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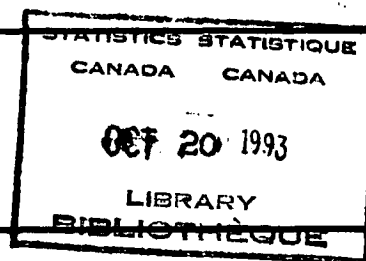
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Sales of Natural Gas

August 1993 (Preliminary)

Sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada totalled 3 206 million cubic metres, up 4.3% from August 1992. Declines in residential and commercial sales were more than offset by strong growth in industrial sales, primarily in Western Canada.

On the basis of rate structure, August's sales were as follows with the percentage changes from August 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 378 million cubic metres (-5.1%); commercial sales, 312 million cubic metres (-2.9%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 515 million cubic metres (+ 6.8%).

At the end of August 1993, year-to-date natural gas sales totalled 39 652 million cubic metres, up 8.0% from 1992. Year-to-date sales were as follows with the percentage changes from 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 9 874 million cubic metres (+ 8.1%); commercial sales, 7 707 million cubic metres (+ 4.9%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 22 071 million cubic metres (+ 9.1%).

The August 1993 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 in Canada

Rate structure	August 1992	August 1993 ^P	1992 to 1993	Year-to-date 1992	Year-to-date 1993 ^P	1992 to 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total	3 074 028	3 205 502	+ 4.3	36 719 414	39 651 721	+ 8.0
Residential	397 328	377 689	-5.1	9 134 258	9 873 692	+ 8.1
Commercial	321 717	312 476	-2.9	7 347 111	7 707 097	+ 4.9
Industrial	1 859 499	1 915 106	+ 6.8	16 384 122	16 840 755	+ 9.1
Direct ¹	495 484	600 231		3 853 923	5 230 177	

Sales of Natural Gas by Province

Rate structure	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
Total	3 205 502	287 936	978 770	39 198	262 559	1 158 204	478 835
Residential	377 689	12 047	170 268	14 200	28 640	97 499	55 035
Commercial	312 476	39 440	113 213	16 800	12 549	80 425	50 049
Industrial	1 915 106	234 808	480 244	7 600	1 853	980 280	210 321
Direct ¹	600 231	1 641	215 045	598	219 517	-	163 430
Degree Days²							
August 1992	...	27	16	70	103	118	23
August 1993	...	9	2	41	71	109	34

¹ Represents direct sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

² 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 below 18 degrees celsius for each calendar day. A high value indicates a cold month and a low value a warm month.

... Figures not applicable.

- Nil or zero.

^P Preliminary figures.

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

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Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending October 7, 1993

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period increased by 10.1% from the same period last year, but revenue-freight loaded decreased by 2.8% to 4.2 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased by 3.9% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of October 7, 1993 decreased 3.2% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1992 and 1993 have been revised.

For further information, please contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

August 1993

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,798 million for August 1993, up 4.5% from \$1,721 million in August 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The August 1993 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in three weeks. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Processed Fruits And Vegetables

August 1993

Data for August 1993 on processed fruits and vegetables are now available.

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, Monthly (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Fruit and Vegetable Production

October 1993

The most recent data on the production and value of fruits and vegetables in Canada are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1371-1395, 1397-1399, 1401-1406, 5587-5590, 5593-5610, 5614-5619, 5623-5624 and 5627.

The October 1993 issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/72) will be available later this month. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Gerry Mason (613-951-0573), Agriculture Division. ■

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Consumer Price Index, September 1993.
Catalogue number 62-001
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- 1 **Labour Force Survey, August 1993**
The unemployment rate was 11.3% in August 1993.
- 2 **Energy Prognosis: Prices Induce, July 1993**
The Energy Prognosis Price Index rose 0.2% in July. The index likely continued to increase next year, 1993, as the headline and general consumer prices began to rise again in July 1993.
- 3 **Adventure Statistics of Saskatchewan, 1982-84**
Saskatchewan, according to numerous (in summer 1993) has more than 250,000 visitors in summer 1993 of 1992-84. The 1993-84 visitors have 1993-84 was the highest number of visitors.

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- 7 **Department Store Sales for November are Seasonally Adjusted, July 1993**
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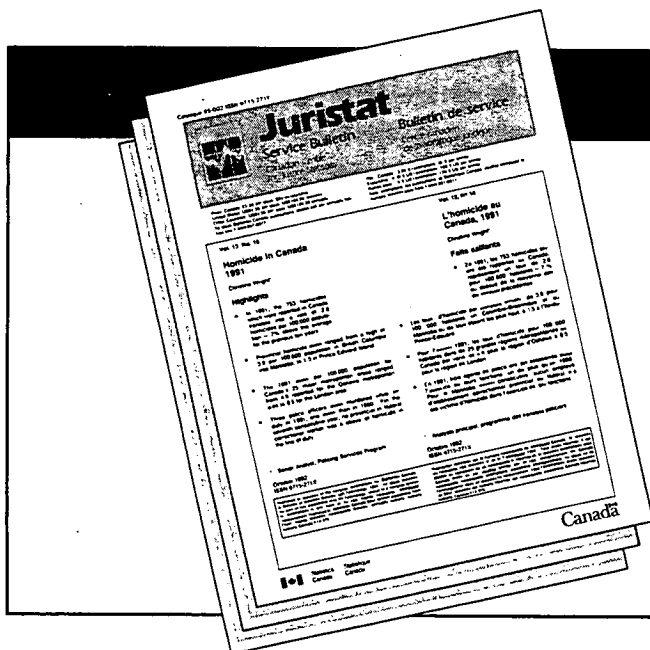
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