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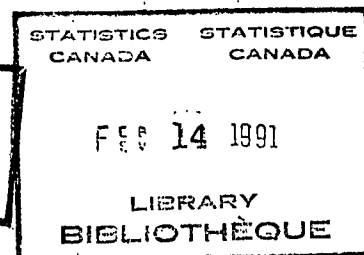
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### Resource and Caseload Statistics for Legal Aid in Canada

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Canada's legal aid plans spent \$338.9 million in 1989-90 (excluding Newfoundland). Between 1988-89 and 1989-90, total spending increased by 8% on a constant dollar basis.

Legal aid services are funded by three main sources: governments (81%), contributions of the legal profession (12%), clients (4%) and other miscellaneous sources (4%). The 1989-90 breakdown of the government source is as follows: the provincial and territorial governments (52%), the Department of Justice Canada (31%) and Health and Welfare Canada through the Canada Assistance Plan (17%).

Privately retained lawyers and staff lawyers assist recipients of legal aid in Canada. Taken together, these lawyers comprised 32% of the total bar member count in 1989-90 (excluding Newfoundland and Nova Scotia).

Payments made to private law firms totalled \$200.4 million or 59% of the total legal aid budget in 1989-90 (excluding Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Northwest Territories). This proportion has remained relatively constant since 1981-82.

The total number of approved applications reached 568,510 (excluding Newfoundland) in 1989-90. For Canada as a whole, 52% of the total approved applications were civil cases, the remaining percentage being criminal cases. The highest proportions of approved applications that dealt with civil matters were reported in Quebec (60%) and Nova Scotia (54%). The highest proportion of approved applications that dealt with criminal matters was reported in the Northwest Territories (83%).

Resource and caseload statistics for legal aid in Canada for fiscal year 1989-90 are available as of February 14, 1991 by contacting the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Information and Client Services (613-951-9023), FAX (613-951-6615), 19th Floor, R.H. Coats Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6. ■

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending February 9, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending February 9, 1991 totalled 257 943 tonnes, a decrease of 4.8% from the preceding week's total of 270 921 tonnes and down 6.2% from the year-earlier level of 274 922 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 1 443 693 tonnes, a decrease of 5.7% from 1 530 461 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

### Shipments of Rolled Steel

December 1990

Rolled steel shipments for December 1990 totalled 642 548 tonnes, a decrease of 17.2% from the preceding month's total of 776 090 tonnes and a decrease of 24.9% from the year-earlier level of 855 308 tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments for 1990 totalled 11 563 101 tonnes, a decrease of 13.2% compared to 13 325 808 tonnes the previous year.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).**

The December 1990 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

### Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending January 31, 1991

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the 10-day period totalled 6.8 million tonnes, an increase of 1.1% over the same period last year.

- Piggyback traffic decreased 5.0% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 2.7% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 4.9% lower 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 1990 figures have been revised.

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

### Deliveries of Major Grains

December 1990

Producer deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers showed a significant increase from December 1989, except in the case of canola where marketings decreased. Deliveries for December 1989 and December 1990 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

	1989	1990
Wheat (excluding durum)	682.4	1495.8
Durum wheat	195.5	198.6
<b>Total wheat</b>	<b>877.9</b>	<b>1694.4</b>
Oats	78.2	43.5
Barley	332.7	356.7
Rye	13.5	16.0
Flaxseed	13.1	23.1
Canola	182.4	127.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1497.8</b>	<b>2260.8</b>

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.**

The December 1990 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Anthony Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division. ■

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## **Production of Eggs**

December 1990

Canadian egg production in December 1990 was 40.1 million dozen, a 0.3% decrease from December 1989. The average number of layers decreased 1.9% between December 1989 and 1990, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,276 from 2,239.

**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 Benoit Levesque (613-951-2550), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## **Short-term Debt of Local Governments**

December 1990

At December 31, 1990, estimates of the short-term debt (treasury bills and other short-term paper) of local governments totalled \$502 million, up \$162 million (47%) from September 1990 and up \$90 million from December 31, 1989. Revised estimates for previous quarters are also available.

For further information on these data, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

For more information, or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division's products or services, contact Patricia Phillips (613-951-0767). ■

## **Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns**

November 1990

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,393 million for November 1990, a decrease of 2.3% from the \$1,425 million reported for the same period of 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.**

The November 1990 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck, Services, Science and Technology Division (613-951-3506). ■

## **Plastic Film and Bags**

Fourth Quarter 1990

Figures for the fourth quarter 1990 for plastic film and bags are now available.

The publication *Shipments of Plastic Film and Bags Manufactured from Resin* (47-007, \$6.75/\$27) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

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**Preliminary Statement of Canadian International  
Merchandise Trade (H.S. Based), December 1990.**

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