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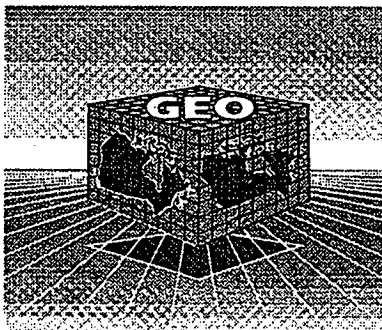
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## MAJOR RELEASES

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- **Wholesale Trade, October 1992**  
Wholesale merchants' sales in October rose to \$16.3 billion, up 1.2% from September. 3
- **Department Store Sales and Stocks, October 1992**  
Seasonally adjusted, department store sales totalled \$1,084 million in October, a 0.2% increase from September 1992. 6

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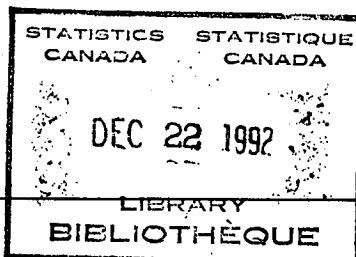


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The *Complete Online Guide to Geography* (COGG) is an interactive, hypertext document created as a Windows application. An integrated learning program, it uses text, maps and graphics to introduce users to the geographical concepts that are fundamental to the activities of the Geography Division at Statistics Canada.

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### Trends and Highlights of Canadian Agriculture and its People



### Trends and Highlights of Canadian Agriculture and its People

1991 Census of Agriculture and 1991 Census of Population

This new publication features highlights of key agricultural and socio-economic data from the 1991 Census of Agriculture and the 1991 Census of Population. It discusses emerging trends in the agricultural sector and the people involved in Canadian agriculture. The analysis often uses data from earlier censuses, in order to put the 1991 data in context, and is supplemented throughout by many tables and graphs.

Purchasers of this publication will automatically receive a second part when it is released in October 1993. The second part (96-303SE) will present data on education level and area of study, income by source, and occupations of farm operators and their families.

*Trends and Highlights of Canadian Agriculture and its People* (96-303E, \$29) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, call Lynda Kemp (613-951-8711 or toll-free in Canada 1-800-465-1991), User Services Unit, Agriculture Division, or contact any Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

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### Wholesale Trade

October 1992

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales rose 1.2% to \$16.3 billion in October. After a 0.1% decline in September, based on revised estimates, sales resumed the growth evident since March.
- Eight of the nine trade groups registered increases in sales while one showed a decrease. The most significant gain, based on dollar impact, was by wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies (+2.2%). Sales of this group continued to expand, growing in five of the past six months. Other significant increases were recorded by merchants of food, beverage, drug and tobacco products (+1.3%) and distributors of other products (farm and paper products, agricultural supplies, industrial and household chemicals, etc.), up 2.2%. The only decline was reported by wholesalers of motor vehicles, parts and accessories, down 2.1%.
- Regionally, in terms of dollar impact, Ontario registered the greatest increase in sales, up 1.5% from September. Other notable increases were in Quebec (+1.3%) and British Columbia (+1.8%). Wholesale merchants in Saskatchewan registered a decline of 2.6%.

