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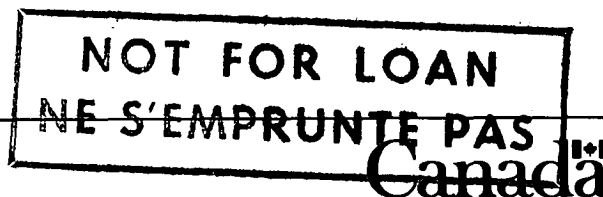
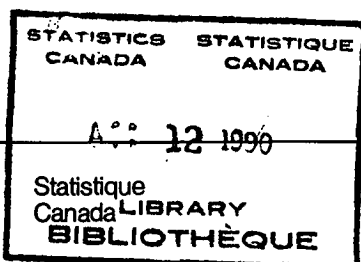
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The number of one or more nights trips to Canada by non-residents was slightly above the February 1989 level, the second consecutive monthly increase.
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With no change in February, the 12-month change was 1.7%.
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With a decrease of 0.2% in February, the 12-month change was 1.1%.

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Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

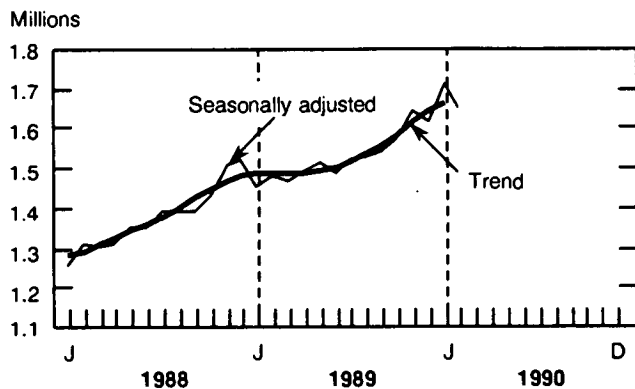
February 1990

Highlights

Unadjusted

- Preliminary estimates indicate that the number of non-resident visits of one or more nights to Canada totalled 559,700 in February 1990, up marginally (1.6%) over February 1989. Overnight trips by residents of the United States remained at the same level as in February 1989, while those by overseas residents rose 8.8%, to a new record level for the month of 107,600.

Trips of One or More Nights Abroad by Canadian Residents



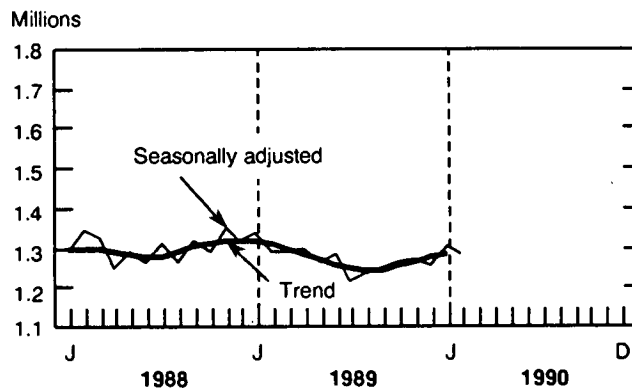
- The number of overnight trips abroad by Canadian residents reached a record level of 1,230,000 re-entries for February, 10.3% above the same period in 1989. Canadian overnight trips to the U.S. increased by 13.9%, reaching 937,600 in the second month of 1990. Trips to other countries were up by only 0.2% in February, registering the smallest rate of increase over the same month a year earlier since July 1988.

- During the first two months of the year, total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents increased 17.7% above the same period in 1989. Same-day travel to the United States was 19.6% higher in the first two months of 1990, representing about 1.1 million visits more than during January-February 1989.

Seasonally Adjusted

- On a seasonally adjusted basis, the February volume of foreign travellers to Canada on trips of one or more nights decreased slightly from the revised January level. However, it remained higher than in the preceding eight months. The modest upward trend in foreign overnight travel to Canada noted since the middle of 1989 was still apparent with February 1990 results.

Trips of One or More Nights to Canada by Non-residents



- Overnight international trips by Canadian residents were 3.7% below the previous month, reflecting decreases in visits to both the United States and other countries in February 1990. The level of travel outside Canada has generally maintained an upward trend, after temporarily levelling off at the beginning of 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661 to 2697.

