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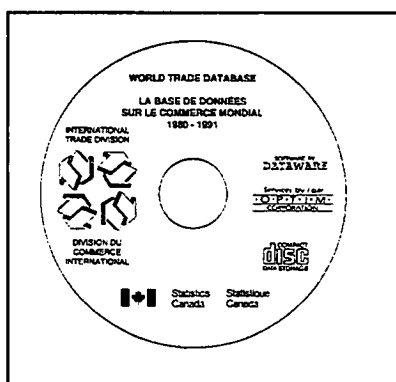
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### World Trade Database on CD-ROM 1980-1991

The *World Trade Database* has been updated to include 1991 data and, for the first time, is available on CD-ROM diskette.

The *World Trade Database* is a comprehensive source of statistical information about Canada's presence in world markets, as well as that of its trading partners and its competitors.

Constructed from data reported to the United Nations, the database provides annual trade flows between some 160 countries for more than 600 commodities. Adjustments have been made to the United Nations data to alleviate inconsistencies and to estimate the trade of late-reporting and non-reporting countries.

This new CD-ROM product incorporates user-friendly software by Dataware Technologies that facilitates easy access and retrieval of the data. The *World Trade Database CD-ROM* is priced at \$3,500 (subject to Statistics Canada's limited-use licence agreements), with a 50% discount available to educational institutions. For a limited time only, this CD-ROM diskette is being offered on a two-week trial basis. For more information, please contact Client Services (613-951-9647), International Trade Division.



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## MAJOR RELEASES

### New Housing Price Index

February 1993

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 134.9 in February, up 0.3% from January 1993. The estimated House Only index increased 0.4% and the Land Only index increased 0.2%.

The largest monthly increases in new housing prices were in Edmonton (1.8%), Vancouver (1.6%) and Regina (1.5%), while the largest monthly decreases were in Hamilton (-1.0%) and Toronto (-0.6%).

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices was up 1.0% from its year-earlier level. The movement was influenced by year-over-year increases in Vancouver (8.8%), Regina (8.0%) and Victoria (5.9%). However, these increases were partially offset by decreases in Hamilton (-4.8%), Toronto (-2.8%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (-2.3%).

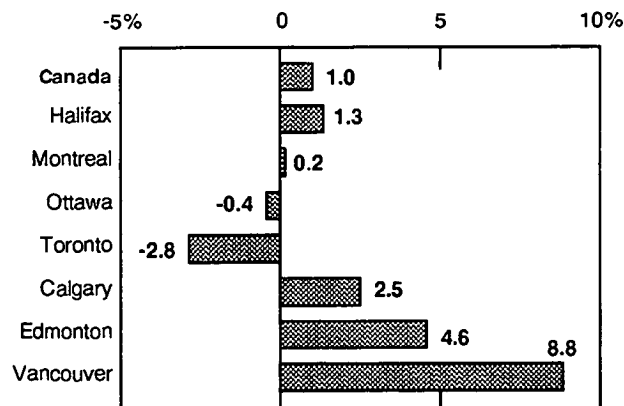
Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The first quarter 1993 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

### New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, February 1993



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

|                                | February 1993 | January 1993 | February 1992 | % change                   |                             |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                |               |              |               | February 1993/January 1993 | February 1993/February 1992 |
| <b>Canada Total</b>            | <b>134.9</b>  | <b>134.5</b> | <b>133.5</b>  | <b>0.3</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>                  |
| Canada (House Only)            | 124.7         | 124.2        | 124.4         | 0.4                        | 0.2                         |
| Canada (Land Only)             | 166.5         | 166.1        | 160.6         | 0.2                        | 3.7                         |
| St. John's                     | 127.0         | 127.0        | 126.5         | -                          | 0.4                         |
| Halifax                        | 111.0         | 111.0        | 109.6         | -                          | 1.3                         |
| Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton | 115.3         | 114.9        | 114.8         | 0.3                        | 0.4                         |
| Quebec City                    | 134.1         | 134.1        | 134.9         | -                          | -0.6                        |
| Montreal                       | 134.8         | 134.6        | 134.5         | 0.1                        | 0.2                         |
| Ottawa-Hull                    | 122.5         | 122.5        | 123.0         | -                          | -0.4                        |
| Toronto                        | 137.8         | 138.6        | 141.7         | -0.6                       | -2.8                        |
| Hamilton                       | 126.8         | 128.1        | 133.2         | -1.0                       | -4.8                        |
| St. Catharines-Niagara         | 129.0         | 129.4        | 132.1         | -0.3                       | -2.3                        |
| Kitchener-Waterloo             | 126.5         | 125.0        | 127.0         | 1.2                        | -0.4                        |
| London                         | 145.5         | 145.6        | 146.0         | -0.1                       | -0.3                        |
| Windsor                        | 126.4         | 126.4        | 128.3         | -                          | -1.5                        |
| Sudbury-Thunder Bay            | 133.9         | 133.3        | 133.2         | 0.5                        | 0.5                         |
| Winnipeg                       | 110.8         | 109.5        | 107.6         | 1.2                        | 3.0                         |
| Regina                         | 121.9         | 120.1        | 112.9         | 1.5                        | 8.0                         |
| Saskatoon                      | 108.2         | 108.2        | 106.7         | -                          | 1.4                         |
| Calgary                        | 135.5         | 135.0        | 132.2         | 0.4                        | 2.5                         |
| Edmonton                       | 145.6         | 143.0        | 139.2         | 1.8                        | 4.6                         |
| Vancouver                      | 142.2         | 139.9        | 130.7         | 1.6                        | 8.8                         |
| Victoria                       | 130.5         | 130.3        | 123.2         | 0.2                        | 5.9                         |

