



The Daily

Statistics Canada

Monday, April 23, 1990

STATISTICS CANADA
STATISTIQUE CANADA

APR 23 1990

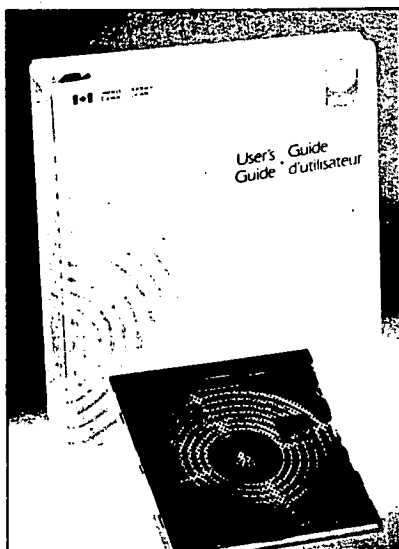
For release at 10:00 a.m.

MAJOR RELEASES

LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

- **Department Store Sales and Stocks, February 1990** 3
Seasonally adjusted department store sales increased 1.7% over January 1990.
- **Sales of Natural Gas, February 1990** 5
Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during February 1990 totalled 6 208.8 million cubic metres, a 7.3% decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

(Continued on page 2)



StatCan: Selected Data Disc

Statistics Canada's second CD-ROM product delivers both bibliographic information and statistical data on one compact disc. A modified version of the CANSIM Main Base Series Directory enables researchers to identify the 100,000 CANSIM time series available on the Selected Data Disc. These data can then be retrieved, displayed, printed or recorded to a file for further manipulation. As well, CANSIM time series which meet the search criteria but are not stored on the disc can be identified.

The **StatCan: Selected Data Disc** also contains the Statistics Canada Inventory of Catalogued Publications - both historical and current titles - a terminology reference list to guide you through the definitions and terms used by Statistics Canada, and the agency's internal telephone directory.

Access to this combination of data, bibliographic information, and search and retrieval software is easy. A few key strokes at your personal computer will give you information on topics ranging from the number of housing starts in British Columbia to the Consumer Price Index for Newfoundland.

All this on one compact disc! The **StatCan: Selected Data Disc** retails for \$1,995.

For more information, contact the Electronic Data Dissemination Division, Statistics Canada, 9th Floor, R.H. Coats Building, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6 (613-951-8200).



Statistics
Canada

Statistique
Canada

NOT FOR LOAN
NE S'EMPRUNTE PAS

Canada

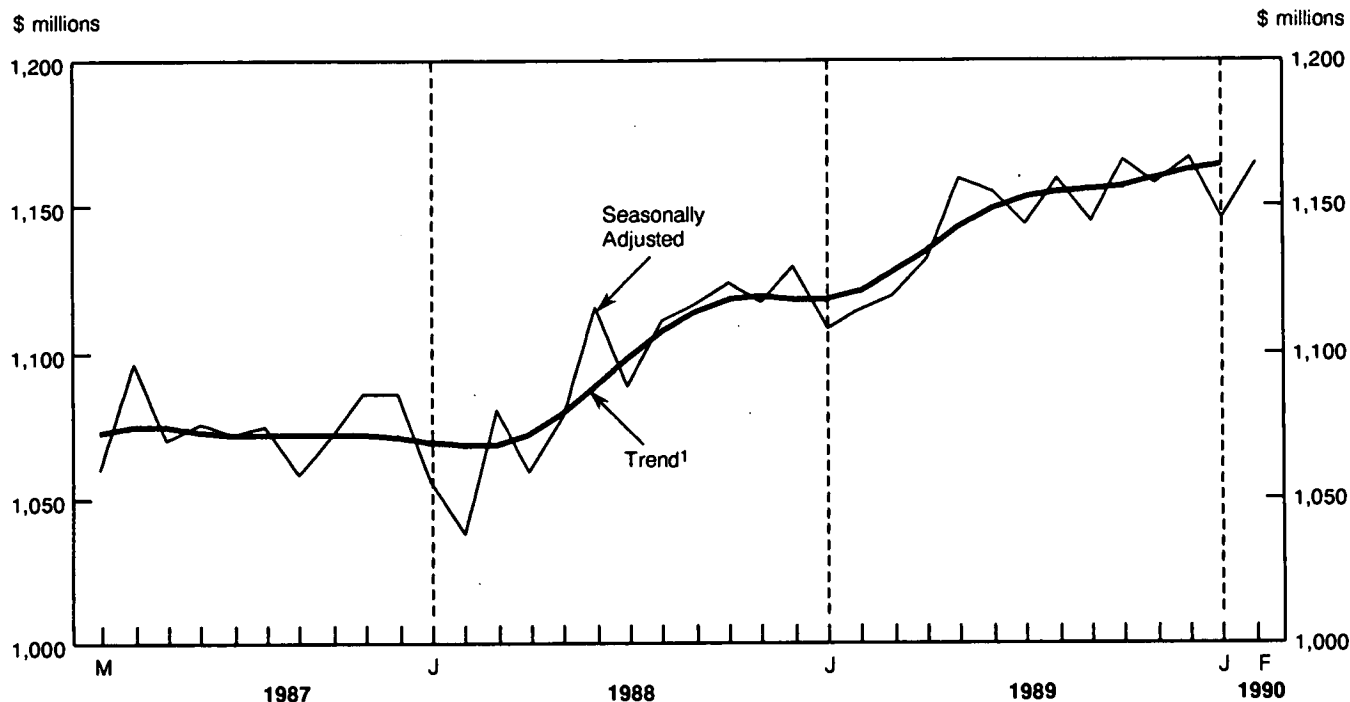
DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oil Pipeline Transport, January 1990	6
Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet, March 1990	6
Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, March 1990	6
Stocks of Frozen Meat Products, April 1, 1990	6

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED	7
-----------------------	---

MAJOR RELEASES

Department Store Sales, Canada



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of data.

