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- **Residential Building Permits – Advance Estimate, March 1993** 6  
Although well below levels recorded in 1992, the seasonally adjusted number of dwellings authorized in March 1993 increased by 3.2%. The value of residential building permits, however, declined by 3.5%, continuing its downward drift.
- **Sales of Refined Petroleum Products, March 1993** 8  
Cumulative sales of refined petroleum products for the first three months of 1993 amounted to 19.5 million cubic meters, up 0.9% from the corresponding period in 1992.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

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

(seasonally adjusted data)  
February 1993

#### Monthly Overview

Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost rose 0.4% in February following increases of 0.2% in January and 0.4% in December. Production in January and February averaged 0.6% above the fourth quarter of 1992. In February, GDP rose 0.3% above its pre-recession peak that was reached in March 1990. Output of services advanced 0.4% following increases of 0.1% in January and 0.2% in December. Production of goods increased 0.4%, the fourth consecutive monthly gain.

#### Services-producing Industries

Sizeable gains in finance, insurance and real estate, and transportation and storage dominated widespread advances in services. Gains in community, business and personal services, wholesale trade and communications partly offset losses in retail trade and government services.

Finance, insurance and real estate advanced 0.7%, led by higher mutual fund activity. Mutual funds reported strong sales in February, coinciding with final year-end contributions to RRSPs. Stock exchanges, securities brokers and real estate activities also contributed to the strength.

Transportation and storage posted a 1.7% gain following several monthly declines since September 1992. Transportation output rose 1.0% led by a 3.0% advance in rail services. Carloadings of potash, lumber, coal and iron ore increased the most. Trucking services increased 1.0% following a 0.5% decline in January. Pipeline output jumped 4.8% as throughput of natural gas rose by 6.5% in response to strengthening demand in export and domestic markets.

Community, business and personal services grew 0.4% following a 0.1% decline in January. Accommodation and food services gained 1.2%, reflecting a strong increase in accommodation services. Occupancy rates for most major cities improved in February. Widespread gains in business

services were dominated by a 1.1% increase in professional services.

Communications output gained 0.7%, its third consecutive monthly increase. Output by telecommunications carriers rose 0.8% as both local and long-distance services increased.

Retail trade fell 0.6% after posting a 1.6% gain in January. Thirteen of 18 trade groups recorded lower sales. Motor vehicle dealers and general merchandise stores reported the largest declines, whereas sales by service station operators and motor vehicle parts retailers improved the most.

#### Goods-producing Industries

Goods production continued to improve, increasing 0.4%. Mining recorded the largest dollar gain. Utilities and manufacturing also contributed to the strength. Declines in forestry and construction partly offset the gain. Elsewhere, agriculture and fishing recorded small increases.

Following a weak fourth quarter, mining output jumped 2.1% in February after increasing 0.4% in January. Output of crude oil and natural gas rose 2.5%, the first increase since September 1992. Export demand for natural gas rose markedly in February. Following a long strike in British Columbia, coal production increased sharply for the second consecutive month but remained below its pre-strike level. Elsewhere in mining, gains recorded in other metal mines and drilling were mostly offset by losses in iron and potash mines.

Utilities advanced 1.5% led by an increase in the output of electricity. Gas distribution also contributed to the advance.

Output in manufacturing edged up 0.2%, following a flat January, as 13 of 21 major groups recorded higher production. Production of durable goods continued to improve (0.7%), but production of non-durable goods fell 0.4%. From November 1992 to February 1993, production of durable goods was responsible for most of the gain in the manufacturing sector.

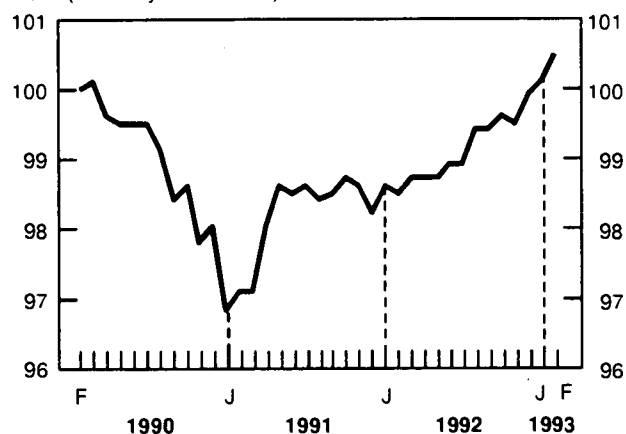
Transportation equipment accounted for most of the gain in durable goods in February. Increases in primary metals, machinery and non-metallic mineral products were partly offset by declines in electrical and wood products.

