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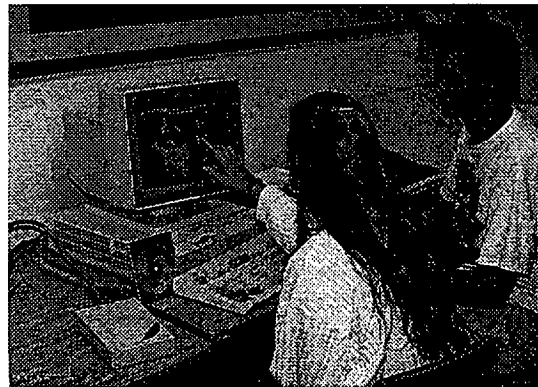
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Sales of Natural Gas

August 1992 (Preliminary Data)

Highlights

- Sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada during August 1992 totalled 2 944 million cubic metres, a 9.0% increase over the August 1991 level.
- On the basis of rate structure information, sales in August 1992 were as follows (the percentage changes over August 1991 are in brackets): residential sales, 398 million cubic metres (+18.8%); commercial sales, 319 million cubic metres (+7.1%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 228 million cubic metres (+7.8%).
- Weather has a significant impact on residential sales of natural gas. The increase in residential sales in August 1992 was primarily due to colder

than normal weather conditions throughout most of Canada. Stronger industrial demand also contributed to the overall increase.

- From January to August 1992, sales of natural gas amounted to 36 480 million cubic metres, a 2.7% increase over the same period in 1991.
- On the basis of rate structure information, year-to-date sales were as follows (the percentage changes over 1991 are in brackets): residential sales, 9 126 million cubic metres (+2.2%); commercial sales, 7 335 million cubic metres (-0.5%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 20 019 million cubic metres (+4.1%).

The August 1992 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Natural Gas - Preliminary Data

August 1992

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
Quebec	13 330	40 098	250 657	2 151	306 236
Ontario	181 085	122 534	505 181	164 408	973 208
Manitoba	13 802	12 002	32 116	572	58 492
Saskatchewan	32 131	14 388	2 033	175 913	224 465
Alberta	106 166	83 198	832 379	-	1 021 743
British Columbia	51 026	46 347	110 496	152 439	360 308
August 1992 - Canada	397 540	318 567	1 732 862	495 483	2 944 452
August 1991 - Canada	334 768	297 560	1 714 586	353 463	2 700 377
% change	18.8	7.1	7.8		9.0
Year-to-date Canada 1992	9 125 978	7 335 018	16 160 938	3 857 627	36 479 561
Year-to-date Canada 1991	8 928 129	7 374 500	16 224 363	2 999 344	35 526 336
% change	2.2	-0.5	4.1		2.7

Degree Days ¹	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
August 1992	27	16	70	103	118	23
August 1991	11	0	13	9	27	30

¹ A unit measuring the extent to which the outdoor mean temperature (the average of the maximum and minimum) falls below 18 degrees celsius. One degree day is counted for each degree of deficiency below 18 degrees celsius for each calendar day. A higher value indicates a colder month and a lower value a warmer month.

- Nil or zero.

Note: Revised figures will be available in *Gas Utilities* (55-002) and on CANSIM.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oil Pipeline Transport

July 1992

Highlights

- In July, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased 4.5% from the same period last year to 15 035 996 cubic metres (m³). Year-to-date receipts in July 1992, at 102 622 418 m³, were up 3.2% from 1991.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil in July increased 32.2% compared to July 1991 and pipeline imports rose 21.2% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1992 were up 8.7% from 1991 levels, while imports were up 9.9%.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries in July declined 0.7% from 1991, while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 4.2%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The July 1992 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of October. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact G. O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Railway Operating Statistics

July 1992

The seven major railways in Canada reported a combined net loss of \$14.9 million in July 1992. Operating revenues of \$565.7 million were down \$16.8 million or 2.9% from the July 1991 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres in July were up 0.5% from July 1991. Freight train-kilometres decreased 0.4%, while freight car-kilometres decreased by 0.9% for the same period.

All 1991 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The July 1992 issue of the *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) is to be released at a later date.

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

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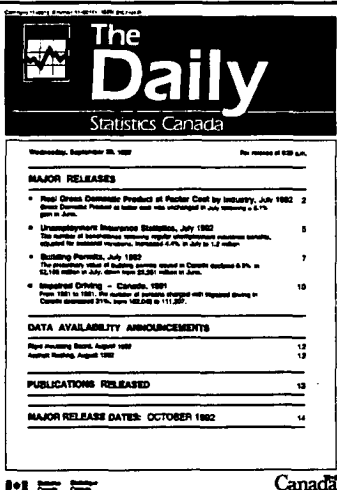
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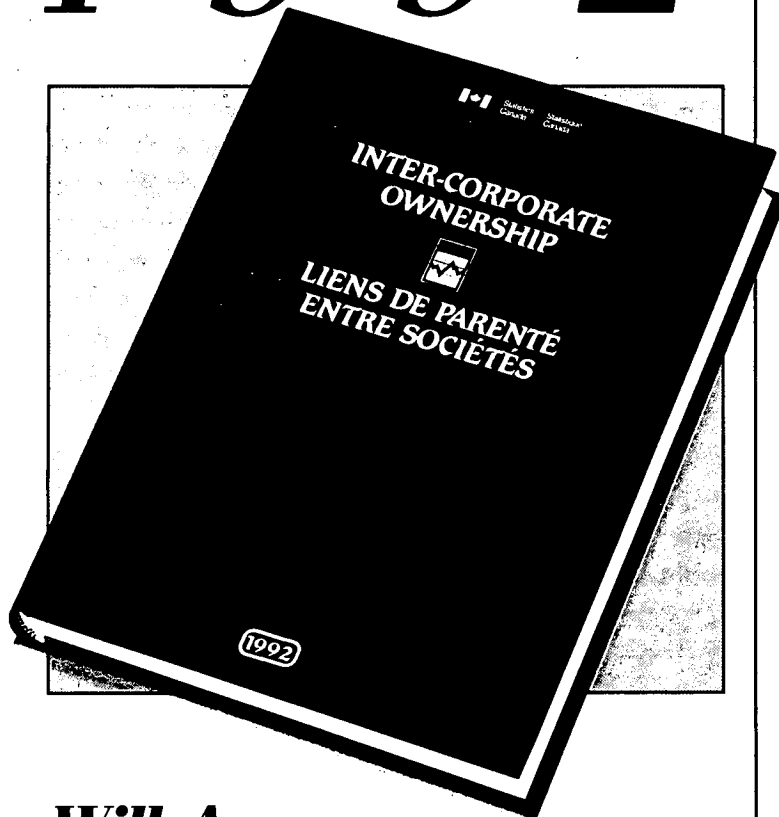
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