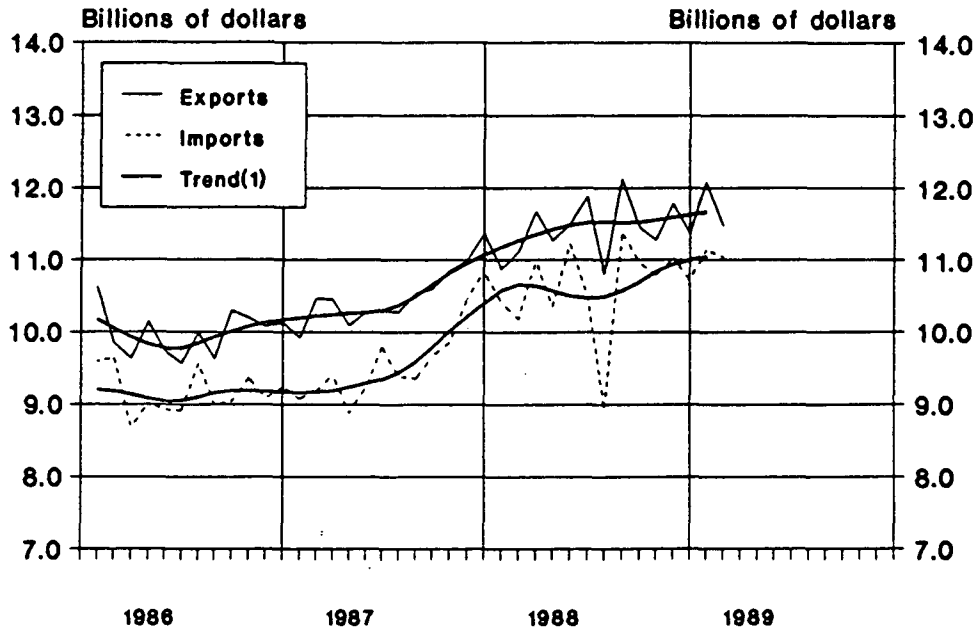
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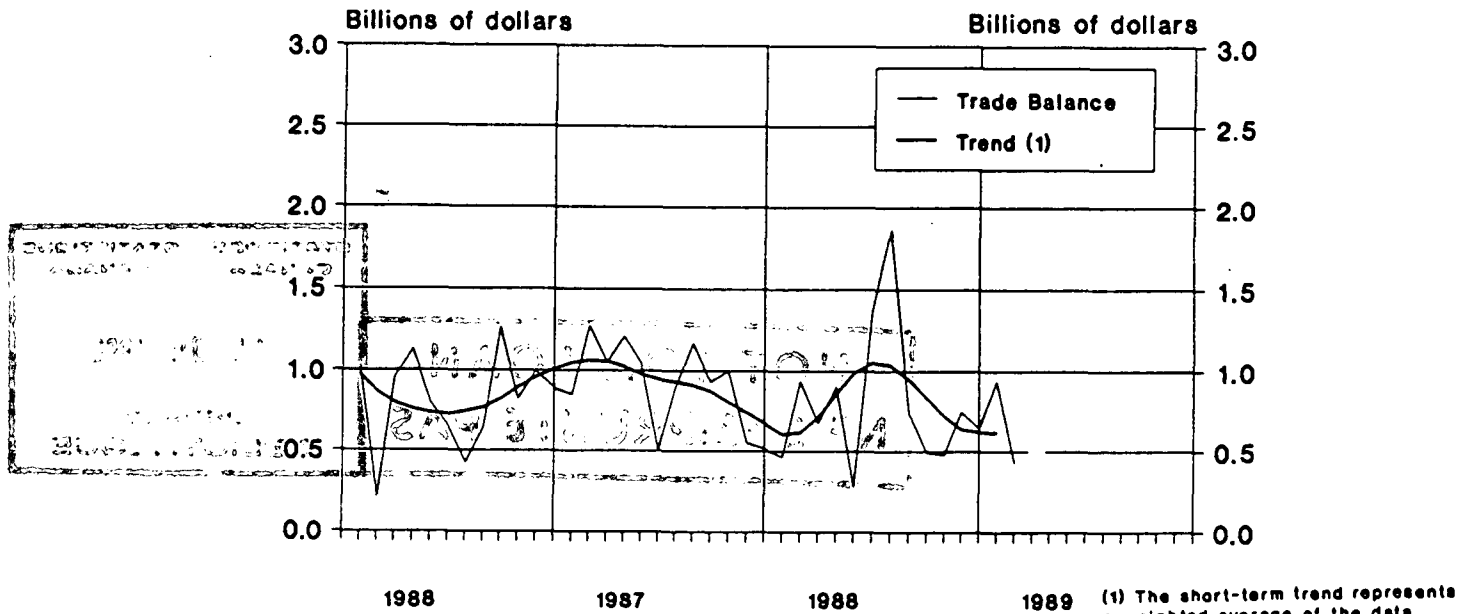
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Imports, Exports, All Countries (Seasonally Adjusted) Balance of Payments Basis



