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## MAJOR RELEASES

## Non-resident Net Transactions in Canadian Securities



1 Canadian securities comprise Canadian bonds, stocks and money market paper.

## Canada's International Transactions in Securities

September 1992

## Canadian Securltles

In September 1992, non-residents further reduced their holdings of Canadian securities by $\$ 0.3$ billion, but at a sharply lower pace than the record $\$ 4.7$ billion net sell-off in August. Compared to the previous month, non-residents again redeemed their money market instruments ( $\$ 2.7$ billion) but resumed their net investment in bonds ( $\$ 2.3$ bilion), mostly net new issues. At the same time, Canadian investors reduced their holdings of foreign securities by $\$ 0.6$ billion, only the second significant net disinvestment in recent years.

The net sell-off of Canadian money market paper, which was a record, comprised $\$ 2.3$ billion of Government of Canada treasury bills and $\$ 0.4$ billion widely spread among other short-term paper. Geographically, the net disinvestment came largely from European Community countries and the United States. Total gross trading soared by $\$ 6$ billion to a record $\$ 42$ billion, largely concentrated in Government of Canada treasury bills. Non-resident holdings at the end of September stood at $\$ 33$ billion.

The $\$ 2.3$ billion net foreign investment in Canadian bonds went almost exclusively into net new issues. New issues of $\$ 3.1$ billion were partially offset by retirements of $\$ 0.9$ billion, the lowest level of retirements in a year. Foreign investment in the secondary Canadian bond market was negligible at $\$ 0.2$ billion in contrast to the massive $\$ 4.1$ billion net sell-off in August.

Non-resident Net Transactions in Canadian Money Market Paper


Non-resident Net Transactions in Canadian Bonds


[^0]The foreign investment in Canadian new issues went largely into domestically-issued Government of Canada bonds ( $\$ 1.8$ billion), followed by issues raised in foreign markets by Canadian corporations ( $\$ 0.8$ billion) and the provinces ( $\$ 0.4$ billion). After retirements, the net new bond foreign financing of $\$ 2.2$ billion was chiefly in issues of the federal government (59\%) and corporations (34\%). The provinces and their enterprises were absent for the second consecutive month, in stark contrast with earlier months of 1992 when they dominated net new foreign financing. Of the total $\$ 3.1$ billion gross new issues in September, two-thirds were raised in Canadian dollars and one-third in U.S. dollars. For the year-to-date, $90 \%$ of Canadian borrowings from non-residents have been roughly split between Canadian and U.S. currencies with some $10 \%$ denominated in other foreign currencies. In September, Canadian interest rates rose sharply against their U.S. counterparts, increasing the differentials in favour of Canada; it should be noted, however, that most new September issues were negotiated at terms prevailing prior to the sharp rise in Canadian interest rates.

In the secondary Canadian bond market, the modest net foreign investment of $\$ 0.2$ billion in September was made up of a net $\$ 0.6$ billion in federal issues, offset by a net sell-off of $\$ 0.4$ billion of provincial and provincial enterprise issues. Net buying in September by U.S. investors ( $\$ 0.8$ billion) and Japanese investors ( $\$ 0.1$ billion) outweighed the net selling by European ( $\$ 0.4$ billion) and other overseas ( $\$ 0.3$ billion) investors. Non-resident gross trading activity in the Canadian secondary market, at $\$ 49$ billion, was above average for the third consecutive month.

## Canadian Stocks

Non-residents were net sellers of $\$ 20$ million of Canadian stocks in September following a similar small net disinvestment in August. In September, U.S investors acquired a net $\$ 70$ million of Canadian equities, whereas European and other foreign investors sold a net $\$ 90$ million. After sinking to a yearly low in August, the gross value of trading with non-residents rebounded by $\$ 0.4$ billion to $\$ 2.2$ billion in September. Canadian stock prices, as measured by the TSE 300, registered a $3.1 \%$ decline in September, the second largest decline in 1992 after the $4.7 \%$ drop in March.

