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The image shows the cover of the 'Canadian Economic Observer' journal for July 1992. It features a grid pattern and text in both English and French. Key headlines include 'Surging exports offset slow domestic spending' and 'La hausse de la demande entraîne une reprise de la production des exportations'.

### Canadian Economic Observer July 1992

The July issue of *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The July issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic events in June, and a feature article on turnover in the Canadian labour market. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and major industrial nations.

*Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) can now be ordered from Publication Sales (613-951-7277).

For more information, call Philip Cross (613-951-9162), Current Analysis Section.



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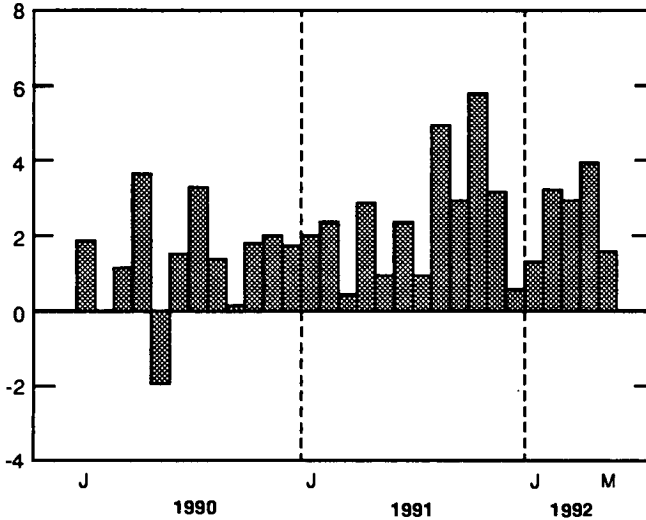
## MAJOR RELEASES

### Canada's International Transactions in Securities

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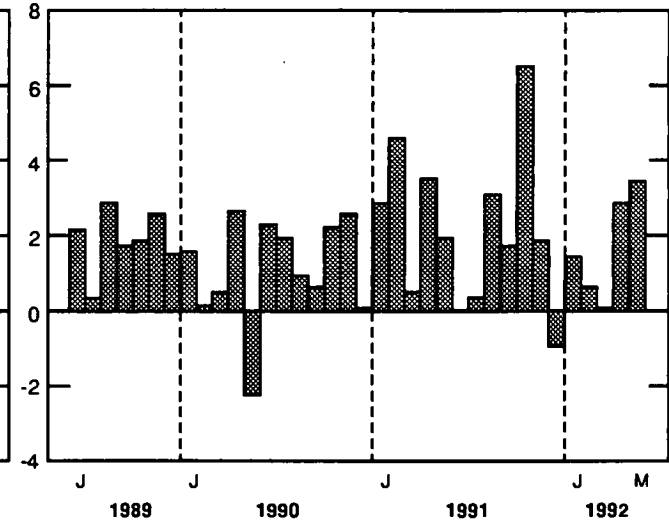
#### Canadian Securities<sup>1</sup>

\$ Billions



#### Canadian Bonds

\$ Billions



<sup>1</sup> Comprises bonds, stocks and money market paper.

### Canada's International Transactions in Securities

May 1992

#### Canadian Securities

In May 1992, non-residents purchased a net \$1.6 billion of Canadian securities, which amounted to half the average of the massive net investments of the previous three months. The decrease stemmed entirely from redemptions in the Canadian money market, which represented the first significant monthly net foreign disinvestment (\$1.8 billion) in that market this year. Non-residents were, however, heavy purchasers of Canadian bonds, acquiring a net \$3.4 billion, their largest net investment in seven months.

The \$3.4 billion net investment in Canadian bonds was channelled into both new and existing issues. In the primary market, non-residents purchased \$3.7 billion of new Canadian bonds and redeemed \$1.5

billion of maturing bonds, resulting in the second largest net new financing this year. Non-residents also continued to invest significantly in the secondary market (\$1.3 billion), contrasting with their net disinvestment earlier this year.

The \$3.7 billion of new bond sales to non-residents in May matched this year's high recorded in January and was similar to the massive \$3.8 billion monthly average for all of 1991. The provinces and their enterprises shared new issue activity with corporations in May, raising \$2.4 billion or two-thirds of total new bonds sold to non-residents in May. However, net new financing (after retirements) by corporations was small at less than \$0.2 billion. Non-resident purchases of new domestically-issued federal bonds rebounded to \$0.9 billion in May. New issues denominated in Canadian dollars rose to slightly more than half (52%) of new issues in May, followed closely by U.S. dollar issues (45%) – somewhat of a shift from the first four months of 1992, when U.S. dollar issues predominated.

