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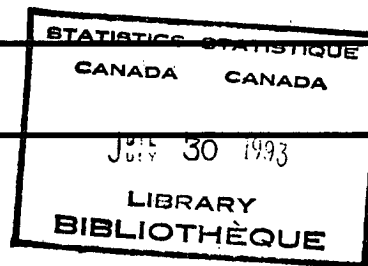


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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry May 1993

Seasonally adjusted, Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost was unchanged in May after edging down 0.1% in April and gaining 0.7% in March. Output in April and May together averaged 0.5% above the first-quarter level, slowing from its 0.9% gain in the first quarter. The pause in output growth in April and May coincided with weak employment during the same period. In June, however, employment rose 0.8%. Output of services inched ahead 0.1% in May following gains of 0.2% in April and 0.5% in March. Goods production dropped 0.2% following a 0.7% decline in April and strong gains between November 1992 and March 1993.

Services-producing Industries

Output of services slowed to a 0.1% gain following increases of 0.2% in April and 0.5% in March. Community, business and personal services, as well as finance, insurance and real estate and wholesale trade contributed most to the gain. Smaller gains were recorded in transportation and storage and in communications. Widespread declines in government services and lower retail sales moderated the gain.

Community, business and personal services increased 0.5%, its fourth consecutive advance. Business services continued to improve, gaining 1.2%. Professional, computer and miscellaneous business services each recorded similar dollar increases. Accommodation and food services fell 0.4% mainly because of lower demand for hotel services. Food services were unchanged following a large gain in April, while amusement services dropped 0.8% after advancing substantially in April.

Finance, insurance and real estate slowed to a 0.3% rise after increasing 0.5% in April and 1.5% in March. Trust, other finance and real estate advanced 0.8%, led by higher real estate and mutual fund activities. Royalties fell 1.9%, however, reflecting lower output by the forestry and natural gas industries. This was the second consecutive decline in royalties.

Bolstered by widespread gains, wholesale trade rose 0.5% following a 1.1% decline in April. Wholesalers of food, machinery and equipment and of motor vehicles increased their sales the most. Sales of petroleum products were weak in May.

Retail sales slipped 0.2% after posting gains in the previous two months. Service stations, motor vehicle dealers, and retailers of automotive parts recorded the largest declines.

Goods-producing Industries

For a second consecutive month, manufacturers led the cutbacks in the goods-producing industries. Utilities and forestry also contributed, while a moderate advance in mining and smaller gains in agriculture and construction moderated the loss.

Manufacturers cut production 0.3% after reducing output 1.1% in April. Transportation equipment producers were responsible for most of the decline. Excluding transportation equipment, output in manufacturing increased 0.3%. Manufacturers of paper and allied products and refiners also reduced output; production of chemical and food products increased.

Production of transportation equipment fell 3.7% following a 2.3% decline in April. Motor vehicle manufacturers pared output 8.9%, the second consecutive monthly decline. Large first-quarter gains in motor vehicle assemblies were more than offset by the cutbacks in April and May. Producers of motor vehicle parts trimmed production 3.2%. (Exports of both motor vehicles and parts declined considerably in May.)

Manufacturers of paper and allied products reduced production 1.5% after increases in March and April. The loss mostly reflected a 1.5% drop in pulp and paper output. Newsprint production fell despite higher shipments abroad, as domestic inventories were trimmed. Output of other paper and paperboard fell 2.7% as exports declined substantially.

Output of refineries fell 5.1% as the industry was affected by shutdowns.

