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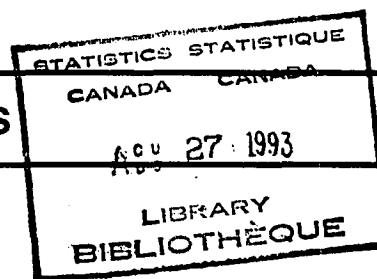


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All Roads Lead to . . . Laxton, Digby and Longford 1991 Census

Laxton, Digby and Longford, a small township in Ontario, now holds the title of the country's centre of population as determined from the 1991 Census of Canada.

Canada's population centre has been moving slowly west and south since 1976, it now rests about 60 kilometres north of the Toronto metropolitan area.

Population centres for Canada, the provinces and territories are provided in *All Roads Lead to . . . Laxton, Digby and Longford*, an article released today under the 1991 Census Short Article Series.

To obtain a copy of this article, contact your local Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. Copies are free while supplies last.



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International Travel Account

Second Quarter 1993 (Preliminary)

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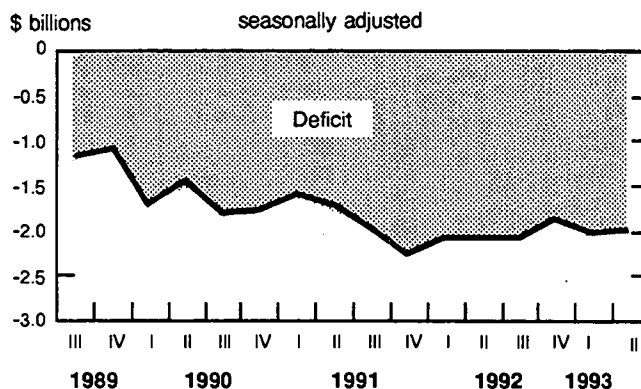
International travel transactions produced a seasonally adjusted \$2.0 billion deficit (current dollars) in the second quarter of 1993, down 1.5% from the first quarter. Receipts from non-residents and Canadians' foreign expenditures both increased.

Total receipts increased to \$2.1 billion, up 3.6% from the previous quarter. Receipts from the United States decreased 0.7% to \$1.1 billion, while receipts from all other countries increased 9.4% to a record \$946 million.

Total payments increased 1.0% to \$4.1 billion. Canadian residents' expenditures in the United States rose 1.7% to \$2.7 billion, outweighing the 0.2% decrease in payments to all other countries, which amounted to \$1.4 billion.

The April-June 1993 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$38.50/\$154) will be available in October. See "How to Order Publications".

Travel Account Balance



For further information on this release, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. □

International Travel Receipts and Payments

	1992 ^r					1993	
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total	First Quarter ^r	Second Quarter ^P
	\$ millions						
	seasonally adjusted ^a						
United States							
Receipts	1,159	1,152	1,099	1,141	4,550	1,157	1,149
Payments	2,857	2,805	2,766	2,590	11,018	2,645	2,690
Balance	-1,698	-1,653	-1,667	-1,449	-6,468	-1,489	-1,541
All other countries							
Receipts	842	898	903	865	3,509	865	946
Payments	1,248	1,322	1,327	1,300	5,197	1,421	1,418
Balance	-406	-423	-423	-435	-1,688	-556	-472
Total, all countries							
Receipts	2,001	2,050	2,002	2,006	8,059	2,022	2,095
Payments	4,105	4,127	4,092	3,890	16,215	4,066	4,108
Balance	-2,105	-2,077	-2,090	-1,884	-8,156	-2,044	-2,013
	1992 ^r					1993	
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total	First Quarter ^r	Second Quarter ^P
	unadjusted						
United States							
Receipts	577	1,229	2,009	735	4,550	585	1,238
Payments	3,156	2,971	2,778	2,113	11,018	2,884	2,845
Balance	-2,579	-1,742	-769	-1,378	-6,468	-2,299	-1,607
All other countries							
Receipts	447	951	1,590	521	3,509	445	1,018
Payments	1,334	1,224	1,510	1,129	5,197	1,530	1,315
Balance	-887	-273	80	-608	-1,688	-1,085	-297
Total, all countries							
Receipts	1,024	2,180	3,599	1,256	8,059	1,030	2,256
Payments	4,490	4,195	4,288	3,242	16,215	4,414	4,160
Balance	-3,466	-2,015	-689	-1,986	-8,156	-3,384	-1,904

^a Seasonally adjusted data may not add to totals due to rounding.

