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Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

December 1992

Department store sales including concessions totalled \$2,081.8 million in December 1992, up 3.4% from December 1991. Concessions sales totalled \$93.2 million, 4.5% of total department store sales.

Department store sales (with concessions) for 1992 amounted to \$13,011.9 million, up 0.8% from \$12,913.3 million in 1991.

Department Store Sales Including Concessions and Year-over-year Percentage Change

December 1992

	Sales (\$ millions)	Year-over-year Percentage Change
Province		
Newfoundland	30.7	+4.3
Prince Edward Island	9.4	+5.4
Nova Scotia	75.6	+7.6
New Brunswick	50.1	+9.3
Quebec	339.1	-3.6
Ontario	876.1	+3.2
Manitoba	84.3	+2.8
Saskatchewan	60.3	+3.4
Alberta	231.6	+4.1
British Columbia	324.5	+9.4
Metropolitan Area		
Calgary	82.4	+1.1
Edmonton	101.9	+6.4
Halifax-Dartmouth	37.2	+1.4
Hamilton	65.2	+0.4
Montreal	186.9	-4.4
Ottawa-Hull	91.7	-3.9
Quebec City	43.3	-3.0
Toronto	332.6	-0.4
Vancouver	176.2	+8.9
Winnipeg	74.1	+2.5

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111, 112 (series 1, levels 10 to 12).

Note: Information on department store sales and stocks by major product lines and a seasonally adjusted estimate at the Canada level will be released in *The Daily* on February 22, 1993.

The December 1992 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2.70/\$27) will be available in February.

For further information, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Raw Materials Price Index - Early Estimate

January 1993

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have decreased 1.8% in January 1993 from December 1992. The mineral fuels index showed the only decrease (-7.3%). Partially offsetting this decrease were increases for metals (1.0%), animal and vegetable products (0.3%) and wood (1.1%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have risen 0.6% in January.

This is an early estimate of the January movement of the Raw Materials Price Index. These numbers are based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

December 1992

Canadian firms produced 173 391 cubic metres of waferboard in December 1992, an increase of 23.8% from the 140 108 cubic metres produced in December 1991. Particleboard production reached 100 577 cubic metres, up 19.9% from 83 879 cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for December 1992 amounted to 5 757 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a decrease of 21.7% from the 7 350 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in December 1991.

Cumulative production of waferboard at the end of 1992 totalled 2 048 730 cubic metres, up 28.4% from the 1 595 974 cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production ended the year at 1 207 152 (revised) cubic metres, up 14.0%

from the 1 059 174 cubic metres produced in 1991. Year-to-date production of fibreboard totalled 91 417 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, down 5.8% from the 97 010 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, produced in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The December 1992 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Steel Primary Forms

December 1992

Steel primary forms production for December 1992 totalled 1 224 872 tonnes, an increase of 16.5% from 1 051 279 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production at the end of December 1992 reached 13 839 822 tonnes, up 7.3% from 12 895 179 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The December 1992 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Motor Carriers of Freight Quarterly Survey (All Carriers)

Third Quarter 1992

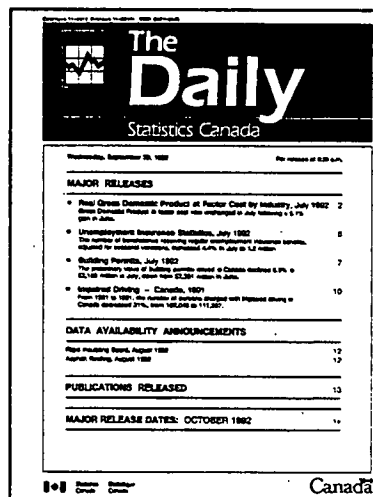
The results of the Motor Carriers of Freight Quarterly Survey, covering the activities of the for-hire trucking carriers with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more, are now available for the third quarter of 1992.

Highlights

- During the third quarter of 1992, an estimated 1,209 carriers earning \$1 million or more annually generated total operating revenues of \$2.2 billion, a 2.6% increase from the third quarter of 1991.
- Total operating expenses for the third quarter of 1992 amounted to \$2.1 billion, a slight 1.6% increase from the third quarter of 1991. The major expense was salaries and wages, which accounted for 32.5% of the total operating expenses.
- The operating ratio (total operating expenses divided by total operating revenues) was 0.95 for the third quarter of 1992. This ratio was slightly improved from the 0.96 recorded in 1991.

Detailed data for the third quarter of 1992 will appear in the March issue of *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40, \$70).

For further information, contact Dan Calof (613-951-2519), Transportation Division. ■



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