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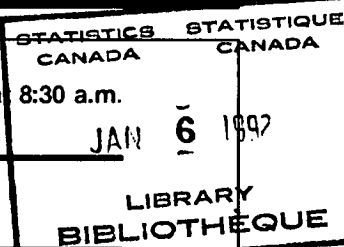
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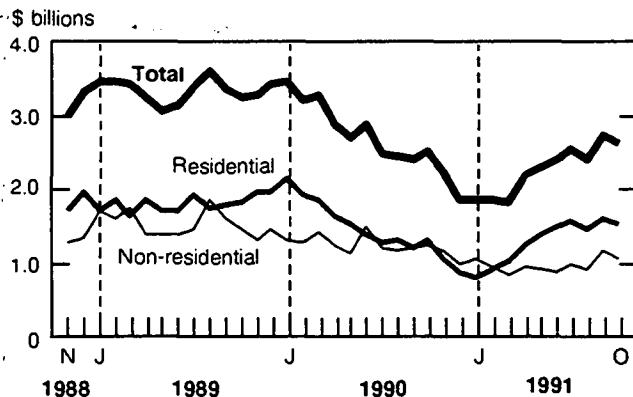
October 1991
(Seasonally Adjusted Data)

Summary

The preliminary value of building permits issued in Canada declined 4.3% in October to a level of \$2,611 million, down from the \$2,728 million issued in September. Declines were reported for both the residential and non-residential construction sectors.

Value of Building Permits Issued in Canada

Seasonally adjusted



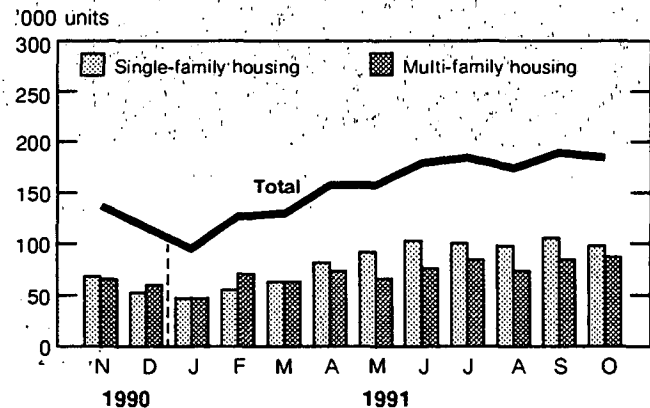
Note: Revised data for September, preliminary data for October.

Residential Sector

- The preliminary value of residential building permits fell to \$1,542 million in October, down 2.5% from \$1,582 million in September.
- The value of building permits in the single-family dwelling sector decreased by 8.6% to a level of \$1,038 million, while the multi-family dwelling sector showed an increase of 13.0% to \$504 million.
- British Columbia (+13.4%) and Ontario (+4.1%) were the only regions to report gains in the value of residential building permits in October. The

Dwelling Units Authorized in Canada

Seasonally adjusted at annual rates



Note: Revised data for September, preliminary data for October.

Quebec region recorded the largest decline with a 24.8% drop, thereby offsetting the increase made in the preceding month.

- The preliminary total number of dwelling units authorized in October was down 4.1% to 182,000 units at an annual rate. The number of single-detached dwellings decreased 9.2% to 96,000 units, while the number of multiple-dwelling units increased 2.2% to 86,000 units.

Advance Estimate of the Residential Sector for November 1991

- The advance estimate for November indicated that the value of residential building permits issued in Canada rose to \$1,815 million, up 16.9% from the revised value¹ for October (\$1,553 million).
- The advance estimate of dwelling units authorized in November showed an increase of 12.6% to 206,000 units at an annual rate, from the revised level of 183,000 units reported in October.

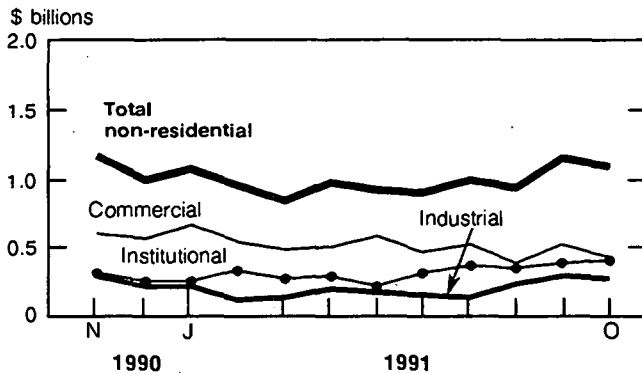
¹ The addition of data due to the advance estimate for November results in the revision of seasonally adjusted figures for previous months (including October).

Non-residential Sector

- The preliminary value of non-residential building permits declined 6.8% in October to the level of \$1,069 million, down from \$1,146 million in September.
- The value of building permits fell 16.4% in the commercial sector (to \$420 million) and 6.8% in the industrial sector (to \$251 million). The Atlantic region was entirely responsible for the 6.2% increase (to \$398 million) recorded in the institutional sector.
- The Atlantic region (+59.5%) and Quebec (+9.4%) were the only regions to report increases in the value of non-residential building permits in October.

