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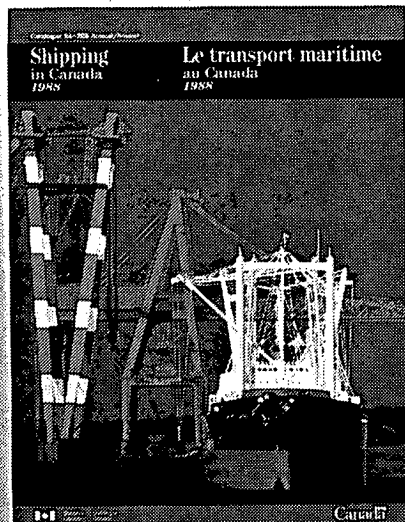
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### Shipping in Canada 1988



Raw materials continued to dominate Canadian shipping in 1988, as tonnage handled at Canadian ports reached a record 360 million tonnes overall. Increased traffic in iron ore, coal and crude petroleum were major factors contributing to this increase. The port of Vancouver remained the leader in total tonnage handled, at 70.3 million tonnes; however, most of the container traffic in 1988 (5.9 million tonnes) moved through Montreal.

*Shipping in Canada* offers a comprehensive look at domestic and international vessel and commodity traffic at major Canadian ports. Included in this publication are financial and operating statistics for Canadian-domiciled marine carriers for 1987, as well as some preliminary 1988 figures.

*Shipping in Canada*, 1988 (54-205, \$34) is now available. See "How to order publications".

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## MAJOR RELEASE

### Employment, Earnings and Hours

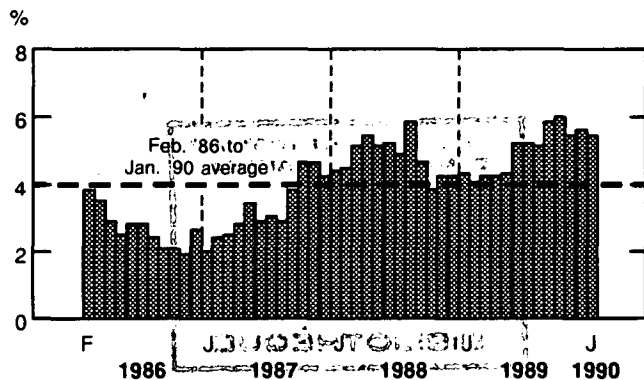
January 1990 (Unadjusted)

#### Industrial Aggregate Summary

The preliminary January 1990 estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate<sup>1</sup> was \$499.63, an increase of 0.6% over December. Average weekly earnings increased 5.4%<sup>2</sup> (\$25.40) over January 1989. For 1989, the average increase was 5.0%.

Canada industrial aggregate employment was estimated at 10,043,000, down by 112,000 (-1.1%) from December. This represents a larger than usual decline. Compared to January 1989, employment showed virtually no change. The employment growth rate has been generally decelerating since March 1989.

#### Year over-year Percent Change in Average Weekly Earnings Industrial Aggregate - Canada



<sup>1</sup> The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries, with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.  
<sup>2</sup> Not adjusted for inflation.

### National Highlights

#### Average Weekly Earnings

- In January, higher year-to-year percentage increases than the industrial aggregate were recorded for trade (6.4%) and community, business and personal services (7.3%).
- The year-to-year growth of average weekly earnings in community, business and personal services has accelerated during the past five months and reached 7.3% in January. This increase was the highest observed in this industry since the inception of the survey in 1983 and was concentrated in commercial services<sup>3</sup>.
- The growth in earnings in transportation, communication and other utilities (+1.9%) decelerated for the third consecutive month.
- The goods-producing industries (+4.9%) fell below 5% for the first time since March 1989, led mainly by the deceleration in the manufacturing industries.

#### Number of Employees

- Compared to January 1989, forestry, mines, quarries and oil wells, and manufacturing employment registered lower rates of change than the industrial aggregate.
- In January, manufacturing registered its fifth month of deceleration and primarily due to durable goods.
- Community, business and personal services showed its lowest year-over-year increase since July 1988 (+0.4%). This slowdown can be attributed to a decrease in commercial services.
- Construction recorded the highest year-to-year employment growth rate of all industries (+5.1%).

