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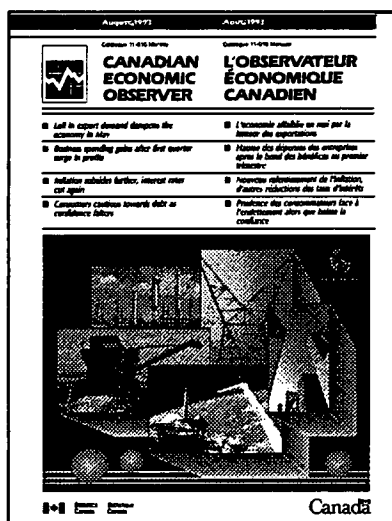
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Canadian Economic Observer August 1993

The August issue of *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, presents a monthly summary of the economy and covers the major economic events in July. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and major industrial nations.

The August issue of *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

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MAJOR RELEASES

Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

June 1993

Seasonally adjusted exports stood at \$14.7 billion in June, virtually unchanged from revised levels for April and May. Exports of agricultural and fishing products rose by \$175 million and exports of automotive products rose by \$57 million. These increases were almost entirely offset by lower exports of energy products (-\$106 million), industrial goods (-\$63 million) and forestry products (-\$50 million).

Seasonally adjusted imports also remained fairly stable, at \$13.8 billion. Imports of automotive products and consumer goods increased by \$23 million and \$48 million respectively. The largest decreases were for imports of industrial goods (-\$71 million) and machinery and equipment (-\$41 million).

The merchandise trade surplus remained at about \$900 million in June, but Canada's trade surplus with the United States grew by \$131 million, to \$1.8 billion.

Export Trends

Bolstered by continued strength of seasonally adjusted exports in June, the trend rose for the eighteenth consecutive month to 16.0% above its May 1992 level.

The trend for agricultural and fishing products increased for the fourth month in a row. Wheat exports appeared to recover somewhat from recent declines.

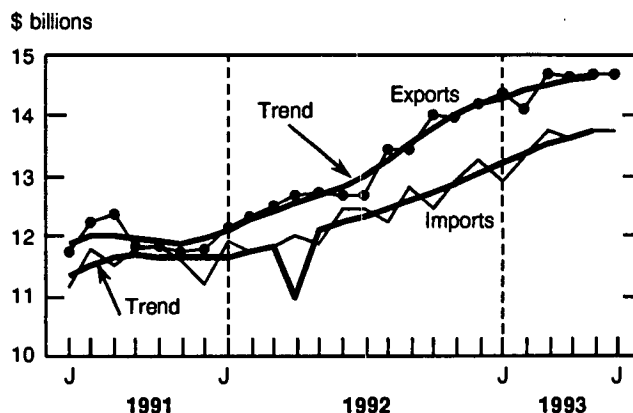
Exports of energy products increased by 2.8% in the latest period. There was growth in the trend for both crude petroleum (+4.5% in the last year) and other energy products (+21.7% in the last year).

Machinery and equipment exports have been increasing for 17 months, with all commodity groupings continuing to move upward.

The trend for automotive exports has been increasing since last July, but decreases in the seasonally adjusted data in April and May, along with a very modest increase in June, caused the monthly rate of increase to drop from 3.7% at the beginning of the year to 0.1% in the most recent period.

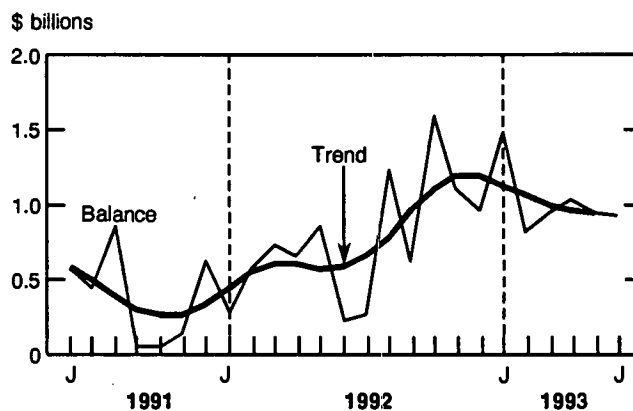
Merchandise Trade

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Balance of Payments Basis



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Although forestry exports have grown by 21.3% in the last 12 months, they began to turn downward, albeit slightly, three months ago.