The February 1990 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.80/\$58) will be available mid-April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Note to Users:

The seasonally adjusted series are smoothed by means of a 13-month Henderson moving average. The short-term trend provides a clearer picture of the direction and change in international travel to and from Canada. The trend for the last month is not shown since it can change significantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

February 1990

	February 1990P	% Change 1990/1989	January-February 1990P	% Change 1990/1989
Unadjusted				
Estimated Overnight Trips¹				
Non-residents Travellers:				
All Countries	559,677	1.6	1,079,378	1.6
United States	452,048	-	859,621	0.4
Other Countries	107,629	8.8	219,757	6.6
Residents of Canada:				
All Countries	1,230,003	10.3	2,666,947	13.2
United States	937,600	13.9	2,011,400	17.0
Other Countries	292,403	0.2	655,547	3.0
Total Number of Trips²				
Non-residents Travellers:				
All Countries	1,721,936	-0.4	3,574,450	-
United States	1,606,230	-0.8	3,336,623	-0.4
Other Countries	115,706	6.6	237,827	6.2
Residents of Canada:				
All Countries	4,468,258	15.8	9,386,180	17.7
United States	4,175,855	17.0	8,730,633	19.0
Other Countries	292,403	0.2	655,547	3.0
	1990		1989	
	FebruaryP	January ^r	December	November
Seasonally Adjusted				
Estimated Overnight Trips¹				
Non-residents Travellers:				
All Countries	1,278,867	1,300,244	1,250,135	1,263,205
United States	1,017,613	1,036,457	999,782	1,011,007
Other Countries	261,254	263,787	250,353	252,198
Residents of Canada:				
All Countries	1,648,470	1,712,628	1,615,124	1,638,641
United States	1,392,918	1,451,813	1,350,106	1,379,566
Other Countries	255,552	260,815	265,018	259,075
Total Number of Trips²				
Non-residents Travellers:				
All Countries	3,183,591	3,235,694	3,050,114	3,168,167
United States	2,896,353	2,944,185	2,772,777	2,889,825
Other Countries	287,238	291,509	277,337	278,342
Residents of Canada:				
All Countries	5,847,344	6,035,971	5,550,978	5,654,326
United States	5,591,792	5,775,156	5,285,960	5,395,251
Other Countries	255,552	260,815	265,018	259,075

¹ Overnight estimates for the United States include auto and bus for one or more nights, and estimated one or more nights numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

² Includes same-day travel.

P Preliminary.

r Revised.

- Nil or zero.

Construction Building Materials Price Index: Residential

February 1990

The Residential Construction Building Materials Price Index (1981 = 100) remained in February at 143.8, the same as the revised figure for the previous month, and was 1.7% higher than a year ago.

Between January and February 1990, there were several price increases, mainly for lumber (0.8%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (1.7%) and concrete bricks and blocks (1.1%), which offset decreases for metal roofing and siding (-1.6%), structural and architectural metal products (-0.9%) and gypsum wall board (-0.6%).

Between February 1989 and February 1990, prices for mechanical materials rose 3.6%, due principally to increases for sanitaryware (7.1%), wash basins and toilet tanks (7.7%) and hot water heating

equipment (8.4%). A 2.0% increase in prices for structural materials was due mainly to particleboard (13.1%) and ready-mix concrete (3.5%). Architectural materials increased 1.6%, as a result of increases in prices for clay bricks and blocks (10.8%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (9.3%), wooden doors (6.6%) and windows and sash (6.5%). Electrical materials decreased 3.8%, attributable to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-24.9%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

The first quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Residential

February 1990
(1981 = 100)

	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	% Change	
				February 1990/ January 1990	February 1990/ February 1989
Total materials	143.8	143.8	141.4	-	1.7
Architectural materials	142.0	142.3	139.8	-0.2	1.6
Structural materials	144.4	143.6	141.6	0.6	2.0
Mechanical materials	158.2	158.2	152.7	-	3.6
Electrical materials	133.5	133.8	138.8	-0.2	-3.8

- Nil or zero.

Construction Building Materials Price Index: Non-residential

February 1990

The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981=100) fell to 144.0 in February, down 0.2% from the revised figure for the previous month but 1.1% higher than a year ago.

Between January and February 1990, a number of price decreases were observed, primarily for metal roofing and siding (-1.6%), building wires and cables (-2.8%) and concrete reinforcing bars (-2.1%), which more than offset increases in prices for concrete bricks and blocks (1.1%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (1.7%) and lumber (0.8%).

Between February 1989 and February 1990, prices for mechanical materials rose 3.4%, mainly attributable to sanitaryware (7.1%), elevator and escalator equipment (2.7%) and hot water heating

equipment (8.4%). Prices for structural materials increased by 1.8%, primarily due to ready-mix concrete (3.5%), particleboard (13.1%) and bolts, nuts and screws (6.1%). Architectural materials were up 1.1%, due mainly to increases in prices for thermal insulations (11.6%), clay bricks and blocks (10.8%), wooden doors (6.6%) and windows and sash (6.5%). Electrical materials decreased 3.6%, principally due to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-25.8%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 2).

