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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

September 1991

In September, total exports decreased by \$852 million to \$11.6 billion. Machinery and equipment exports were down \$487 million. Aircraft exports, returning to normal after an unusually high August level, declined by \$407-million. Automotive products fell by \$421 million, led by a decline of \$282 million for car exports. Wheat exports, which dropped to their lowest level since November 1990, were affected by the refusal of grain handlers to cross picket lines set up by striking public service employees. Energy products declined, as crude petroleum fell by \$45 million to \$408 million, its lowest level since July 1990. Slight increases were registered for forestry products (\$41 million) and industrial goods and materials (\$65 million).

Total imports increased by \$524 million to reach \$11.9 billion, an all-time high. Imports of automotive products rose by \$188 million to \$3.0 billion, their highest level since July 1986. Machinery and equipment imports also increased, as "other communications and related equipment" rose by \$93 million and "other equipment and tools" were up by \$88 million. Imports of agricultural and fishing products climbed by \$100 million in September, reaching \$801 million. Increases were also posted for imports of forestry products (\$10 million), industrial goods and materials (\$86 million) and "other consumer goods" (\$96 million). This last grouping includes such products as clothing, televisions, sporting goods and books. The only major group to decline in September was energy products, entirely as a result of a \$48 million decrease for crude petroleum.

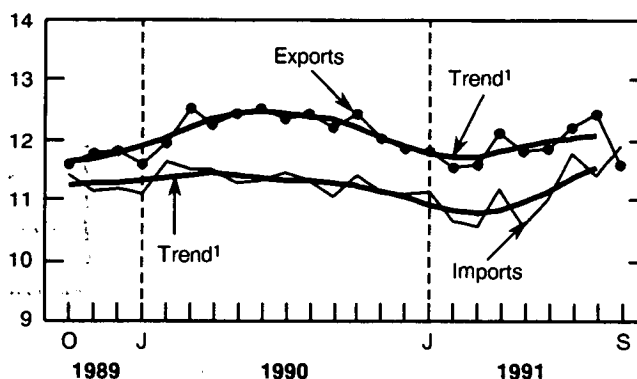
The significant drop in exports in September, combined with the large rise in imports, caused the merchandise trade balance to fall by \$1.4 billion, resulting in a deficit of \$311 million, the first deficit (in current dollars) in over 15 years. Canada's trade surplus with the United States fell by \$1.1 billion to \$670 million, its lowest level since September 1989. Deficits were registered with all other major trading partners, the most noteworthy being a \$326 million deficit with Japan.

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#### Merchandise Trade

Seasonally Adjusted  
Balance of Payments Basis

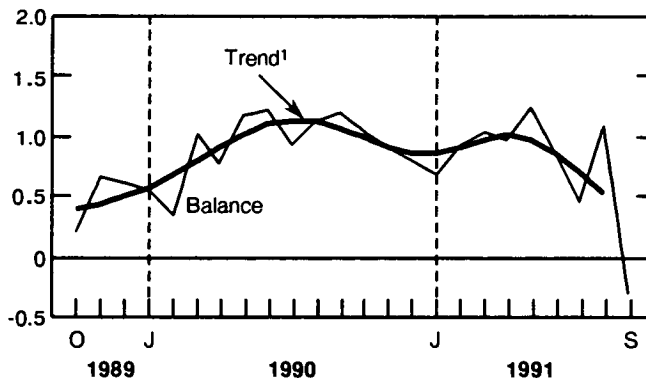
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#### Merchandise Trade Balance

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

Current account data, which incorporate merchandise trade statistics as well as data concerning trade in services and capital account movements, are available on a quarterly basis in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001, \$27.70/\$110). □

For further information on international trade statistics (detailed tables, charts and a more complete analysis) order *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$10/\$100), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, order the September 1991 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182), available the first week of December or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Marlene Sterparn (613-951-1711) (for analysis information), or Denis Pilon (613-951-4808) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division. ■

## Sales of Natural Gas

September 1991 (Preliminary Data)

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during September 1991 totalled 3 037 million cubic metres, a 4.5% increase over the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in September 1991 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from September 1990 in

brackets: residential sales, 433 million cubic metres (+10.8%); commercial sales, 405 million cubic metres (+14.9%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 2 199 million cubic metres (+1.6%).

Year-to-date figures for 1991 indicate that sales of natural gas amounted to 38 753 million cubic metres, a 0.3% decrease from the level recorded during the same period in 1990.

On the basis of rate structure information, year-to-date sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from 1990 in brackets: residential sales, 9 361 million cubic metres (+0.7%); commercial sales, 7 766 million cubic metres (+0.6%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 21 626 million cubic metres (-1.1%).

Based on the sum of the latest 12 months (October 1990 to September 1991), total natural gas sales (including direct sales) posted a 0.6% decrease from the previous period (October 1989 to September 1990).