The only other downward movement was for exports of industrial goods, which fell for the sixth month in a row to just 3% above the year-earlier level.

Import Trends

The import trend has been increasing for 17 months, and stood 13.6% higher in the latest period than in May 1992.

Imports of agricultural products have increased by 17.4% in the last 12 months and by 21.7% since their turning point almost two years ago.

Energy imports have been on an upward trend for seven months, mostly because of sustained increases for crude petroleum, which grew a further 2.3% in the latest month.

Industrial goods have risen by 22.4% over the past 19 months and by 16.4% since last May. All major commodity groups continued to increase in the latest period.

There were continued increases for imports of most commodities within the machinery and equipment sector. The major exception was imports of aircraft, engines and parts (which have been falling all year), which stood 12.5% lower than in May 1992.

Trending downward in the latest period were forestry and automotive products. For forestry products, this was only the second decline in a row and

levels remained 11.7% above May 1992. Similarly, this was the first decline in automotive imports since January 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651, 3685-3713, 3718-3720, 3887-3913.

Current account data, which incorporate merchandise trade statistics, trade in services and capital account movements, are available on a quarterly basis in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001, \$27.50/\$110).

For further information on international trade statistics, order *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$10/\$100), now available. For more timely receipt of the data, a fax service is available on the morning of release (10-002, \$250). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, order the June 1993 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182), available the first week of September, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Client Services Section, International Trade Division. □

Merchandise Trade of Canada, Balance of Payments Basis

	Exports				Imports			
	June 1993	May 1993	April 1993	June 1992	June 1993	May 1993	April 1993	June 1992
seasonally adjusted								
\$ millions								
United States	11,721	11,817	11,750	9,827	9,913	10,141	9,773	8,773
Other Trading Areas	2,943	2,850	2,880	2,821	3,838	3,598	3,825	3,653
Total	14,664	14,668	14,630	12,647	13,751	13,739	13,598	12,426
Agricultural and Fishing								
Products	1,340	1,165	1,275	1,178	924	925	937	781
Energy Products	1,545	1,651	1,384	1,253	647	649	626	679
Forestry Products	1,876	1,925	1,991	1,552	124	119	129	117
Industrial Goods and								
Materials	2,471	2,534	2,472	2,472	2,521	2,592	2,506	2,176
Machinery and Equipment	2,977	2,961	2,872	2,477	4,246	4,287	4,182	3,802
Automotive Products	3,825	3,768	3,990	3,162	3,152	3,129	3,194	2,928
Other Consumer Goods	374	389	370	338	1,756	1,708	1,717	1,579
Special Transactions Trade	297	316	317	255	404	349	330	315

Merchandise Trade of Canada, Monthly Variation of the Trend

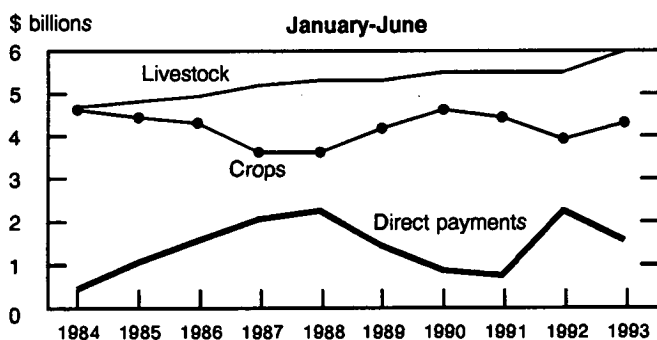
	Exports				Imports			
	May 1993	April 1993	March 1993	May 1992	May 1993	April 1993	March 1993	May 1992
% change								
Agricultural and Fishing								
Products	1.9	1.9	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8
Energy Products	2.8	2.7	2.2	3.7	1.5	2.2	3.5	4.2
Forestry Products	-0.5	-0.3	-0.0	-0.2	-0.9	-0.5	0.1	1.4
Industrial Goods and								
Materials	-0.4	-0.7	-1.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8
Machinery and Equipment	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.8
Automotive Products	0.1	0.7	1.7	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.6	0.9
Other Consumer Goods	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.4	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.7
Special Transactions Trade	-2.2	-3.9	-5.5	1.8	2.9	2.3	1.1	-0.9

Farm Cash Receipts

January-June 1993

Farm cash receipts for January-June 1993 were \$11.8 billion, 1.1% higher than the year-earlier \$11.7 billion. Higher crop (+10%) and livestock (+8.5%) receipts more than offset a 34% drop in direct program payments. For the April to June 1993 period, receipts totalled \$5.4 billion, \$331 million lower than in 1992. This moderated the record \$6.4 billion of the January to March 1993 period, leaving receipts for the first six months of 1993 only slightly higher than in the same period in 1992.

