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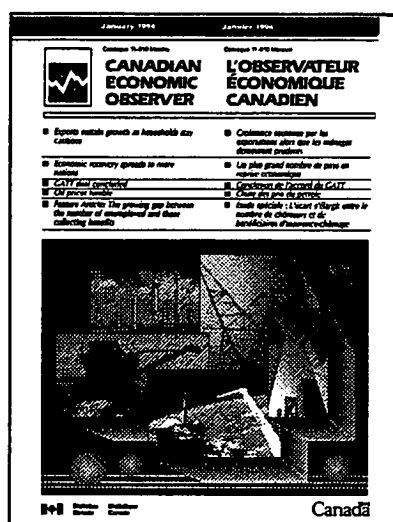
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Canadian Economic Observer

January 1994

The January issue of *Canadian Economic Observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, presents a monthly summary of the economy, major economic events in December and a feature article on recent trends in unemployment and unemployment insurance.

A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

The January 1994 issue of *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

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Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

November 1993

The seasonally adjusted value of manufacturers' shipments increased for the fourth consecutive month, despite the effects of temporary plant closings in the auto sector.

Shipments in November increased to \$26.5 billion, up 0.5%. Led by primary metals, wood and the chemical products industries. Fourteen of the major industry groups (accounting for 52% of total shipment values) increased. These increases more than offset declines in the remaining industry groups, especially a 2.7% drop in the motor vehicle, parts and accessories industry. Temporary plant closings by some car manufacturers for retooling to new models accounted for this drop.

Manufacturing excluding the motor vehicle, parts and accessories industry has increased strongly in three of the last four months.

Unfilled orders fell for the fifth month in a row, down 0.7% to \$23.6 billion. The unfilled order backlog has dropped more than \$1.0 billion (-4.3%) over this period.

Shipments

Preliminary estimates indicate that manufacturers' shipments increased 0.5% to \$26.5 billion in November. Fourteen of the 22 major groups (accounting for 52% of shipments values) increased, seven decreased, while one was flat. The largest increases in dollar terms were in primary metals (+4.6%), wood (+4.3%) and chemical products (+2.9%). Transportation equipment industries recorded the largest decline, falling 2.7%. This drop reflected temporary plant closings as some car manufacturers retooled for new models.

The trend has had uninterrupted growth over the last 20 months. Shipments grew by more than \$3.0 billion (+13.0%) over that period. (The short-term trend smooths out irregular month-to-month movements that are not sustained over a longer period.)

Inventories (owned)

Inventories (owned) grew 0.8% in November to \$35.3 billion, the first increase following two small monthly declines. The largest increases were in the primary metals (+2.7%) and the wood (+1.9%) industries. Decreases were small except in refined petroleum and coal products (-3.2%). The trend for inventories (owned) has risen since April 1993, although at a slightly slower pace in recent months.

Inventories/shipments ratio

The inventories to shipments ratio was 1.33, unchanged from the previous two months. The trend, which had been relatively stable from February to August, declined in the two most recent periods.

Unfilled orders

Unfilled orders decreased 0.7% to \$23.6 billion, the seventh decline in the last eight months. Transportation equipment industries (-1.9%) accounted for most of the drop. The trend fell for the fourth month in a row after a year of growth.

Unfilled orders are a stock of orders that will contribute to future shipments, assuming that orders are not cancelled.

New orders are defined as the sum of shipments for the current month (i.e., orders received and shipped within the same month) plus the change in unfilled orders.