The September 1991 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127) will be available the third week of December. 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

September 1991

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	16 555	40 110	246 811	1 988	305 464
Ontario	172 195	143 147	544 247	156 436	1 016 025
Manitoba	22 087	19 149	40 570	574	82 380
Saskatchewan	34 718	17 705	2 942	124 779	180 144
Alberta	136 533	133 232	877 911	-	1 147 676
British Columbia	50 717	51 723	115 708	87 386	305 534
<b>September 1991 - Canada</b>	<b>432 805</b>	<b>405 066</b>	<b>1 828 189</b>	<b>371 163</b>	<b>3 037 223</b>
September 1990 - Canada	390 643	352 469	1 871 987	292 041	2 907 140
% change	10.8	14.9	1.6		4.5
<b>Year-to-date Canada 1991</b>	<b>9 361 466</b>	<b>7 766 062</b>	<b>18 227 052</b>	<b>3 398 663</b>	<b>38 753 243</b>
Year-to-date Canada 1990	9 292 345	7 723 160	18 931 979	2 924 669	38 872 153
% change	0.7	0.6	-1.1		-0.3
<b>Sum of October 1990 - September 1991</b>	<b>13 584 462</b>	<b>11 243 485</b>	<b>25 078 972</b>	<b>4 445 953</b>	<b>54 352 872</b>
Sum of October 1989 - September 1990	13 435 873	11 151 486	25 993 999	4 095 736	54 677 094
% change	1.1	0.8	-1.9		-0.6

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

## Postcensal Estimates of Census Families, Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1991

### Highlights

- On June 1, 1991, the number of census families in Canada reached 7,146,800, an increase of 96,000 families over the previous year. The annual growth rate continued its upward trend, going from 0.9% in 1986-87 to 1.4% in 1990-91. The constant growth in the number of families was mainly attributable to the ever-growing number of immigrant families since 1986-87. In 1990-91, the number of immigrant families exceeded the 50,000-mark, reaching 52,100 compared to 44,100 in 1989-1990, 41,800 in 1988-89 and 36,700 in 1987-88.
- At the other end of the spectrum, the number of marriages (responsible for family formation) decreased, dropping from 149,700 in 1989-1990 to 146,200 in 1990-91.

- The interprovincial migration of families increased in 1990-91; the total number leaving one province for another went from 98,300 in 1989-1990 to 100,100 in 1990-91. The flows to Alberta and British Columbia increased during the last two years; aside from these two provinces, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were the only provinces to have maintained positive net migration.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 6513 – Total number of census families.**

The postcensal estimates of the total number of census families and of their characteristics for Canada, the provinces and the territories as of June 1, 1991 are available today and will be published in *Postcensal Estimates of Families for Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1991* (91-204, \$17).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division.

### Number of Census Families and Growth Rates, Canada, Provinces and Territories 1989 to 1991

Region	Growth Rate (%)				
	1989 <sup>pd</sup>	1990 <sup>pr</sup>	1991 <sup>pp</sup>	1989-1990	1990-91
(Number in Thousands)					
Canada	6,958.4	7,050.9	7,146.8	1.3	1.4
Newfoundland	147.3	149.9	152.3	1.7	1.5
Prince Edward Island	33.8	34.4	34.8	1.5	1.2
Nova Scotia	236.9	239.7	241.9	1.2	1.0
New Brunswick	192.5	195.4	197.8	1.5	1.2
Quebec	1,803.4	1,822.7	1,842.0	1.1	1.1
Ontario	2,556.1	2,591.5	2,628.3	1.4	1.4
Manitoba	280.1	280.7	281.3	0.2	0.2
Saskatchewan	257.3	254.0	252.1	-1.3	-0.8
Alberta	627.7	640.4	653.8	2.0	2.1
British Columbia	804.4	822.8	842.6	2.3	2.4
Yukon	6.8	7.0	7.4	3.9	4.4
Northwest Territories	11.9	12.3	12.7	3.2	3.0

<sup>pd</sup> Final postcensal estimates.

<sup>pr</sup> Updated postcensal estimates.

<sup>pp</sup> Preliminary postcensal estimates.

**Note:** Each figure has been rounded independently to the nearest 100.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Export and Import Price Indexes

September 1991

Current and fixed weighted export and import price indexes, on a balance of payments basis, are now available on a 1986 = 100 basis. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to September 1991 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs based current and fixed weighted U.S. price indexes are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to September 1991 on a 1986 = 100 basis. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 "All Countries" and "U.S. only" SITC section indexes.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629.**

The September 1991 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division ■

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending November 7, 1991

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 4.9 million tonnes, an increase of 11.9% over the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 0.3% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 4.7% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year increased 0.3% from the previous year.

**Note:** Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

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

### Tobacco Products

October 1991

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 4.68 billion cigarettes in October 1991, an 11.7% increase from the 4.19 billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1990. Production for the first 10 months of 1991 totalled 37.35 billion cigarettes, down 1.8% from 38.04 billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1990.

Domestic sales in October 1991 totalled 2.63 billion cigarettes, a decrease of 24.6% from the 3.49 billion cigarettes sold in October 1990. Year-to-date sales for 1991 totalled 32.52 billion cigarettes, down 13.6% from 1990 cumulative amount of 37.64 billion cigarettes.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.**

To order the October 1991 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$5/\$50) or for further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

### Construction Type Plywood

September 1991

Canadian firms produced 151 593 cubic metres of construction type plywood during September 1991, a decrease of 1.8% from the 154 350 cubic metres produced during September 1990.

January to September 1991 production totalled 1 272 102 cubic metres, a decrease of 18.3% from the 1 557 125 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1990.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).**

The September 1991 issue of *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed 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. ■

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## **Processed Fruits And Vegetables**

September 1991

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for September 1991 are now available. The publication *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables* (32-011,\$5/\$50) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

## **Pack of Processed Plums**

1991

Data on pack of processed plums for 1991 are now available. The publication *Pack of Selected Processed Fruits* (excluding apples), 1991 (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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**Catalogue number 26-224**

(Canada: \$22; United States: US\$26;  
Other Countries: US\$31).

**Wholesale Trade, August 1991.**

**Catalogue number 63-008**

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144; United States:  
US\$17.30/US\$173; Other Countries:  
US\$20.20/US\$202).

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian International  
Trade, September 1991.**

**Catalogue Number 65-001P**

(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;  
Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

**The Labour Force, October 1991.**

**Catalogue number 71-001**

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