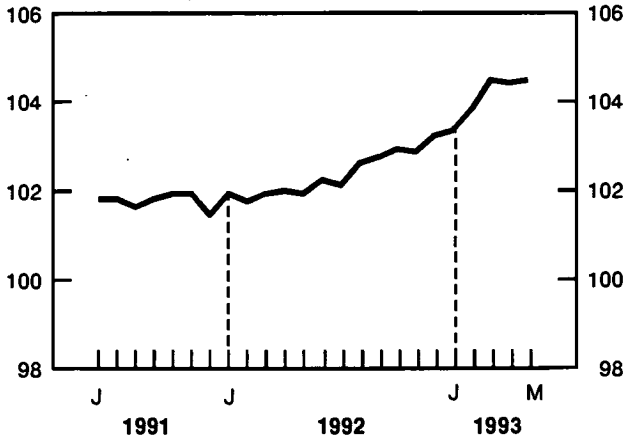
Chemical products production rose 3.2% following a sequence of increases and decreases since last January. In May, the gain was led by pharmaceutical, agricultural and industrial chemical industries.

Gross Domestic Product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

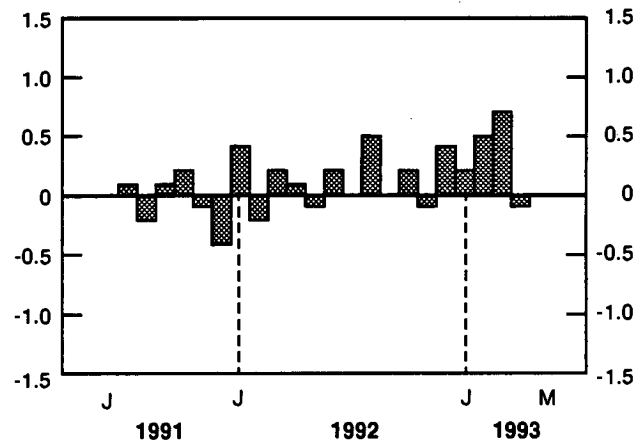
Total Economy

Index (January 1991 = 100)



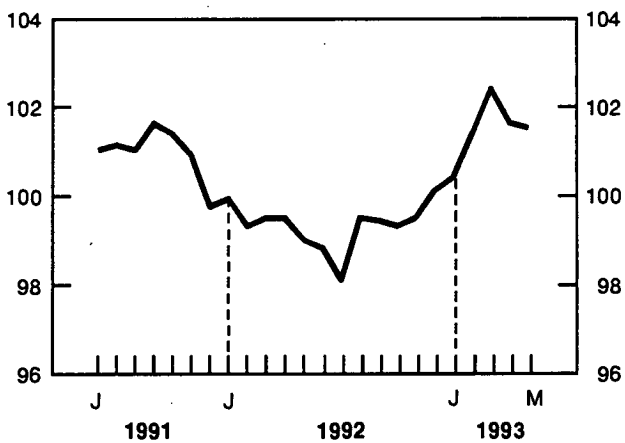
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% change



