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The composite price index for new apartment construction in Canada (1986 = 100) rose 0.2% to 116.0 in the fourth quarter of 1992, a 0.4% increase from the year before. In the fourth quarter, the index was still lower than the pre-GST 116.3 that was

recorded in the second quarter of 1989.

At the city level, only the index for Halifax (108.8, -0.1%) declined from the previous quarter. Except for Montreal (110.5, 0.0%), the indexes for all of the other surveyed cities modestly increased: Ottawa (124.6, 0.2%), Toronto (119.4, 0.3%), Edmonton (118.5, 0.3%), Vancouver (120.0, 0.3%) and Calgary (120.6, 0.4%).

Compared to the fourth quarter of 1991, the three western cities showed the largest increases in new apartment construction prices: Vancouver 2.5%, Edmonton 2.1% and Calgary 2.1%. The cities in Central Canada showed very small changes (Ottawa 0.7%, Toronto 0.3%), while Halifax 0.7% posted a year-over-year increase of 0.2%. By contrast, the year-over-year index for Montreal declined 2.2%, due partly to implementation of the Quebec Sales Tax Phase II harmonization with the GST.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2046.

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

Apartment 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	108.6	112.9	123.8	119.0	118.1	116.0	117.1	115.6
1992								
First Quarter	108.9	113.2	124.0	119.0	118.5	116.5	117.4	115.8
Second Quarter	108.8	114.2	124.3	119.2	119.3	117.2	118.8	116.5
Third Quarter	108.9	110.5	124.4	119.0	120.1	118.1	119.6	115.8
Fourth Quarter	108.8	110.5	124.6	119.4	120.6	118.5	120.0	. 116.0
	Percentage Change							
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Q.1 1992/Q.4 1991	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
Q.2 1992/Q.1 1992	-0.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.6
Q.3 1992/Q.2 1992	0.1	-3.2	0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.6
Q.4 1992/Q.3 1992	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Q.4 1992/Q.4 1991	0.2	-2.2	. 0.7	0.3	2.1	2.1	2.5	0.4

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

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ended January 30, 1993

Preliminary estimates show that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ended January 30, 1993 totalled 279 074 tonnes, a 0.1% increase from the preceding week's total of 278 738 tonnes and up 4.7% from the year-earlier 266 495 tonnes. The cumulative total at the end of the week was 1 129 705 tonnes, a 4.3% increase from 1 083 380 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

Gypsum Products

December 1992

Manufacturers shipped 15 356 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in December 1992, up 18.3% from the 12 981 thousand square metres shipped in December 1991 but down 23.5% from the 20 061 thousand square metres shipped in November 1992.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of December 1992 totalled 222 413 thousand square metres, an increase of 15.4% from the January to December 1991 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11).

The December 1992 issue of Gypsum Products (44-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, please contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Cement

December 1992

Canadian manufacturers shipped 461 600 tonnes of cement in December 1992, an increase of 3.7% from the 445 295 tonnes shipped a year earlier but a decrease of 34.0% from the 699 358 tonnes shipped in November 1992.

From January to December 1992, shipments amounted to 8 598 231^r (revised) tonnes, down 8.5% from the 9 399 048 tonnes shipped during the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 35).

The December 1992 issue of Cement (44-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Electric Power Statistics

November 1992

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in November 1992 increased to 44 426 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 3.8% from November 1991.
 During the same period, exports increased 41.1% to 2 981 GWh and imports increased from 405 GWh to 467 GWh.
- At the end of November 1992, year-to-date figures showed net generation at 452 567 GWh, up 2.2% over the previous year's period. Yearto-date exports, at 28 521 GWh, were up 27.3%, but imports, at 5 800 GWh, were down 0.5%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The November 1992 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the first week of February. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Pack of Processed Mushrooms

1992

Data on the pack of processed mushrooms for 1992 cannot be made available. The information is confidential to meet secrecy requirements of the Statistics Act.

Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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



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Shipments of Solid Fuel Burning Heating Products, Quarter Ended December 1992.

Catalogue number 25-002

(Canada: \$4.75/\$19; United States: US\$5.75/US\$23; Other Countries: US\$6.75/US\$27).

Production of Selected Biscuits, Semi-annual Period Ended December 1992.

Catalogue number 32-026

(Canada: \$6.75/\$13.50; United States: US\$8.10/US\$16.20;

Other Countries: US\$9.45/US\$18.90).

Canadian Civil Aviation, 1991. Catalogue number 51-206

(Canada: \$36; United States: US\$43; Other Countries: US\$50).

Railway Carloadings, December 1992. Catalogue number 52-001

(Canada: \$8.30/\$83; United States: US\$10/US\$100; Other Countries: US\$11.60/US\$116).

Summary of Canadian International Trade, November 1992.

Catalogue number 65-001

(Canada: \$18.20/\$182; United States: US\$21.80/US\$218; Other Countries: US\$25.50/US\$255).

Labour Force Information, January 1993. Catalogue number 71-001P

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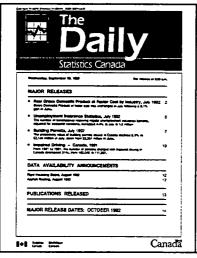
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