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The price index for new apartment construction in Canada fell 0.5% in the fourth quarter of 1990.

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### Pilot Survey of Households and the Environment

In September 1990, Statistics Canada conducted a pilot survey of households and the environment to measure a broad spectrum of household behaviours having an impact on the environment. The survey is a first and will set baseline information to use in measuring future progress towards sound environmental practices at the household level. Specific behaviours surveyed included household efforts to conserve energy and water, the use of recycled products, the use and disposal of hazardous substances and efforts to reduce household waste.

Results of this pilot survey provide specific measures to track household behaviours having an impact on the environment. For example, the results show that some energy-conservation practices are very common – 84% of all households have multi-pane glass or storm windows. As well, composting as a means of waste reduction is much more prevalent in some parts of the country than in others. Specifically, 52% of all households in British Columbia with a yard or garden use a compost heap or container – more than double the national average. Another finding was that, among Canadian households using diapers for young children, 11% never use disposable diapers, while 61% use *only* disposable diapers.

Results on the use of recycled products address two important issues: the reduction of waste and the sustainable use of resources. At present, one-third of households buy some recycled-paper products. While most provinces are close to the national average, Quebec is significantly lower at 19% and Ontario is somewhat higher at 40%.

A free information package containing further highlights of the pilot survey can be obtained by contacting the Communications Division (613-951-4636) or your nearest Regional Reference Centre.



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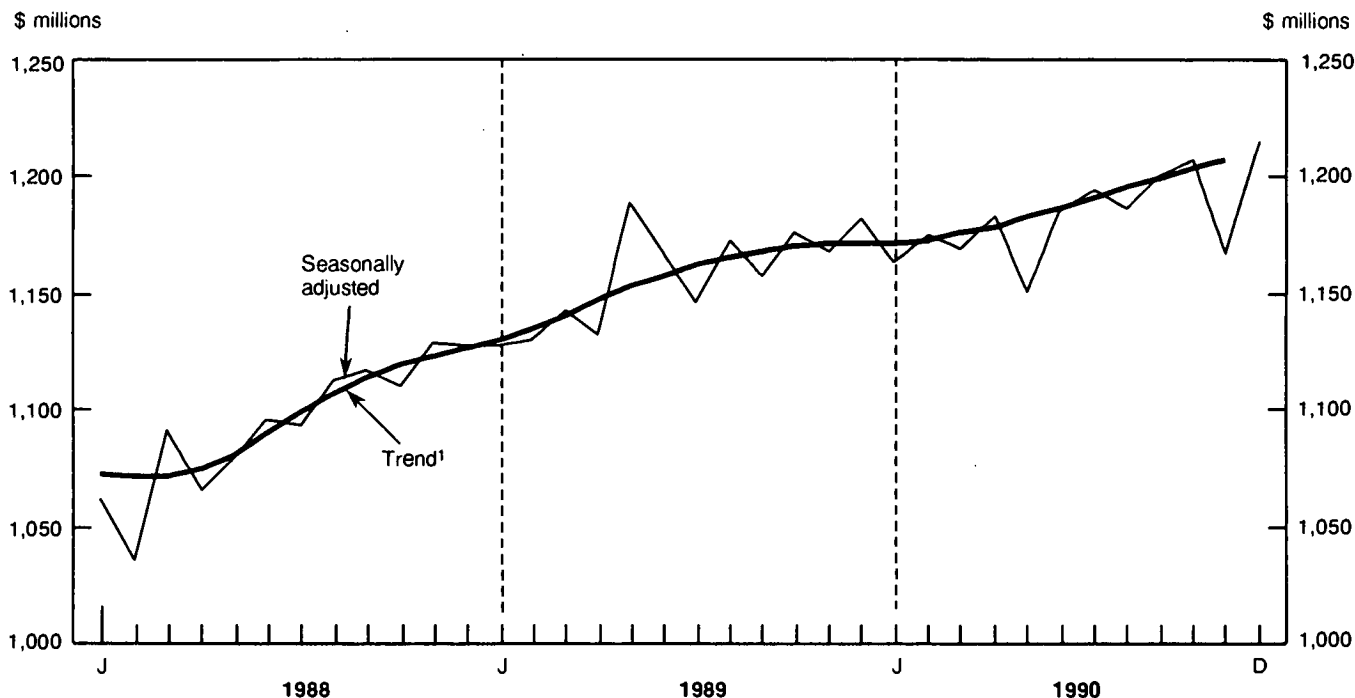
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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Department Store Sales, Canada



<sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

### Department Store Sales and Stocks December 1990 and Annual 1990

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,215 million in December 1990, an increase of 4.2% over the previous month's revised total of \$1,166 million.
- The December gain in sales extended the rising trend observed since early 1990.

- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$4,978 million at the end of December, a decrease of 1.0% from the November 1990 revised value of \$5,026 million. On a year-over-year basis, stocks rose by 4.3% in December.
- The ratio of stocks to sales stood at 4.10:1 in December, a sharp decline from the 4.31:1 observed in November.