Farm Cash Receipts



Provincially, Manitoba (+16%) and Alberta (+5.9%) registered the largest increases in cash receipts for the January to June 1993 period. Primarily responsible for the gains were higher Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) payments, cattle receipts and payments under the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan (GRIP). Manitoba receipts were further strengthened by higher wheat and hog receipts, while Alberta reported larger crop insurance payments. The largest declines were in Ontario (-7.4%) and Prince Edward Island (-5.7%), mainly a result of lower program payments.

Livestock and Animal Products Receipts

Livestock and animal products receipts for the first half of 1993 reached a record \$6.0 billion, 8.5% above \$5.5 billion in 1992. (The previous record was \$5.6 billion in 1990.) The increase was due to higher cattle, hog and chicken receipts. Dairy receipts recorded a small decline.

Note to Users

Farm cash receipts measure gross returns to farmers in current dollars from the sale of all agricultural products except those associated with direct sales between farms in the same province. They also include Canadian Wheat Board and Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board payments, deferred grain receipts, as well as direct payments to farmers from various federal, provincial and municipal programs.

Realized net farm income, which takes into account producers' operating expenses and depreciation charges, is published in Agriculture Economic Statistics (21-603E, \$21/\$42).

Cattle receipts for the first six months of 1993 were \$2.3 billion, 13% above the previous year's \$2.0 billion. Prices were 13% higher as severe winter weather in the United States slowed slaughter cattle marketings and as strong demand supported feeder cattle prices. Marketings in Canada were stable as a 9.5% increase in live animal exports compensated for lower domestic slaughter.

For the January to June 1993 period, hog receipts reached \$997 million, 22% higher than a year earlier. The increase was mainly caused by a 19% rise in prices, which occurred despite higher slaughter in both Canada (+1.9%) and the United States (+0.7%). This price increase followed unfavourable winter weather conditions in the United States, which moderated expected increases in production and marketings.

Chicken receipts for the first half of 1993 were \$489 million, 5.8% higher than the previous year's \$462 million. Quantities marketed rose 3.5% and prices increased 2.3%.

Dairy receipts for the first half of 1993 fell for the third consecutive year. Quantities delivered fell as lower demand for butterfat led to reductions in Market Sharing Quota.

Crops Receipts

Crops receipts rose 10% to \$4.3 billion in the first six months of 1993, compared to the year-earlier \$3.9 billion. Substantially higher CWB payments, along with increased receipts for most grains and oilseeds, more than offset a sharp drop in corn receipts.

For January to June 1993, CWB payments reached \$685 million, up \$458 million from 1992. Final payments totalling \$431 million were paid in January 1993 on all 1991/92 pool accounts. In January 1992, producers received final payments of only \$15 million as international grain prices had collapsed at the beginning of the 1990/91 crop year.

Receipts for the major grains and oilseeds, excluding corn, rose 2.9% to \$1.8 billion. Producer deliveries for the January to June period were stable and prices increased 2.8%, despite the poor quality of the 1992 crop and low export demand from Russia and China.

Corn receipts fell 37% to \$164 million, the lowest level since 1979. The decline was due to lower producer deliveries, which followed poor growing and harvesting conditions in 1992.

Direct Program Payments

Direct program payments for the first half of 1993 totalled \$1.5 billion, down 34% from the year-earlier \$2.2 billion. Lower other (ad hoc), tripartite and Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) payments more than offset higher crop insurance and GRIP payments.

