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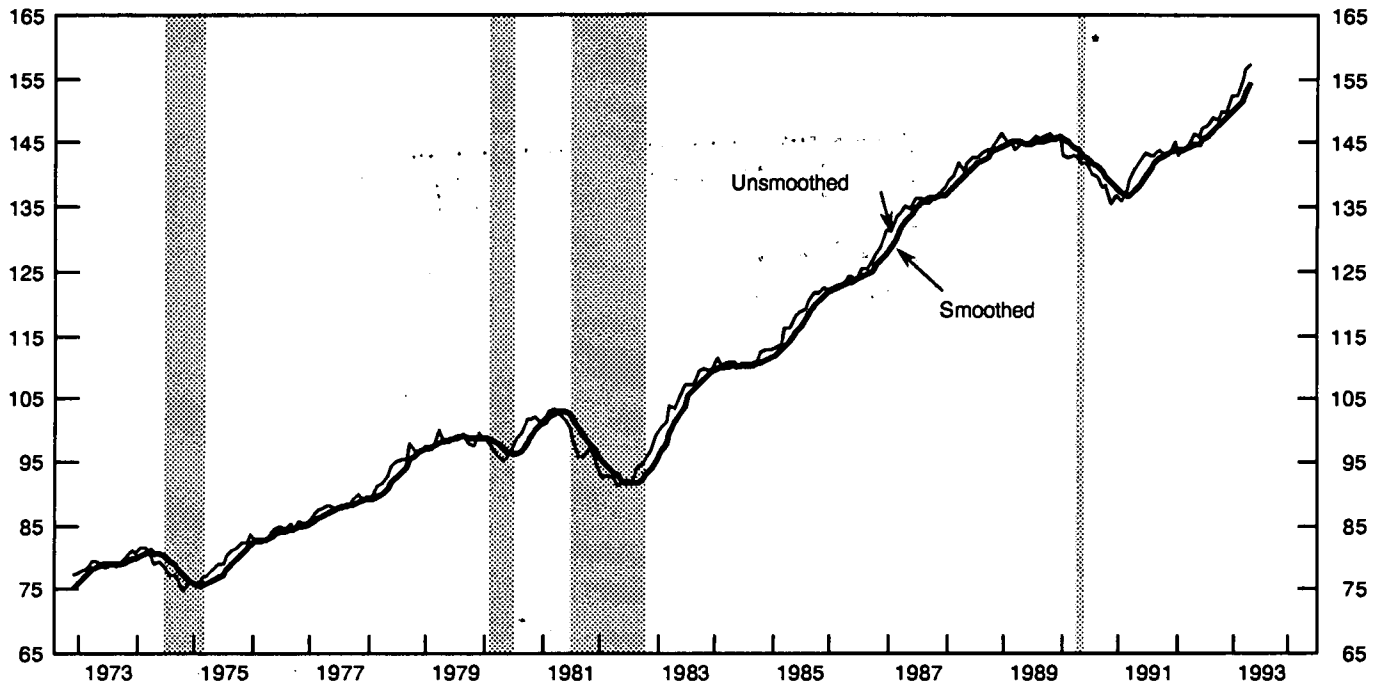
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Composite Indicator

1981 = 100



* Shaded areas represent periods of recession; the April 1990 onset of recession is tentative, and no end date has been proposed.

Composite Leading Indicator

June 1993

The leading indicator continued its year-long improvement, rising 0.9% in June, the same as in May. The financial market indicators continued to lead the way, while a firming of household demand offset a slowdown in the leading index for the United States. Manufacturing activity continued to improve. Overall, nine of the 10 components were up, while one was unchanged. The unsmoothed index rose 0.5% in June - its third straight increase.

Household demand strengthened in most areas. Sales of durable goods rose 0.3% after weakening most of the winter. Demand for personal services led the growth of services employment, after a dip in May. The housing index posted its first increase

since November. A rebound in existing house sales contributed to a firming of furniture and appliance sales.

New orders for durable goods continued to strengthen, but at a less rapid pace than the previous month due to export-oriented industries. The ratio of shipments to finished goods stocks flattened out after steady gains since January. Firms continued to meet their labour needs more by lengthening the workweek than raising employment.

The financial market indicators continued to accelerate. The stock market index rose for the fifth month in a row, while the growth of the money supply increased from 1.2% to 1.4%.

The U.S. leading index rose only 0.1%, as manufacturing remained sluggish and consumer confidence fell again.

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For more information on the economy, order the July issue of *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220), which will be available the week of July 19-23. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release or about the next release dates, contact Francine Roy (613-951-3627), Current Economic Analysis Division.