# Gross Domestic Product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

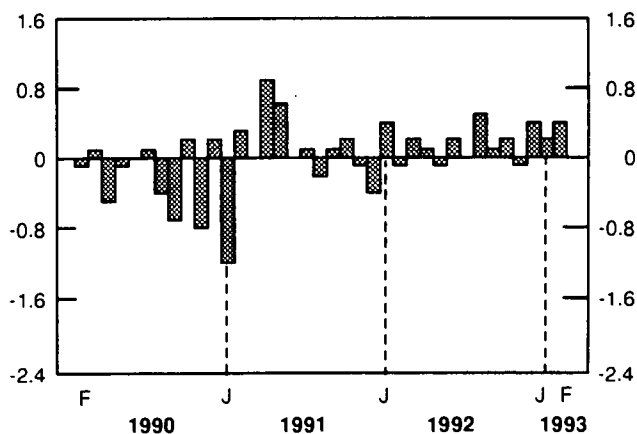
**Total Economy**

Index (February 1990 = 100)



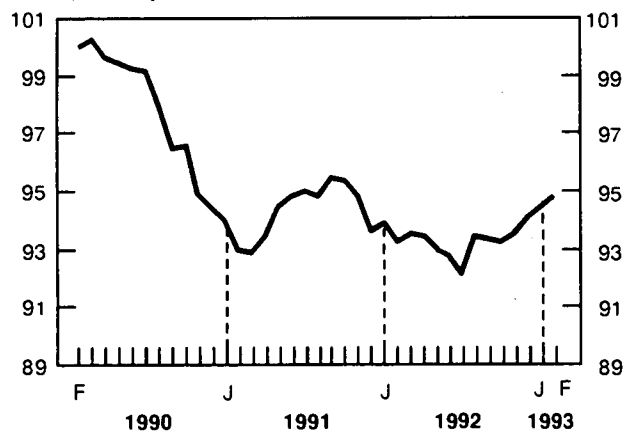
**Total Economy**

% change



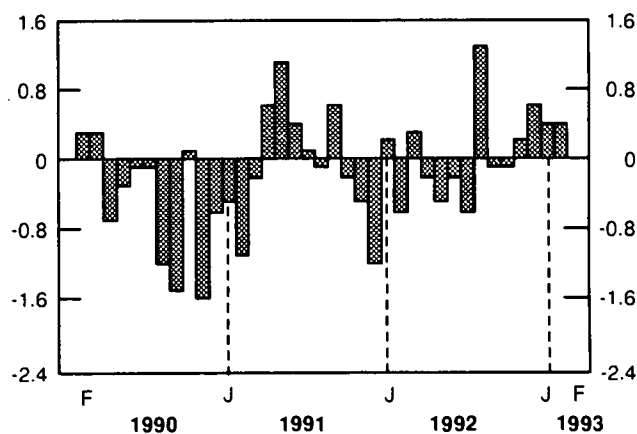
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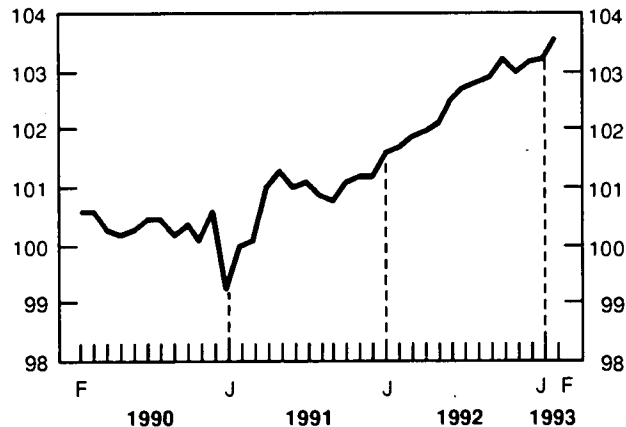
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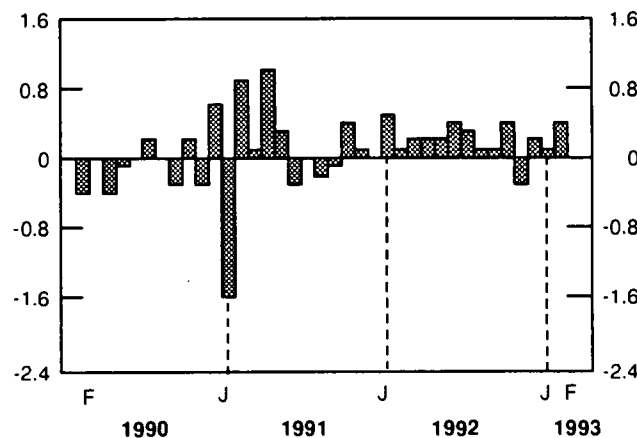
**Services**