Other (ad hoc) payments in the first half of 1993 fell to \$44 million, from \$586 million in 1992, as payments under the Farm Support and Adjustment Measures II program wound down. Tripartite

payments were just \$12 million, compared with the year-earlier \$248 million when low market prices for hogs and slaughter cattle triggered payments. NISA payments dropped from \$306 million to \$75 million. Most of the January to June 1993 NISA payments were from the 1991 tax-year program, which had fewer participants and smaller average withdrawals than the 1990 program.

In the first half of 1993, GRIP payments totalled \$745 million, compared with \$619 million in 1992, while crop insurance payments more than tripled to \$299 million. Increases in these payments reflected the adverse growing and harvesting conditions that prevailed in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3582 to 3592.

The January-June 1993 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$11/\$44) will be available the last week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ed Hamilton (613-951-8707) or Gwen Cromwell (613-951-2439), Agriculture Division.

Total Cash Receipts from Farming Operations

	January to June 1992	January to June 1993	January-June 1992 to January-June 1993
	\$ millions		% change
Canada	11,685.2	11,813.6	1.1
Newfoundland	28.7	28.2	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	113.2	106.8	-5.7
Nova Scotia	134.9	133.9	-0.7
New Brunswick	124.6	126.5	1.5
Quebec	1,862.3	1,803.9	-3.1
Ontario	2,863.2	2,652.4	-7.4
Manitoba	1,094.0	1,264.8	15.6
Saskatchewan	2,376.9	2,446.2	2.9
Alberta	2,461.5	2,605.7	5.9
British Columbia	626.0	645.2	3.1

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

Sales of Natural Gas

June 1993 (Preliminary)

For June 1993, sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada totalled 3 296 million cubic metres, up 9.7% from June 1992. Colder than normal weather conditions and increased industrial demand contributed to the strong sales growth in June.

On the basis of rate structure, June sales were as follows with the percentage changes from June 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 483 million cubic metres (+9.5%); commercial sales, 351 million cubic metres (+2.3%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 462 million cubic metres (+10.9%).

The increase in residential sales in June 1993 was primarily caused by colder than normal weather conditions throughout most of Canada.

At the end of June 1993, year-to-date sales of natural gas totalled 33 225 million cubic metres, up 7.7% from 1992. Year-to-date sales were as follows with the percentage changes from 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 9 090 million cubic metres (+8.8%); commercial sales, 7 003 million cubic metres (+4.2%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 17 132 million cubic metres (+8.7%).

The June 1993 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127) will be available the third week of September. 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	June 1992	June 1993 P	June 1992 to June 1993	Year-to-date 1992	Year-to-date 1993P	1992 to 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total	3 004 935	3 296 056	+ 9.7	30 835 797	33 224 917	+ 7.7
Residential	441 283	483 423	+ 9.5	8 355 167	9 089 830	+ 8.8
Commercial	342 799	350 531	+ 2.3	6 721 527	7 003 286	+ 4.2
Industrial	1 795 051	1 901 968	+ 10.9	12 807 075	13 122 426	+ 8.7
Direct ¹	425 802	560 134		2 952 028	4 009 375	

Sales of Natural Gas

Rate structure	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
Total	3 296 056	323 933	1 100 892	62 007	237 986	1 121 510	449 728
Residential	483 423	23 262	241 204	18 400	34 411	104 536	61 610
Commercial	350 531	56 030	137 687	14 556	15 313	73 188	53 757
Industrial	1 901 968	242 856	528 844	28 472	808	943 786	157 202
Direct ¹	560 134	1 785	193 157	579	187 454	-	177 159

Degree Days²

June 1992	...	40	44	116	97	86	42
June 1993	...	49	32	103	125	129	68

¹ Represents direct sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

² 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 indicates a warm month.

... Figures not applicable.

- Nil or zero.

P Preliminary figures.

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

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending August 14, 1993 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending August 14, 1993 totalled 280 580 tonnes, down 1.0% from the week-earlier 283 426 tonnes but up 3.4% from the year-earlier 271 229 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 8 902 168 tonnes, up 5.1% from 8 473 203 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending August 7, 1993

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 2.9 million tonnes, down 22.9% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 4.4% and the number of cars loaded decreased 6.6% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of August 7, 1993 decreased 5.1% 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. ■

Local Government Long-term Debt

July 1993

Estimates for the accumulated long-term debt of local governments for all provinces except Ontario are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulations. For more information or general

inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination and External Relations Co-ordinator (613-951-0767). ■

Short-term Debt of Local Governments

June 1993

Estimates for the short-term debt (treasury bills and other short-term paper) of local governments as of June 30, 1993 are now available, as are revised estimates for previous quarters.