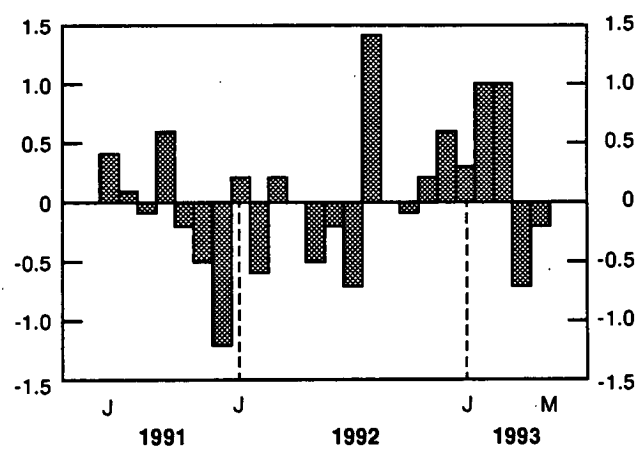
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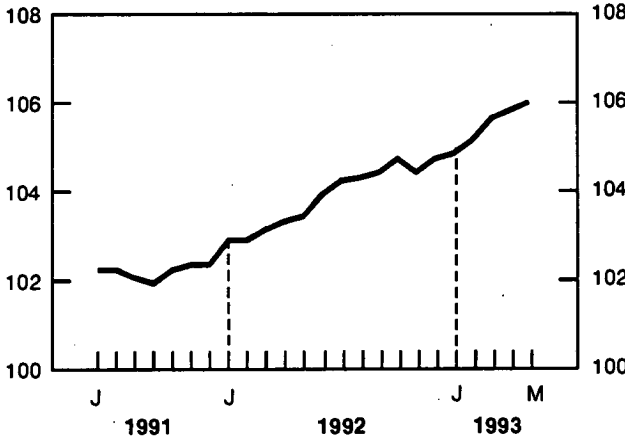
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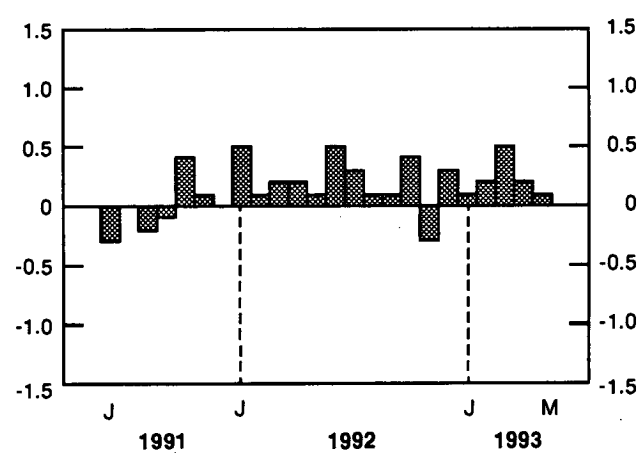
Services

Index (January 1991 = 100)



Services

% change



Output of food products advanced 1.4% after declining 1.2% in April. Higher production of fish, dairy and poultry products were responsible for most of the gain.

Elsewhere in manufacturing, output of electrical products edged ahead 0.3% following two consecutive gains. Helped by higher exports, production of office machinery advanced 6.6%, but lower production of electronic equipment offset most of this gain. Production of machinery and equipment increased for the fourth consecutive month.

Output of utilities fell 0.9%, its third consecutive decline.

Forestry output fell 2.8% following a similar decline in April, as residential construction and foreign demand for lumber remained sluggish.

Output in mining rose 0.5% following gains in the previous four months. Drilling activities continued to improve, gaining 2.7%. Production of coal mines and other metal mines also contributed to the strength.

Output of crude oil and natural gas was unchanged as a gain in petroleum was offset by a decline in natural gas.

Construction output edged up 0.1% following declines in March and April. Non-residential construction rose 1.7% as activity on industrial, commercial and public projects increased. Engineering construction gained 0.4%, but residential construction fell 1.4% and offset most of the gains elsewhere. After improving in March and April, new housing sales dropped in May.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4670-4674.

The May 1993 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$12.70/\$127) will be released in August.