Index (February 1990 = 100)



**Services**

% change



Transportation equipment rose a further 2.6% following four consecutive monthly gains. Producers of motor vehicle parts raised output 3.5%, while motor vehicle assemblers boosted production 6.1%. Exports of motor vehicles were strong in February. Average production of automotive products in January and February was 10.4% higher than in the last quarter of 1992.

Primary metals rose 1.4% as producers of iron and steel and smelters and refiners recorded the largest increases.

Led by declines in office machinery and telecommunications equipment, production of electrical products declined a further 1.9% following a 2.9% drop in January.

Lower production of chemical and paper and allied products was responsible for most of the weakness in non-durable goods. Gains in clothing, food and rubber moderated the loss.

Chemical producers reduced output 2.5%, a second consecutive monthly decline. Industrial chemicals and pharmaceutical products recorded the largest declines.

Following three consecutive monthly declines, the output of paper and allied products fell a further 2.1%. Production of newsprint, pulp and other papers all declined and reflected less favourable markets abroad and lower domestic consumption.

Elsewhere in goods-producing industries, forestry dropped 3.9% following several monthly increases. Construction fell by a marginal 0.2% as the situation in residential construction deteriorated. After improving in the fourth quarter of 1992 and in January, residential construction slipped 0.3%. Non-residential construction edged down 0.3%, while engineering construction fell by a marginal 0.2%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 4670-4674.**

The February 1993 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$12.70/\$127) is scheduled for release in May.

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 by Month**

(Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)

(\$ millions)

