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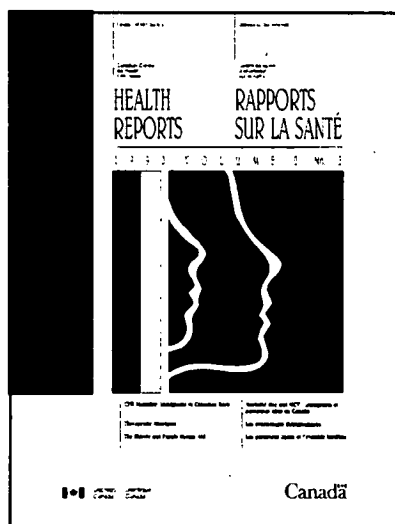
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### Health Reports

Third Quarter 1990

The latest issue of *Health Reports*, offering convenient access to essential data addressing many topical issues of the health field in Canada, is now available.

This issue contains new data on cancer, marriages, tuberculosis, quarterly hospital indicators and post-censal population estimates. Analytical feature articles concerning cardiovascular disease of immigrants and Canadians, therapeutic abortions, health and support systems of the elderly, and disability among Aboriginal Canadians are also included in the latest issue.

The third quarter 1990 issue of *Health Reports*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (82-003, \$26/\$104) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Nelson Nault (613-951-1746), Canadian Centre For Health Information.



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## MAJOR RELEASE

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### Health Reports

Third Quarter 1990

#### Selected Highlights

##### Cardiovascular Disease: First-generation Immigrants versus Canadian-born

- In Canada, as in most industrialized countries, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death. In 1988, 77,000 deaths or 43% of all deaths were caused by cardiovascular disease.
- One in six Canadians is born outside Canada. For both men and women, first-generation immigrants tend to have lower cardiovascular disease rates than the Canadian-born.
- The cardiovascular disease mortality rate by place of birth is highest among immigrants born in Africa, followed by Scandinavia, and lowest in those born in China.

##### Therapeutic Abortions

- A total of 66,251 therapeutic abortions were performed in hospitals in Canada in 1988, a 4.1% increase over 1987.
- The abortion rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years was 10.6 in 1988, up from 10.2 in 1987, but down from the peak of 11.6 in 1979.
- At the time of termination, pregnancies under 13 weeks accounted for 89.6% of abortion cases, and those 13 weeks and over accounted for 10.4% of the total. The trend towards earlier abortions may be one of the reasons for a 50% drop in the abortion complication rate since 1975, to 1.6% in 1988.

##### Health of the Elderly

- By 1986, Canadian life expectancy at birth had risen to 73 years for men and 80 years for women.
- Men who have reached the age of 65 years can expect to live another 17.2 years, more than eight of these without disability. Women reaching 65

years can expect another 19.2 years, 9.4 of them in good health.

- Elderly persons who enjoy a high level of social support, especially family aid, are twice as likely to report excellent or good health as those receiving little support.

##### Participation of People with Disabilities in Selected Activities

- An estimated 70% of both men and women with a hearing limitation, as well as 73% of men and 57% of women with a seeing limitation watch no television.
- Some 52% of persons with a speaking limitation never talk on the telephone, and 8.5% of them never watch television, listen to the radio, records or tapes, or read.

##### Disabled Aboriginal Persons In Canada

- In 1986, of the 711,725<sup>1</sup> Canadians of aboriginal ancestry, 86,505 reported having some level of disability.
- An estimated 14,990 (10%) who lived on reserves and 71,515 (13%) residing off reserves were disabled.
- Impaired mobility, agility and hearing were cited most frequently as the nature of disability for 66%, 56% and 35% for those residing on-reserve and 50%, 47% and 35% of the disabled residing off-reserve.

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<sup>1</sup> This figure does not include an estimated 45,000 persons residing on 136 Indian reserves incompletely enumerated in the 1986 Census.

For information on these and other interesting health matters, consult the third quarter 1990 issue of *Health Reports* (82-003, \$26/\$104). See "How to Order Publications".

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### Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin

November 1990

- Preliminary operational data on scheduled services reported by Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. for the first 11 months of 1990 show that domestic passenger-kilometres decreased by 5% while international passenger-kilometres increased by 3% over the same period of 1989.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

- In June 1990, total movements at the 60 Transport Canada towered airports increased by 1% from June 1989.
- The number of passengers travelling on domestic scheduled services for all city-pairs totalled 3.5 million during the second quarter 1990, up 2% compared to the same period in 1989. However, the number of passengers for all city-pairs travelling on transborder scheduled services reached 2.2 million, up 6% compared to the same period in the previous year.
- Preliminary data reported by Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. indicate that 58% of the passengers carried on domestic scheduled services travelled on discount fares during the first quarter of 1990, down from 60% in 1989. In terms of passenger-kilometres, discount

fares accounted for 62% of total volume in 1990, a decrease of about three percentage points compared to a year earlier.

The Vol. 23, No. 2 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Transportation Division. ■

### Construction Type Plywood

December 1990

Canadian firms produced 115 845 cubic metres of construction type plywood during December 1990, a decrease of 33.6% from the 174 418 cubic metres produced during December 1989.

January to December 1990 production totalled 1 971 541 cubic metres, a decrease of 9.0% from the 2 165 356 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1989.

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

The December 1990 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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#### **Catalogue number 63-007**

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144.00; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173.00; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202.00).

### **Health Reports, Vol. 2, No. 3, Third Quarter 1990.**

#### **Catalogue number 82-003**

(Canada: \$26.00/\$104.00; United States: US\$31.25/\$125.00; Other Countries: US\$36.50/\$146.00).

### **Building Permits, November 1990.**

#### **Catalogue number 64-001**

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