## Foreign Securities

In September, Canadian residents reduced their holdings of foreign securities by $\$ 0.6$ billion, the first significant net reduction since October 1991. A net disinvestment of $\$ 0.8$ billion of foreign bonds in September was partially offset by a net purchase of $\$ 0.2$ billion of foreign equities. Resident net investment in foreign equities, which totalled $\$ 3.8$ billion for the first nine months of this year, continued to favour U.S. over other foreign equities by a two-toone margin.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 2330.

The September issue of Canada's International Transactions in Securities (67-002, \$15.80/\$158) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".
For further information in this release, contact Don Granger (613-951-1864), Balance of Payments

Canada's International Transactions in Securities

| Period | Canadian Securities |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foreign Securities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bonds |  |  |  | Money market paper (net) | Stocks (net) | Total Canadian securities | Bonds (net) | Stocks (net) | Total toreign securitles |
|  | Outstanding bonds (net) | $\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { issues } \end{gathered}$ | Retirements | Total bonds |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\$ millions
January to September

| 1991 | -832 | 32,455 | -13,171 | 18,451 | 2,205 | -898 | 19,758 | -1,682 | -3,918 | -5,601 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1992 | -759 | 32,724 | -16,730 | 15,236 | 2,386 | 177 | 17,798 | -1,276 | -3,805 | -5,080 |
| 1991 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | -88 | 3,451 | -531 | 2,832 | -428 | -417 | 1,988 | 265 | -277 | -11 |
| February | 670 | 5,208 | -1,297 | 4,581 | -1,794 | -450 | 2,336 | -439 | -397 | -836 |
| March | -1,466 | 4,373 | -2,378 | 529 | 76 | -143 | 462 | -29 | -80 | -109 |
| April | 692 | 3,925 | -1,145 | 3,471 | -493 | -123 | 2,855 | -603 | -490 | -1,093 |
| May | -198 | 2,893 | -731 | 1,964 | -790 | -236 | 938 | -371 | . 743 | -1,114 |
| June | -2,374 | 3,529 | -1,146 | 8 | 2,341 | 10 | 2,359 | 70 | -1,099 | -1,028 |
| July | -98 | 2,620 | -2,172 | 350 | 405 | 186 | 941 | -491 | 117 | -374 |
| August | 1,080 | 2,898 | -917 | 3,060 | 1,751 | 121 | 4,933 | 430 | -577 | -147 |
| September | 976 | 3,558 | -2,852 | 1,681 | 1,135 | 148 | 2,964 | -540 | -131 | -671 |
| October | 654 | 6,742 | -930 | 6,467 | -608 | -60 | 5,799 | 1,102 | -522 | 580 |
| November | -579 | 4,385 | -1,974 | 1,833 | 1,356 | -65 | 3,124 | -256 | -803 | -1,059 |
| December | 1,394 | 1,817 | -4,151 | -940 | 1,477 | 23 | 560 | -291 | -445 | -737 |
| 1992 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | -1,190 | 3,356 | -1,086 | 1,079 | -199 | 1 | 881 | -392 | -610 | -1,002 |
| February | -897 | 3,079 | -1,553 | 628 | 2,245 | 163 | 3,036 | 169 | -608 | . 439 |
| March | 283 | 1,737 | -2,270 | -250 | 2,730 | 101 | 2,581 | -708 | -727 | -1,435 |
| April | 1,778 | 2,254 | -1,099 | 2,933 | 1,630 | 13 | 4,576 | -165 | -560 | -725 |
| May | 1,470 | 3,889 | -1,666 | 3,693 | -1,665 | -27 | 2,001 | -454 | -392 | -847 |
| June | -200 | 7,398 | -4,279 | 2,918 | 1,604 | 76 | 4,598 | -755 | -187 | -943 |
| July | 1,937 | 5,511 | -2,253 | 5,194 | 100 | -160 | 5,134 | 321 | -272 | 48 |
| August | -4,121 | 2,408 | -1,599 | -3,311 | $\cdot 1,404$ | -19 | -4,735 | -65 | -47 | -112 |
| September | 173 | 3,094 | -924 | 2,342 | -2,655 | -20 | -332 | 777 | -215 | 561 |

Note: A minus sign indicates the purchase of securities from non-residents, i.e., an outflow of capital from Canada.