In the secondary market, even though the bulk of the \$1.3 billion net investment continued to be directed to federal issues, there was a significant net investment of \$0.5 billion in provincial and provincial enterprise issues. Geographically, the net investment in May came from Europe (\$1.0 billion) and the United States (\$0.3 billion), with some small net disinvesting from Asian countries. The gross value of trading with non-residents rose to \$37 billion in May, up \$2 billion from April. Canadian and U.S. long-term interest rates and the corresponding differentials favouring investment in Canada generally declined in May, down some 10-15 basis points from April.

In the Canadian money market, the \$1.8 billion net disinvestment by non-residents in May equalled the record set in February 1991. The May net redemptions followed three months of net investment totalling \$6.2 billion. The disinvestment in May was almost entirely made up of Government of Canada treasury bills, as residents of European Community countries (who had been the major buyers in the past few months) sold a net \$2.1 billion. This was partially offset by net investments by the United States and other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries that totalled \$0.6 billion. In all other paper, there was a net disinvestment of \$0.2 billion. Total gross trading in May rebounded to a record \$31 billion.

Non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian stocks by \$45 million in May, following a small net disinvestment in April. In May, all of the net

disinvestment was by U.S. investors (\$58 million). The gross value of trading with non-residents declined 20% to \$2.5 billion, the lowest level since October 1991. Canadian stock prices, as measured by the TSE 300 Index, rose in the first half of May but declined afterward to close the month only 1.0% higher than in April.

#### Foreign Securities

Canadian residents continued to increase their holdings of foreign securities, adding \$0.7 billion in May (an amount similar to that of April). The net investment in May was made up of \$0.5 billion of foreign bonds and \$0.2 billion of foreign stocks, roughly split between United States and overseas securities. In total, Canadian net investment in foreign securities totalled \$4.2 billion in the first five months of 1992. This compared to \$3.3 billion for the same period of 1991, when Canadian residents invested a record amount of funds abroad.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 2330.

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

For further information in this release, contact D. Granger (613-951-1864), Balance of Payments Division. □

**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 foreign securities
	Outstanding bonds (net)	New issues	Retirements	Total bonds						
\$ millions										
<b>January to May</b>										
1991	-403	19,851	-6,083	13,364	-3,429	-1,360	8,575	-1,165	-2,155	-3,320
1992	-1,207	14,675	-7,437	8,444	4,249	192	12,885	-1,536	-2,675	-4,212
<b>1991</b>										
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
<b>1992</b>										
January	-1,193	3,703	-1,063	1,447	-192	-4	1,250	-397	-607	-1,004
February	-879	3,079	-1,548	651	2,414	135	3,200	174	-549	-375
March	243	2,020	-2,189	73	2,743	78	2,895	-707	-653	-1,361
April	1,756	2,183	-1,098	2,841	1,069	-7	3,903	-156	-444	-600
May	1,284	3,691	-1,538	3,436	-1,785	-45	1,606	-447	-234	-682

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

## Employment, Earnings and Hours

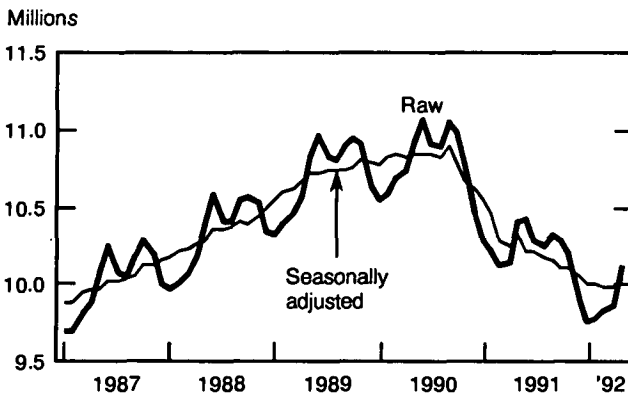
May 1992

### Seasonally Adjusted Data

### Highlights

In May, the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate<sup>1</sup> was \$547.90, up 0.4% from April. Earnings increased 3.4%<sup>2</sup> (\$18.04) compared to May 1991.

### SEPH Employment, Industrial Aggregate, Canada, May 1992



Canada industrial aggregate fixed-weighted average hourly earnings increased 4.0% from May 1991 to May 1992, equal to the increase in the variable-weighted average hourly earnings (see Note to Users).