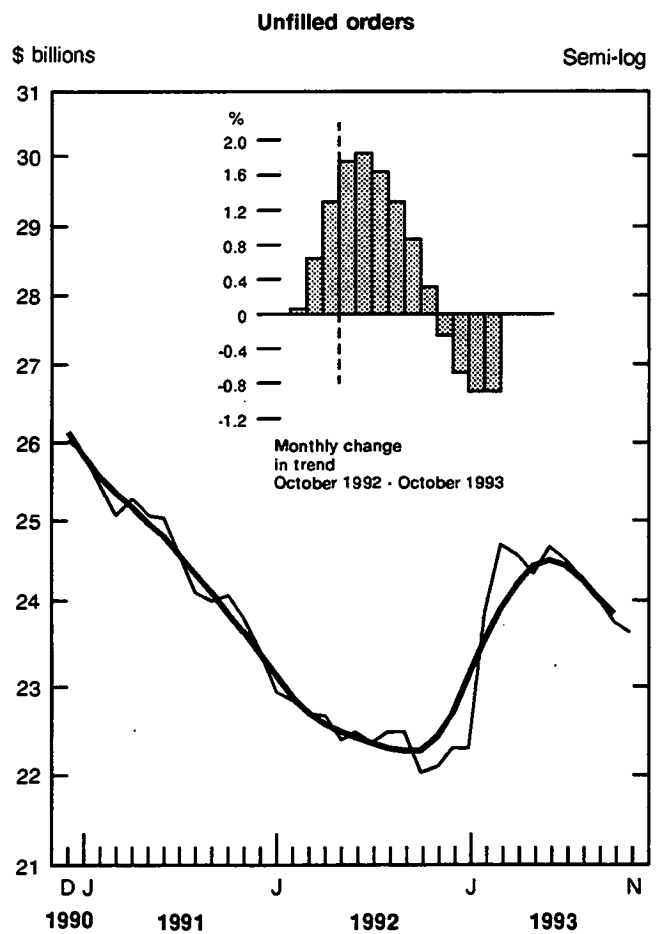
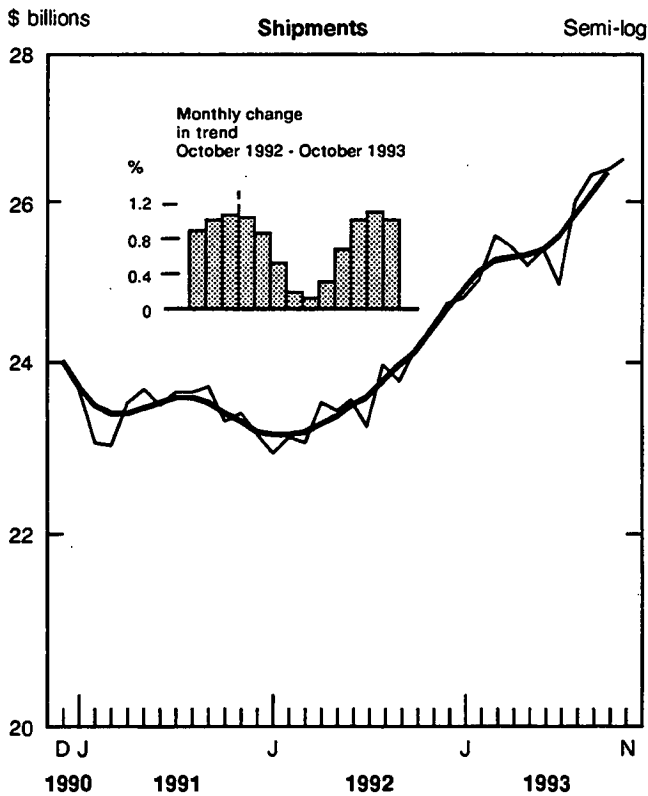
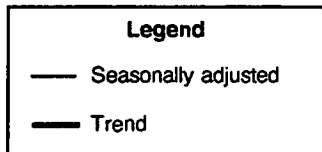
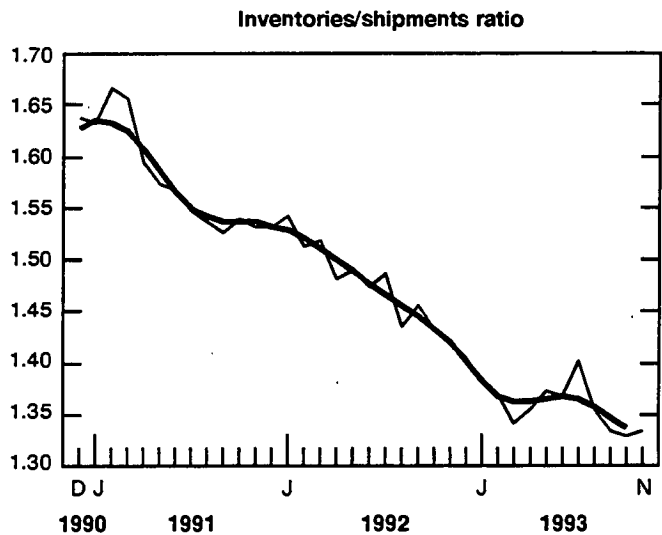
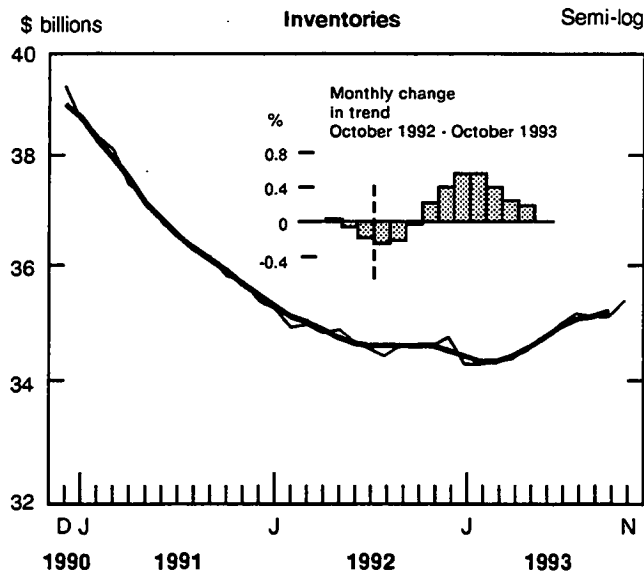
New orders

