



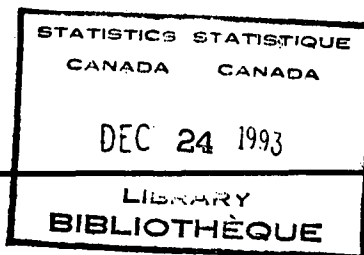
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## MAJOR RELEASE

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### Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry

October 1993

Seasonally adjusted, Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost gained 0.1% after increasing 0.1% in August and 0.5% in September. Output of services rose 0.2%, equal to its average monthly growth so far this year. Goods production slipped 0.1% following significant increases in the previous two months. Cutbacks in construction and drilling for oil curtailed growth in goods output the most.

#### Services-producing industries

The gain in services was led by increases in the finance group, wholesale trade, and in transportation and storage: all rose by about 0.5%. Retail trade posted a modest gain; community, business and personal services, as well as communications, edged down.

Finance, insurance and real estate rose 0.5% following a similar gain the previous month. The advance was concentrated in mutual funds, where assets and output continued to increase rapidly. Securities brokers remained busy as corporations issued large amounts of new stock for a second consecutive month. Real estate activities fell for a fourth consecutive month, however, as the number of houses for sale declined in each of the last four months and as housing resales fell in almost every province.

Wholesalers boosted sales 0.6%, their sixth consecutive monthly gain. Higher sales of machinery and equipment and food products were primarily responsible. Sales of petroleum products remained sluggish.

Transportation and storage services rose 0.5% after gaining 1.9% the previous month, when railway transport jumped almost 9.0%. In October, railway transport receded 2.0% as lower hauling of wheat was responsible for most of a 0.3% drop in transportation services. Truck transport increased 1.0% following several monthly increases. Output of pipelines rebounded 3.6% following declines the previous two months. Transportation of natural gas—responsible for most of the weakness in August and September—rose 3.0% in October. Storage activities

grew 2.8%, reflecting the arrival of grain at primary grain elevators.

Retail sales edged up 0.1%, but have remained near the same level for the last four months. Sales in department stores and supermarkets increased the most in October, but lower sales by retailers of furniture and household appliances and by service station operators partly offset the gains. Motor vehicle dealers and retailers of parts also recorded lower sales.

Output of community, business and personal services edged down 0.2%, its third decline in the last four months. Lower spending in hotels and restaurants contributed the most to the decline. Business services dropped 0.2%, reflecting weakness in professional business activities. Gains in private health services and in amusement and recreational services, which were sluggish in earlier months, moderated the decline.

#### Goods-producing industries

The cutbacks in goods production were concentrated in construction and in mining, where drilling activity dropped sharply. Elsewhere, agricultural output declined marginally; the other producers of goods posted small increases.

Mining output decreased 1.2%, its third decline in four months. Drilling activity (responsible for most of the recent weakness) slumped 10.5% in October as both exploration and development activities were curbed. Lower natural gas production accounted for a 0.6% decline in the output of crude oil and natural gas. Coal production, which increased substantially in September after the re-opening of a mine, rose a further 4.3% in October. Exports of coal and other bituminous substances soared in October.

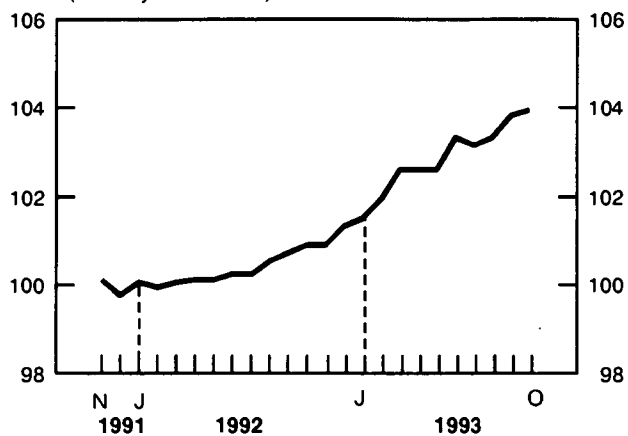
Construction activity decreased 0.6%, its fifth consecutive monthly decline. Residential construction fell 0.8%. It has remained at around the same level since falling to its most recent trough in June. An ongoing decline in the construction of single dwellings slowed recently; construction of apartments increased for a third consecutive month. Construction of non-residential buildings declined 0.9% as lower activity on public projects was partly offset by continued rapid improvement in industrial projects. Engineering construction fell 0.3%.