The first quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

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Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Non-residential

February 1990
(1981 = 100)

	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	% Change	
				February 1990/ January 1990	February 1990/ February 1989
Total materials	144.0	144.3	142.5	-0.2	1.1
Architectural materials	143.8	144.2	142.3	-0.3	1.1
Structural materials	141.7	141.7	139.2	-	1.8
Mechanical materials	157.3	157.2	152.2	0.1	3.4
Electrical materials	133.5	134.4	138.5	-0.7	-3.6

- Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)

Week Ending April 7, 1990

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending April 7, 1990 totalled 254 665 tonnes, a decrease of 13.9% from the preceding week's total of 295 903 tonnes and down 21.0% from the year-earlier level of 322 188 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1990 was 3 757 135 tonnes, a decrease of 13.5% from 4 342 943 tonnes for the same period in 1989.

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

Oils and Fats

February 1990

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1990 totalled 50 982 tonnes, an increase of 9.7% over the 46 494 tonnes produced in January 1990. The 1990 year-to-date production totalled 97 476 tonnes, a decrease of 1.0% from the corresponding 1989 figure of 98 421 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 10 364 tonnes in February 1990, up from the 7 110 tonnes sold the previous month. Sales-to-date were 17 474 tonnes, compared to cumulative sales of 18 740 tonnes in 1989.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 6 646 tonnes in February 1990 from 5 633 tonnes in January 1990. Sales-to-date in 1990 were 12 279 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 15 400 tonnes in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The February 1990 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin

January 1990

- Preliminary operational data on scheduled services reported by Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International for January 1990 show that domestic passenger-kilometres decreased 4.6%, while international passenger-kilometres increased 10.4% over January 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

- In October 1989, total movements at the 60 Transport Canada towered airports increased 6.2% from October of 1988.
- Preliminary data reported by the three major Canadian air carriers – Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and Wardair – indicate that 59.6% of the passengers carried on domestic scheduled services travelled on discount fares during the first quarter of 1989, down from 61.9% for the corresponding period in 1988. In terms of passenger-kilometres, discount fares accounted for 65.6% of total volume in 1989, which represents a decrease of 0.7 percentage points compared to the same period a year earlier.

This issue also features a special release entitled *A Ten Year Review of the International Charter Passenger Market*.

- The number of international charter passengers travelling to or from Canada increased by 81.4%, from 2,513,485 to 4,559,709 passengers, between 1979 and 1988. The South, the United States and Europe were responsible for 50.4%, 45.8% and 5.0%, respectively, of this total gain.

The Vol.22, No. 4 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.90/\$89) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Transportation Division. ■

Construction Type Plywood

January 1990

Canadian firms produced 174 985 cubic metres of construction type plywood during February 1990, an increase of 2.2% from the 171 212 cubic metres produced during February 1989.

January-to-February 1990 production totalled 355 197 cubic metres, a 0.1% increase over the 354 930 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The February 1990 issue of *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9. ■

Production of Eggs

February 1990

Canadian egg production in February 1990 was 35.4 million dozen, a 1.9% decrease from February 1989. The average number of layers decreased 2.5% between February 1989 and 1990, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 1,986 from 1,974.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

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

For further information on this release, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

The Dairy Review

February 1990

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 8 505 tonnes in February, a 4.6% increase from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 8 556 tonnes, a decrease of 3.9% from February 1989.

An estimated 597 666 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in January 1990, a decrease of 2.7% from January 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.

The February 1990 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$11.60/\$116) is scheduled for release on May 2. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, February 1990.

Catalogue number 25-001

(Canada: \$5.80/\$58; Other Countries: \$7/\$70).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin, Vol. 18, No.6: **Pack of Processed Corn**, 1989.

Catalogue number 32-023

(Canada: \$7.40/\$121; Other Countries: \$8.90/\$145).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin, Vol. 18, No.10: **Pack of Canned Pears**, 1989.

Catalogue number 32-023

(Canada: \$7.40/\$121; Other Countries: \$8.90/\$145).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin, Vol. 18, No.14: **Pack of Processed Beets**, 1989.

Catalogue number 32-023

(Canada: \$7.40/\$121; Other Countries: \$8.90/\$145).

Footwear Statistics, February 1990.

Catalogue number 33-002

(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, February 1990.

Catalogue number 41-011

(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

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