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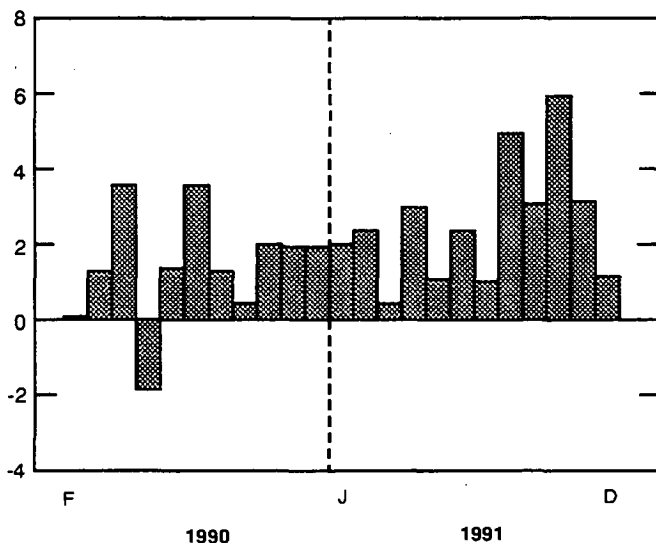
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Canada's International Transactions in Securities

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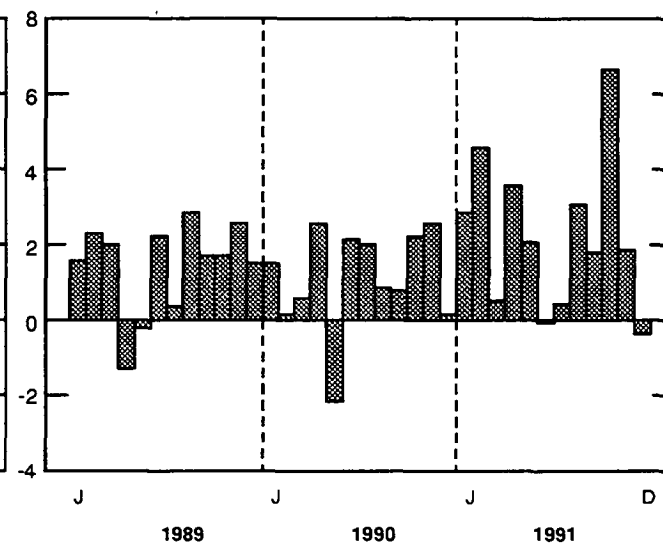
Canadian Securities¹

\$ Billions



Canadian Bonds

\$ Billions



¹ Comprises bonds, stocks and money market paper.

Canada's International Transactions in Securities

December 1991

Canadian Securities

Non-residents invested \$1.1 billion in Canadian securities in December 1991, well below the massive monthly average of \$4.3 billion of the previous four months. In the current month, the net foreign investment went entirely to the Canadian money market (\$1.5 billion). A net foreign disinvestment in Canadian bonds (\$0.4 billion), the first of any size in 19 months, was entirely due to record retirements.

Retirements of foreign-held Canadian bonds more than doubled to \$3.6 billion in December, largely as a result of retiring federal and provincial bond issues.

New bond sales to non-residents fell to \$1.8 billion in December, the lowest monthly level in 1991, a year which saw unusually large bond issues sold abroad. The December new issues financed abroad were evenly split between issues of the federal

government and those of the provinces and their enterprises. Of the December total, 60% was denominated in Canadian dollars and 15% in U.S. dollars. Both Canadian and U.S. interest rates declined marginally in December, with the differential modestly higher at the end of the month, favouring investment in Canada.

In the secondary market, non-resident purchases of a net \$1.4 billion of Canadian bonds, mainly issues of the Government of Canada, were at the highest level since August 1989. For the year, non-residents invested only a net \$0.6 billion in the secondary market, down sharply from the large annual investments prevailing since 1984. However, they more than made up for the difference in the primary market in 1991 by purchasing record amounts of new issues. This brought total foreign net purchases of Canadian bonds for the year to a staggering \$27 billion, surpassing the 1986 record of \$23 billion. At the end of 1991, non-resident holdings amounted to \$202 billion, more than one-third of all Canadian bonds outstanding.

Non-residents were marginal buyers, on a net basis, of Canadian stocks (\$13 million) in December, following two months of small net selling. Geographically, overseas investors were net buyers of \$106 million of Canadian stocks in the current month, while U.S. residents continued to be net sellers (\$93 million). The gross value of trading with non-residents rose slightly for the third consecutive month to \$2.7 billion in December. Canadian stock prices, as measured by the TSE 300 Index, generally declined throughout the first half of December then rose in the second half to close some 2.0% higher for the month.

