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MAJOR RELEASES

Short-term Expectations Survey

The year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index for January was forecast at 2.0%, with minimum and maximum values of 1.7% and 2.3%, respectively. In December, the mean forecast (1.9%) underestimated the outcome of 2.1%.

The mean forecast of the unemployment rate for January was 11.5% (minimum 11.3%, maximum 11.8%). For December, the mean forecast (11.7%) overestimated the outcome by 0.2 percentage points.

December merchandise exports were forecast to be \$13.9 billion, with a minimum and maximum of \$13.5 billion and \$14.0 billion, respectively. For November, the mean forecast (\$13.8 billion) slightly overestimated the actual level of \$13.7 billion. The forecast of imports for December was \$12.7 billion, with minimum and maximum values of \$12.0 billion and \$13.0 billion, respectively. For November, a mean forecast of \$12.4 billion underestimated the actual imports by \$0.4 billion.

Note to Users

Since April 1990, Statistics Canada has been canvassing a small group of economic analysts (an average of 23 participants) and requesting from them a one-month-ahead forecast of key economic indicators. This month participants were asked for forecasts of the year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index and the unemployment rate for January 1993, the levels of merchandise exports and imports for December 1992, as well as the month-to-month change in the Gross Domestic Product for November 1992.

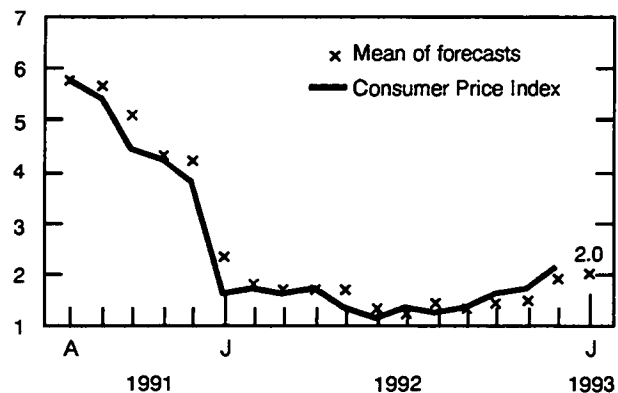
The Gross Domestic Product was forecast to have changed by 0.2% between October and November 1992, with minimum and maximum changes of 0.1% and 0.4%. On January 29th, Statistics Canada announced that the actual change in GDP for November was -0.1%.

For a complete set of tables or more information concerning this survey, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568). ☐