Department Store Sales and Stocks

February 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, department store sales (including concessions) totalled \$1,165 million in February 1990, an increase of 1.7% over the previous month's revised total of \$1,145 million. The increase in sales is exaggerated due to the inclusion in February of some outlets previously classified to the general merchandise category.
- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$4,754 million at the end of February, an increase

of 1.2% over the January 1990 revised value of \$4,698 million. This gain followed three consecutive monthly declines.

- The ratio of stocks-to-sales stood at 4.08:1 in February, a decrease from the average ratio of 4.10:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 111 and 112.

The February 1990 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682) or Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Feb. 1990/ Feb. 1989	Feb. 1989	Nov. 1989 ^r	Dec. 1989 ^r	Jan. 1990 ^r	Feb. 1990 ^p	Feb. 1990/ Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990/ Feb. 1989
	millions of \$			%	millions of \$					%	%
Total Sales	2,180.4	776.9	763.6	4.0	1,113.6	1,157.3	1,167.0	1,145.3	1,165.0	1.7	4.6
Total Stocks	4,313.0	3,954.3	4,365.9	2.9	4,599.8	4,771.9	4,761.5	4,698.1	4,754.0	1.2	3.4
Stock-to-Sales Ratio	1.98	5.09	5.72		4.13	4.12	4.08	4.10	4.08		

Sales of Natural Gas

February 1990 (Preliminary Data)

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during February 1990 totalled 6 208.8 million cubic metres, a 7.3% decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in February 1990 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from February 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 1 938.8 million cubic metres (-7.9%); commercial sales, 1 593.2 million cubic metres (-8.4%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 2 676.8 million cubic metres (-6.2%).

Year-to-date figures for the first two months of 1990 indicate that sales of natural gas amounted to

13 019.9 million cubic metres, a 3.1% decrease from the level recorded during the same period of 1989.

On the basis of rate structure information, year-to-date sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 4 140.6 million cubic metres (-2.8%); commercial sales, 3 373.2 million cubic metres (-2.7%); and industrial sales (including direct sales), 5 506.1 million cubic metres (-3.6%).

Order the February 1990 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.10/\$121), available the third week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Natural Gas - Preliminary Data

February 1990

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	95 544	200 460	314 072	5 900	615 976
Ontario	918 850	643 800	898 947	137 670	2 599 267
Manitoba	117 000	103 000	52 000	4 500	276 500
Saskatchewan	137 000	112 000	12 000	80 000	341 000
Alberta	434 260	350 373	865 401	-	1 650 034
British Columbia	236 173	183 586	110 092	196 172	726 023
February 1990 - Canada	1 938 827	1 593 219	2 252 512	424 242	6 208 800
February 1989 - Canada	2 104 844	1 739 609	2 453 750	399 104	6 697 307
% change	-7.9	-8.4	-6.2		-7.3
Year-to-date Canada 1990	4 140 611	3 373 244	4 714 796	791 273	13 019 924
Year-to-date Canada 1989	4 258 218	3 467 464	4 931 649	777 981	13 435 312
% change	-2.8	-2.7	-3.6		-3.1

Note: Revised figures will be available in the "Gas Utilities" publication (Catalogue # 55-002) as well as on CANSIM.
- Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oil Pipeline Transport

January 1990

In January, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased 1.2% from the same period last year to 14 836 926 cubic metres (m³).

Pipeline exports of crude oil decreased 15.7% compared to January 1989, while pipeline imports rose 65.8% for the same period.

Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries this month rose 4.7% from 1989, while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 15.5%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The January 1990 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$9.50/\$95) will be available the last week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact G. O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet

March 1990

For the quarter ending March 31, 1990, domestic shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet of 3.175 millimetres thickness and less totalled 1 861 310 square metres, for a value of \$15,948,332. In the same quarter of the previous year, shipments amounted to 2 125 368 square metres, for a value of \$17,435,274.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2906.

The March quarterly 1990 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 more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

March 1990

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 180 496 thousand square metres in March 1990, a decrease of 6.1% from the 192 175 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January-to-March 1990 domestic shipments totalled 505 600 thousand square metres, down 7.7% from the 547 502 thousand square metres for the same period in 1989.

The March 1990 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. ■

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

April 1, 1990

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of April 1 totalled 30 927 tonnes, compared with 31 947 tonnes last month and 35 548 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

To order *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (\$11.50/\$115), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more information on this release, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production,
December 1989.
Catalogue number 26-006
(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries: \$11.40/\$114).

Farm Product Price Index, February 1990.
Catalogue number 62-003
(Canada: \$6.80/\$68; Other Countries: \$8.20/\$82).

Oils and Fats, February 1990.
Catalogue number 32-006
(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

How to Order Publications

Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone 613-951-7277.

Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General for Canada/Publications and provide full information on publications required (catalogue number, title, issue).

Publications may also be ordered through Statistics Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other booksellers.

A national toll-free telephone order service is now in operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line (1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and services.

**The
Daily**

Statistics Canada's Official Release Bulletin for Statistical Information

Catalogue 11-001E. Price: Canada \$105/year; other countries \$126/year

Published by the Communications Division
Statistics Canada, 3-N, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Senior Editor: Greg Thomson (613-951-1116)
Editor: Bonnie Williams (613-951-1103)

Published under the authority of the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without prior written permission of the Minister of Supply and Services Canada.

Statistics Canada Library
Bibliothèque Statistique Canada



1010033186