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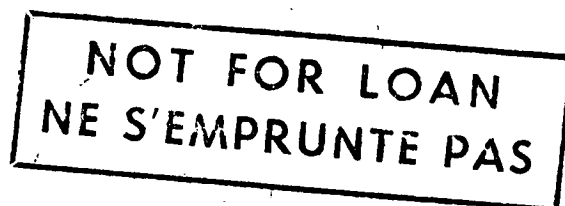
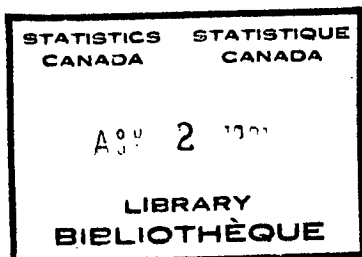
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Non-residential Building Construction Price Index (1986 = 100) Second Quarter 1991

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (excluding the Goods and Services Tax) for Canada fell 0.3% from the previous quarter to 121.4 in the second quarter of 1991. This marks the fourth consecutive quarterly decrease in the index.

All cities surveyed had decreases: Vancouver showed the largest quarterly decrease (-1.1%), followed by Calgary and Ottawa (-0.7%), Montreal (-0.4%), Edmonton (-0.3%), Halifax (-0.2%) and Toronto (-0.1%). In the case of Toronto, the marginal decline is in contrast to the previous quarter when it had the largest decrease.

On a year-over-year basis, prices dropped 4.8% from the second quarter of 1990. This is the largest year-over-year decline since the price index began in 1972.

Three of cities had significant reductions from a year earlier: Vancouver (-6.1%), Toronto (-5.6%) and Montreal (-4.6%). Halifax was in the middle with a 2.8% decrease while Calgary (-1.1%), Edmonton (-0.5%) and Ottawa (-0.4%) all had minor decreases.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2042 and 2043.

The second quarter 1991 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Non-residential Building Construction Price Indexes Second Quarter 1991 (1986 = 100)

	Seven Cities and Composite Indexes						
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver Composite
Quarterly Indexes							
1990							
Second Quarter	112.7	119.3	124.8	132.8	123.2	124.0	127.5
Third Quarter	112.4	118.0	125.7	130.5	123.2	123.7	125.8
Fourth Quarter	112.4	118.0	126.6	129.7	123.0	124.2	125.3
1991							
First Quarter	109.8	114.3	125.2	125.5	122.7	123.8	121.8
Second Quarter	109.6	113.8	124.3	125.4	121.9	123.4	121.4
Percentage Change							
Fourth Quarter/ Third Quarter 1990	0.0	0.0	0.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.4
First Quarter 1991/ Fourth Quarter 1990	-2.3	-3.1	-1.1	-3.2	-0.2	-0.3	-2.8
Second Quarter/ First Quarter 1991	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-0.3
Second Quarter 1991/ Second Quarter 1990	-2.8	-4.6	-0.4	-5.6	-1.1	-0.5	-4.8

Note: Effective January 1, 1991, the Goods and Services Tax is excluded but the Provincial Sales Tax is included (as before).

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Railway Carloadings

June 1991

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 20.4 million tonnes in June 1991, an increase of 2.7% from the June 1990 figure. The carriers received an additional 1.0 million tonnes from American connections.

Total loadings in Canada for the year to date showed a decrease of 2.3% from the same period in 1990, while receipts from United States connections decreased 3.5%.

All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The June 1991 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) will be released the third week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Railway Operating Statistics

April 1991

The seven major railways reported a combined net gain of \$56.9 million in April 1991. Operating revenues of \$635.5 million were up \$21.8 million (3.4%) from the April 1990 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were down 0.5%. Freight train-kilometres increased 5.0% while freight car-kilometres decreased by 1.4% compared to April 1990 figures.

All 1990 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The April 1991 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) will be released the second week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending July 27, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending July 27, 1991 totalled 200 600 tonnes, an increase of 9.1% from the preceding week's total of 183 824 tonnes, but down 21.0% from the year-earlier level of 254 057 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 7 278 268 tonnes, a decrease of 12.0% from 8 267 520 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

Canadian Mushroom Production

1990

Mushroom production in Canada in 1990 totalled 57,593 tons, compared to 57,541 tons the previous year. The value of the mushroom crop was \$153,348,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1407.

For further information, order *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/\$72), or contact Linda Brazeau (613-951-3873), Agriculture Division. ■

Railroad Rolling Stock Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the railroad rolling stock industry (SIC 3261) totalled \$1,568.8 million, up 44.9% from \$1,082.5 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5563.

Data for this industry will be released in *Transportation Equipment Industries* (42-251, \$35).

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

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Production of Selected Biscuits, January-June 1991.

Catalogue number 32-026

(Canada: \$6.75/\$13.50; United States: US\$8.10/US\$16.20; Other Countries: US\$9.45/US\$18.90).

Building Permits, Annual Summary 1990.

Catalogue number 64-203

(Canada: \$56.00; United States: US\$67.00; Other Countries: US\$78.00).

Canada's International Transactions in Securities, May 1991.

Catalogue number 67-002

(Canada: \$15.80/\$158.00; United States: US\$19.00/US\$190.00; Other Countries: US\$22.10/US\$221.00).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics, May 1991.

Catalogue number 73-001

(Canada: \$14.70/\$147.00; United States: US\$17.60/US\$176.00; Other Countries: US\$20.60/US\$206.00).

Culture Service Bulletin: Periodical Publishing, 1988-89 in an Historical Perspective, Vol. 14, No. 4.

Catalogue number 87-001

(Canada: \$4.90/\$49.00; United States: US\$5.90/US\$59.00; Other Countries: US\$6.90/US\$69.00).

Science Statistics Service Bulletin: The Provincial Distribution of R&D in Canada, 1979 to 1989, Vol. 15, No. 4.

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7	Help-wanted Index	July 1991
8	Estimates of Labour Income	May 1991
9	Labour Force Survey	July 1991
9	New Motor Vehicle Sales	June 1991
9	New Housing Price Index	June 1991
9	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	June 1991

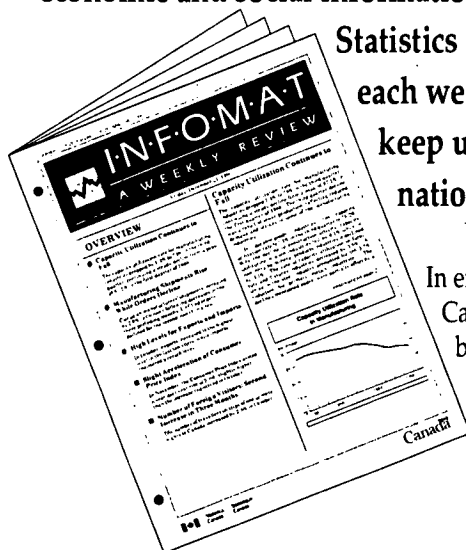


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