Non-residents continued to invest heavily in the Canadian money market, purchasing a net \$1.5 billion in December. They acquired Government of Canada paper (\$0.6 billion), provincial government paper (\$0.7 billion) and federal enterprises commercial paper (\$0.2 billion). Geographically, the net investments in Government of Canada paper came from countries other than the United States, whereas the other categories of paper were entirely financed from the United States.

Foreign Securities

In December, Canadian residents were net buyers of \$0.6 billion of foreign securities, in line with their net purchases throughout most of 1991. Their net investment of \$0.4 billion in foreign stocks was split evenly between U.S. and overseas stocks and this brought their purchases for the year to \$4.8 billion compared to \$1.1 billion in 1990. Residents purchased \$0.2 billion of foreign bonds in December, an amount similar to the previous month.

The December issue of *Canada's International Transactions in Securities* (67-002, \$15.80/\$158) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

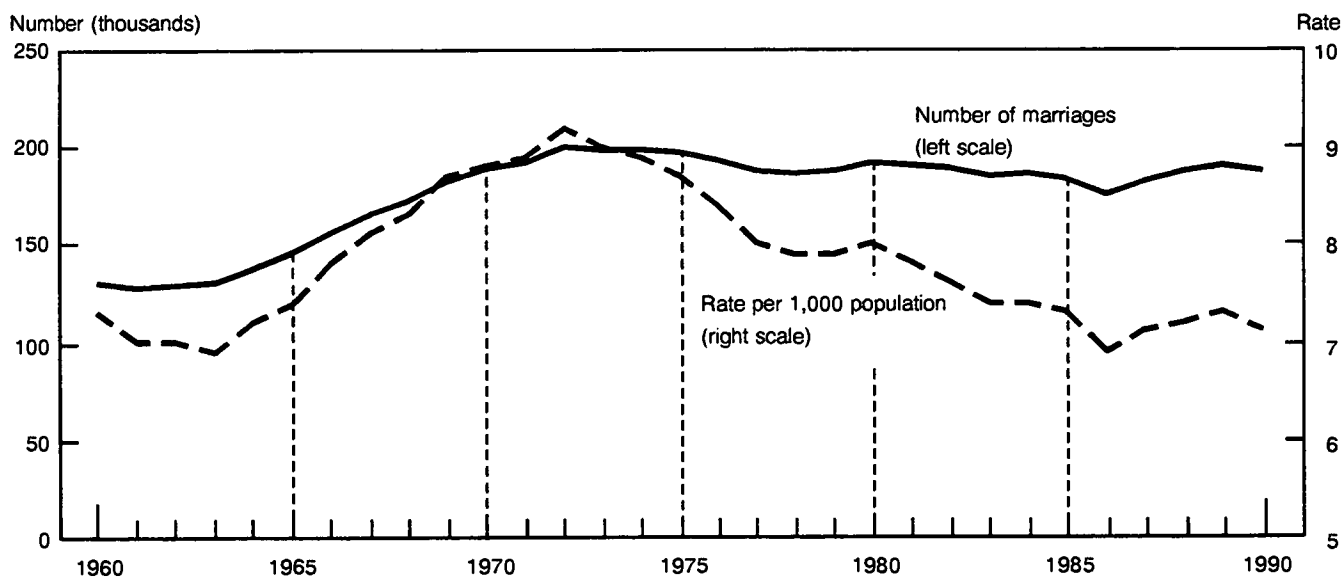
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Canada's International Transactions in Securities December 1991