Composite Indicators

Data used in the composite index calculation for:	January 1993	February 1993	March 1993	April 1993	May 1993	June 1993	Last month of data available
							% change
Composite Leading Indicator (1981 = 100)	148.8	149.7	150.5	151.6	152.9	154.2	0.9
Unsmoothed	149.9	152.4	152.4	154.9	156.4	157.2	0.5
Housing index ¹	130.5	126.1	122.3	121.0	121.0	121.9	0.7
Business and personal services employment (thousands)	1,776	1,780	1,783	1,783	1,782	1,785	0.2
TSE300 stock price index (1975 = 1000)	3,321	3,332	3,375	3,456	3,560	3,676	3.3
Money supply (M1) (millions of 1981 \$) ²	25,501	25,728	25,896	26,169	26,475	26,847	1.4
United States composite leading index (1967 = 100) ³	205.9	206.9	207.9	208.6	209.0	209.2	0.1
Manufacturing							
Average workweek	38.3	38.3	38.4	38.5	38.6	38.8	0.5
New orders-durables (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	9,165.2	9,354.7	9,491.8	9,733.8	10,047.2	10,215.4	1.7
Shipment to inventory ratio ⁴	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.44	1.45	1.45	0.00*
Retail Trade							
Furniture and appliance sales (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	1,050.3	1,056.7	1,065.9	1,072.9	1,079.0	1,085.0	0.6
Other durable goods sales (millions of 1981 \$) ⁴	3,588.0	3,600.7	3,610.2	3,610.0	3,613.4	3,625.9	0.3

¹ Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (MLS).

² Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

³ The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated but the figures themselves refer to data for the immediately preceding month.

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* Difference from previous month.

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Domestic and International Shipping

January-March 1993 (Preliminary)

Domestic and international shipping generated a combined 47.3 million tonnes of cargo handled at Canada's ports during the first quarter of 1993, down 12.9% from the same period in 1992.

Preliminary statistics for January to March 1993 will be published in the Vol. 9 No. 5 issue of *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75), which will be available at the beginning of August.

For further information on this release, contact Anna MacDonald (613-951-0291), Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

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The number of claimants receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits, adjusted for seasonal variations, decreased 4.4% in July to 1.3 million.
- Building Permits, July 1992 7
The preliminary value of building permits issued in Canada declined 0.5% to \$2,185 million in July, down from \$2,204 million in June.
- Roadway Driving - Canada, 1991 10
From 1981 to 1991, the number of drivers licensed with impaired driving in Canada decreased 21%, from 145,000 to 111,000.

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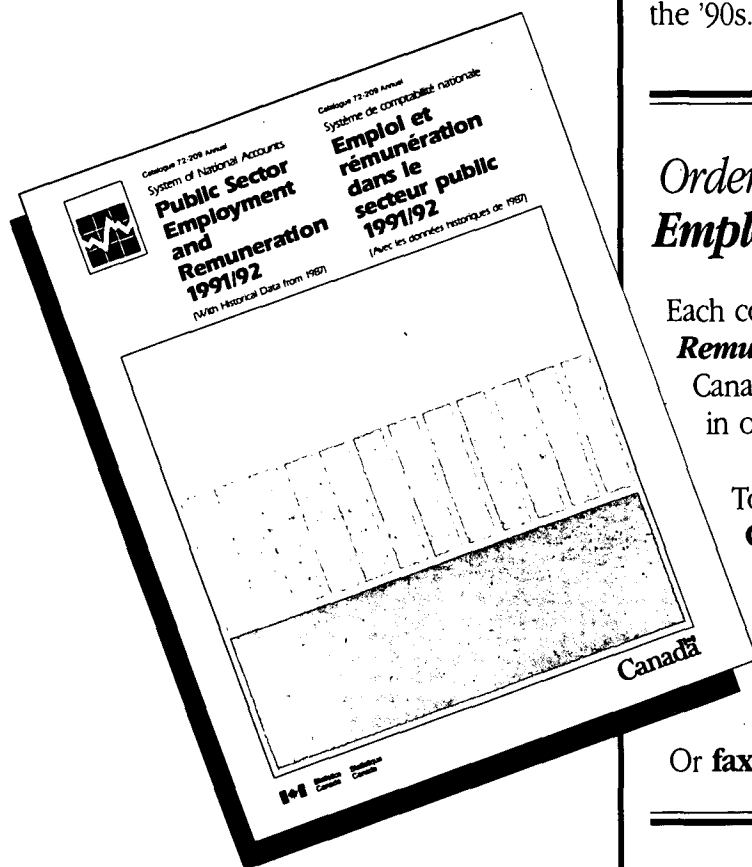
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