## Wholesale Trade

September 1992

## Highlights

## Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales fell $0.2 \%$ to $\$ 16.0$ billion in September, ending six consecutive months of growth.
- Five of the nine trade groups registered decreases in sales but four showed growth. The most significant decline, based on dollar impact, was recorded by wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies ( $-1.1 \%$ ). This ended four consecutive months of sales growth for the group. Other declines were recorded by merchants of other products (farm and paper products, agricultural supplies, industrial and household chemicals, etc.), down $0.9 \%$, and of food, beverage, drug and tobacco products ( $-0.4 \%$ ). The largest increase was reported by wholesalers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating supplies ( $+3.5 \%$ ).
- Six regions registered declines in sales but five recorded increases. The largest declines were recorded by wholesalers in Ontario $(-0.3 \%)$, British Columbia ( $-0.7 \%$ ) and Quebec ( $-0.3 \%$ ).


## Note to Users

Wholesalers interact with various sectors of the economy, both in buying and selling goods. More specifically, wholesalers purchase through a network of importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers. They sell to other wholesalers, retailers, household consumers, industrial and commercial users, and to foreign markets.

## Seasonally Adjusted Inventories

- In September, wholesale merchants' inventories were $\$ 24.8$ billion, up $0.4 \%$ from August.
- The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of September rose to $1.55: 1$ from 1.54:1 in August, based on revised figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 649 (sales, seasonally adjusted), 648 (sales, not seasonally adjusted), 61 (inventories, seasonally adjusted) and 59 (inventories, not seasonally adjusted).

The September issue of Wholesale Trade ( $63-008, \$ 14.40 / \$ 144$ ) will be available the second week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Mary Beth Lozinski (613-951-9683) or Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales


Wholesale Merchants' Inventories


The short-term trend represents a weighted average of data.
2 Prior to 1991, data included the Federal Sales Tax. Its successor, the Goods and Services Tax, is not included in the 1991 and later data.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales, by Trade Group and Region
September 1992


Wholesale Merchants' Inventories, by Trade Group
September 1992

| Trade group | Unadjusted |  |  |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. 1991 | Aug. $1992{ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 1992^{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 1992 / \\ 1991 \end{gathered}$ | Sept. 1991 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1992^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 1992^{r} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1992^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1992p } \end{aligned}$ | Sept./ Aug. 1992 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } \\ 1992 / \\ 1991 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | millions of \$ |  |  | \% | millions of \$ |  |  |  |  | \% | \% |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products | 2,844 | 3,080 | 3,149 | 10.7 | 2,802 | 3,029 | 3,044 | 3,036 | 3,071 | 1.1 | 9.6 |
| Apparel and dry goods | 762 | 907 | 874 | 14.7 | 770 | 865 | 851 | 862 | 890 | 3.2 | 15.6 |
| Household goods | 1,136 | 1,242 | 1,227 | 8.0 | 1,136 | 1,181 | 1,216 | 1,242 | 1,227 | -1.2 | 8.0 |
| Motor vehicles, parts and accessories | 3,394 | 3,520 | 3,553 | 4.7 | 3,387 | 3,626 | 3,512 | 3,612 | 3,572 | -1.1 | 5.5 |
| Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies | 1,935 | 2,173 | 2,168 | 12.0 | 1,944 | 2,125 | 2,090 | 2,133 | 2,176 | 2.0 | 11.9 |
| Lumber and building materials | 2,209 | 2,401 | 2,347 | 6.2 | 2,239 | 2,439 | 2,441 | 2,393 | 2,394 | 0.1 | 6.9 |
| Farm machinery, equipment and supplies | 1,303 | 1,347 | 1,269 | -2.6 | 1,341 | 1,414 | 1,382 | 1,369 | 1,329 | -2.9 | -0.9 |
| Other machinery, equipment and supplies | 6,975 | 7,097 | 7,052 | 1.1 | 6,963 | 7,048 | 7,066 | 7,040 | 7,077 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Other products | 3,007 | 3,050 | 3,091 | 2.8 | 3,018 | 3,060 | 3,073 | 3,058 | 3,098 | 1.3 | 2.6 |
| Total, all trades | 23,565 | 24,816 | 24,728 | 4.9 | 23,600 | 24,788 | 24,676 | 24,744 | 24,834 | 0.4 | 5.2 |