Period	Canadian Securities					Foreign Securities				
	Bonds				Money market paper (net)	Stocks (net)	Total Canadian securities	Bonds (net)	Stocks (net)	Total foreign securities
	Outstanding bonds (net)	New issues	Retire- ments	Total bonds						
\$ millions										
1990										
January	609	1,332	-462	1,479	116	165	1,760	-640	-96	-737
February	-59	1,233	-1,025	150	-385	229	-7	582	38	620
March	-408	2,548	-1,543	597	684	-1	1,280	429	-38	392
April	611	2,685	-747	2,549	1,162	-165	3,545	-703	127	-575
May	-2,282	1,607	-1,481	-2,156	402	-129	-1,882	281	397	678
June	499	2,720	-1,066	2,152	-820	32	1,364	-434	49	-384
July	1,246	1,474	-691	2,029	1,576	-28	3,577	-200	-95	-295
August	557	1,424	-1,095	886	663	-239	1,311	-65	-539	-604
September	688	1,524	-1,403	810	-106	-260	443	653	-371	283
October	726	2,876	-1,378	2,225	443	-687	1,981	395	-24	371
November	639	2,487	-580	2,545	-179	-423	1,943	254	-200	54
December	206	1,522	-1,557	170	1,972	-221	1,921	-593	-302	-894
1991										
January	-89	3,451	-536	2,826	-428	-417	1,981	257	-169	88
February	664	5,208	-1,284	4,588	-1,794	-450	2,344	-426	-328	-754
March	-1,550	4,382	-2,308	524	76	-153	447	-48	-12	-60
April	689	3,925	-1,025	3,589	-493	-103	2,993	-596	-321	-917
May	-208	2,993	-723	2,062	-790	-236	1,036	-349	-674	-1,023
June	-2,386	3,478	-1,102	-10	2,341	-1	2,330	74	-987	-913
July	-107	2,620	-2,091	422	405	186	1,013	-475	185	-290
August	1,082	2,898	-919	3,061	1,751	121	4,933	426	-508	-82
September	979	3,544	-2,715	1,808	1,135	139	3,082	-535	-62	-597
October	708	6,699	-778	6,629	-608	-60	5,961	1,077	-452	625
November	-586	4,231	-1,784	1,861	1,356	-65	3,152	-238	-733	-971
December	1,440	1,817	-3,624	-367	1,477	13	1,123	-238	-383	-621
Year										
1990	3,043	23,431	-13,028	13,447	5,528	-1,754	17,221	-69	-1,117	-1,185
1991	641	45,245	-18,883	27,003	4,428	-1,085	30,346	-1,045	-4,806	-5,851

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

Marriages and Rates (Per 1,000 population), Canada, 1960-1990



Marriages in Canada

1990

Highlights

- A total of 187,737 marriages were recorded in Canada in 1990, down 1.5% from the 190,640 marriages recorded in 1989. However, this is about 7% more than the 175,518 marriages recorded in 1986, the lowest number recorded during the last 20 years. The available data indicate that 1972 was the peak year with 200,470 marriages recorded.
- The 1990 marriage rate (number of marriages per 1,000 population) was 7.1, lower than the rate of 7.3 in 1989, but higher than the rate of 6.9 in 1986. The marriage rate at the peak in 1972 was 9.2.

Provincial and Territorial Marriage Rates

- The 1990 marriage rates for the 10 provinces ranged from 6.2 for Saskatchewan to 8.2 for Alberta. The marriage rate was 8.4 for the Yukon and 4.2 for the Northwest Territories. From 1989

to 1990, the marriage rate declined in the Yukon and in all 10 provinces. Those provinces indicating a decline smaller than that for Canada (2.7%) were British Columbia (1.2%), Alberta and Ontario (2.4% each), Prince Edward Island (2.6%) and the Yukon (1.2%). Those provinces having a larger than 2.7% decline were Manitoba (2.8%), Newfoundland (2.9%), New Brunswick (4.1%), Quebec (6.0%), Saskatchewan (6.1%) and Nova Scotia (6.5%). The rate remained unchanged in the Northwest Territories.

Trends 1970-1990

- Both men and women seem to be marrying at a later age. The average age for first-time marriages increased by 3.4 years for brides (26.0 years in 1990, 22.6 years in 1971) and by 3.0 years for bridegrooms (27.9 in 1990, 24.9 in 1971). It increased for all marriages by 4.3 years, both for brides (29.1 in 1990, 24.8 in 1971) and for bridegrooms (31.6 in 1990, 27.3 in 1971). During 1971-1990, the gap between the average ages of first-time brides and bridegrooms narrowed by about five months (23 months in 1990, 28 months in 1971).

- During the 1950s and 1960s, more than 90% of marriages were of persons who were single (not previously married) at the time of marriage. The remaining 10% were previously divorced or widowed persons. Data for the past 30 years indicate that the proportion of marriages of previously divorced persons increased by more than a factor of five, from 3.4% of marriages in 1960 to 19.6% in 1990, while the proportion of marriages of not previously married (single) persons decreased from 91.2% of marriages in

1960 to 77.4% in 1990. The proportion of marriages for previously widowed persons was much smaller in magnitude, decreasing slightly from 4.9% of marriages in 1960 to 2.9% in 1990.

Contact Nelson Nault (613-951-2990) for data on marriages recorded in 1990, which are now available.

For further information about this release contact Surinder Wadhera (613-951-1764), Canadian Centre for Health Information.