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

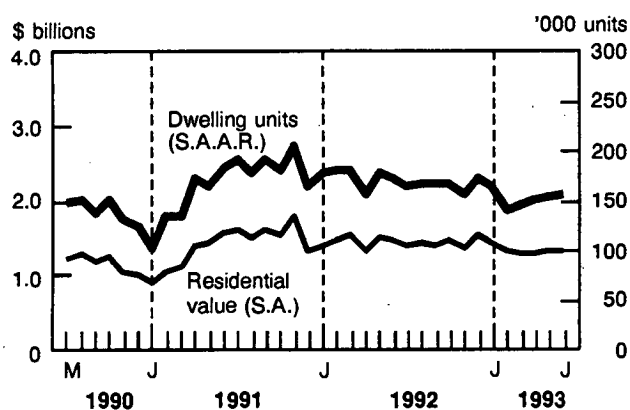
	1992	1993			
	May	February	March	April	May
seasonally adjusted at annual rates					
	\$ million				
Total Economy	500,171.2	509,500.5	512,832.8	512,422.3	512,603.1
Business Sector:	407,979.1	416,475.8	419,854.9	419,500.9	419,985.3
Goods:	164,189.1	168,157.9	169,865.0	168,623.6	168,331.1
Agriculture	10,716.2	10,640.1	10,525.3	10,680.8	10,733.6
Fishing and Trapping	951.1	859.6	848.7	843.9	840.3
Logging Industry	2,485.2	2,935.5	2,989.7	2,905.4	2,823.5
Mining Industries	20,259.6	20,714.3	21,161.9	21,436.4	21,552.6
Manufacturing Industries	84,504.1	88,500.7	90,228.1	89,199.9	88,928.8
Construction Industries	29,116.9	27,642.7	27,566.9	27,388.9	27,426.5
Other Utility Industries	16,156.0	16,865.0	16,544.4	16,168.3	16,025.8
Services:	243,790.0	248,317.9	249,989.9	250,877.3	251,654.2
Transportation and Storage	21,711.4	22,147.8	22,303.3	22,187.8	22,244.8
Communication Industries	19,397.9	19,773.2	19,660.3	19,697.6	19,773.2
Wholesale Trade	29,227.2	30,234.5	30,284.9	29,952.2	30,116.8
Retail Trade	29,776.8	30,644.7	30,736.9	31,127.5	31,055.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	83,133.8	84,345.6	85,606.5	86,034.9	86,260.6
Community, Business and Personal Services	60,542.9	61,172.1	61,398.0	61,877.3	62,203.2
Non-business Sector:	92,192.1	93,024.7	92,977.9	92,921.4	92,617.8
Goods:	936.4	928.0	932.8	908.7	903.9
Services:	91,255.7	92,096.7	92,045.1	92,012.7	91,713.9
Government Service Industry	34,017.7	34,313.9	34,229.9	34,129.1	33,952.7
Community and Personal Services	53,795.7	54,201.4	54,211.0	54,257.8	54,202.6
Other Services	3,442.3	3,581.4	3,604.2	3,625.8	3,558.6
Other Aggregations:					
Goods-producing Industries	165,125.5	169,085.9	170,797.8	169,532.3	169,235.0
Services-producing Industries	335,045.7	340,414.6	342,035.0	342,890.0	343,368.1
Industrial Production	121,856.1	127,008.0	128,867.2	127,713.3	127,411.1
Non-durable Manufacturing	39,319.6	39,666.8	40,478.6	40,186.1	40,350.7
Durable Manufacturing	45,184.5	48,833.9	49,749.5	49,013.8	48,578.1

Residential Building Permits

June 1993 (Advance Estimate)

The seasonally adjusted advance estimate for June indicates that the value of residential building permits issued in Canada increased to \$1,325 million, up 2.1% from the revised value for May 1993 (\$1,298 million). The single-family dwelling sector (+3.4%) was entirely responsible for this rise; the multi-family dwelling sector declined by 0.8%.

Value of Residential Building Permits and Number of Authorized Dwelling Units



Note: Revised data for May, advanced data for June.
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 June 1993 increased by 3.2%, to about 157,000 units at annual rates, up from some 152,000 (revised) units in May. This increase was attributable to both the single-family (+4.0%) and the multi-family (+2.3%) dwelling sectors.