New orders rose 1.0% to \$26.4 billion, the third increase in four months. The trend, which declined from April through June, has been rising at an accelerating rate since.

Year-to-date

Manufacturers' shipments for the first 11 months of 1993 were estimated at \$281.6 billion, 8.8% higher than the value for the corresponding period in 1992.

Manufacturers' inventories, shipments and unfilled orders



Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

For more information, consult the November 1993 issue of *Monthly Survey of Manufacturing* (31-001, \$17.30/\$173), which will be available shortly.

Data for shipments by province in greater detail may be available on request. For further information, please contact Bob Traversy, Information and Classification Section (613-951-9497) or the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Shipments, inventories and orders in all manufacturing industries

Period		Shipments	Inven- tories	Unfilled orders	New orders	Shipments	Inven- tories	Unfilled orders	New orders		
\$ millions											
unadjusted					seasonally adjusted						
November	1992	24,557	34,262	21,856	24,496	24,387	34,575	22,101	24,434		
December	1992	23,088	33,986	21,912	23,144	24,711	34,656	22,309	24,919		
January	1993	21,677	34,451	22,249	22,014	24,747	34,212	22,323	24,761		
February	1993	23,254	34,854	23,875	24,880	25,003	34,211	23,864	26,544		
March	1993	27,361	34,985	24,893	28,378	25,567	34,263	24,723	26,426		
April	1993	25,807	34,771	24,823	25,738	25,412	34,322	24,595	25,284		
May	1993	26,218	34,617	24,447	25,841	25,188	34,496	24,354	24,946		
June	1993	27,443	34,432	24,718	27,714	25,392	34,667	24,679	25,717		
July	1993	22,412	34,546	24,614	22,308	24,936	34,911	24,525	24,782		
August	1993	25,874	34,986	24,382	25,642	25,994	35,142	24,300	25,769		
September	1993	27,843	34,710	24,126	27,587	26,368	35,090	24,083	26,151		
October	1993	27,525	34,652	23,574	26,974	26,412	35,049	23,786	26,115		
November	1993	27,357	35,046	23,366	27,148	26,545	35,326	23,626	26,385		
		Shipments		Inventories		Inventories/ shipments ratio		Unfilled orders		New orders	
Period		S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend	S.A.	Trend
		month-to-month % change				ratio		month-to-month % change			
seasonally adjusted											
November	1992	1.0	1.0	0.1	-0.1	1.42	1.42	0.2	0.6	3.1	1.5
December	1992	1.3	1.1	0.2	-0.2	1.40	1.40	0.9	1.3	2.0	1.7
January	1993	0.1	1.1	-1.3	-0.3	1.38	1.38	0.1	1.8	-0.6	1.5
February	1993	1.0	0.9	0.0	-0.2	1.37	1.37	6.9	1.9	7.2	1.0
March	1993	2.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	1.34	1.36	3.6	1.6	-0.4	0.3
April	1993	-0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.35	1.36	-0.5	1.3	-4.3	-0.1
May	1993	-0.9	0.1	0.5	0.4	1.37	1.36	-1.0	0.9	-1.3	-0.3
June	1993	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.37	1.37	1.3	0.3	3.1	-0.2
July	1993	-1.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.40	1.36	-0.6	-0.2	-3.6	0.1
August	1993	4.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.35	1.36	-0.9	-0.7	4.0	0.6
September	1993	1.4	1.1	-0.1	0.3	1.33	1.34	-0.9	-0.9	1.5	0.9
October	1993	0.2	1.0	-0.1	0.2	1.33	1.33	-1.2	-0.9	-0.1	1.0
November	1993	0.5	*	0.8	*	1.33	*	-0.7	*	1.0	*