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

## September 1992

## Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ended September 19, 1992, the number of beneficiaries ${ }^{1}$ who received regular unemployment insurance benefits was estimated at $1,176,000$, practically unchanged from August.

- Between August and September 1992, the number of beneficiaries who received regular benefits increased $3.9 \%$ in the Yukon, $1.9 \%$ in Ontario and $1.1 \%$ in Quebec. Decreases were observed in the Northwest Territories $(-3.6 \%)$, Newfoundland ( $-3.3 \%$ ), British Columbia ( $-1.9 \%$ ) and Prince Edward Island ( $-1.1 \%$ ). The other provinces had changes of less than $1 \%$.


## Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In September 1992, the estimated number of beneficiaries ${ }^{1}$ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) was 1,145,000, up 2.9\% from September 1991. Over the same 12-month period, the number of male beneficiaries increased $3.3 \%$ to 590,000 and the number of female beneficiaries increased $2.6 \%$ to 555,000 .
- In the following census metropolitan areas, the year-over-year percentage change in the number of beneficiaries exceeded $10 \%$ :

|  | Beneficiaries <br> September <br> 1992 | \% Change <br> September <br> $1992 / 1991$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Thunder Bay | 5,020 | $24 \%$ |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 14,910 | $21 \%$ |
| Sudbury | 6,490 | $18 \%$ |
| Quebec | 28,910 | $16 \%$ |
| Trois-Rivières | 7,980 | $14 \%$ |
| Calgary | 27,050 | $14 \%$ |
| Sherbrooke | 7,240 | $12 \%$ |
| Toronto | 138,790 | $11 \%$ |
| Hamilton | 21,020 | $11 \%$ |

- In September 1992, total disbursements for unemployment insurance benefits ${ }^{2,3}$ were $\$ 1.4$ billion, up 16.9\% from September 1991. Between January and September 1992, a total of $\$ 14.9$ billion was disbursed, a $9.5 \%$ increase from the same period last year. Year-over-year, for the same nine-month period, the average weekly payment increased $4.8 \%$ to $\$ 254.12$ and the number of benefit weeks advanced $2.9 \%$ to 57.4 million.
- A total of 307,000 claims $^{2}$ (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in September 1992, up $11.1 \%$ from September 1991. From January to September 1992, a total of $2,686,000$ claims were received, down slightly $(0.9 \%)$ compared to the year-earlier period.

1 The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

2 Benefit payments, number of benefit weeks and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month. These data are usually final estimates when released. Note that these estimates are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. If short-term comparisons are made, it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

3 Since February 1991, the unemployment insurance disbursements shown include monies paid to schools and colleges to train beneficiaries.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735-5736.