^P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Industrial Product Price Index

July 1993 (Preliminary)

The Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI, 1986 = 100) in July 1993 rose to 112.2, up 0.2% from 112.0 in May and June. However, the IPPI remained below the 112.3 reached in March.

Indices for 12 of the 21 major product groups increased, four declined and five did not change. The most significant month-to-month price increases were in primary metal (+1.6%) and tobacco and tobacco (+4.6%) products. Among the declines, the most significant were in lumber, sawmill, and other wood products (-1.0%) and meat, fish and dairy products (-0.6%).

In July, the year-to-year change in the IPPI remained at +2.8%, appreciably below January's year-to-year change of +4.4%. The year-to-year change in both first- and second-stage intermediate goods continued to decline; the former has fallen since January and the latter has fallen since March. However, month-to-month figures showed the first-stage intermediate goods index up, a result of the increase in primary metal product prices.

Among finished goods, the year-to-year change in foods and feeds has also declined since May. In July there was also a decline in the month-to-month change in foods and feeds, the result of the fall in meat prices. However, both capital equipment and all other finished goods have seen their year-to-year change increasing since May.

Primary Metal Prices Up, Lumber Prices Down

The primary metal products price index rose 1.6% in July as aluminum prices rose in response to cutbacks in output by North American producers and the prices of precious metals were bid up. Among the non-ferrous metals, however, nickel prices were down somewhat as the market remained weak and exports of the Commonwealth of Independent States remained strong. July's increase in primary metal product prices followed five monthly declines. In July, the year-to-year price change was -1.9% compared with -3.2% in June.

The lumber, sawmill and other wood products price index declined for the fourth consecutive month in July, falling 1.0% to 127.7. Since March, it has fallen by 16.2% from 152.4. The index, however, remains 12.8% higher than in July 1992. The July decline was primarily due to the continuing fall in softwood lumber prices. These declined throughout the country, except in Quebec where the softwood

lumber index rose 1.4%. The largest decline was on the coast of British Columbia, where softwood prices declined 4.0%.

Tobacco and tobacco products increased 4.6% in July as prices rose throughout the industry. There was also a sharp increase in the year-to-year change in the index, which increased from 4.5% in June to 9.4% in July.

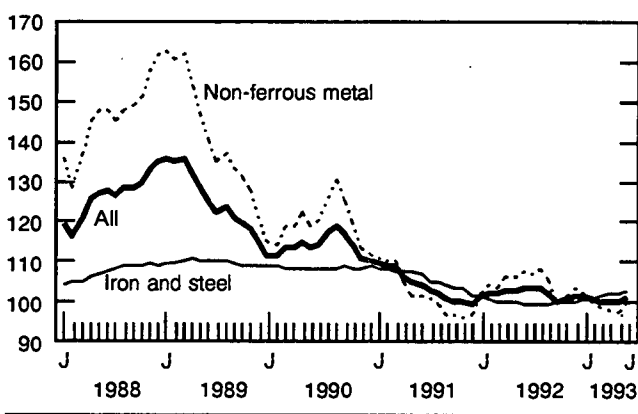
The meat, fish, and dairy products index declined 0.6% in July after remaining flat in June. This was the first decline in the index since July 1992. The decline occurred as cattle producers met the demand for summer cuts of meat and as the supply of the available fish species increased. Fresh pork prices, however, were up somewhat as demand remained constant and quantities remained low. The year-to-year change in the index was also down, falling to 3.8% in July from 4.3% in June.

Primary Metal Products Price Index

The Primary Metal Products Price Index tracks the behaviour of indices for 42 classes of iron and steel products, 10 classes of aluminum products, 14 classes of copper and copper alloy products, five classes of nickel products, and 33 classes of other non-ferrous metal products.

Primary Metal Product Prices

Price Indices 1986 = 100



The evolution of the primary metal products price index reflects the different paths followed by the prices for iron and steel products and for non-ferrous metals. Price fluctuations have been much higher in non-ferrous metals than in iron and steel products. As shown in the graph, the prices of non-ferrous metal products peaked in late 1988 and early 1989

and have tended to decline, with the occasional brief rally, since that time. Iron and steel products peaked in the second quarter of 1989, declined until the third quarter of 1992, and have been tending to recover since then, but moderately. The iron and steel price index has fluctuated between 110.1 and 98.9 (1986=100), while the non-ferrous metal products index has fluctuated between 162.6 and 95.7 (1986=100). Amongst non-ferrous metals, price fluctuations were greatest for nickel, where the product price index has varied between 315.8 (February 1989) and 91.4 (July 1993).