FORECASTS VS. ACTUAL

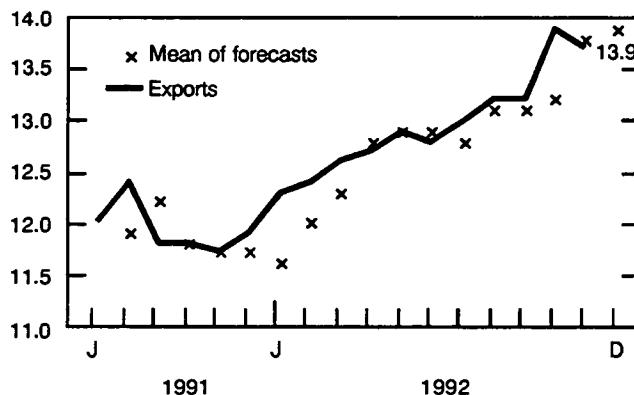
Consumer Price Index

Year-to-year
percentage change



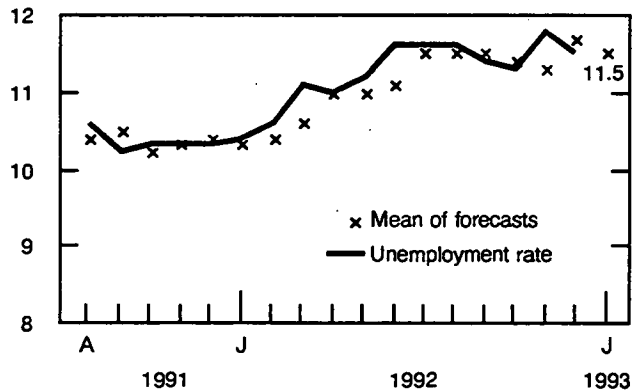
Canadian International Trade Exports

\$ billions



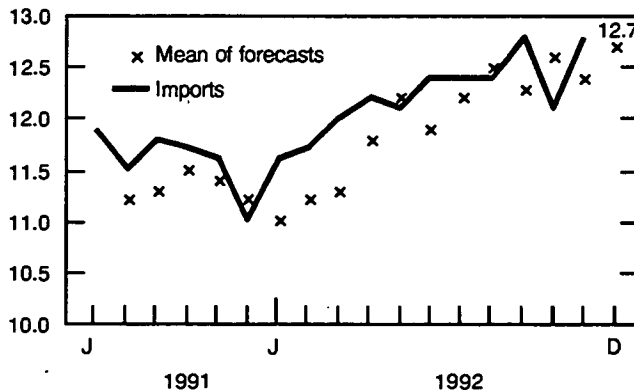
Unemployment Rate

%



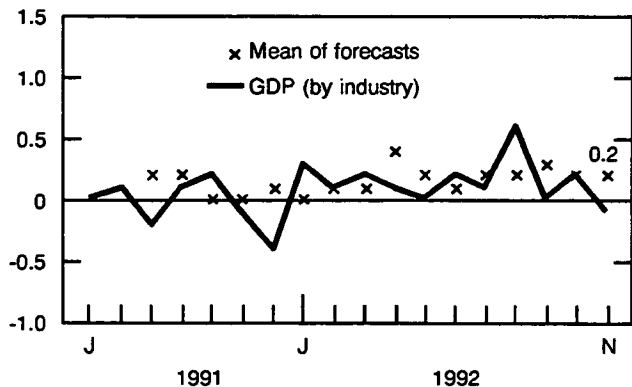
Canadian International Trade Imports

\$ billions



Gross Domestic Product (by Industry)

Percentage change



Non-residential Construction Price Index

Fourth Quarter 1992

The composite Non-residential Construction Price Index (excluding the Goods and Services Tax) increased slightly to 121.3 in the fourth quarter of 1992, a 0.2% increase over the previous quarter and a 0.2% increase over the fourth quarter of 1991. There have been only very small changes in the index (1986=100) since the first quarter of 1991, when it stood at 121.8.

Highlights

- In the fourth quarter of 1992, all of the city composite indexes showed slight movement, ranging from 0.0% to 0.3%. However, the price indexes for Western Canadian cities showed larger movements when compared to the year-earlier quarter: Vancouver was up 2.5% and Calgary and Edmonton both rose 1.8%.

- In Central Canada, the index for Ottawa rose 1.0% during the last four quarters, but the index for Toronto barely changed (0.1%) and the index for Montreal slipped 2.3% during the same period.
- The index for Halifax remained relatively flat, showing a drop of 0.2% from the fourth quarter of 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2042 and 2043.

The fourth quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Non-residential Construction Price Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1992
(1986 = 100)

	Seven Cities and Composite Indexes						
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver Composite
Quarterly Indexes							
1991							
Fourth Quarter	109.0	114.0	124.7	124.6	121.8	123.5	115.9 121.1
1992							
First Quarter	109.0	114.4	125.1	124.3	122.1	123.7	116.1 121.1
Second Quarter	108.9	115.4	125.5	124.2	123.0	124.5	117.6 121.6
Third Quarter	108.8	111.4	125.6	124.6	123.8	125.5	118.5 121.1
Fourth Quarter	108.8	111.4	125.9	124.7	124.0	125.7	118.8 121.3
Percentage Change							
Q.1 1992/Q.4 1991	0.0	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2 0.0
Q.2 1992/Q.1 1992	-0.1	0.9	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.6	1.3 0.4
Q.3 1992/Q.2 1992	-0.1	-3.5	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.8 -0.4
Q.4 1992/Q.3 1992	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3 0.2
Q.4 1992/Q.4 1991	-0.2	-2.3	1.0	0.1	1.8	1.8	2.5 0.2