* The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

Sales of Natural Gas

November 1993 (Preliminary)

Sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada totalled 5 700 million cubic metres, up 1.8% from November 1992. The residential sector recorded the largest sales increase (+4.5%), reflecting colder than normal temperatures throughout most of Canada.

On the basis of rate structure, November sales were as follows with the percentage changes from November 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 1 567 million cubic metres (+4.5%); commercial sales, 1 213 million cubic metres (+1.0%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 920 million cubic metres (+0.6%).

At the end of November 1993, year-to-date sales of natural gas amounted to 53 160 million cubic metres, up 6.0% from 1992. Year-to-date sales were as follows with the percentage changes from 1992 in brackets: residential sales, 12 912 million cubic metres (+6.6%); commercial sales, 10 067 million cubic metres (+2.6%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 30 181 million cubic metres (+6.9%).

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

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

Sales of natural gas in Canada

Rate structure	November 1992	November 1993 ^P	November 1992 to November 1993	Year-to-date 1992	Year-to-date 1993 ^P	Year-to-date 1992 to 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total	5 601 654	5 700 241	+1.8	50 168 946	53 159 837	+6.0
Residential	1 499 471	1 567 390	+4.5	12 115 109	12 911 489	+6.6
Commercial	1 201 373	1 213 308	+1.0	9 810 130	10 067 091	+2.6
Industrial	2 284 653	2 178 215		22 596 029	23 138 521	
			+0.6			+6.9
Direct ¹	616 157	741 328		5 647 678	7 042 736	

Sales of natural gas, by province

Rate structure	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
Total	5 700 241	515 334	2 086 836	210 250	435 299	1 734 830	717 692
Residential	1 567 390	59 497	666 133	83 300	123 836	388 953	245 671
Commercial	1 213 308	147 668	458 513	72 328	74 100	287 628	173 071
Industrial	2 178 215	305 303	667 834	54 072	2 961	1 058 249	89 796
Direct ¹	741 328	2 866	294 356	550	234 402	-	209 154
Degree days²							
November 1992	---	495	407	682	634	582	347
November 1993	---	502	404	706	750	636	405

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 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.

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Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending January 15, 1994 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending January 15, 1994 totalled 258 558 tonnes, up 5.6% from the week-earlier 244 812 tonnes but down 3.3% from the year-earlier 267 404 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 535 021 tonnes, a 0.2% decrease from 535 895 tonnes for the same period in 1993.

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

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

December 1993

The December 1993 figures for the Construction Union Wage Rate Index are now available.

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada (1986=100) remained unchanged in December from November's level of 133.8.

On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased 1.4% from 132.0 in December 1992 to 133.8 in December 1993. This was the smallest December-over-December index movement since 1984, when an increase of 0.5% was recorded.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 956, 958 and 2033-2038.

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

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

Selected Financial Indexes

December 1993

The December 1993 figures are now available for the Selected Financial Indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

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

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

Electric Lamps

December 1993

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 23,343,000 light bulbs and tubes in December 1993, a decrease of 6.4% from 24,943,000 a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales at the end of December 1993 totalled 267,716,000 light bulbs and tubes, an increase of 0.3% from 266,800,000 a year earlier.

The December 1993 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Electric Lamps

Fourth Quarter

Data on manufacturers' imports, production, and inventories of electric lamps for the fourth quarter of 1993 are now available.

For detailed information, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

January 1, 1994 (Preliminary)

Preliminary data on the stocks of frozen poultry products in cold storage as of January 1, 1994 are now available, as are revised data for December 1, 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

For detailed information on this release, contact Jacqueline LeBlanc (613-951-8715), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■



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