	1992			1993	
	February	November	December	January	February
<b>Total Economy</b>	<b>499,042.8</b>	<b>504,305.7</b>	<b>506,116.7</b>	<b>507,216.8</b>	<b>509,225.1</b>
<b>Business Sector:</b>	<b>406,798.9</b>	<b>411,357.0</b>	<b>413,134.4</b>	<b>414,143.1</b>	<b>416,230.6</b>
<b>Goods:</b>	<b>164,621.8</b>	<b>165,031.3</b>	<b>166,062.0</b>	<b>166,692.0</b>	<b>167,427.9</b>
Agriculture	10,776.2	10,091.2	10,330.4	10,505.3	10,558.2
Fishing and Trapping	926.2	861.7	864.1	853.5	859.6
Logging Industry	2,496.9	2,719.5	2,758.0	2,874.8	2,761.6
Mining Industries	20,261.7	20,077.2	19,849.9	19,935.3	20,345.2
Manufacturing Industries	84,240.9	87,187.9	88,250.4	88,249.1	88,444.6
Construction Industries	29,971.4	27,487.5	27,573.4	27,735.9	27,667.6
Other Utility Industries	15,948.5	16,606.3	16,435.8	16,538.1	16,791.1
<b>Services:</b>	<b>242,177.1</b>	<b>246,325.7</b>	<b>247,072.4</b>	<b>247,451.1</b>	<b>248,802.7</b>
Transportation and Storage	21,570.2	21,718.1	21,815.8	21,722.9	22,083.7
Communication Industries	19,270.6	19,478.8	19,526.8	19,715.1	19,862.7
Wholesale Trade	28,490.7	30,072.8	30,101.9	30,295.1	30,447.6
Retail Trade	29,993.7	30,521.4	30,403.2	30,878.3	30,686.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	82,839.6	83,797.8	84,070.8	83,738.0	84,363.2
Community, Business and Personal Services	60,012.3	60,736.8	61,153.9	61,101.7	61,358.9
<b>Non-business Sector:</b>	<b>92,243.9</b>	<b>92,948.7</b>	<b>92,982.3</b>	<b>93,073.7</b>	<b>92,994.5</b>
<b>Goods:</b>	<b>923.3</b>	<b>917.3</b>	<b>929.3</b>	<b>926.9</b>	<b>926.9</b>
<b>Services:</b>	<b>91,320.6</b>	<b>92,031.4</b>	<b>92,053.0</b>	<b>92,146.8</b>	<b>92,067.6</b>
Government Service Industry	34,143.4	34,391.4	34,373.3	34,391.4	34,327.8
Community and Personal Services	53,737.3	54,121.1	54,138.0	54,183.6	54,166.8
Other Services	3,439.9	3,518.9	3,541.7	3,571.8	3,573.0
<b>Other Aggregations:</b>					
Goods-producing Industries	165,545.1	165,948.6	166,991.3	167,618.9	168,354.8
Services-producing Industries	333,497.7	338,357.1	339,125.4	339,597.9	340,870.3
Industrial Production	121,374.4	124,788.7	125,465.4	125,649.4	126,507.8
Non-durable Manufacturing	39,216.9	39,745.7	39,774.1	39,579.0	39,435.9
Durable Manufacturing	45,024.0	47,442.2	48,476.3	48,670.1	49,008.7

## Residential Building Permits – Advance Estimate

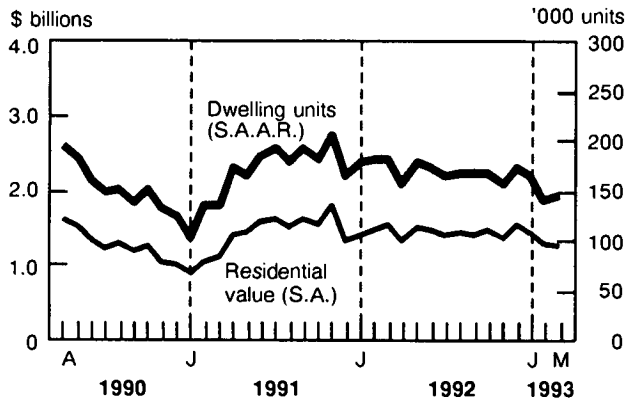
March 1993  
(seasonally adjusted data)

### Highlights

#### Residential Sector

- The advance estimate for March indicates that the value of residential building permits issued in Canada decreased to \$1,244 million, down 3.5% from the revised value for February 1993 (\$1,289 million).

#### Value of Residential Building Permits and Number of Authorized Dwelling Units, Canada



Note: Revised data for February, advance data for March.

S.A.A.R.: Seasonally adjusted at annual rate (right scale).  
S.A.: Seasonally adjusted at monthly rate (left scale).

- The advance estimate of dwelling units authorized in March 1993 increased by 3.2% to approximately 144,000 units at annual rates, up from some 140,000 (revised) units reported in February.

#### Residential Building Permits Index

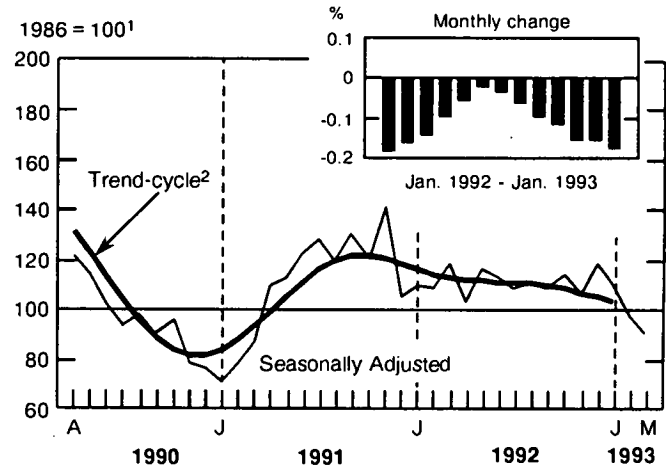
- The building permits index (excluding engineering projects) was down 7.5% in March 1993 to 89.8 – the third consecutive monthly decrease. Compared to December 1992 (117.6), the building permits index declined by 23.6%.