- Nil or zero.

## Farm Product Price Index

February 1993

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 100.2 in February, up 0.6% from the revised January level of 99.6. The crops index slipped 0.1% to 86.9; the potatoes index increased, the cereals index was unchanged, and the oilseeds index decreased. The livestock and animal products index rose 1.0% to 108.4, with an increase of 1.5% in the cattle and calves index.

### Percentage Change in the Farm Product Price Index between January and February 1993, by Province

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Newfoundland         | +0.8% |
| Prince Edward Island | +0.8% |
| Nova Scotia          | -0.6% |
| New Brunswick        | -1.1% |
| Quebec               | +1.2% |
| Ontario              | +1.4% |
| Manitoba             | -1.1% |
| Saskatchewan         | -0.8% |
| Alberta              | +0.9% |
| British Columbia     | +0.3% |
| Canada               | +0.6% |

### Crops

The crops index slipped 0.1% to 86.9 in February, as the oilseeds index decreased. The index stood 12.3% below its year-earlier level.

- The cereals index was unchanged at 71.4 in February. Designated barley prices in Western Canada rose in response to increases in initial prices, but oats prices dropped. The index stood 22.1% below its year-earlier level.

- The oilseeds index decreased by 1.4% to 117.8. In general, soybean, flax and canola prices fell. The index has increased in 10 of the last 14 months. The oilseeds index stood 21.4% above its February 1992 level.

### Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 1.0% to 108.4 in February on the strength of a 1.5% rise in the cattle and calves index. The index stood 9.3% above its year-earlier level.

- The cattle and calves index increased 1.5%. At 118.0, the index reached a record high, standing 14.6% above its year-earlier level. In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices rose 0.7% following a 3.6% increase in January. Canadian cattle and calves slaughter to the end of February was down 3.5% from the same period last year.
- The hogs index rose 2.9% to 82.3 in February, the fifth increase in the last six months. Prices in the U.S. rose 6.7% during the same period. Canadian slaughter for February was up 0.5% from February 1992, while U.S. slaughter was down 3.6%. The index stood 21.2% above its year-earlier level, which was one of the lowest in recent years.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The February issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on April 20. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, please contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

February 1993

Department store sales including concessions totalled \$690.6 million in February 1993, down 7.4% from February 1992. Concessions sales totalled \$40.3 million, 5.8% of total department store sales.

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

|                          | Sales<br>(\$ millions) | %<br>Change |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Province</b>          |                        |             |
| Newfoundland             | 8.7                    | -9.6        |
| Prince Edward Island     | 2.6                    | -6.2        |
| Nova Scotia              | 21.6                   | -0.3        |
| New Brunswick            | 14.2                   | -6.1        |
| Quebec                   | 120.5                  | -11.0       |
| Ontario                  | 290.6                  | -6.8        |
| Manitoba                 | 29.4                   | -7.3        |
| Saskatchewan             | 20.1                   | -6.4        |
| Alberta                  | 76.2                   | -8.4        |
| British Columbia         | 106.6                  | -5.4        |
| <b>Metropolitan Area</b> |                        |             |
| Calgary                  | 27.8                   | -8.5        |
| Edmonton                 | 33.3                   | -7.4        |
| Halifax-Dartmouth        | 11.1                   | -3.8        |
| Hamilton                 | 21.0                   | -5.9        |
| Montreal                 | 66.4                   | -8.4        |
| Ottawa-Hull              | 30.6                   | -12.2       |
| Quebec City              | 15.7                   | -15.4       |
| Toronto                  | 115.9                  | -6.8        |
| Vancouver                | 57.8                   | -5.6        |
| Winnipeg                 | 26.1                   | -6.8        |

**Note:** Information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines will be available on April 22.

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

The February 1993 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in May.

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

### Canadian Domestic Travel

Third Quarter 1992

Bad weather during the summer of 1992 dissuaded more than one Canadian from travelling. Canadians made 45.4 million person-trips during the third quarter of 1992, of which 26.9 million were overnight trips. This was the lowest summer volume since 1986.