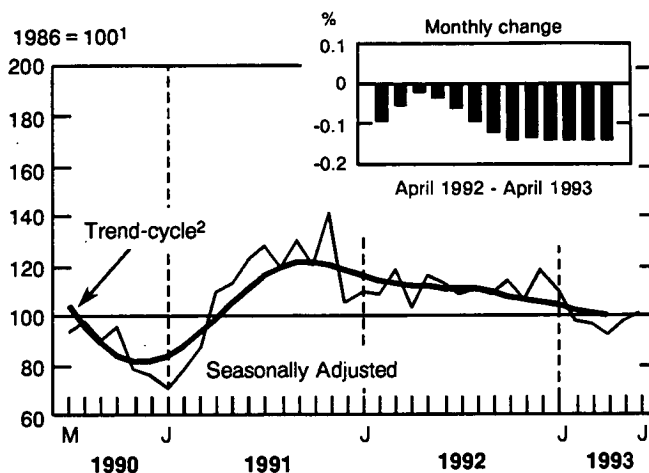
Residential Building Permits Index

The residential building permits index (excluding engineering projects) rose 2.6% in June 1993 to 99.8, the second consecutive monthly increase. Despite this increase, the trend remains beneath its latest peak (117.6), reached in December 1992.

The residential building permits short-term trend index continued to fall – as it has since October 1991 – decreasing on average by 1.1% per month, from 120.6 in October 1991 to 98.7 in April 1993; this represents a drop of about 18.2%. In April 1993, the trend decreased 1.4% from March's level of 100.0.

The residential building permits advance estimate is based on results received from over 90% of the municipalities surveyed.

Residential Building Permits Index



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

² The trend-cycle shows the seasonally adjusted value of building permits without irregular influences that can affect 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 June 1993 will be released on August 17.

For further analytical information, contact Michel Labonté (613-951-9690), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

Value of Residential Building Permits (Advance Estimate)

	Value			
	May ^r 1993	June ^a 1993	May ^r to June ^a 1993	June 1992 to 1993 ^a
	\$ thousands		% change	
Canada				
Seasonally Adjusted	1,297,518	1,325,406	2.1	-8.3
Raw	1,722,061	1,777,788	3.2	-3.8

^a Advance figures.

^r Revised figures.

Number of Dwelling Units Authorized (Advance Estimate)

	Annual Rate			
	May ^r 1993	June ^a 1993	May ^r to June ^a 1993	June 1992 to 1993 ^a
	units		% change	
Canada				
Seasonally Adjusted	151,632	156,540	3.2	-9.3
Raw	191,760	200,112	4.4	-4.8

^a Advance figures.

^r Revised figures.

Non-residential Building Construction Price Index

Second Quarter 1993

Indices for all seven of the surveyed cities increased in the second quarter, with the index for Vancouver increasing the most at 1.8%.

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index (excluding the Goods and Services Tax) composite increased slightly to 122.0 (1986 = 100) in the second quarter of 1993, up 0.7% from the first quarter of 1993 and up 0.3% from the second quarter of 1992. Since the first quarter of 1991, the composite index has moved within a narrow range, between 121.1 and 122.0.

In the second quarter of 1993, the index for Vancouver showed the largest change with a 1.8% increase from the first quarter of 1993 and a 2.9% increase from the second quarter of 1992. The indices for Calgary and Edmonton showed virtually no change from the first quarter of 1993.

In Central Canada, the index for Toronto rose 0.8% from the first quarter of 1993 and rose 0.9% from the second quarter of 1992. This quarterly increase – though small – was the largest since the second quarter of 1990. The index for Ottawa showed similar movement, while the Montreal index was still affected by the Quebec Sales Tax harmonization with the GST, which became effective July 1, 1992.

The index for Halifax moved up 0.4% from the previous quarter, the largest quarterly increase since the second quarter of 1990; it also posted the largest year-over-year increase (+0.5%) since the fourth quarter of 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2042 and 2043.