#### Note to Users

The advance estimate that used to be released with the preliminary estimate is now a separate release, which is based on responses from over 90% of the municipalities surveyed. This change will enable the Current Investment Indicators Section to release the preliminary estimate two weeks earlier.

- The residential building permits index short-term trend continued its downward drift evident since October 1991, decreasing on average by 1.0% per month from 120.6 to 102.4 in January 1993. Moreover, the trend decreased on average by 1.6% per month between November 1992 and January 1993.

#### Residential Building Permits Index



<sup>1</sup> This series is deflated by using the construction input price index, which includes cost of material and labor.

<sup>2</sup> The trend-cycle shows the seasonally adjusted value of building permits without irregular influences that can obscure the short-term trend. In order to reduce the number of false signals in the construction activity series, the trend-cycle is published with a two-month lag.

The Residential and Non-residential Building Permits Preliminary Estimate for March 1993 will be released on May 17.

For further analytical information, contact Nathalie Léveillé (613-951-2025), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

### Value of Residential Building Permits

March 1993, Advance Estimate

Region	Value		% Change	
	March 1993 <sup>a</sup>	February 1993 <sup>r</sup>	March <sup>a</sup> / February <sup>r</sup> 1993	March 1993 <sup>a</sup> / 1992
	\$ thousands		%	%
<b>Canada</b>				
Raw	1,427,678	838,617	70.2	-14.8
Seasonally Adjusted	1,243,595	1,289,185	-3.5	-17.7

<sup>a</sup> Advance figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

### Number of Dwelling Units Authorized

March 1993, Advance Estimate

Region	Annual Rate		% Change	
	March 1993 <sup>a</sup>	February 1993 <sup>r</sup>	March <sup>a</sup> / February <sup>r</sup> 1993	March 1993 <sup>a</sup> / 1992
	units		%	%
<b>Canada</b>				
Raw	173,196	98,388	76.0	-16.5
Seasonally Adjusted	144,036	139,572	3.2	-20.0

<sup>a</sup> Advance figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

March 1993

### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.8 million cubic metres in March 1993, a decrease of 2.5% from February 1993. The decline in March followed gains of 2.6% in January and 2.0% in February.
- Sales of three of the four main products decreased in March: light fuel oil (-2.7%), motor gasoline (-2.0%) and diesel fuel oil (-0.7%).

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Total sales of refined petroleum products increased 4.6% from March 1992, to 6.9 million cubic metres. Sales of three of the four main products increased: light fuel oil (14.1%), diesel fuel oil (9.9%) and motor gasoline (4.4%). Heavy fuel oil sales decreased (-5.5%).

#### Note to Users

The light fuel oil and heavy fuel oil components of refined petroleum products are subject to significant month-to-month variation and revision.

- Cumulative sales of refined petroleum products for the first three months of 1993 amounted to 19.5 million cubic meters, up 0.9% from the corresponding period in 1992. Within this total, light fuel oil sales increased 5.8%, diesel fuel oil 5.1%, motor gasoline 1.3%, whereas sales of heavy fuel oil declined by 11.2%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The March 1993 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

### Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	December 1992 <sup>r</sup>	January 1993 <sup>r</sup>	February 1993 <sup>r</sup>	March 1993 <sup>p</sup>	March 1993/ February 1993
Seasonally Adjusted					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 666.8</b>	<b>6 842.3</b>	<b>6 977.4</b>	<b>6 804.5</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Motor Gasoline	2 812.7	2 832.3	2 879.4	2 820.6	-2.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 307.5	1 367.3	1 390.4	1 381.4	-0.7
Light Fuel Oil	469.3	477.9	545.9	530.9	-2.7
Heavy Fuel Oil	671.7	685.4	690.5	693.0	0.4
All Other Refined Products	1 405.6	1 479.4	1 471.2	1 378.6	-6.3
Total					
	March 1992	March 1993 <sup>p</sup>	January- March 1992	January- March <sup>p</sup> 1993	Cumulative 1993/ 1992
Unadjusted					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>6 562.2</b>	<b>6 864.9</b>	<b>19 381.6</b>	<b>19 546.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Motor Gasoline	2 647.6	2 764.0	7 637.0	7 735.7	1.3
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 158.9	1 273.8	3 358.8	3 528.8	5.1
Light Fuel Oil	765.6	873.6	2 507.1	2 653.6	5.8
Heavy Fuel Oil	812.9	768.4	2 356.4	2 091.5	-11.2
All Other Refined Products	1 177.2	1 185.1	3 522.3	3 537.3	0.4

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> Revised.



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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Livestock Statistics

April 1, 1993

The population of pigs in Canada at April 1, 1993 was estimated at 10,563,500 head, a 1% decrease from the year-earlier 10,636,700. The number of sows for breeding and bred gilts was estimated at 1,092,400 head, a decrease of 2% from the year-earlier at 1,108,800. Farrowings, which decreased by 2% during the first quarter of 1993, are forecast to increase by 1% during the second quarter of 1993 compared to year-earlier levels.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 9500-9510.**

Hog population estimates for April 1, 1993 will appear in a new publication, *Livestock Statistics* (10-600E, \$144), which will be available in mid-May. See "How to Order Publications."

For more information on this release, contact Bernie Rosien (613-951-8716), Agriculture Division. ■

### Gypsum Products

March 1993

Manufacturers shipped 20 753 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in March 1993, up 21.6% from the 17 067 thousand square metres shipped in March 1992 and up 8.6% from the 19 114 thousand square metres shipped in February 1993.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of March totalled 53 333 thousand square metres, an increase of 6.7% from the January to March 1992 period.

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

The March 1993 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. ■

### Rigid Insulating Board

March 1993

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 2 654 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in March 1993, an increase 21.0% from the 2 193 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) shipped in March 1992.

For January to March 1993, year-to-date shipments amounted to 6 986 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis), an increase of 3.2% from the 6 767 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) shipped in the same period in 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).**

The March 1993 issue of *Rigid Insulating Board* (36-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

### Electric Power Statistics

February 1993

#### Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in February 1993 increased to 47 200 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 2.3% from February 1992. Exports increased 12.1% to 2 485 GWh, but imports decreased from 642 GWh to 463 GWh.
- At the end of February, year-to-date net generation totalled 98 282 GWh, up 2.1% over the year before. Year-to-date exports, at 5 095 GWh, rose 10.6%, whereas year-to-date imports, at 1 034, fell 17.4%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.**

The February 1993 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the first week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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## Coal and Coke Statistics

February 1993

### Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 5 598 kilotonnes in February 1993, down 7.7% from February 1992. Year-to-date production at the end of February 1993 stood at 11 184 kilotonnes, down 11.8% from the year before.
- Exports in February fell to 1 925 kilotonnes, down 41.1% from February 1992. At the end of February 1993, year-to-date exports totalled 3 505 kilotonnes, 36.5% below last year.

- Coke production increased to 297 kilotonnes in February, up 11.0% from February 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.**

The February 1993 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$10/\$100) will be available the first week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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

**Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products**,  
March 1993.

**Catalogue number 41-006**

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

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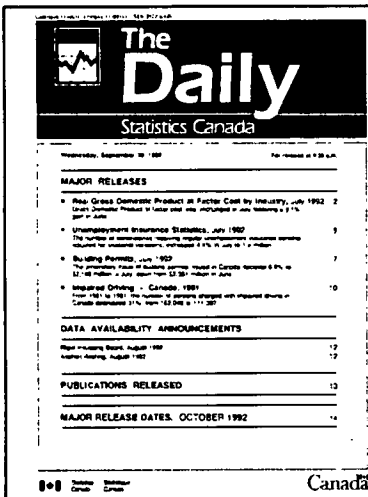
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The June 1993 release schedule will be published on May 31, 1993. **User note:** This schedule can be retrieved from **CANSIM** by the command **DATES**. Contact Greg Thomson (613-951-1187), Communications Division.