Trade Balance, All Countries (Seasonally Adjusted) Balance of Payment Basis



Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

February 1989

Merchandise Trade for February 1989

- Exports declined in February to total \$11.5 billion.
- Imports also dropped, although less markedly than exports, falling \$97 million to \$11.0 billion.
- Canada's trade surplus in February declined sharply from the previous month to \$425 million, the lowest level for the past nine months.
- Exports of automotive products declined \$323 million in February.
- Imports of industrial machinery and equipment were down \$133 million.
- The trade surplus with the United States fell to \$621 million in February.
- The short term trend for exports and imports in January continued to be up, in spite of a slowdown in trade in February.

Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products for 1988

- Exports increased 10.5% in 1988 compared with 1987 and amounted to \$36.9 billion.
- Imports totalled \$33.2 billion, down for the second consecutive year.
- The balance of trade in automotive products was \$3.7 billion in Canada's favour in 1988, an increase of \$662 million over the record surplus of 1984.

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

The February 1989 issue of *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)* (65-001P, \$5.50/\$55) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-951-1711) (for analysis information) or Denis Pilon (613-951-4808) (for price index information) or Rene Piche (613-951-9790) (for trade in automotive products information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending April 7, 1989

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.7 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 9.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 16.8% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 7.1% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

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

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

Export and Import Price Indexes

February 1989

Current and fixed weighted export and import price indexes, on a balance of payments basis, are now available on a 1981=100 basis. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to February 1989 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs based current and fixed weighted U.S. price indexes are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to February 1989 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 3636-3642, 3651 and 3685.

The February 1989 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)* (65-001, \$16.50/\$165) will be available the first week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division.

Electric Lamps

March 1989 (Preliminary)

Preliminary data for electric lamps (light bulbs and tubes) for March 1989 are now available.

The publication *Electric Lamps (Light Bulbs and Tubes)* (43-009, \$4.70/\$47) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division.

Publications Released

Survey Methodology, Vol. 14, No. 2,
December 1988.

Catalogue number 12-001

(Canada: \$30 a year; Other Countries: \$35 a year).

**Income After Tax, Distributions by
Size in Canada**, 1987.

Catalogue number 13-210

(Canada: \$25; Other Countries: \$30).

**Surface and Marine Transport Service
Bulletin**, Vol. 5, No. 2.

Catalogue number 50-002

(Canada: \$8.90/\$71; Other Countries: \$10.60/\$85).

Aviation Service Bulletin, January 1989.

Catalogue number 51-004

(Canada: \$8.90/\$89; Other Countries: \$10.70/\$107).

Department Store Sales and Stocks,
October 1988.

Catalogue number 63-002

(Canada: \$13.70/\$137; Other Countries:
\$16.40/\$164).

Merchandising Inventories, October 1988.

Catalogue number 63-014

(Canada: \$13.70/\$137; Other Countries:
\$16.40/\$164).

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian
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