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The Price of Labour

1977-1988

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"The Price of Labour" is one of the seven articles featured in the Autumn 1990 issue of the quarterly, *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E). This study explains the components of labour income and analyzes the trends between 1977 and 1988.

Highlights

- Between 1977 and 1988, after adjusting for inflation, wages and salaries dropped by 3.3% or about \$1,000. On the other hand, supplementary labour income – employer contributions to unemployment insurance and pension plans as well as medical and dental plans – increased by 17%.
- Despite the jump in supplementary labour income between 1977 and 1988, its share of total labour income remained just below 10%.

- Average labour income increased in the goods-producing sector but declined in the services-producing sector between 1977 and 1988. The increase in the goods-producing sector was attributable to substantial growth of the supplementary labour income component (\$881), which cancelled the loss in wages and salaries (-\$260). On the other hand, the large decline in wages and salaries (-\$963) in the service sector was not balanced by the modest gain in supplementary labour income (\$281).
- Average labour income fell significantly between 1979 and 1988 in only two provinces – Newfoundland (-5.4%) and British Columbia (-4.0%).
- During the same period, supplementary labour income grew substantially in most provinces, with Quebec maintaining its leading position.

To obtain "The Price of Labour", order the Autumn 1990 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$13.25/\$53). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Henry Pold (613-951-4608), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division. ■

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Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending August 31, 1990

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 11.9% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 9.3% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 6.8% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 1.8% 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 more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Telephone Statistics

July 1990

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,114.8 million in July 1990, up 6.3% from July 1989.

Operating expenses were \$773.5 million, an increase of 6.1% from July 1989. Net operating revenue was \$341.3 million, an increase of 6.5% from July 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The July 1990 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$8.30/\$83) is scheduled for release the week of September 24. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Electric Power Selling Price Indexes

(New reference year 1986 = 100)

June 1990

Electric Power Selling Price Indexes (1986 = 100) are now available up to June 1990.

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The July 1990 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$18.20/\$182) will be available at the end of September. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Processed Fruits And Vegetables

July 1990

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for July 1990 are now available. The publication *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly* (32-011, \$5.00/\$50) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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