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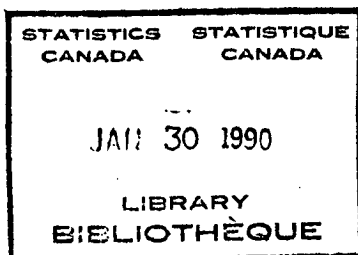
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Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

December 1989

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Seasonally adjusted preliminary estimates of December sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7.5 million cubic metres (m³), an increase of 2.8% over November, and the fifth gain in the last six months.
- Results for the four of the main products were mixed. Motor gasoline sales posted a third consecutive increase, as volumes rose 2.0% above November levels, while light fuel sales posted a gain of 19.5 over the same period. Diesel fuel sales lagged 0.5% behind November levels, while heavy fuel sales registered a second consecutive decline, falling 2.5% from November.

Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products increased 5.1% over

December 1988, to 8.1 million m³ sold. Three of the four main products contributed to this monthly increase. Motor gasoline sales were up 3.2% over December 1988, while diesel fuel sales rose 4.9%. Cold December temperatures pushed light fuel sales to levels 35.2% above those for the same period last year. Heavy fuel sales registered a drop of 3.8% from December 1988.

- Following the December increase, total product sales for 1989 rose 4.1% above those recorded in 1988. Within this total, heavy fuel sales climbed 22.3%, while sales of diesel fuel oil (2.6%) and motor gasoline (2.0%) also rose. Light fuel sales were up 4.8%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The December 1989 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$17.30/\$173) will be available the last week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	September 1989	October 1989	November 1989 ^r	December 1989 ^p	December/ November 1989
Seasonally Adjusted					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	6 986.2	7 234.9	7 251.4	7 452.7	2.8
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 793.2	2 864.9	2 894.5	2 953.5	2.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 382.9	1 437.8	1 464.4	1 456.8	-0.5
Light Fuel Oil	564.2	563.9	583.3	697.2	19.5
Heavy Fuel Oil	800.6	909.5	826.4	805.9	-2.5
	December 1988	December ^p 1989	Total January- December 1988	Total January- December 1989	Cumulative 1989/1988
Unadjusted					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	7 737.8	8 129.7	83 545.6	86 930.6	4.1
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 947.3	3 040.8	34 146.6	34 830.3	2.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 328.3	1 394.0	16 679.2	17 111.0	2.6
Light Fuel Oil	921.7	1 246.0	6 657.9	6 979.9	4.8
Heavy Fuel Oil	1 157.4	1 113.0	8 125.3	9 934.6	22.3

^p Preliminary.

^r Revised.

Business Employment and Payroll

January-June 1989

Highlights

Number of Employees

- Average employment in the first half of 1989 (January to June) was estimated at 10,271,900, an increase of 283,900 over January-June 1988. Businesses with under 50 employees accounted for over 79% of the increase (225,100), while all businesses with under 100 employees accounted for 85% (240,500) of the increase in employment between January-June 1988 and January-June 1989.
- For businesses with under 50 employees, community, business and personal services accounted for the largest increase in employment (114,100), followed by trade (48,100) and finance, insurance and real estate (30,300).
- All regions showed an increase in employment in businesses with less than 50 employees between January-June 1988 and January-June 1989, with the exception of Prince Edward Island (-6.4%) and the Northwest Territories (-4.8%). Quebec, the Yukon and Nova Scotia recorded the largest year-over-year percentage growth.

Gross Weekly Payrolls

- In the first half of 1989, gross weekly payrolls rose 7.4% over the level in the first half of 1988, to \$4,930 million.
- Businesses with less than 50 employees recorded an increase in gross weekly payrolls of 11.8% in January-June 1989, compared to January-June 1988.
- All regions showed an increase in payrolls for businesses with less than 50 employees between January-June 1988 and January-June 1989, with the exception of Prince Edward Island (-3.7%). The Yukon, Nova Scotia and Quebec recorded the largest year-over-year percentage growth.

The report on total number of employees and gross weekly payrolls by business size was prepared as part of a collaborative effort of Statistics Canada, the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion and all provincial and territorial governments responsible for small business.

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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rigid Insulating Board

December 1989

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 2513 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in December 1989, a decrease of 1.5% from 2551 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in December 1988.

January-to-December 1989 shipments totalled 42250 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis), a decrease of 3.5% from 43778 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) for the same period in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

The December 1989 issue of *Rigid Insulating Board* (36-002, \$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. ■

Railway Freight Traffic

1988

Highlights for freight transported by major railways in Canada during 1988 are as follows:

Based on annual statistical reports

- Revenue freight carried by railways in Canada reached 298.7 million tonnes during 1988, a 2.7% increase over 1987.
- The leading commodities transported were bituminous coal (47.2 million tonnes), iron ore and concentrates (52.7 million tonnes) and wheat (23.3 million tonnes). Together they accounted for about 41% of the total tonnage, up only one percentage point over their composite share in 1987. However, although wheat registered a 17.1% decrease between 1987 and 1988, bituminous coal (16.3%) and iron ore (8.4%) both showed significant increases in tonnage levels during this period.

Based on annual aggregation of monthly statistical reports

- British Columbia traffic accounted for 23% of all tonnes loaded in 1988, while Ontario and Quebec represented about 16% and 15% of the total, respectively.

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

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