#### 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

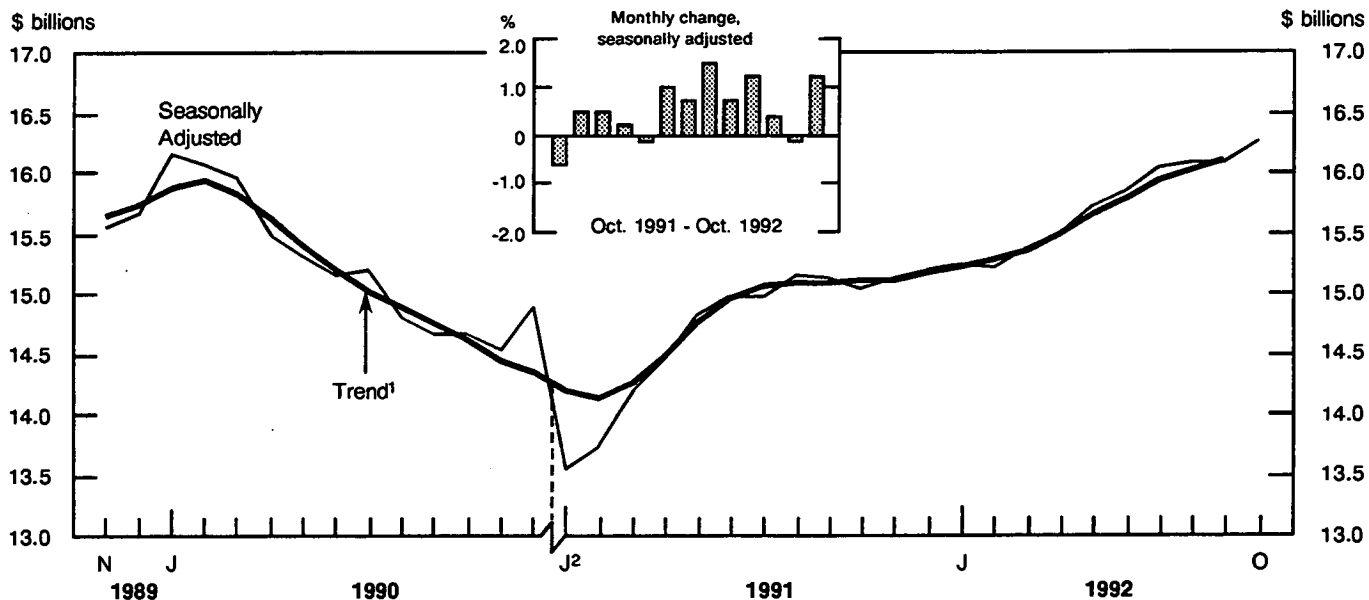
- In October, wholesale merchants' inventories were \$25.1 billion, up 0.9% from September.
- The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of October fell to 1.54:1 from 1.55:1 in September.

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

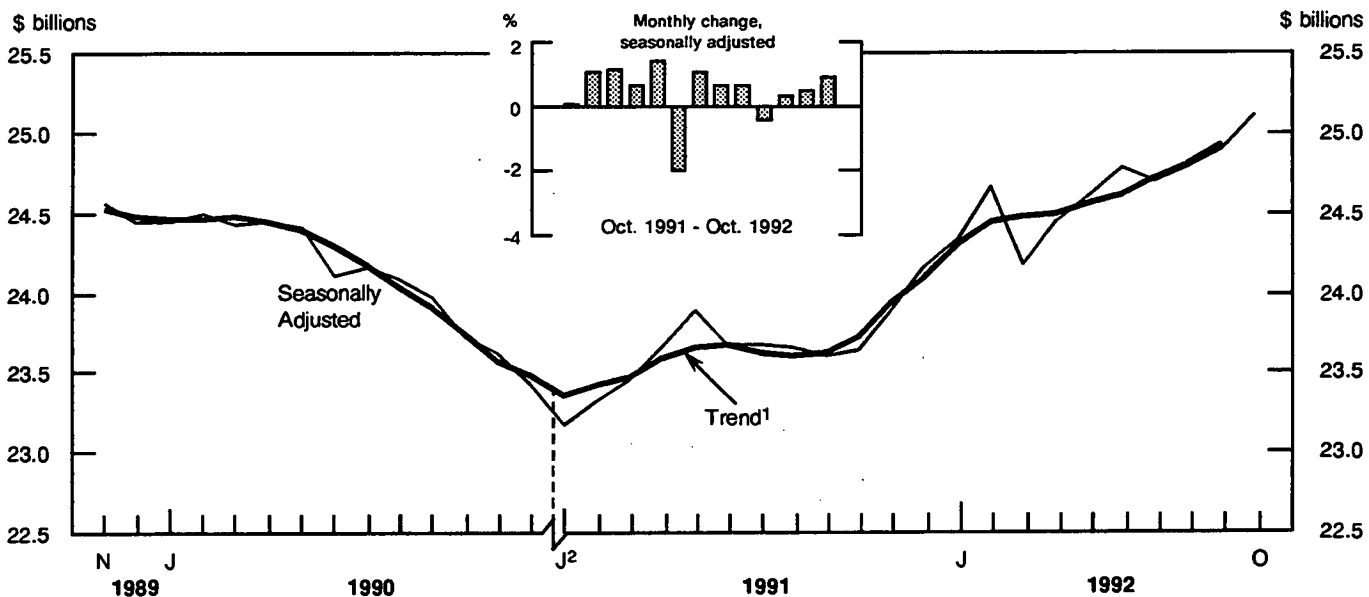
The October issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the second week of January 1993. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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