Seasonally adjusted Canada employment was estimated at 10,036,000, up 0.6% from April 1992. On a year-over-year basis, industrial aggregate employment decreased by 2.7%.

The May diffusion index for employment at the Canada industrial aggregate level rose to 0.40, exceeding the May 1991 level (0.25) (see Note to Users).

<sup>1</sup> The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.

<sup>2</sup> Not adjusted for inflation.

### Note to Users

The Survey of Employment, Earnings and Hours (SEPH) that was introduced in 1983 delivers the most current monthly employment, earnings and hours data by industry.

The SEPH estimates back to January 1983 have been revised and are now on the 1980 Standard Industrial Classification. The revised time series, which incorporate corrections for major data discontinuities, present a more accurate portrait of trends in employment, earnings and hours over the history of the survey.

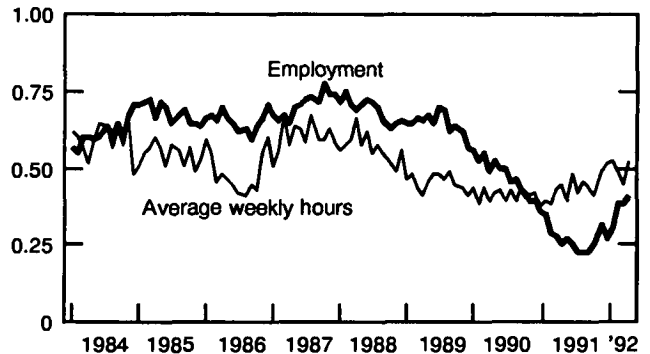
Some new products have been developed in conjunction with the historical revision. These include seasonally adjusted data, diffusion indices and more data disaggregated by large and small firms.

The diffusion index measures how widespread change is for a specific variable. The diffusion index shows the percentage of industries that depicted increases for a specific SEPH variable. For example, between October 1990 and October 1991, the industrial aggregate employment for Canada declined by approximately 697,000. Of the 214 three-digit SIC industries in SEPH (1980 SIC), 167 experienced employment declines, while 47 experienced increases. The diffusion index for October 1991 was therefore  $47/214 = 0.22$ .

Fixed-weighted and variable-weighted average hourly earnings data have been constructed to address the impact of compositional shifts in the employment mix between industries, provinces and territories, and salaried and hourly employees. The fixed-weighted earnings series provide a better indicator of the underlying trends in wage rates than the variable-weighted earnings series.

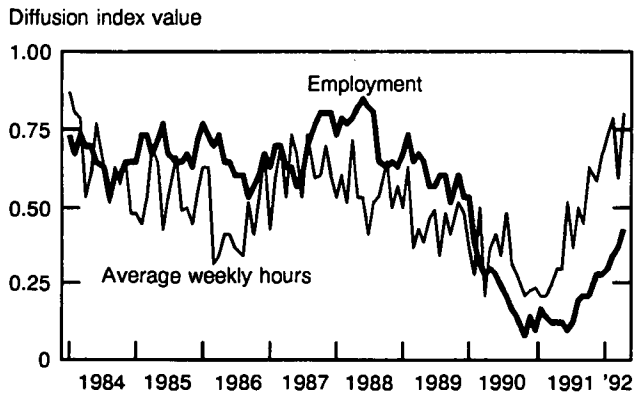
### Diffusion Index, Industrial Aggregate, Canada, May 1992

Diffusion index value



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**Diffusion Index, Durable Goods Manufacturing,  
Canada, May 1992**



Available on CANSIM: matrices 4285-4466, 9440-9452 and 9639-9898.

Data are available from *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$28.50/\$285) and by special tabulation.

For further information on this release or on the program, products and services, contact Sylvie Picard (613-951-4090) or fax (613-951-4087), Labour Division. □