# Gross Domestic Product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

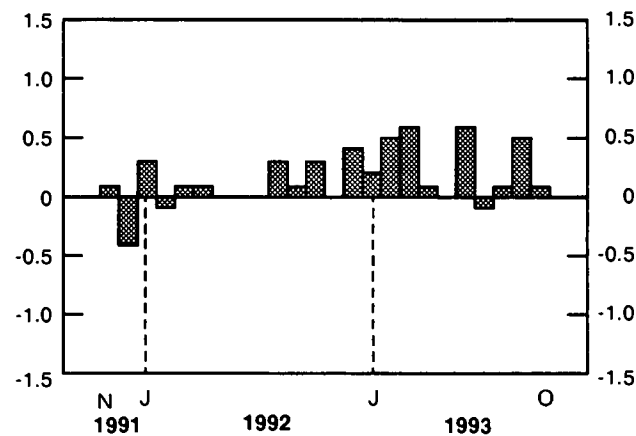
**Total Economy**

Index (January 1992 = 100)



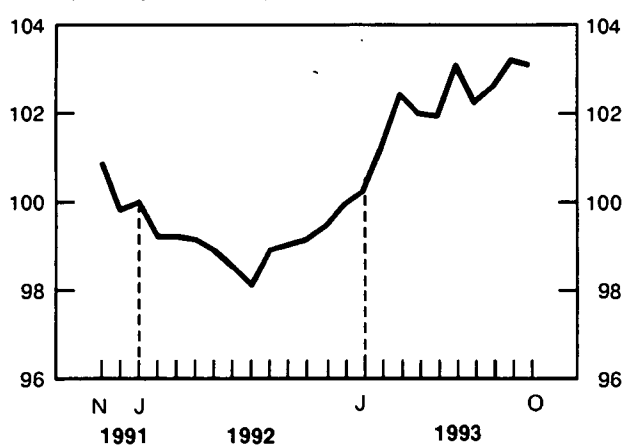
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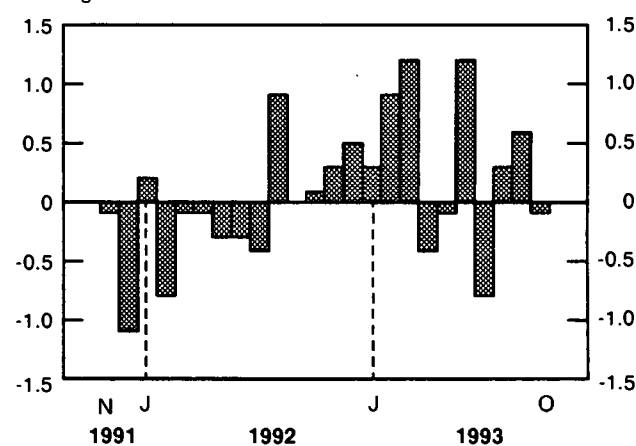
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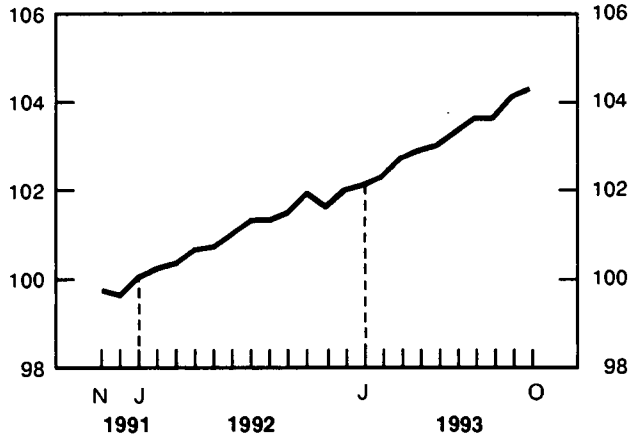
**Goods**