<sup>2</sup> 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

October 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Oct. 1992/ 1991	Oct. 1991	July 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Aug. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Sept. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Oct. / Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992/ 1991
	millions of \$				%						
					millions of \$						
<b>Canada</b>											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	4,040	4,433	4,438	9.9	3,845	4,130	4,228	4,208	4,264	1.3	10.9
Apparel and dry goods	419	481	452	7.9	376	390	389	389	403	3.5	7.1
Household goods	665	689	711	7.0	549	580	584	580	584	0.7	6.5
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,981	1,890	1,886	-4.8	1,735	1,739	1,731	1,744	1,708	-2.1	-1.6
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,159	1,189	1,201	3.6	1,071	1,109	1,091	1,128	1,138	0.9	6.2
Lumber and building materials	1,522	1,674	1,634	7.4	1,366	1,481	1,486	1,491	1,507	1.1	10.3
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	351	359	381	8.3	306	344	343	352	353	0.6	15.4
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,297	3,834	3,703	12.3	3,336	3,733	3,748	3,711	3,791	2.2	13.6
Other products	2,625	2,565	2,635	0.4	2,455	2,525	2,493	2,476	2,532	2.2	3.1
<b>Total, all trades</b>	<b>16,060</b>	<b>17,116</b>	<b>17,041</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>15,040</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>16,091</b>	<b>16,080</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Regions</b>											
Newfoundland	189	192	191	0.8	165	178	161	171	167	-2.6	1.2
Prince Edward Island	41	44	45	10.5	38	46	45	44	43	-1.8	14.2
Nova Scotia	367	355	364	-0.9	361	375	350	341	360	5.5	-0.2
New Brunswick	266	250	259	-2.5	242	240	241	233	240	3.1	-1.0
Quebec	4,059	4,439	4,380	7.9	3,727	4,003	4,034	4,045	4,098	1.3	10.0
Ontario	6,588	7,058	7,033	6.8	6,197	6,607	6,669	6,659	6,761	1.5	9.1
Manitoba	535	579	581	8.5	502	564	554	559	555	-0.6	10.6
Saskatchewan	534	529	501	-6.0	496	510	470	489	476	-2.6	-4.1
Alberta	1,455	1,501	1,480	1.7	1,387	1,428	1,453	1,443	1,445	0.1	4.2
British Columbia	2,006	2,140	2,180	8.7	1,906	2,060	2,092	2,072	2,110	1.8	10.7
Yukon and Northwest Territories	19	28	26	34.7	18	20	22	25	24	-1.4	37.0

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

# Wholesale Merchants' Inventories, by Trade Group

October 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Oct. 1992/ 1991	Oct. 1991	July 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Aug. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Sept. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Oct. / Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992/ 1991
	millions of \$				%						
					millions of \$						
<b>Canada</b>											
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	2,792	3,160	3,223	15.5	2,719	3,047	3,053	3,087	3,136	1.6	15.4
Apparel and dry goods	712	883	862	21.1	778	855	862	905	938	3.7	20.6
Household goods	1,140	1,229	1,247	9.4	1,140	1,216	1,242	1,229	1,247	1.4	9.4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	3,384	3,550	3,478	2.8	3,448	3,508	3,606	3,564	3,552	-0.3	3.0
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,993	2,166	2,128	6.8	2,022	2,094	2,126	2,163	2,165	0.1	7.0
Lumber and building materials	2,152	2,343	2,271	5.5	2,261	2,441	2,393	2,394	2,399	0.2	6.1
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,300	1,279	1,228	-5.5	1,363	1,383	1,369	1,334	1,310	-1.8	-3.9
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	6,885	7,043	7,112	3.3	6,916	7,074	7,053	7,092	7,176	1.2	3.8
Other products	2,941	3,109	3,170	7.8	2,986	3,082	3,072	3,129	3,190	2.0	6.9
<b>Total, all trades</b>	<b>23,299</b>	<b>24,762</b>	<b>24,719</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>23,634</b>	<b>24,699</b>	<b>24,777</b>	<b>24,898</b>	<b>25,114</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.3</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Department Store Sales and Stocks