Note: Effective January 1, 1991, the Goods and Services tax is excluded but the Provincial Sales Tax, where applicable, is included (as before). The Quebec Sales Tax Phase II harmonization with the GST became effective July 1, 1992 but is excluded from these indexes. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basic Summary Tabulations 1991 Census

The 1991 Census Basic Summary Tabulations consist of a series of 47 tables, which are based on data collected from a 20% sample of households. Each table features two or more inter-related variables concerning the Canadian population and their dwellings. The data are aggregated for a variety of standard geographical areas extending from the country as a whole to enumeration areas, the building blocks for all higher geographic levels.

Four tables are now available (listed below) which show characteristics of the immigrant and non-immigrant populations in Canada by age, sex, place of birth and period of immigration.

- 19101 Population by Selected Places of Birth and Age Groups
- 19102 Immigrant Population by Selected Places of Birth and Sex Showing Period of Immigration
- 19103 Immigrant Population by Selected Places of Birth and Sex Showing Age at Immigration
- 19104 Non-permanent Residents by Selected Places of Birth and Sex

These tables are offered on magnetic tape, diskette and paper, and are available at the following geographic levels: census divisions and subdivisions, census metropolitan areas/census agglomerations, census tracts, federal electoral districts and enumeration areas.

To order any of these products, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Motor Carriers of Freight Annual Survey (Operating Statistics) 1990

An estimated 43,250 carriers (earning less than \$1 million in 1990) generated \$6.3 billion in operating revenues in 1990.

Ontario-domiciled carriers logged an estimated 1.7 billion kilometres in 1990, followed by Quebec (1.2 billion) and Alberta (1.0 billion) carriers.

Owner-operators represented 67% of all carriers in this category, with earnings of \$3.4 billion in 1990.

These data and more information from the annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey will be available in *Trucking in Canada* (53-222, \$45), scheduled for release later this month.

For more information on this release, contact Andrea Mathieson (613-951-2493) or Gilles Paré (613-951-2517) or fax (613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder December 1992

Production of process cheese in December 1992 totalled 5 825 647 kilograms, a decrease of 5.3% from November 1992 but an increase of 22.1% from December 1991. The year-to-date production totalled 75 838 429 kilograms at the end of December 1992, compared to 75 062 944 kilograms a year earlier.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 477 582 kilograms, a decrease of 0.8% from November 1992 but an increase of 15.1% from December 1991. Year-to-date production totalled 4 863 966 kilograms at the end of December 1992, compared to 4 533 903 kilograms the year before.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The December 1992 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, November 1992.
Catalogue number 35-003
(Canada: \$7.10/\$71; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85;
Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99).

Railway Operating Statistics, October 1992.
Catalogue number 52-003
(Canada: \$10.50/\$105;
United States: US\$12.60/US\$126;
Other Countries: US\$14.70/US\$147).

Estimates of Labour Income, July-September 1992.
Catalogue number 72-005
(Canada: \$22.50/\$90; United States: US\$27/US\$108;
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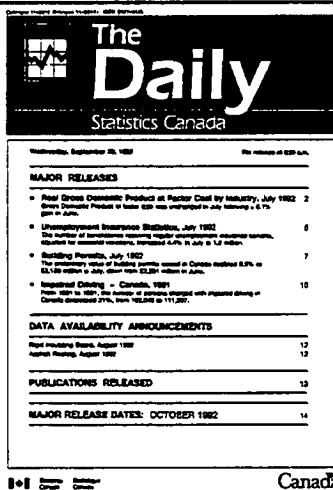
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