Pleasure trips – most popular during summer – were more affected by the inclement weather, as Canadians made just under 20 million person-trips for pleasure. Trips to visit friends and relatives remained in second place at 14 million. Intra-provincial trips of one or more nights totalled 22 million during the spring of 1992, while travel between provinces stood at 5 million trips.

Given significant changes in data collection methods, which were introduced in April 1992, the Canadian Travel Survey estimates for the second and third quarters of 1992 are not comparable with previous quarters.

The microdata file of the third quarter of 1992 will be available in May 1993. More detailed information will be published in the Spring 1993 issue of *Travel-log* (87-003, \$10.50/\$42), which will be released soon.

For more information, please contact Louis Pierre (613-951-1672), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

### Raw Materials Price Index – Early Estimate

March 1993

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have increased 1.1% in March 1993 from February 1993. The wood index led the upward movement with an increase of 7.3%, followed by animal and vegetable products (0.3%). Decreases for metals (-1.7%) and mineral fuels (-0.3%) moderated the overall upward movement. The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have risen 1.8% in March.

This early estimate of the Raw Materials Price Index for March is 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. ■

## Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

February 1993

In February 1993, a total of 82 Canadian urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 115.1 million fare passengers, down 3.9% compared to February 1992. Operating revenues totalled \$117.1 million, up 9.7% from February 1992.

During the same period, 23 passenger bus carriers earning \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 0.9 million fare passengers, down 7.0% compared to February 1992. Operating revenues from the same services totalled \$18.7 million, a 1.3% decrease from February 1992.

All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.**

The February 1993 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the fourth week of April.

For further information on this release, contact Morteza Doroudian (613-951-2528), Transportation Division. ■

## Shipments of Rolled Steel

February 1993

Rolled steel shipments for February 1993 totalled 1 076 573 tonnes, an increase of 2.5% from January's total of 1 050 170<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes and an increase of 25.5% from the year-earlier 857 962 tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of February totalled 2 126 743 tonnes, an increase of 20.8% compared to 1 760 695 tonnes the previous year.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).**

The February 1993 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. ■

## Oils and Fats

February 1993

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1993 totalled 62 084 tonnes, a decrease of 2.9% from the 63 931<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes produced in January 1993. Year-to-date production to the end of February totalled 126 015<sup>r</sup> tonnes, an increase of 6.4% from 118 482<sup>r</sup> tonnes a year earlier.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 526 tonnes in February 1993, down from 10 337 tonnes the previous month. Year-to-date sales totalled 19 863 tonnes at the end of February, compared to 17 931 tonnes in 1992.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 6 879 tonnes in February 1993, up from 4 517<sup>r</sup> tonnes the previous month. Year-to-date sales in 1993 totalled 11 396<sup>r</sup> tonnes, compared to 10 081<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.**

The February 1993 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

## Dairy Review

February 1993

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 200 tonnes in February, a 13.3% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 7 900 tonnes, a decrease of 13.2% from February 1992.

An estimated 562 000 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in January 1993, a decrease of 7.0% from January 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.**

The February 1993 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on April 27. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division. ■

## Deliveries of Major Grains

February 1993

Producer deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers showed a decrease from February 1992, except for oats – where marketings increased.

### Deliveries of Major Grains

(in thousand tonnes)

|                         | February 1992  | February 1993  |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wheat (excluding durum) | 1 333.8        | 1 300.7        |
| Durum wheat             | 332.6          | 143.1          |
| <b>Total wheat</b>      | <b>1 666.4</b> | <b>1 443.8</b> |
| Oats                    | 57.5           | 65.4           |
| Barley                  | 419.4          | 392.8          |
| Rye                     | 27.3           | 17.3           |
| Flaxseed                | 55.5           | 21.3           |
| Canola                  | 246.8          | 227.6          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>2 472.9</b> | <b>2 168.2</b> |

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The February 1993 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859), Agriculture Division. ■

## Production of Eggs

February 1993

Canadian egg production in February 1993 totalled 35.8 million dozen, a 4.3% decrease from February 1992. The average number of layers remained the same between February 1992 and 1993, but the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased from 2,130 to 2,038.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$11.50/\$115), contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information on this release, contact Jean-Pierre Séguin (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

## Processed Fruits And Vegetables

February 1993

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

*Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables – Monthly* (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be released at a later date.

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



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**Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and  
Tubing,** February 1993.

**Catalogue number 41-011**

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Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Railway Carloadings,** February 1993.

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**Touriscope: International Travel – Advance  
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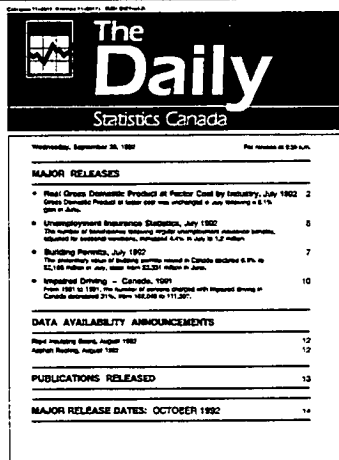
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