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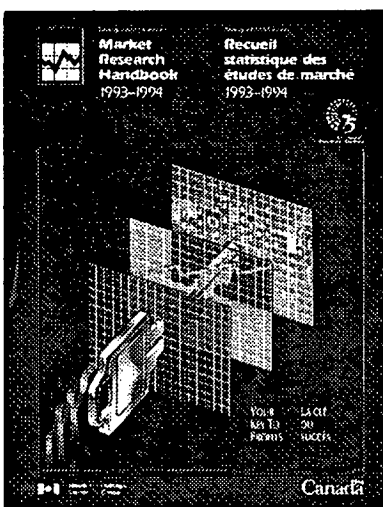
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### Market Research Handbook 1993-1994

The *Market Research Handbook* is a complete source of information on Canadian consumer and industrial markets.

This edition includes information about Canada's marketplace - from consumer expenditure patterns, income levels, labour force productivity measurements and retail trade statistics to urban demographic profiles, population characteristics, education levels, industrial manufacturing data, international trade data and more.

The 1993-1994 *Market Research Handbook* has been updated with data from the 1991 Census plus current data from Statistics Canada's wide range of surveys, including 1992 population estimates for 45 urban centres across Canada. In addition to the most up-to-date available data, this edition includes up to three years of data updates from the 1992 edition. With over 600 pages, the 1993-1994 *Market Research Handbook* contains over 200 statistical tables and more than 50 charts and graphs.

The 1993-1994 *Market Research Handbook* (63-224, \$94) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For additional information, contact Katherine Blais (613-951-0822), Small Business and Special Surveys Division.



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## MAJOR RELEASE

### Sales of Natural Gas

May 1993 (Preliminary)

Sales of natural gas in May 1993 were virtually unchanged from May 1992. Weak sales in April and May 1993 followed strong growth in the January to March period.

For May 1993, sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada totalled 3 783 million cubic metres, up 0.1% from May 1992.

On the basis of rate structure information, May sales were as follows, with the percentage changes from May 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 714 million cubic metres (-7.2%); commercial sales, 556 million cubic metres (-10.0%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 514 million cubic metres (+6.4%).

The decline in residential sales in May 1993 was primarily due to warmer than normal weather conditions in Western Canada.

Year-to-date figures at the end of May 1993 indicate sales of natural gas amounted to 29 745 million cubic metres, up 6.9% from 1992.

Year-to-date sales were as follows, with the percentage changes from 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 8 619 million cubic metres (+8.9%); commercial sales, 6 654 million cubic metres (+4.3%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 14 472 million cubic metres (+6.9%).

The May 1993 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127) will be available the third week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

### Sales of Natural Gas

Rate structure	May 1992	May 1993 <sup>p</sup>	May 1992 to May 1993	Year-to-date 1992	Year-to-date 1993 <sup>p</sup>	1992 to 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total	3 750 565	3 783 379	+0.1	27 830 862	29 744 966	+6.9
Residential	769 341	713 769	-7.2	7 913 884	8 618 697	+8.9
Commercial	617 592	555 573	-10.0	6 378 728	6 653 739	+4.3
Industrial	1 891 878	1 921 857	+6.4	11 012 024	11 106 863	+6.9
Direct <sup>1</sup>	471 754	592 180		2 526 226	3 365 667	

### Sales of Natural Gas, by Province

Rate structure	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
Total	3 783 379	409 004	1 351 780	83 302	273 955	1 233 413	431 925
Residential	713 769	51 778	371 375	23 041	47 119	138 574	81 882
Commercial	555 573	103 009	223 827	21 500	22 741	113 248	71 248
Industrial	1 921 857	251 717	560 882	38 186	1 628	981 591	87 853
Direct <sup>1</sup>	592 180	2 500	195 696	575	202 467	-	190 942
Degree Days <sup>2</sup>							
May 1992	...	158	138	195	229	254	139
May 1993	...	155	142	218	200	182	105

<sup>1</sup> Represents direct sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

<sup>2</sup> A unit measuring the extent to which the outdoor mean temperature (the average of the maximum and minimum) falls below 18 degrees celsius. One degree day is counted for each degree below 18 degrees celsius for each calendar day. A high value indicates a cold month and a low value a warm month.