Marriages and Rates, Canada and Provinces

1981, 1989 and 1990

	Number of marriages			Marriage rate (marriages per 1,000 area population)		
	1990	1989	1981	1990	1989	1981
Canada	187,737	190,640	190,082	7.1	7.3	7.8
Newfoundland	3,791	3,905	3,758	6.6	6.8	6.6
Prince Edward Island	996	1,019	849	7.6	7.8	6.9
Nova Scotia	6,386	6,828	6,632	7.2	7.7	7.8
New Brunswick	5,044	5,254	5,108	7.0	7.3	7.3
Quebec	32,060	33,325	41,005	4.7	5.0	6.4
Ontario	80,097	80,377	70,281	8.2	8.4	8.1
Manitoba	7,666	7,800	8,123	7.0	7.2	7.9
Saskatchewan	6,229	6,637	7,329	6.2	6.6	7.6
Alberta	19,806	19,888	21,781	8.0	8.2	9.7
British Columbia	25,216	25,170	24,699	8.1	8.2	9.0
Yukon	218	214	235	8.4	8.5	10.2
Northwest Territories	228	223	282	4.2	4.2	6.2

Family Food Expenditure in Canada – Selected Metropolitan Areas

1990

The Food Expenditure Survey in 1990 was conducted monthly throughout the year in 17 major Canadian metropolitan areas¹ that represent approximately 50% of the households in Canada. Results are based on records kept by 4,793 households.

Highlights

- The 20% of households with the lowest incomes spent an average of \$61 on weekly food expenditure in 1990, while the 20% of households with the highest incomes spent \$170 each week.
- The average weekly expenditure varied by household size from \$62 for one-person households to \$177 for households of five or more persons.
- The share of food purchased from restaurants in the household food dollar rose from 29.5% in 1986 to 31.2% in 1990, with lunch being the most popular meal. Table-service restaurants had the

largest share both in terms of dollars and in number of meals, with 62% and 45%, respectively.

- Some notable changes occurred in the expenditure distribution of the food purchased from stores between 1986 and 1990: the percentage of expenditure going to beef fell from 9.5% to 8.2%, while the percentage spent on poultry increased from 4.5% to 5.0% and that spent on fish advanced from 2.8% to 3.4%; dairy products dropped from 16.0% to 14.0%; fresh vegetables rose from 6.9% to 7.5%; and non-alcoholic beverages increased from 3.8% to 4.2%.
- Approximately 79% of food purchased from stores was from supermarkets, virtually the same percentage as in 1986.

Average weekly food expenditure and quantity information for a detailed list of food commodity groups is available for the 17 metropolitan areas cross-classified by a number of household characteristics.

Family Food Expenditure in Canada, 17 Metropolitan Areas, 1990 (62-554) will be available in May.

For currently available information, contact your Statistics Canada Reference Centre or the Family Expenditure Surveys Section, Household Surveys Division (613-951-9781). ■

¹ St. John's (Nfld.), Charlottetown-Summerside, Halifax, Saint John (N.B.), Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

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Hospital Annual Statistics and Indicators 1988-89

Hospital statistics and indicators from the Annual Survey of Hospitals are now available for 1988-89. These provide a wide range of data elements on hospital utilization and expenditures. Key utilization variables include patient-days, occupancy, separations, admissions and average length of stay. Related to expenditures are figures for paid hours, salaries and benefits, medical and surgical supplies and drug costs. The data are compiled by province and by hospital type and size. Many other cross-classifications are available on request.

For more information contact Nelson Nault, Canadian Centre for Health Information (613-951-2990) or fax (613-951-0792). ■

Residential Care Facilities 1989-90

Statistics and indicators from the Annual Survey of Residential Care Facilities are now available for 1989-90.

For this survey, residential care facilities included the following: all institutions with a minimum of four beds that offer the services of nursing homes; homes for the aged, the physically disabled, the developmentally delayed, the psychiatrically disabled, emotionally disturbed children, delinquents, and transients; as well as children's facilities and homes for families in crisis.

Information collected relates to the residents, personnel and finances of these facilities. The data are compiled by province, principal characteristic and type of care of the predominant group of residents and by bed size.

For more information on this release, contact Nelson Nault, Canadian Centre for Health Information (613-951-2990) or fax (613-951-0792). ■

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation January 1992

Manufacturers shipped 2 785 277 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in January 1992, up 32.4% from the 2 104 317 square metres

shipped a year earlier, and up 26.9% from the 2 194 561 square metres shipped the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The 1992 January issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers January 1992

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 149 187 thousand square metres in January 1992, a decrease of 2.5% from the 153 060 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

The January 1992 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

Characteristics of International Travellers

Third and Fourth Quarters and Annual 1990

Preliminary data on the characteristics (age groups, purpose of trip, countries/states visited, etc.) of Canadians travelling abroad during the third and fourth quarters of 1990 as well as 1990 annual totals are now available.

Similar data for the first two quarters of 1991 should become available within the next month.

For further information, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

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