**Employment, Earnings and Hours**  
May 1992 (seasonally adjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1980 S.I.C.)	Number of employees *					
	May 1992 <sup>P</sup>	April 1992 <sup>r</sup>	May 1991	May 1992/1991	May/April 1992	April/March 1992
	Thousands			% change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>10,036.5</b>	<b>9,976.8</b>	<b>10,314.2</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>2,351.5</b>	<b>2,346.0</b>	<b>2,483.5</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Forestry	55.7	54.7	57.4	-2.9	2.0	6.1
Mines, quarries and oil wells	135.0	133.8	146.4	-7.8	0.9	4.1
Manufacturing	1,598.3	1,604.9	1,678.0	-4.7	-0.4	0.2
Construction	419.8	416.0	465.7	-9.9	0.9	-1.8
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>7,676.6</b>	<b>7,633.8</b>	<b>7,834.9</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Transportation, communication & other utilities	813.0	810.3	819.6	-0.8	0.3	0.2
Trade	1,883.7	1,875.9	1,945.4	-3.2	0.4	-0.4
Finance, insurance & real estate	664.6	658.5	686.0	-3.1	0.9	0.0
Community, business & personal services	3,735.5	3,716.0	3,759.5	-0.6	0.5	0.1
Public administration	706.9	714.7	749.9	-5.7	-1.1	-0.3
<b>Industrial aggregate - Provinces</b>						
Newfoundland	138.0	139.9	144.2	-4.3	-1.4	0.1
Prince Edward Island	38.5	38.2	37.6	2.2	0.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	283.4	284.4	290.2	-2.4	-0.4	0.2
New Brunswick	224.5	224.4	233.5	-3.9	0.1	-0.2
Quebec	2,441.5	2,432.9	2,563.4	-4.8	0.4	0.0
Ontario	4,008.1	4,006.2	4,142.3	-3.2	0.1	-0.5
Manitoba	373.6	374.0	374.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7
Saskatchewan	301.4	300.0	296.3	1.7	0.5	0.5
Alberta	975.6	968.1	994.4	-1.9	0.8	1.8
British Columbia	1,205.7	1,202.4	1,196.0	0.8	0.3	0.1
Yukon	11.4	11.6	10.3	10.6	-2.0	1.8
Northwest Territories	20.1	20.6	20.5	-2.0	-2.2	1.8
	Average weekly earnings *					
	Dollars			Year over year % change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>547.90</b>	<b>545.84</b>	<b>529.86</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>684.67</b>	<b>680.85</b>	<b>662.77</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Forestry	709.09	695.43	693.24	2.3	6.1	2.9
Mines, quarries and oil wells	934.28	931.72	917.80	1.8	5.3	5.3
Manufacturing	654.05	652.52	624.27	4.8	4.2	5.1
Construction	649.65	629.04	659.78	-1.5	2.1	5.5
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>505.64</b>	<b>504.60</b>	<b>487.59</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Transportation, communication & other utilities	703.97	704.52	681.97	3.2	5.9	3.6
Trade	400.43	400.00	392.19	2.1	4.3	4.3
Finance, insurance & real estate	589.75	588.06	561.42	5.0	3.8	0.3
Community, business & personal services	474.64	473.52	456.94	3.9	6.5	6.2
Public administration	724.39	718.89	684.43	5.8	1.9	8.3
<b>Industrial aggregate - Provinces</b>						
Newfoundland	507.57	507.14	497.91	1.9	4.7	3.2
Prince Edward Island	444.60	441.54	429.95	3.4	3.0	4.0
Nova Scotia	489.95	489.24	474.80	3.2	4.5	5.4
New Brunswick	494.00	494.50	477.75	3.4	5.3	3.8
Quebec	533.18	530.43	514.36	3.7	4.4	5.4
Ontario	577.57	575.34	554.75	4.1	5.0	4.5
Manitoba	485.78	485.32	474.52	2.4	3.5	3.5
Saskatchewan	473.46	472.82	461.23	2.7	4.4	4.7
Alberta	542.62	545.05	531.62	2.1	5.4	4.7
British Columbia	546.70	544.76	533.15	2.5	4.0	3.4
Yukon	677.32	670.42	628.28	7.8	7.8	3.9
Northwest Territories	704.71	711.38	693.68	1.6	6.0	5.1

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

\* For all employees.