... Figures not applicable.

- Nil or zero.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

Note: Revised figures will be available in *Gas Utilities* (55-002) and on CANSIM.

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### Department Store Sales – Advance Release

June 1993

Department stores sales, including concessions, for June were \$998 million, down 1.3% from June 1992. Sales for the major department stores were \$535 million (-4.1%), and sales for the junior category were \$463 million (+2.1%).

Users should note that the advance department store release is a very preliminary indication of department store sales in Canada. Data from this release are not a component of the monthly retail trade survey. This release is an advance indicator of the monthly department store sales by province and metropolitan area survey.

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

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending July 7, 1993

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 3.7 million tonnes, a 6.3% decrease from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 5.7% and the number of cars loaded decreased 7.1% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of July 7, 1993 decreased 4.3% from the previous year.

Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flatcars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

### Railway Operating Statistics

April 1993

The seven major railways reported a combined net profit of \$16.5 million in April 1993. Operating revenues of \$589.9 million fell \$11.1 million or 1.9% from April 1992.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres rose 0.5% from April 1992. Freight train-kilometres increased 1.1% and freight car-kilometres decreased 2.2%.

All 1992 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The April 1993 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) will be released at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528), Transportation Division. ■

### Soft Drinks

June 1993

Data on production of soft drinks for June 1993 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

*Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Processed Fruits and Vegetables

May 1993

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

*Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables – Monthly* (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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### Railway Operating Statistics, March 1993, Vol. 73, No. 3.

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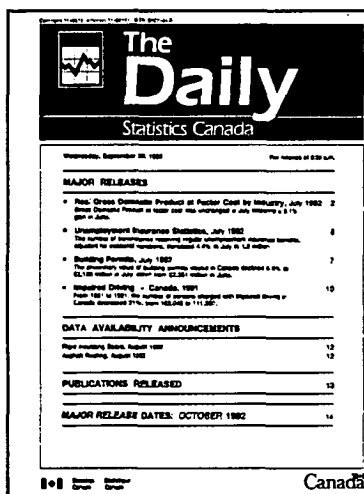
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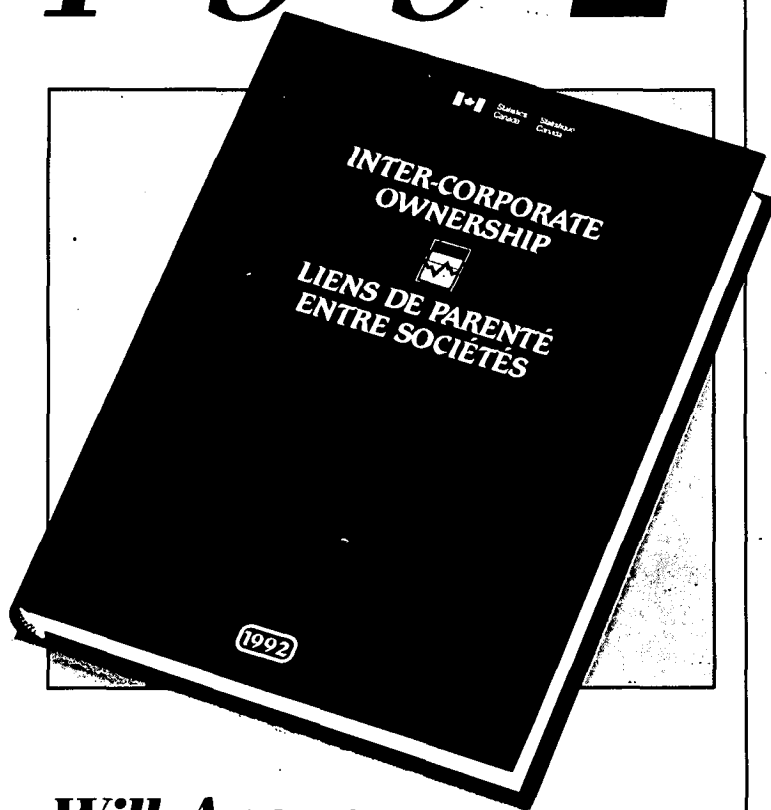
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