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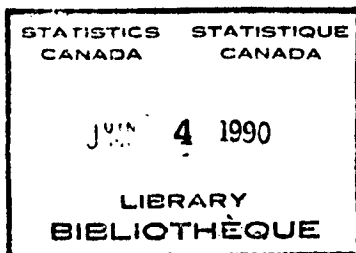
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Retail Trade

1987

Highlights

- Total annual retail trade increased 10.1% over the 1986 level, to an estimated \$169.9 billion in 1987.
- The number of retail outlets increased by nearly 4,000 to approximately 225,000 stores.
- All provinces and territories registered sales increases in 1987, ranging from 12.6% in Ontario and Quebec to 3.3% in Manitoba and Alberta.

The 1987 edition of *Annual Retail Trade* provides comprehensive coverage of the retail sector in Canada. In this publication, data from Statistics Canada's annual surveys of larger firms are supplemented with statistics on smaller retail businesses provided with the cooperation of Revenue Canada (Taxation). Coverage includes all businesses with sales over \$25,000, except for non-store retailing such as direct selling.

Note to Users:

Tabulations for 1987 include:

- The number of retail locations (stores) and sales for Canada, by province and industry group (3-digit SIC).
- The number of retail locations, sales and selected financial ratios, Canada, by industry class (4-digit SIC).

In addition to the published data, special tabulations may be available on a cost recovery basis.

The 1987 issue of *Annual Retail Trade* (63-223, \$22) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-9236), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Wholesale Trade

1987

Preliminary results for 1987 indicate that the total volume of trade (net sales and receipts plus the value of goods handled on a commission basis) transacted by firms in the wholesale trade sector amounted to \$257.7 billion, an increase of 9.4% over the revised \$235.6 billion reported for 1986. Wholesale merchants accounted for \$220.0 billion, or 85.4% of the total volume of trade, while agents and brokers (the other segment of the wholesale trade sector) accounted for \$37.7 billion (14.6%).

Net sales and receipts, the main component of volume of trade, totalled \$209.9 billion in 1987, an increase of 10.5% over the \$190.0 billion reported in 1986. The value of goods handled on a commission basis accounted for the remaining \$47.8 billion, an increase of 4.8% over the \$45.6 billion reported in 1986. Year-end inventories rose 7.9% over the previous year's level of \$24.7 billion, to \$26.6 billion for 1987.

The 1987 *Wholesale Trade Statistics* publication presents detailed information for merchants, and agents and brokers at the establishment and location levels for Canada and the provinces based on the 1970 Standard Industrial Classification. The publication (63-226, \$34) will be available the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Douglas Watson (613-951-3550) or Gilles Simard (613-951-3541), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Microdata Tapes on Incomes of Households, Families and Individuals

1988

Microdata tapes containing information on the 1988 income of households, economic families, census families and individuals are now available. A "key file" is also available which allows the user greater flexibility in the creation of analytical variables and units of analysis. Each file costs \$900.

In addition to income by source such as earnings, investment income and government transfer payments, the files contain personal, family and labour-related characteristics such as age, sex, education, family relationship, occupation and labour force status. The household file includes information on housing characteristics and household facilities and equipment.

The income data were collected as part of the 1989 Survey of Consumer Finances. The housing facilities and equipment data were collected by the 1989 Household Facilities and Equipment Survey. Both surveys are conducted every spring as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey. The households file contains approximately 30,000 records, the economic family file about 38,000 records, the census family file 40,000 records, the individual file 75,000 records and the key file 98,000 records. These tapes have been carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain information that would allow identification of specific households, families or individuals.

For further information on this release, contact the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9775), Household Surveys Division. Facsimile Number (613-951-0562). ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending May 21, 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week ending May 21, 1990 totalled 4.6 million tonnes, a decrease of 6.8% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 8.3% and the number of cars loaded decreased 9.3% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 3.8% higher than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

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

Cement

April 1990

Canadian manufacturers shipped 867 755 tonnes of cement in April 1990, a decrease of 4.8% from the 911 286 tonnes shipped a year earlier, but an increase of 13.1% over the 767 211 tonnes shipped in March 1990.

January-to-April 1990 shipments reached 2 648 144 tonnes, up 1.8% over the 2 601 033 tonnes shipped during the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 35).

The April 1990 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

April 1990

Canadian chemical firms produced 128 919 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in April 1990, an increase of 24.6% over the 103 435 tonnes produced in April 1989.

January-to-April 1990 production totalled 513 554 tonnes, up 10.6% over 464 332 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for April 1990, April 1989 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The April 1990 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) 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. ■

Coal and Coke Statistics

March 1990

Canadian production of coal totalled 6 087 kilotonnes in March 1990, down 4.0% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 17 782 kilotonnes, down 0.4%.

Exports in March rose 17.3% over the level in March 1989, to 3 369 kilotonnes. At the same time, imports fell 30.1% to 336 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 7 883 kilotonnes, 11.7% below last year's level.

Coke production decreased to 381 kilotonnes, a difference of 0.6% from March 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The March 1990 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Electric Power Statistics

March 1990

Net generation of electric energy in Canada in March 1990 decreased to 41 602 gigawatt hours (GWh), down 7.1% from the corresponding month last year. Exports decreased 46.2% to 789 GWh, while imports climbed from 1 010 GWh to 2 304 GWh.

Year-to-date figures show net generation at 129 174 GWh, down 6.1% from the previous year's period. Exports, at 2 738 GWh, were down 51.1%, while imports, at 6 014 GWh, were up 177.7%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The March 1990 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

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(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/\$60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/\$70.00).

Asphalt Roofing, April 1990.

Catalogue number 45-001

(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/\$60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/\$70.00).

Railway Carloadings, April 1990.

Catalogue number 52-001

(Canada: \$8.30/\$83.00; United States: US\$10.00/\$100.00; Other Countries: US\$11.60/\$116.00).

Farm Input Price Index, First Quarter 1990.

Catalogue number 62-004

(Canada: \$12.25/\$49.00; United States: US\$14.75/\$59.00; Other Countries: US\$17.25/\$69.00).

Industry Price Indexes, March 1990.

Catalogue number 62-011

(Canada: \$18.20/\$182.00; United States: US\$21.80/\$218.00; Other Countries: US\$25.50/\$255.00).

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