The constant dollar value of primary metal shipments peaked in the fourth quarter of 1989, declined until the fourth quarter of 1990, rose to a new high in the fourth quarter of 1991, declined somewhat until the second quarter of 1992, and then resumed rising. The picture for capacity utilization and for the seasonally adjusted value of GDP at factor cost in constant dollars for the primary metal production industries was roughly similar. Both of these, however, were in decline from the first quarter

of 1988 until the fourth quarter of 1990. They then recovered somewhat until the third quarter of 1991, declined again until early 1992, and then resumed rising.

The evolution of prices was quite different from the evolution of these other measures of industry performance. Price declines continued past the fourth quarter of 1989 until the end of the first period of recovery in the industry in late 1991. After the end of this period of price decline, prices have shown only a slight tendency to rise, despite the strong recovery in the industry after the second quarter of 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2000-2008.

The July 1993 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$18.20/\$182) will be available at the end of September. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Industrial Product Price Index (1986 = 100)

	Relative Importance ¹	July 1992	June 1993 ^r	July 1993 ^p	June 1993 to July 1993	July 1992 to July 1993
					% change*	
Industrial Product Price Index - Total	100.0	109.1	112.0	112.2	0.2	2.8
Total IPPI excluding petroleum and coal products	93.6	110.2	113.4	113.6	0.2	3.1
Intermediate goods	60.4	107.4	109.8	109.0	0.1	2.3
First-stage intermediate goods	13.4	105.9	102.0	102.8	0.8	-2.9
Second-stage intermediate goods	47.0	107.8	112.0	112.0	0.0	3.9
Finished goods	39.6	111.6	115.3	115.5	0.2	3.5
Finished foods and feeds	9.9	116.4	118.8	118.5	-0.3	1.8
Capital equipment	10.4	111.0	116.0	116.2	0.2	4.7
All other finished goods	19.3	109.5	113.1	113.7	0.5	3.8
Aggregation by commodities:						
Meat, fish and dairy products	7.4	111.3	116.2	115.5	-0.6	3.8
Fruit, vegetable, feed, miscellaneous food products	6.3	114.2	115.7	116.2	0.4	1.8
Beverages	2.0	122.4	124.5	124.5	0.0	1.7
Tobacco and tobacco products	0.7	148.1	154.9	162.0	4.6	9.4
Rubber, leather, plastic fabric products	3.1	113.3	113.9	113.5	-0.4	0.2
Textile products	2.2	109.3	109.6	109.6	0.0	0.3
Knitted products and clothing	2.3	113.2	114.2	114.3	0.1	1.0
Lumber, sawmill, other wood products	4.9	113.2	129.0	127.7	-1.0	12.8
Furniture and fixtures	1.7	117.9	119.2	119.6	0.3	1.4
Paper and paper products	8.1	105.3	104.8	104.7	-0.1	-0.6
Printing and publishing	2.7	127.5	134.7	134.8	0.1	5.7
Primary metal products	7.7	102.8	99.2	100.8	1.6	-1.9
Metal fabricated products	4.9	111.5	114.0	114.3	0.3	2.5
Machinery and equipment	4.2	116.7	118.9	118.9	0.0	1.9
Autos, trucks, other transportation equipment	17.6	103.0	109.4	109.6	0.2	6.4
Electrical and communications products	5.1	111.1	112.7	112.7	0.0	1.4
Non-metallic mineral products	2.6	110.6	111.4	111.4	0.0	0.7
Petroleum and coal products ²	6.4	92.4	91.5	91.6	0.1	-0.9
Chemicals and chemical products	7.2	114.2	115.9	116.4	0.4	1.9
Miscellaneous manufactured products	2.5	111.9	114.6	115.0	0.3	2.8
Miscellaneous non-manufactured commodities	0.4	70.7	80.0	81.2	1.5	14.9

¹ Weights are derived from the "make" matrix of the 1986 Input/Output table.

² This index is estimated for the current month.

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

* Figure is rounded.

Raw Materials Price Index

July 1993 (Preliminary)

The Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI, 1986=100) was 112.7 in July 1993, down 1.9% from the previous month. The decrease in the overall index is attributable to declines of 6.9% in the mineral fuels index and 2.2% in the animals and animal products index. However, five of the seven major components increased in July. The RMPI was up 4.3% from July 1992, mainly a result of higher indices for wood (+39.9%) and animals and animal products (+4.4%). These increases were offset by the 12.1% decline in the mineral fuels index. The overall index excluding mineral fuels has risen 11.9% over the previous 12 months.