% change



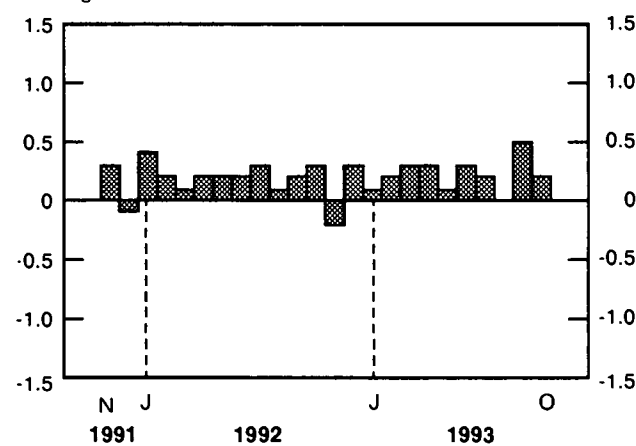
**Services**

Index (January 1992 = 100)



**Services**

% change



Manufacturers increased production 0.1% as higher output of durable goods was mostly offset by lower output of non-durable goods. Manufacturers of primary metal products, transportation equipment, and metal fabricated products accounted for most of the gain in durable goods, which was moderated by a decline in the production of electronic products. Cutbacks in the production of chemical products, clothing, and beverages contributed most to the decline in non-durable goods output.

Production of primary metals increased 2.3%, a fifth consecutive monthly gain. Manufacturers of iron and steel products raised output 4.5% as shipments to most of their clients increased—notably to manufacturers of pipe and tube, motor vehicles and wholesalers. Steel pipe and tube producers boosted output 7.9% after gaining almost 5.0% in September.

Transportation equipment manufacturers raised output 0.7% following solid gains the previous two months. Production of motor vehicle parts rose 2.3%, led by gains in motor vehicle stamping and miscellaneous parts. However, the production of motor vehicle engines declined for a second consecutive month. Production of motor vehicles advanced 0.5% after increasing 11.2% in September. The industry was affected by temporary plant shutdowns, which were announced earlier this year. Closures for retooling were also scheduled for November.

Manufacturers of fabricated metal products increased output 1.6% following a decline in September. Production of power boilers, heating equipment and miscellaneous metal products advanced the most. Unfilled orders for these industries have picked up since June; more recently, inventories have started building up.

Output of electrical and electronic products fell 1.4%, its third decline in four months. Since January, production has been sluggish, while employment has trended down—except for the last few months, when it has stabilized. Manufacturers of electronic equipment reduced output 4.0% in October after

maintaining the same level of output for three months. Production of telecommunications equipment declined the most. Production of office machinery increased marginally after gaining almost 6.0% the previous month.

Producers of chemical products cut output by 1.4% following several increases. Manufacturers of pharmaceutical products reduced output the most. Between April and October, production and employment remained below their March levels. Nevertheless, a recent improvement in unfilled orders and a stabilization in employment may indicate improvement in the coming months. Production of industrial and agricultural chemicals also fell in October.

Clothing production dropped 3.3% after improving the previous two months. Retail sales of clothing slowed recently and imports of apparel and accessories dropped in October.

Elsewhere in manufacturing, production of foodstuffs and petroleum products increased, while output of paper and allied products advanced marginally. Manufacturers of wood products recorded a slight decline.

Forestry activity advanced 1.4% after increasing 2.1% in September. After soaring in September, demand abroad for Canadian lumber remained strong in October, but was not sufficient to induce an increase in output. Producers trimmed inventories in each of the last four months, responding to weak demand from the domestic construction industry.