##### Annual 1990 (Preliminary Estimates)

- Department store sales including concessions totalled \$14,229 million in 1990, an increase of 2.3% over 1989, but considerably lower than the 4.8% growth recorded in 1989.

- On a provincial basis, nine provinces posted increases in 1990. A decline was recorded in Prince Edward Island (- 2.1%).
- Sales by major department stores totalled \$8,017 million in 1990 while junior department stores had sales of \$6,212 million.
- The market share held by major department stores continued to decline, reaching a low of 56.3% in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 112, levels 1-3, series 4, 5, 6.

The December 1990 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of April.

For further information, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552) or Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Dec. 1989	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990	Dec. 1990/ Dec. 1989	Dec. 1989	Sept. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1990 <sup>p</sup>	Dec. 1990/ Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990/ Dec. 1989
	millions of \$				%						
Total Sales	2,199	1,527	2,275	+3.5	1,182	1,200	1,207	1,166	1,215	+4.2	+2.8
Total Stocks	4,325	5,999	4,469	+3.3	4,773	5,017	5,013	5,026	4,978	-1.0	+4.3
Stock to Sales Ratio	1.97	3.93	1.96		4.04	4.18	4.15	4.31	4.10		

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

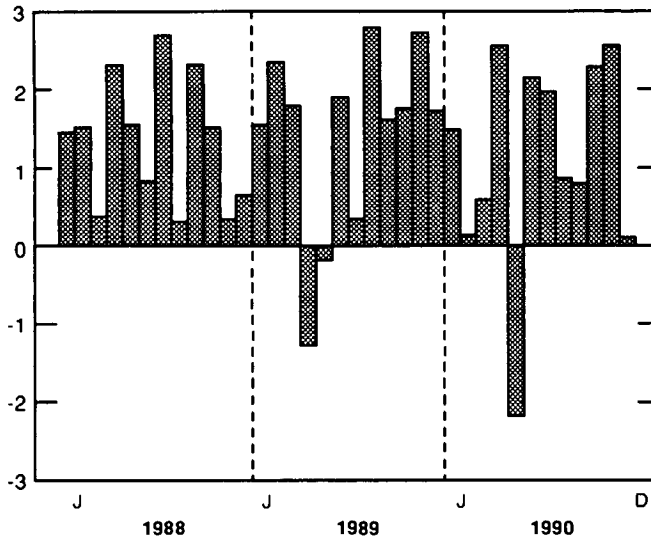
<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

## Security Transactions with Non-residents

(Net sales to non-residents + / net purchases from non-residents - )

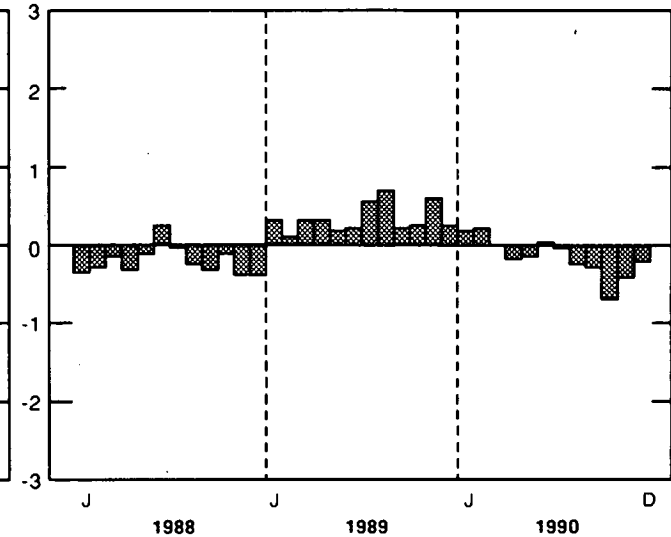
### Canadian Bonds

\$ Billions



### Canadian Stocks

\$ Billions



## Security Transactions with Non-residents

December 1990

### Highlights

#### Canadian Securities

- In December 1990, non-residents purchased, on a net basis, only \$115 million of Canadian bonds, down sharply from the \$1.1 billion monthly average for 1990.
- In the primary market, retirements exceeded foreign purchases of new issues for the first time in 18 months. After posting a low in November, retirements rebounded to \$1.6 billion in December, driven by higher redemptions of Government of Canada issues. New bond sales

to non-residents fell to \$1.5 billion in December 1990, a decline of more than \$1.0 billion from the levels recorded in each of the previous two months. This reflects lower borrowings abroad by the provinces and their enterprises.

- In the secondary market, net foreign investment at \$217 million in December 1990 was at its lowest level in seven months. In the current month, a net investment in Government of Canada domestic issues (\$417 million) was partially offset by a net disinvestment in other Canadian issues (\$200 million). The gross value of trading at \$21 billion remained substantial though lower than the record \$26 billion in November. For the year 1990, net foreign investment in the secondary market amounted to \$3.0 billion, down from the annual average of \$8.8 billion for 1988 and 1989.

