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When the Canada and Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP) was introduced in 1966, a few employers terminated their own registered pension plans (RPPs), but most integrated their plans with the CPP/QPP. Some employees discontinued their RPP membership because of the CPP/QPP contribution requirement.

The combined employee and employer contribution rate for the CPP/QPP has increased annually, from 3.6% of pensionable earnings in 1986 to 5% in 1993. Furthermore, a contribution schedule

currently legislated for the CPP has projected a rate of 10.1% by 2016.

While participation in the CPP/QPP is mandatory for virtually all workers aged 18 and older, RPPs are largely provided at the employers' discretion. The higher contributions legislated for the CPP/QPP may have an effect on the establishment of new RPPs or the continuation of some of those now in existence.

The costs of the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans continue to climb. "CPP/QPP Costs and Private Pensions", a study that explores how these rising costs may affect employer-sponsored registered pension plans, is featured in the Autumn 1993 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$13.25/\$53), which was released on September 1. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Hubert Frenken (613-9517569), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For-hire Trucking Statistics (Commodity Origin and Destination)

Second Quarter 1992 (Preliminary)

Preliminary results are available from the For-hire Trucking (Commodity Origin and Destination) Survey for the second quarter of 1992. The survey measures intercity commodity movements (distances of 25 km or more) of Canada-based for-hire carriers.

Canada-based for-hire trucking companies carried 36 million tonnes of freight during the second quarter of 1992, down 4.6% from the second quarter of 1991. Almost 70 million tonnes of freight were moved during the first half of 1992, down almost 30% from 72 million tonnes during the first half of 1991.

Data for the second quarter of 1992 will appear in the Vol. 9, No. 7 issue of *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75), which will be available in October. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486) or Kathie Davidson (613-951-8779), Transportation Division (fax: 613-951-0579).

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

July 1993

In July 1993, a total of 82 urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included), carried 98.7 million fare passengers, down 2.4% from July 1992. Operating revenues totalled \$104.4 million, relatively unchanged from July 1992.

In July 1993, 22 passenger bus carriers that earn \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1.1 million fare passengers, down 10.1% from July 1992. Operating revenues from the same services totalled \$24.0 million, a 5.2% decrease from July 1992.

All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The July 1993 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the next week.

For further information on this release, contact Morteza Doroudian (613-951-0522), Transportation Division.

Electric Storage Batteries

July 1993

Manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 92,127 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries in July 1993, down 27.4% from 126,869 batteries in July 1992.

For January to July 1993, shipments totalled 804,402 batteries, down 13.9% from 933,812 batteries the previous year.

Sales data for other types of storage batteries are also available.

The July 1993 issue of Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries (43-005, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more information on this release, contact i L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division.

Specified Domestic Electrical AppliancesJuly 1993

Electrical appliance manufacturers made 19,915 kitchen appliances in July 1993.

For January to July 1993, production of kitchen appliances totalled 307,751 units.

The July 1993 issue of Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances (43-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■



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