<sup>3</sup> Commercial services comprise amusement and recreation services, services to business management, personal services, accommodation and food services and miscellaneous services.

## Hours and Hourly Earnings

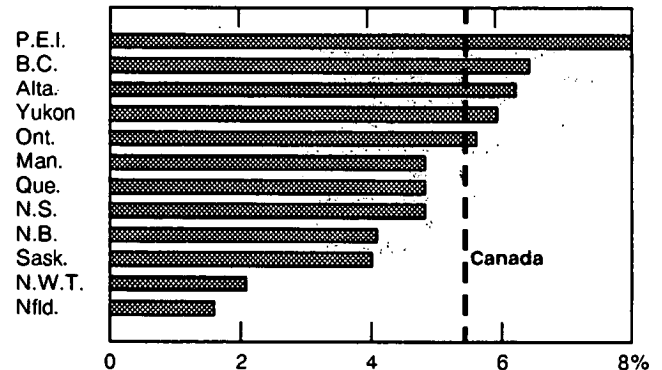
- In January 1990, average weekly hours for employees paid by the hour<sup>4</sup> were estimated at 31.1, down from 31.4 a year ago.
- Average weekly hours for hourly paid employees were estimated at 38.1 in the goods-producing industries and 27.8 in the service-producing industries.
- Average hourly earnings for employees paid by the hour were estimated at \$12.55: \$14.81 in the goods-producing industries and \$11.05 in the service-producing industries.

## Provincial and Territorial Highlights

- Earnings in New Brunswick have decelerated since October 1989 and recorded their lowest growth since last March.
- Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia have shown deceleration in year-over-year employment growth for the last three months. Quebec employment decelerated for the tenth consecutive month.
- Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba recorded year-over-year declines in employment.

<sup>4</sup> Employees paid by the hour account for approximately half of industrial aggregate employment.

## Percent Change in Average Weekly Earnings January 1989 – January 1990



Available on CANSIM: matrices 8003-9000 and 9584-9638.

The January 1990 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$38.50/\$385) will be available at the end of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release contact P.Prud'homme (613-951-4090), Labour Division. □

# Employment, Earnings and Hours

January 1990

(Unadjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.)	Number of employees *					
	January 1990 <sup>p</sup>	December 1989 <sup>r</sup>	January 1989	January 1990/89	January- December 1989/88	January- December 1988/87
	Thousands		Year-over-year % change			
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>10,043.3</b>	<b>10,155.3</b>	<b>10,041.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>2,450.7</b>	<b>2,505.8</b>	<b>2,513.2</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Forestry	49.2	51.1	54.9	-10.5	-0.3	2.1
Mines, quarries and oil wells	145.0	143.2	148.2	-2.1	-6.8	2.1
Manufacturing	1,826.6	1,851.2	1,901.2	-3.9	0.8	1.0
Construction	429.8	460.4	408.9	5.1	6.6	4.0
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>7,592.7</b>	<b>7,649.5</b>	<b>7,527.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Transportation, communication and other utilities	851.6	855.8	819.7	3.9	3.4	0.9
Trade	1,846.5	1,891.5	1,840.9	0.3	1.3	2.6
Finance, insurance and real estate	639.8	646.1	636.8	0.5	0.4	5.2
Community, business and personal services	3,572.7	3,573.6	3,558.5	0.4	3.4	0.7
Public administration	682.0	682.6	672.0	1.5	2.7	1.3
Newfoundland	140.3	139.1	134.2	4.6	2.9	4.9
Prince Edward Island	34.4	34.6	34.1	0.8	1.2	5.6
Nova Scotia	290.4	292.8	278.8	4.1	4.9	2.4
New Brunswick	212.3	217.1	211.4	0.4	3.4	3.0
Quebec	2,434.4	2,473.7	2,469.5	-1.4	1.0	1.6
Ontario	4,143.5	4,190.2	4,176.6	-0.8	2.3	0.6
Manitoba	375.2	376.8	380.3	-1.3	-0.1	1.3
Saskatchewan	296.9	298.1	292.3	1.6	0.8	2.0
Alberta	964.2	966.1	944.1	2.1	3.6	3.4
British Columbia	1,122.4	1,137.1	1,090.5	2.9	4.5	3.1
Yukon	9.7	10.1	9.8	-1.6	6.8	6.6
Northwest Territories	19.6	19.5	19.4	0.8	2.1	7.1