- Non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian stocks by an additional \$211 million in December 1990, bringing the net disinvestment in 1990 to over \$1.7 billion. The net selling in the current month continued to be led by U.S. residents, followed by Europeans. The gross value of trading declined slightly to \$1.7 billion in December 1990, its lowest level of the year. After October 1987, non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian stocks throughout 1988. They again became net buyers in 1989 before resuming net selling in 1990.

- Similarly, residents were net buyers of \$273 million of foreign stocks in December, the sixth consecutive monthly net investment and totalling \$1.5 billion for the period. The net investment in the current month was directed to both U.S. equities (\$157 million) and overseas stocks (\$116 million).

The December 1990 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15.80/\$158) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information in this release, contact D. Granger (613-951-1864), Balance of Payments Division.

### Foreign Securities

- Residents increased their holdings of foreign bonds, mainly U.S. government issues, by \$592 million in December, reversing three months of net selling totalling \$1.3 billion.

### Security Transactions with Non-residents

(Net sales to non-residents + /net purchases from non-residents -)

Period	Canadian Securities				Foreign securities			
	Bonds		Stocks	Total	Bonds	Stocks	Total	
	Outstanding bonds (net)	New issues <sup>1</sup>						Total
\$ millions								
1990								
July	1,190	779	1,969	-28	1,941	-200	-95	-295
August	547	332	879	-239	640	-65	-539	-603
September	687	122	810	-262	548	653	-369	284
October	780	1,502	2,282	-676	1,607	397	-19	378
November	654	1,904	2,558	-404	2,154	254	-211	43
December	217	-102	115	-211	-96	-592	-273	-865
Year								
1989	9,252	7,817	17,069	3,871	20,939	-1,556	-768	-2,324
1990	3,048	10,373	13,421	-1,723	11,698	-66	-1,084	-1,149

<sup>1</sup> Net of retirements.

## Apartment Construction Price Indexes (1986 = 100)

Fourth Quarter 1990

- The seven-city composite price index for new apartment construction in Canada continued its decline from the third quarter to 119.1 in the fourth quarter of 1990. This compares with 117.9 in the same period in 1989, an increase of 1.0%.
- Toronto prices, once again, recorded the largest decrease (-1.1%) and fell to an index level of 123.2. This is only marginally higher than 123.1 in the fourth quarter of 1989.
- Montreal and Halifax indexes also continued declining trends which commenced in the third quarter, falling 0.2% (to 116.3) and 0.1% (to 111.5), respectively.

- Calgary and Vancouver indexes showed virtually no change (119.3 and 120.0), although both cities still have price levels higher than one year ago (up 2.9% and 1.2% respectively).
- The largest increases in the fourth quarter occurred in Ottawa (0.6% to 125.8) and Edmonton (0.5% to 117.1).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2046.

**Note:** Prices for building construction work-in-place, commencing in the first quarter of 1991, will be collected excluding the Goods and Services Tax. Provincial sales taxes will be included as before.

The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Apartment Construction Prices Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1990  
(1986 = 100)

	Seven Cities and Canada Indexes							
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Canada
Quarterly Indexes								
1989								
Fourth Quarter	109.5	114.3	120.8	123.1	115.9	114.4	118.6	117.9
1990								
First Quarter	110.5	115.5	122.6	124.2	117.8	116.2	120.3	119.1
Second Quarter	112.3	117.7	124.2	126.7	118.7	116.8	121.0	121.2
Third Quarter	111.6	116.5	125.1	124.5	119.2	116.5	120.0	119.7
Fourth Quarter	111.5	116.3	125.8	123.2	119.3	117.1	120.0	119.1
Percentage Change								
Q.1 90/Q.4/89	0.9	1.0	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.0
Q.2 90/Q.1/90	1.6	1.9	1.3	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.8
Q.3 90/Q.2/90	-0.7	-1.0	0.7	-1.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-1.2
Q.4 90/Q.3/90	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-1.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.5
Q.4 90/Q.4 89	1.8	1.7	4.1	0.1	2.9	2.4	1.2	1.0

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### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

August 1990

In August 1990, a total of 70 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 106,753,020 fare passengers, an increase of 2.2% from the previous month. A comparison with the same period in 1989 showed a decrease of 0.5%.

Operating revenues totalled \$88,754,027, up 1.2% over July 1990 and up 6.1% over August 1989.

During the same period, 26 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,559,167 fare passengers, up 8.9% from the previous month but down 12.5% from the same month in 1989.

Earnings of these carriers totalled \$30,765,161, a 19.0% increase over the July 1990 operating revenues and an increase of 15.3% over August 1989.

**Note:** All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.**

The August 1990 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the second week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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**Construction Type Plywood, December 1990.**

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**Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Canada-United States Report, 1989.**

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