**Employment, Earnings and Hours**  
May 1992 (data not seasonally adjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1980 S.I.C.)	Number of employees *					
	May 1992 P	April 1992 †	May 1991	May 1992/1991	Jan.-Dec. 1991/1990	Jan.-Dec. 1990/1989
	Thousands			Year-over-year % change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>10,127.2</b>	<b>9,859.0</b>	<b>10,408.8</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Goods-producing Industries</b>	<b>2,385.4</b>	<b>2,264.9</b>	<b>2,513.2</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-4.4</b>
Forestry	53.3	40.3	54.6	-2.2	-1.3	-8.4
Mines, quarries and oil wells	136.1	128.8	146.1	-6.9	-4.8	-1.8
Manufacturing	1,619.3	1,584.4	1,698.3	-4.7	-10.4	-5.9
Construction	438.8	376.5	478.7	-8.3	-16.2	-0.8
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>7,741.9</b>	<b>7,594.0</b>	<b>7,895.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Transportation, communication & other utilities	815.6	794.9	822.9	-0.9	-4.3	1.7
Trade	1,888.7	1,848.7	1,945.1	-2.9	-6.8	5.0
Finance, insurance & real estate	668.7	647.0	688.2	-2.8	-0.6	2.0
Community, business & personal services	3,786.2	3,731.0	3,810.6	-0.6	-2.8	2.5
Public administration	720.4	707.5	764.3	-5.7	2.3	1.6
<b>Industrial aggregate - Provinces</b>						
Newfoundland	136.8	133.3	144.1	-5.1	-5.7	2.4
Prince Edward Island	39.8	35.6	39.0	2.2	-3.0	5.1
Nova Scotia	284.4	275.9	291.9	-2.6	-4.6	1.8
New Brunswick	229.4	214.6	238.3	-3.8	-1.9	1.7
Quebec	2,486.9	2,399.2	2,606.0	-4.6	-4.4	-0.2
Ontario	4,038.2	3,962.0	4,175.3	-3.3	-7.0	-0.4
Manitoba	378.5	370.7	379.5	-0.3	-5.4	1.5
Saskatchewan	306.7	295.3	301.2	1.8	-4.6	1.5
Alberta	978.6	949.7	995.7	-1.7	-4.0	3.1
British Columbia	1,216.3	1,192.0	1,206.7	0.8	-2.3	5.5
Yukon	11.4	10.9	10.4	9.6	-4.6	-6.6
Northwest Territories	20.3	19.9	20.7	-1.9	-3.7	-0.8
	Average weekly earnings *					
	Dollars			Year-over-year % change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>547.04</b>	<b>546.05</b>	<b>528.76</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Goods-producing Industries</b>	<b>682.53</b>	<b>684.58</b>	<b>659.96</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Forestry	695.18	722.28	677.80	2.6	6.1	2.9
Mines, quarries and oil wells	934.03	943.91	917.25	1.8	5.3	5.3
Manufacturing	652.97	655.99	623.06	4.8	4.2	5.1
Construction	643.61	632.53	650.02	-1.0	2.1	5.5
<b>Service-producing industries</b>	<b>505.29</b>	<b>504.73</b>	<b>486.99</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Transportation, communication & other utilities	702.90	704.63	681.01	3.2	5.9	3.6
Trade	402.04	400.71	394.05	2.0	4.3	4.3
Finance, insurance & real estate	591.06	589.80	562.54	5.1	3.8	0.3
Community, business & personal services	473.94	472.09	456.25	3.9	6.5	6.2
Public administration	713.11	723.01	668.33	6.7	2.0	8.3
<b>Industrial aggregate - Provinces</b>						
Newfoundland	504.15	509.84	494.46	2.0	4.7	3.2
Prince Edward Island	441.36	446.25	425.45	3.7	3.0	4.0
Nova Scotia	489.95	489.24	474.80	3.2	4.5	5.4
New Brunswick	494.00	494.50	477.75	3.4	5.3	3.8
Quebec	533.18	530.43	514.36	3.7	4.4	5.4
Ontario	576.73	575.08	553.42	4.2	5.0	4.5
Manitoba	484.33	484.40	473.59	2.3	3.5	3.5
Saskatchewan	472.41	474.66	460.80	2.5	4.4	4.8
Alberta	541.57	543.79	530.47	2.1	5.4	4.7
British Columbia	547.32	545.23	534.29	2.4	4.0	3.4
Yukon	677.32	670.42	628.28	7.8	7.8	3.9
Northwest Territories	704.71	711.38	693.68	1.6	6.0	5.1

P Preliminary estimates.

† Revised estimates.

\* For all employees.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending July 7, 1992

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period ending July 7, 1992 totalled 3.9 million tonnes, a decrease of 12.7% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic increased 0.3% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 2.6% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year decreased 1.4% 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. ■

### Railway Operating Statistics

February 1992

The seven major railways reported a combined net loss of \$5.8 million in February 1992. Operating revenues of \$542.8 million were up \$24.4 million or 4.7% from the February 1991 figure.

In February 1992, revenue freight tonne-kilometres were up 9.4% from February 1991. During the same period, freight train-kilometres increased 11.2% and freight car-kilometres increased 6.0%.

All 1991 figures have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.**

The February 1992 issue of *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. ■

### Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

May 1992

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,637 million for May 1992, an increase of 4.6% over the \$1,565 million reported for the same period of last year.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.**

The May 1992 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in approximately three weeks. See "How to Order Publications".

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