<sup>p</sup> preliminary estimates

<sup>r</sup> revised estimates

<sup>\*</sup> all employees

# Employment, Earnings and Hours – Concluded

January 1990  
(Unadjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.)	Average weekly earnings *					
	January 1990 <sup>p</sup>	December 1989 <sup>r</sup>	January 1989	January 1990/89	January- December 1989/88	January- December 1988/87
	Dollars		Year-over-year % change			
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>499.63</b>	<b>496.59</b>	<b>474.23</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>612.10</b>	<b>599.16</b>	<b>583.48</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Forestry	667.24	631.13	641.87	4.0	6.0	0.5
Mines, quarries and oil wells	856.72	836.83	812.48	5.4	6.5	6.2
Manufacturing	591.81	582.74	564.18	4.9	5.1	4.9
Construction	609.50	587.74	582.44	4.6	6.3	4.3
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>463.33</b>	<b>462.99</b>	<b>437.76</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Transportation, communication and other utilities	627.42	625.41	615.75	1.9	4.1	4.1
Trade	365.65	367.07	343.73	6.4	5.6	4.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	537.67	538.97	517.95	3.8	4.2	5.0
Community, business and personal services	426.88	426.19	397.67	7.3	4.9	5.2
Public administration	644.09	645.94	614.52	4.8	4.6	4.6
Newfoundland	472.39	474.04	465.14	1.6	4.9	4.8
Prince Edward Island	416.44	413.97	385.71	8.0	5.6	4.7
Nova Scotia	443.62	444.46	423.20	4.8	3.6	4.5
New Brunswick	452.00	453.75	434.22	4.1	5.1	3.4
Quebec	486.89	484.51	464.57	4.8	4.2	5.4
Ontario	520.67	517.88	493.02	5.6	5.5	5.8
Manitoba	456.48	454.90	435.74	4.8	5.5	3.5
Saskatchewan	437.04	433.30	420.25	4.0	3.5	1.3
Alberta	498.84	490.68	469.92	6.2	4.7	2.8
British Columbia	506.90	502.98	476.43	6.4	5.4	2.9
Yukon	596.56	589.22	563.58	5.9	5.2	8.4
Northwest Territories	669.14	667.13	655.54	2.1	6.9	1.8

<sup>p</sup> preliminary estimates

<sup>r</sup> revised estimates

\* for all employees

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Asphalt Roofing**

February 1990

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 2 042 772 metric bundles in February 1990, a decrease of 20.2% from the 2 559 006 bundles shipped a year earlier.

January-to-February 1990 shipments were 4 280 444 bundles, down 9.7% from 4 738 053 bundles shipped during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 to 28).**

The February 1990 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$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. ■

### **Motor Carriers of Freight and Household Goods Movers Survey**

Preliminary 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that 1988 revenues for this industry reached \$9,612 million, an increase of 2.8% over \$9,345 million recorded in 1987.

Operating expenses increased 3% to \$9,213 million in 1988, from \$8,937 million in 1987, resulting in a deterioration of the operating ratio from .956 in 1987 to .958 in 1988.

Employment in the industry surveyed decreased by 2.7% to 99,397 in 1988, from 102,178 in 1987. Total compensation increased 2.3%, while average compensation per employee in 1988 was \$30,397, a 6.8% increase over the previous year.

For further information on this release, contact Barbara Bekooy (613-951-0521), Transportation Division. ■

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**Catalogue number 55-001**

(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries: \$11.40/\$114).

**Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics**, Fourth Quarter, 1989 (Preliminary Data).

**Catalogue number 61-003P**

(Canada: 15.75/\$63; Other Countries: \$19/\$76).

**Exports by Country (H.S. Based)**, January-December 1989.

**Catalogue number 65-003**

(Canada: \$78.85/\$315; Other Countries: \$94.50/\$378).

**Employment, Earnings and Hours**, December 1989.

**Catalogue number 72-002**

(Canada: \$38.50/385; Other Countries: \$46.20/\$462).

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