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The October 1993 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$12.70/\$127) will be released in January 1994. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Michel Girard (613-951-9145), Industry Measures and Analysis Division. □

**Real Gross Domestic Product at factor cost by industry, at 1986 prices**

	1992	1993			
	October	July	August	September	October
	\$ millions				
	seasonally adjusted at annual rates				
<b>Total economy</b>	<b>506,326.6</b>	<b>517,382.9</b>	<b>518,070.0</b>	<b>520,745.0</b>	<b>521,233.5</b>
Goods-producing industries	168,154.0	173,467.1	174,070.3	175,114.7	174,876.0
Services-producing industries	338,172.6	343,915.8	343,999.7	345,630.3	346,357.5
<b>Business sector</b>	<b>413,230.2</b>	<b>424,637.2</b>	<b>425,541.6</b>	<b>428,137.4</b>	<b>428,539.6</b>
<b>Goods</b>	167,178.2	172,488.9	173,099.3	174,142.5	173,897.8
Agriculture	10,717.2	11,764.6	11,842.6	11,953.3	11,945.4
Fishing and trapping	739.5	782.5	759.5	728.1	735.4
Logging	3,035.7	3,223.0	3,125.8	3,193.0	3,237.4
Mining	20,027.0	22,016.9	21,965.5	22,257.3	21,991.8
Manufacturing	89,001.6	91,137.0	91,959.1	93,039.0	93,135.8
Construction	28,135.9	27,881.0	27,605.2	27,466.5	27,314.3
Other utility industries	15,521.3	15,683.9	15,841.6	15,505.3	15,537.7
<b>Services</b>	246,052.0	252,148.3	252,442.3	253,994.9	254,641.8
Transportation and storage	21,916.7	22,692.0	22,581.8	23,003.8	23,110.3
Communications	19,088.5	19,479.8	19,554.1	19,594.9	19,582.8
Wholesale trade	30,794.5	31,601.7	31,656.9	32,183.0	32,378.8
Retail trade	30,251.4	31,166.0	31,205.5	31,110.9	31,131.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	83,824.8	86,090.0	86,346.8	86,736.9	87,185.7
Community, business and personal services	60,176.1	61,118.8	61,097.2	61,365.4	61,252.9
<b>Non-business sector</b>	<b>93,096.4</b>	<b>92,745.7</b>	<b>92,528.4</b>	<b>92,607.6</b>	<b>92,693.9</b>
<b>Goods</b>	975.8	978.2	971.0	972.2	978.2
<b>Services</b>	92,120.6	91,767.5	91,557.4	91,635.4	91,715.7
Government service	34,176.8	33,659.2	33,464.8	33,631.6	33,686.8
Community and personal services	54,417.8	54,554.8	54,493.6	54,380.8	54,391.5
Other services	3,526.0	3,553.5	3,599.0	3,623.0	3,637.4
<b>Other aggregations</b>					
Industrial production	125,525.7	129,816.0	130,737.2	131,773.8	131,643.5
Non-durable manufacturing	41,733.2	42,223.7	42,274.2	42,370.7	42,215.2
Durable manufacturing	47,268.4	48,913.3	49,684.9	50,668.3	50,920.6

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending December 14, 1993

The number of railway cars loaded during the seven-day period increased by 27.2% from the same period last year; revenue-freight loaded increased by 30.4% to 4.9 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased by 21.1% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of December 14, 1993 decreased 1.1% 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. ■

### Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

November 1993

Chemical firms produced 148 148 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in November 1993, a 0.8% increase from 146 948<sup>r</sup> (revised) in November 1992.

For January to November 1993, production totalled 1 574 780<sup>r</sup> tonnes, up 1.9% from 1 545 514<sup>r</sup> tonnes a year earlier.

Data are also available on production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for November 1992 and November 1993.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.**

The November 1993 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) will be available at a later date.

For detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

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**Gypsum Products**, November 1993.

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**Telephone Statistics**, October 1993.

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**Building Permits**, October 1993.

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**Quarterly Demographic Statistics**, April-June 1993.

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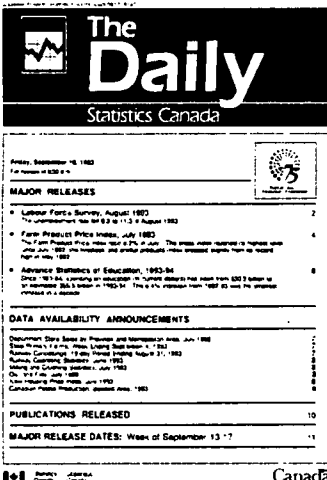
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