The mineral fuels index fell 6.9% in July 1993, reflecting the 7.5% decrease in its principal component, crude mineral oils. The mineral fuels index was pegged 12.1% lower than its July 1992 level owing to a 13.4% drop in the crude mineral oil index.

The animals and animal products index was down 2.2% in July 1993 because of lower prices for cattle (-5.7%) and hogs (-2.6%). This decrease followed five months of steady increase in these indices. Over the year to July 1993, the animals and animal products index rose 4.4%. The primary contributing factors were increases in prices for cattle and calves (+8.5%) and hogs for slaughter (+13.0%).

After four months of decline, the non-ferrous metals index registered its second rise in a row, 3.0% in July 1993. This was largely due to increases in the price of gold (+8.5%) and the prices of aluminum materials (+4.7%). Over the last 12 months the non-ferrous metals index has dropped 5.2%, mainly owing to lower indices for concentrates of copper (-19.6%), zinc (-23.2%) and nickel (-29.9%). These decreases were partly offset by higher prices for gold (+20.7%) and radioactive concentrates (+29.8%).

The vegetable products index posted a 1.3% increase in July 1993, reflecting higher prices for grains (+3.3%), oilseeds (+3.7%) and cocoa, coffee and tea (+8.3%). A compensating factor was the 9.1% decrease in the unrefined sugar index. The vegetable products index rose 6.5% over the July 1992 figure, pushed up by rising indexes for oilseeds (+21.8%), raw tobacco (+9.7%) and wheat (+7.1%).

The wood index continued to rise in July, by 0.3% to 195.4, its highest level since 1981. The rate of increase has slowed in the last four months; nevertheless, its increase of 39.9% from a year ago has had the largest impact on the overall change in the RMPI.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2009.

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

Raw Materials Price Index (1986=100)

	Relative Importance ¹	July 1992	June 1993 ^r	July 1993 ^p	June 1993 to July 1993	July 1992 to July 1993
					% change	
Raw Materials total	100	108.1	114.9	112.7	-1.9	4.3
Mineral fuels	32	108.9	102.8	95.7	-6.9	-12.1
Vegetable products	10	91.2	95.9	97.1	1.3	6.5
Animals and animal products	26	104.5	111.5	109.1	-2.2	4.4
Wood	13	139.7	194.8	195.4	0.3	39.9
Ferrous materials	4	93.6	100.6	102.6	2.0	9.6
Non-ferrous metals	13	101.0	92.9	95.7	3.0	-5.2
Non-metallic minerals	3	99.7	99.6	99.9	0.3	0.2
Total excluding mineral fuel	68	107.8	120.5	120.6	0.1	11.9

¹ Rounded figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Characteristics of International Travellers

First Quarter 1993

Data on the characteristics (age groups, purpose of trip, etc.) of Canadians who travel abroad, as well as data on residents of the United States and other countries who travel to Canada, are now available for the first quarter of 1993.

For further information, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Quality Management Practices Survey

Statistics Canada, on behalf of Industry and Science Canada, conducted a survey on the use of quality management practices in Canadian manufacturing. These survey results are now available.

For more information about this survey, contact Michael Sandes (613-951-5645), Small Business and Special Surveys Division. ■

Survey of 1990 Graduates

Data from this survey are now available.

For information, contact Doug Lynd (613-951-1524), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

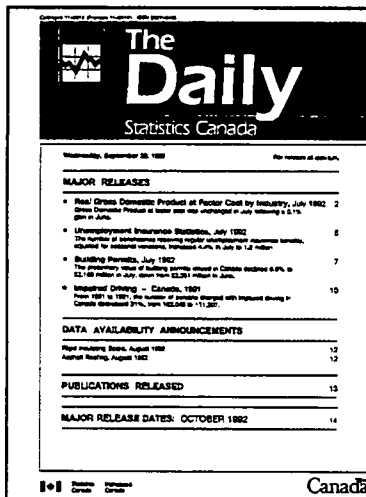
Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

August 1, 1993

As of August 1, 1993, frozen meat in cold storage amounted to 42 740 tonnes, compared with 38 290 tonnes a month earlier and 29 120 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

For more information on this release, contact Bob Freeman (613-951-2508), Agriculture Division. ■



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Week of August 30 to September 3

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