The September 1992 issue of Unemployment Insurance Statistics (73-001, \$14.70/\$147) will contain data for July, August and September 1992 and will be
available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, call Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

| Seasonally adjusted data Regular Benefits | September 1992 | August 1992 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 1992 \end{array}$ | September 1991 | \% change Sept. 1992/ Aug. 1992 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beneficiaries (000) | 1,176p | 1,179p | 1,187 ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | 1,130 | -0.3 |
| Amount paid ( $\$ 000$ ) Weeks of benefits (000) | $\begin{array}{r} 1,335,622 \\ 5,206 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,332,780 \\ 5,209 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,300,156 \\ 5,107 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,274,221 \\ 5,143 \end{array}$ | 0.2 -0.1 |
| Unadjusted data | $\begin{array}{r} \text { September } \\ 1992 \end{array}$ | August 1992 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 1992 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { September } \\ 1991 \end{array}$ | \% change Sept. 1992/ Sept. 1991 |
| Beneficiaries (000) - All <br> Beneficiaries (000) - Regular | $\begin{array}{r} 1,145^{p} \\ 943^{p} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,282 p \\ & 1,087^{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,307^{r} \\ & 1,106^{r} \end{aligned}$ | 1,112 916 | 2.9 2.9 |
| Claims received (000) | 307 | 237 | - 323 | 276 | 11.1 |
| Amount paid (\$000) Weeks of benefits (000) Average weekly benefit (\$) | $\begin{array}{r} 1,411,818 \\ 5,483 \\ 252.01 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,449,948 \\ 5,664 \\ 251.74 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,438,442 \\ 5,624 \\ 249.37 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,207,706 \\ 4,901 \\ 241.98 \end{array}$ | 16.9 11.9 4.1 |
| Year-to-date | January to September |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% change } \\ 1992 / 1991 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1992 |  | 1991 |  |  |
| Beneficiaries - Average (000) | 1,415p |  | 1,403 |  | 0.9 |
| Claims received (000) | 2,686 |  | 2,711 |  | -0.9 |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 14,922,049 |  | 13,622,261 |  | 9.5 |
| Weeks of benefits (000) | 57,368 |  | 55,726 |  | 2.9 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 254.12 |  | 242.56 |  | 4.8 |

p Preliminary figures.
$r$ Revised figures.
All beneficiaries" includes all claimants who receive regular benefits (e.g., because of lay-off or a voluntary quit) or special benefits (e.g., in case of sickness).

## Department Store Sales and Stocks

September 1992

## Highlights

## Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales (including concessions) totalled $\$ 1,081$ million in September 1992, a decrease of $1.8 \%$ from the previous month's total (revised) of $\$ 1,101$ million.
- The $1.8 \%$ sales decrease in September followed two consecutive monthly increases.
- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled $\$ 4,987$ million at the end of September, a decrease of $1.4 \%$ from the August 1992 value (revised) of $\$ 5,057$ million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 112 (series 5-6) and 113.

The September 1992 issue of Department Store Sales and Stocks (63-002, $\$ 14.40 / \$ 144$ ) will be available in January 1993.

For further information, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Department Store Sales (including concessions), Canada

|  | Unadjusted |  |  | Seasonally Adjusted |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September 1991 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { August } \\ & 1992 \end{aligned}$ | September 1992 | September 1991 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1992 \mathrm{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { July } \\ 1992^{r} \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | August 1992r | September $1992^{p}$ |
|  | millions of \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Sales | 1,002 | 1,040 | 1,046 | 1,066 | 1,072 | 1,098 | 1,101 | 1,081 |
| Total Stocks | 5,484 | 4,983 | 5,316 | 5,111 | 5,171 | 5,138 | 5,057 | 4,987 |
| Stock to Sales Ratio | 5.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 |

[^1]r Revised figure.

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Postcensal Estimates of Census

 Families, Canada, Provinces and TerritoriesJune 1, 1992
Note: These estimates are still based on 1986 Census counts.

The preliminary postcensal estimates of the number of census families in Canada, the provinces and territories on June 1, 1992 are now available and are presented in the accompanying table along with the estimates for June 1, 1991 and 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6513 (total number of census familles).