October 1992

### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales (including concessions) totalled \$1,084 million in October 1992, an increase of 0.2% from September's total (revised) of \$1,082 million.
- Although sales in 1992 have fluctuated from month to month, the trend in sales continued to show little growth.

- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$5,014 million at the end of October, an increase of 0.5% from the September 1992 value (revised) of \$4,986 million.

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

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

For further information, contact Tom Newton (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

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

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted				
	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Oct. 1991	July 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Aug. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Sept. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1992 <sup>p</sup>
	millions of \$							
Total Sales	1,098	1,046	1,145	1,062	1,097	1,101	1,082	1,084
Total Stocks	6,043	5,316	5,909	5,127	5,134	5,053	4,986	5,014
Stock to Sales Ratio	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quarterly Demographic Statistics – Canada, Provinces and Territories

July-September 1992

**Note:** These estimates are based on 1986 Census counts.

The preliminary postcensal estimates of population for Canada, the provinces and territories on October 1, 1992 are now available. These estimates are presented in the accompanying table along with estimates for October 1, 1991 and 1990.

**Available on CANSIM:** matrices 1 (quarterly estimates); 2, 3 and 397 (immigrants); 6516 (emigrants); 4, 5 and 6 (births, deaths and

marriages); 5731 and 6982 (interprovincial migration – Family Allowances) and 6981 (interprovincial migration – Revenue Canada).

These estimates appear in *Quarterly Demographic Statistics* (91-002, \$7.50/\$30), which will be released shortly.

For more detailed information, please contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre or the relevant division.

For vital statistics (births, deaths, marriages), contact N. Nault (613-951-1746), Canadian Center for Health Information. For other demographic estimates, contact Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division.

### Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Canada, Province and Territories

July-September 1992

	Population October 1			Annual growth rate for years ending September 30	
	1992 <sup>pp</sup>	1991 <sup>pr</sup>	1990 <sup>pr</sup>	1992	1991
	%				
<b>Canada</b>	<b>27,561,700</b>	<b>27,135,600</b>	<b>26,753,700</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Newfoundland	575,500	574,400	572,300	0.2	0.4
Prince Edward Island	130,600	129,500	130,500	0.9	-0.8
Nova Scotia	909,900	904,900	896,800	0.6	0.9
New Brunswick	727,900	726,500	723,800	0.2	0.4
Quebec	6,954,400	6,873,500	6,798,000	1.2	1.1
Ontario	10,167,900	9,969,700	9,811,000	2.0	1.6
Manitoba	1,097,800	1,093,800	1,089,700	0.4	0.4
Saskatchewan	993,300	992,100	994,300	0.1	-0.2
Alberta	2,577,400	2,539,300	2,488,600	1.5	2.0
British Columbia	3,342,000	3,249,400	3,168,100	2.8	2.5
Yukon	28,600	27,200	26,400	4.9	3.2
Northwest Territories	56,400	55,200	54,300	2.2	1.7

<sup>pp</sup> Preliminary postcensal estimates.

<sup>pr</sup> Updated postcensal estimates.

**Note:** Figures have been rounded independently to the nearest hundred.

## Digital Boundary Files

1991

Digital boundary files are geographic data files that can provide an infrastructure for many geographic information systems and mapping software programs. The digital boundary files do not include any software or instructions on how to use the product with specific software packages. These products are basic boundary files in a polygon format with no underlying features such as streets or hydrography.

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- 12 provinces and territories (PR/TERR)
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- 290 census divisions (CDs) – equivalent to counties
- 6,006 census subdivisions (CSDs) – equivalent to local municipalities
- 2,630 census consolidated subdivisions (CCSs) – groupings of CSDs
- 4,068 census tracts (CTs) – equivalent to neighbourhoods
- 893 urban areas (UAs) – dense concentrations of population
- 45,995 enumeration areas (EAs) – the smallest geographic area for which census data are usually available.