For further information on these data, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

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Export and Import Price Indices

June 1993

Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indices (1986=100) on a balance of payments basis are now available. Price indices are listed from January 1986 to June 1993 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs-based current- and fixed-weighted U.S. price indices (1986=100) are also available. Price indices are listed from January 1986 to June 1993. Included with the U.S. commodity indices are the 10 all-countries and U.S.-only SITC section indices.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651, 3685.

The June 1993 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division. ■

Profiles of Court Services

The Profiles of Court Services are available today. There are 16 reports, one for every province and territory and one each for the Supreme Court, the Tax Court, the Federal Court and the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs.

These reports describe the structure of the Canadian court system. Details are presented for the following: composition of all courts; geographic distribution of the courts; jurisdiction and duties of judges and court personnel. In addition, descriptive and organizational charts are provided for the division of the provincial ministry that administers court services.

For further information, please contact either Information and Client Services (613-951-9023, toll-free 1-800-387-2231) or the Courts program (613-951-6645), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

Selected Financial Indices

July 1993

Data for July 1993 are now available for the Selected Financial Indices.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

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

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

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

August 1, 1993

Preliminary data on the amount of frozen poultry products in cold storage at August 1, 1993 and revised figures for July 1, 1993 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Conrad Barber-Dueck (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

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Consumer Price Index, July 1993.

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Farm Product Price Index, June 1993.

Catalogue number 62-003

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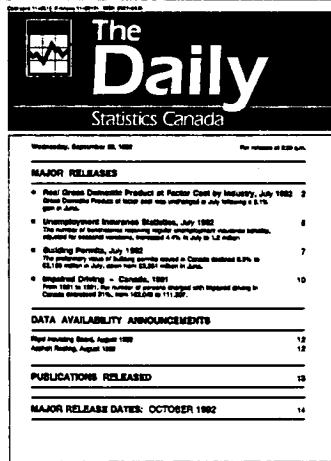
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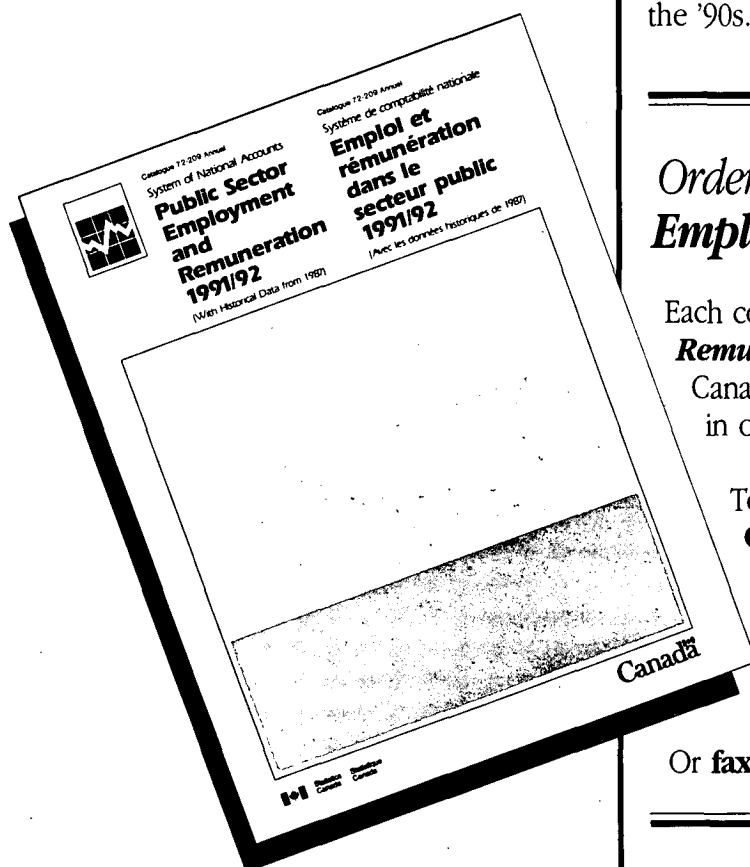
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