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

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

Non-residential Building Construction Price Index (1986 = 100)

	Relative Importance	Second Quarter 1992	First Quarter 1993	Second Quarter 1993	Second Quarter 1992 to Second Quarter 1993	First Quarter 1993 to Second Quarter 1993
	%				% change	
Composite	100.0	121.6	121.1	122.0	0.3	0.7
Halifax	2.1	108.9	109.0	109.4	0.5	0.4
Montreal	19.3	115.4	111.4	111.7	-3.2	0.3
Ottawa	8.1	125.5	126.0	126.9	1.1	0.7
Toronto	40.1	124.2	124.3	125.3	0.9	0.8
Calgary	5.0	123.0	123.5	123.7	0.6	0.2
Edmonton	6.2	124.5	125.3	125.4	0.7	0.1
Vancouver	19.2	117.6	118.9	121.0	2.9	1.8

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rigid Insulating Board

June 1993

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 2 685 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in June 1993, down 5.4% from 2 839 thousand square metres in June 1992.

For January to June 1993, year-to-date shipments totalled 15 116 thousand square metres, up 3.7% from 14 582 thousand square metres during the same period in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 47).

The June 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. ■

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

June 1993

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for June 1993 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 66 328 tonnes in June 1993, up 3.0% from 64 367 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The June 1993 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

Asphalt Roofing

June 1993

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 329 053 metric bundles in June 1993, down 5.6% from 4 586 445 metric bundles shipped a year earlier.

For January to June 1993, shipments totalled 18 573 992 metric bundles, down 9.1% from the 20 431 681 metric bundles shipped during the same period in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

The June 1993 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Mother Tongue

1991 Census Technical Reports

Mother Tongue, the second report from the new 1991 Census Technical Reports Series, is now available.

The technical reports examine the quality of the 1991 Census data and inform users of the following: the conceptual framework and definitions used in data collection; any unusual circumstances that may influence the data; principal sources of error; and, where possible, the size of error.

The report released today examines the quality of the data for mother tongue. To obtain a copy of *Mother Tongue* (92-335E, \$20), see "How to Order Publications."

For more information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Film and Video Production and Motion Picture Post-production Surveys

1991-92

Preliminary data from the 1991-92 annual Film, Video and Audio-visual Production Survey, as well as from the Motion Picture Laboratory Operations and Production and Post-production Services Survey, are now available.

Despite declining production revenues, the overall profitability of Canadian film producers improved dramatically in 1991-92. The profit margin of production companies jumped to 11.1% from a 10-year low of 1.5% in 1990-91.

At the same time, the number of film, video and audio-visual production companies operating in Canada increased marginally from 741 in 1990-91 to 743 in 1991-92. There was, however, a large increase – from 119 in 1990-91 to 137 in 1991-92 – in the number of producers specializing in television production. Feature film production remained steady, with 21 companies producing 55 theatrical features.

Operating revenues in the Canadian motion picture laboratory and post-production services sector increased 9.4% to \$285 million, despite a drop in the number of firms from 170 to 159.

Culture Statistics: Film and Video, 1991-92 (87-204, \$22) will be available in the fall.

For further information, contact Nancy Ghalam (613-951-1573), Culture Statistics Program, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■


Electric Utilities Construction Price Indices

1987-1992 Revisions

Estimates from 1987 to 1992 for certain components of three plant construction indices have been revised on CANSIM, in order to correct a transcription error. The series affected are part of the transmission line, transformer station and hydro-electric station aggregates.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2022.

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



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- Unemployment Insurance Statistics, July 1992 6
The number of unemployed persons reporting regular unemployment insurance benefits, adjusted for seasonal variations, increased 4.4% in July to 1.2 million.
- Building Permits, July 1992 7
The preliminary value of building permits issued in Canada declined 6.4% to \$2.45 billion in July, down from \$2.61 billion in June.
- Impaired Driving - Canada, 1991 10
From 1981 to 1991, the number of persons charged with impaired driving in Canada decreased 27%, from 102,048 to 74,127.

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Railway Carloadings, May 1993. Vol.70, No.5.

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Railway Operating Statistics, April 1993.

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Retail Trade, May 1993.

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Wholesale Trade, May 1993.

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Summary of Canadian International Trade, May 1993.

Catalogue number 65-001

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Mother Tongue, 1991 Census Technical Reports.

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