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### Canadian Economic Observer

April 1989

The April issue of the *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The April issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic and statistical events in March and a feature article by Catherine Harris of the *Financial Post* on "Seasonal Adjustment: What it Does and Doesn't Do". A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

*The Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$21/\$210) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Philip Cross (613-951-7276), International and Financial Economics Division.



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## Data Availability Announcements

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### **Motor Carrier Freight and Household Movers 1987**

The 1987 total operating revenues of \$9,403 million represent a 9.0% increase over the \$8,628 million total recorded in 1986. Expenses, however, rose by 9.6%, resulting in a deterioration in the operating ratio of these carriers from .951 in 1986 to .956 in 1987.

Employment in the industry increased 5.5% in 1987. Total compensation, including benefits, increased by 6.3%.

In 1987, carriers earning \$2 million or more annually accounted for 9.7% in terms of numbers but generated 70.4% of the industry's gross operating revenues. These carriers accounted for 63.9% of the employment and operated 70.8% of the total revenue equipment.

Preliminary statistics on motor carrier freight and household movers in 1987 are now available.

*The Service and Marine Transport Service Bulletin*, Vol.5, No. 3 (50-002, \$8.90/\$71) will be available mid-May. See "How to Order Publications."

For further information on this release, contact Y. Sheikh (613-951-2518), Transportation Division.

### **Historical Federal Government Debt 1867-1988**

The Public Institutions Division has prepared new series on federal government debt (net debt, gross debt, unmatured foreign debt and the major components of gross debt), with data now available from the time of Confederation to the present.

These data are derived mainly from the Financial Management System (FMS), which is a standardized framework for government accounting.

Data coverage has been modified to exclude the Canada Pension Plan and the Bank of Canada, thus presenting data closer to those in the Public Accounts of Canada.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 3199 for the years 1900 to 1988. Data for 1867 to 1900 are available from the Public Institutions Division.

For more information on this release, contact Paul Blouin (613-951-8563) or A. J. Gareau (613-951-1826), Public Institutions Division.

### **Local Government Long Term Debt March 1989**

Data on the accumulated long term debt of local governments in Canada, except Ontario, as at March 1989 are now available.

For more detailed information on these data, contact M. Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

### **Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns February 1989**

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,186.8 million for February 1989, an increase of 8.8% over the \$1,090.8 million reported for the same period of last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The February 1989 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$5.80/\$58) will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications."

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

## **Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)**

Week Ending April 15, 1989

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending April 15, 1989 totalled 317 551 tonnes, a decrease of 1.4% from the preceding week's total of 322 188 tonnes but up 7.7% from the year-earlier level of 294 858 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1989 was 4 665 139 tonnes, an increase of 6.3% from 4 390 380 tonnes for the same period in 1988.

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

## **Mineral Wool**

March 1989

Manufacturers shipped 3 037 115 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in March 1989, down 21.5% from the 3 870 758 square metres shipped a year earlier but up 5.9% from the 2 869 092 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of March 1989 totalled 9 284 155 square metres, a decrease of 15.2% for the same period in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The March issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

## **Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet**

March 1989

For the quarter ending March 31, 1989, domestic shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet, of 3.175 millimetres thickness and less, totalled 2 125 368 square metres, for a value of \$17,435,274. In the same quarter of the previous year, shipments amounted to 2 067 109 square metres for a value of \$16,653,315.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2906.

The March quarterly 1989 issue of *Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet* (47-005, \$4.50/\$18) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

## **Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers**

March 1989

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 192 175 thousand square metres in March 1989, a decrease of 7.0% from the 206 598 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to March 1989 domestic shipments totalled 547 502 thousand square metres, down 5.3% from the 578 361 thousand square metres for the same period in 1988.

The March 1989 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.



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**Canadian Economic Observer**, April 1989.  
**Catalogue number 11-010**  
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**Retail Trade**, December 1988.  
**Catalogue number 63-005**  
(Canada: \$16.80/\$168; Other Countries:  
\$20.20/\$202).

**Housing Starts and Completions**, December 1988.  
**Catalogue number 64-002**  
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