The postcensal estimates of the total number of census families and of their characteristics for Canada, the provinces and the territories as of June 1, 1992 are now available and will be published in Postcensal Estimates of Families for Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1992 (91-204, \$17).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division

Number of Census Famllies and Growth Rates, Canada, Provinces and Territories June 1, 1992, 1991 and 1990

| Region | Number (thousands) |  |  | Growth Rate (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1992pp | 1991 pr | 1990pd | 1991-92 | 1990-91 |
| Canada | 7,234.9 | 7,148.3 | 7,048.8 | 1.20 | 1.40 |
| Newfoundland | 154.3 | 152.0 | 149.7 | 1.49 | 1.57 |
| Prince Edward Island | 34.8 | 34.6 | 34.3 | 0.51 | 0.89 |
| Nova Scotia | 243.9 | 241.7 | 239.4 | 0.91 | 0.95 |
| New Brunswick | 199.2 | 197.6 | 195.2 | 0.81 | 1.25 |
| Quebec | 1,854.6 | 1,839.5 | 1,820.8 | 0.82 | 1.02 |
| Ontario | 2,668.5 | 2,631.9 | 2,592.0 | 1.38 | 1.53 |
| Manitoba | 280.7 | 281.0 | 280.4 | -0.10 | 0.22 |
| Saskatchewan | 250.9 | 251.9 | 253.9 | -0.38 | -0.81 |
| Alberta | 664.6 | 654.2 | 640.8 | 1.57 | 2.07 |
| British Columbia | 862.4 | 843.6 | 823.0 | 2.20 | 2.48 |
| Yukon | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 5.51 | 4.31 |
| Northwest Territories | 13.2 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 3.62 | 3.08 |

[^2]
## Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending November 14, 1992

## Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 4.3 million tonnes, a decrease of $11.8 \%$ from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased $3.0 \%$ from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased $4.5 \%$ during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of November 14, 1992 decreased $4.5 \%$ from the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

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

## Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics <br> 1990

Preliminary data from the 1990 intercity and Passenger Bus Survey, covering the activities of carriers with annual revenues of $\$ 500,000$ and more, are now available.

## Highlights

- In 1990, a total of 23 intercity passenger bus carriers with revenues of $\$ 500,000$ and more had total operating revenues of $\$ 404.2$ million and total operating expenses of $\$ 385.6$ million. In 1989, the 23 carriers earned revenues of $\$ 362.0$ million and spent $\$ 346.4$ million in operating expenses. Therefore, the profit margin of the industry (before tax) increased from 4.3\% in 1989 to $4.6 \%$ in 1990.
- In 1990, a total of 294 school bus carriers with revenues greater than $\$ 500,000$ generated total operating revenues of $\$ 676.4$ million and total operating expenses of $\$ 632.6$ million. In 1989, a
total of 308 carriers earned $9.1 \%$ more revenue than in 1990, while spending only $5.8 \%$ more in operating expenses.
- A total of 62 other bus transportation carriers (excluding urban transit carriers) had total operating revenues of $\$ 167.8$ million and total operating expenses of $\$ 162.6$ million in 1990. The industry was very similar in 1989, when 61 carriers earned $\$ 171.6$ million in operating revenue and spent $\$ 161.4$ million in operating expenses.

The data will be published in Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics, 1990 (53-215, \$36), which will be available in December.

For further information concerning this release, please contact Dan Calof (613-951-2519), Transportation Division.

## Shipments of Office Furniture Products

Third Quarter 1992
For the quarter ended September 30, 1992, shipments of office furniture products totalled $\$ 176.4$ million, an increase of $2.2 \%$ compared to $\$ 172.6 r$ (revised) million shipped during the year-earlier quarter.

Data on manufacturers' shipments of office furniture products for the third quarter of 1992 are now available. Data for the province of destination as well as exports data are also available.

The September 1992 issue of Shipments of Office Furniture Products (35-006, \$6.75/\$27) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division.

## Gypsum Products

October 1992
Manufacturers shipped 20308 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in October 1992, up $0.8 \%$ from the 20155 thousand square metres shipped in October 1991 but down 12.5\% from the 23202 thousand square metres shipped in September 1992.

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