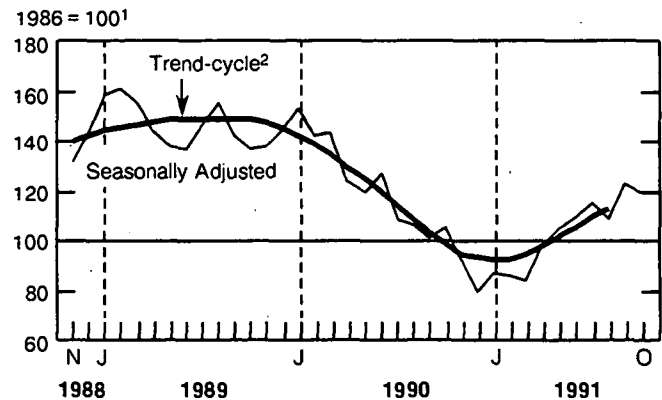
Value of Non-residential Permits Issued in Canada

Seasonally adjusted



Note: Revised data for September, preliminary data for October.

Building Permits Indices



¹ This series is deflated by using the construction input price index which includes cost of material and labor.

² The trend-cycle shows the seasonally-adjusted value of building permits without irregular influences which can obscure the short-term trend. In order to reduce the number of false signals in the construction activity series, the trend-cycle is published with a two-month lag.

Short-term Trend

- The short-term trend (excluding engineering projects) increased 3.4% in August (to 112.4). This increase pushed the short-term trend to its highest level since July 1990.
- The trend index of residential permits was up 4.6% in August (to 120.0), while the non-residential trend index gained 1.3% (to 102.0).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3-7, 16-22), 129, 137, 443, 989-992, 994, 995 and 4073.

The October issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$22/\$220) is scheduled for release the second week of January.

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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Electric Power Statistics

October 1991

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in October 1991 increased to 40 201 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 4.7% from the corresponding month last year. Exports increased 28.2% to 2 963 GWh, while imports decreased from 1 016 GWh to 412 GWh.
- Year-to-date figures for 1991 show net generation at 399 944 GWh, up 5.7% over the previous year's period. Exports were up 37.5% (to 20 287 GWh), while imports were down 66.4% (to 5 421 GWh).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The October 1991 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations 1990

Highlights

- Total road motor vehicle registrations of 17.0 million for the 1990 licence year were reported by Canada's provincial and territorial governments. This was an increase of 1.6% over the 16.7 million registrations reported for 1989.
- Passenger automobile registrations, the largest component of the total registrations (75.1%), were 12.8 million in 1990, an increase of 1.7% over the 1989 revised total of 12.5 million.
- Truck and truck-tractor registrations totalled 3.8 million (22.2%). The remaining registrations (2.7%) consisted of buses, motorcycles, mopeds, etc.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 356, 359, 360, 363, 364, 367, 368, 371, 372, 375, 376, 379 and 380.

The 1990 issue of *Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations* (53-219, \$17) will be available at the end of January.

For further information on this release, contact Yasmin Sheikh (613-951-2518), Transportation Division. ■

Grain Marketing Situation Report

November 1991

This report, now available, presents up-to-date information on the Canadian and world grain supply and market situation.

For further detailed information on this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division. ■

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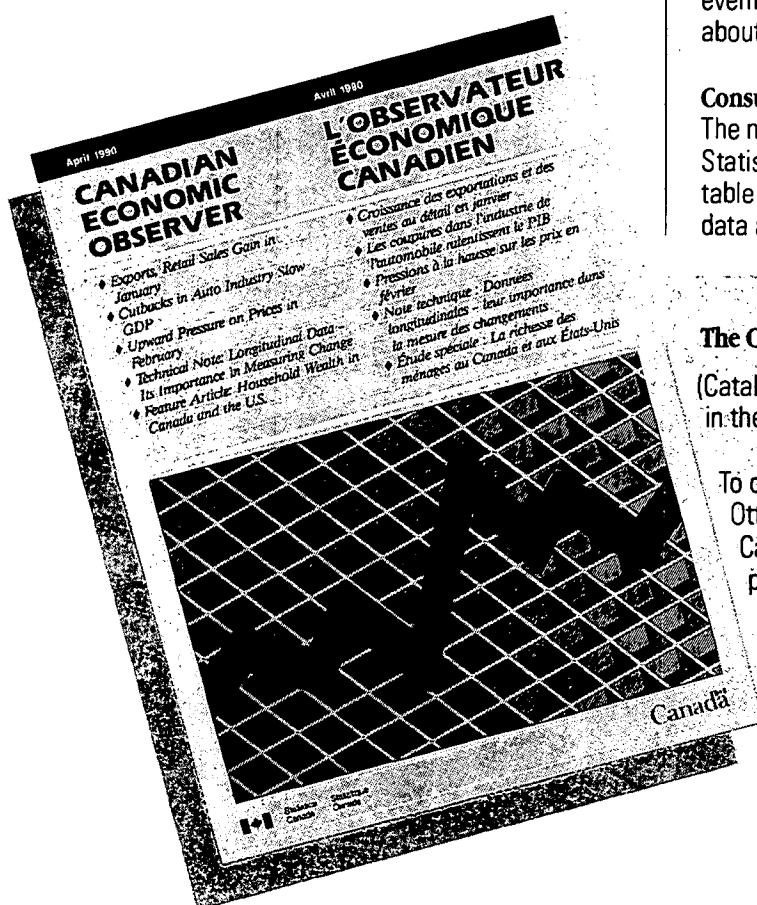
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