Detailed information is provided on the creation of the enumeration area digital boundary file product since the EA is the building-block for creating all other standard geographic areas.

### What's New in the 1991 Digital Boundary Files?

Digital boundary files are available in a topologically consistent format, with no gaps, overlaps, overshoots or slivers.

All levels of digital boundary files are consistent with each other; and within street network file (formerly called area master file) coverages, they are consistent with the street network file features including streets, railways, hydrography and other physical features.

Digital boundary files reflect the boundaries as required for the 1991 Census of Population and Housing and the 1991 Census of Agriculture and their statistical data products.

For more information or to order, please contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

## Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies

October 1992

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased 6.3% to 2 021 663 cubic metres in October 1992, up from 1 902 717 cubic metres after revisions in October 1991.

Stocks on hand at the end of October 1992 totalled 2 492 380 cubic metres, a decrease of 12.6% compared to 2 851 486 cubic metres in October 1991.

Year-to-date production at the end of October 1992 amounted to 19 075 721 cubic metres, an increase of 9.3% compared to 17 454 463 cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2) and 122 (series 2).**

The October 1992 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■



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## **Characteristics of International Travellers**

First Quarter 1992 (Preliminary Data)

Preliminary data on the characteristics (age groups, purpose of trip, etc.) of Canadians who travelled abroad during the first quarter of 1992 are now available. Preliminary data on the characteristics of residents of the United States and other countries who visited Canada during the first quarter of 1992 are also available. Revised international travel account estimates for 1988 and 1989 are available as well.

For further information, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

## **Canadian Crime Statistics** 1991

The annual publication, *Canadian Crime Statistics*, 1991 (85-205, \$39), is now available.

For further information, please contact Information and Client Services (1-613-951-9023 or 1-800-387-2231; fax: 1-613-951-6615), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

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**Canadian Crime Statistics, 1991.**  
**Catalogue number 85-205**  
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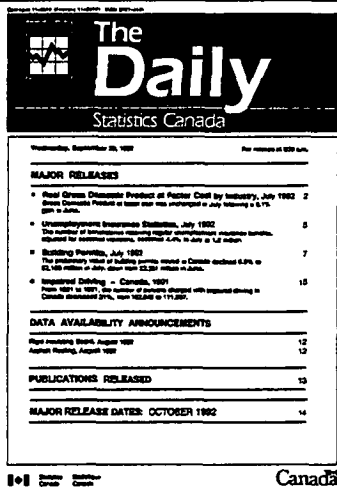
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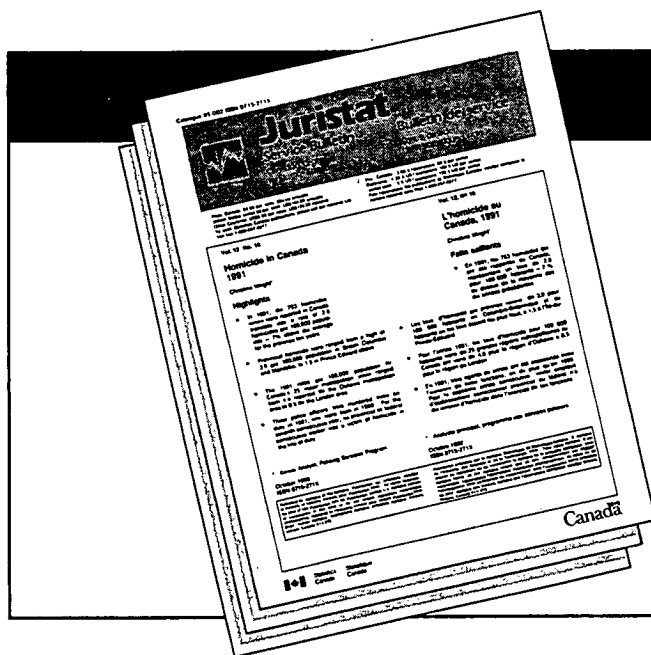
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