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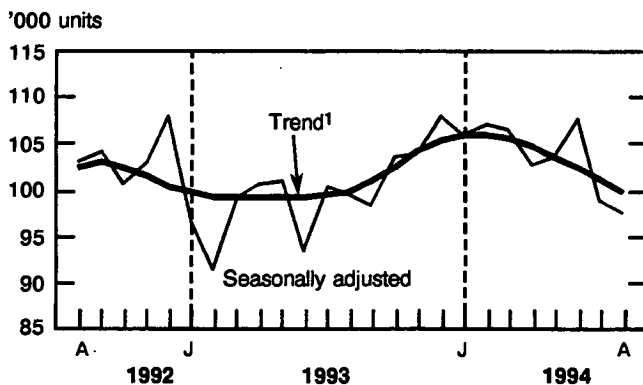
New motor vehicle sales

August 1994

New motor vehicle sales declined for a second consecutive month in August, although at a more moderate rate than in July. Shortages of some popular models along with increases in interest rates may be contributing to this year's declining trend. Year-to-date sales, however, remain above those of 1993, largely due to truck sales.

Seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle sales declined 1.5% in August after an 8.2% drop in July. Sales were down for passenger cars (-1.3%) and trucks (-1.7%).

New motor vehicle sales



¹ The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

August's decline in car sales was attributable to a decline in the sales of imports. On the other hand, sales of passenger cars built in North America remained stable. Year-to-date sales of imports were down 25.9% from 1993, whereas year-to-date sales of cars built in North America increased 15.9%.

Canadians purchased 94,000 (unadjusted) new motor vehicles in August, bringing the year-to-date total to 874,000, which was 5.9% higher than last year. Truck sales (including mini-vans, sport utility vehicles and light trucks) accounted for the majority of the year-over-year improvement. Year-over-year truck sales increased 13.4%, whereas year-over-year car sales increased 1.5%.

In August, the market share of North-American-built passenger cars sold in Canada rose to 69.8%, up from 62.7% a year earlier. Most of this increase in market share was due to "transplants" (vehicles built by foreign manufacturers in North America) as the Big Three's market share remained stable at 57.9%. The market share of Japanese imports dropped to 22.6%, from 30.7%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The August 1994 issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007, \$16/\$160) will be available in November. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Janet Sear (613-951-3551), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

New motor vehicle sales

	May 1994 ^r	June 1994 ^r	July 1994 ^r	August 1994 ^p
	seasonally adjusted			
	units % change	units % change	units % change	units % change
Total new motor vehicles	103,380 0.7	107,709 4.2	98,929 -8.2	97,467 -1.5
Passenger cars by origin				
North America ¹	46,178 -0.4	48,286 4.6	42,696 -11.6	42,748 0.1
Imported ²	15,415 -4.5	15,083 -2.2	15,844 5.0	15,016 -5.2
Total	61,594 -1.5	63,369 2.9	58,540 -7.6	57,764 -1.3
Trucks, vans and buses	41,786 4.2	44,340 6.1	40,389 -8.9	39,703 -1.7
	August 1994	August 1993 to August 1994	January to August 1994	Jan.-Aug. 1993 to Jan.-Aug. 1994
	unadjusted			
	units	% change	units	% change
Total new motor vehicles	93,723	-2.4	874,324	5.9
Passenger cars by origin				
North America ¹	39,594	1.4	397,173	15.9
Japan ²	12,801	-33.0	102,692	-28.0
Other countries ²	4,368	6.6	30,403	-17.9
Total	56,763	-8.8	530,268	1.5
Trucks, vans and buses by origin				
North America ¹	33,400	14.5	314,849	17.8
Imported ²	3,560	-22.4	29,207	-19.0
Total	36,960	9.5	344,056	13.4

¹ North-American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic companies or may include transplants (vehicles built by foreign manufacturers in North America).

² Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

New housing price index

August 1994

In August the index rose 0.1% from July 1994. This was the 14th consecutive month when the index did not change by more than 0.1%. The index (1986 = 100) stood at 136.2 in August.

In six of the 20 cities surveyed, contractors reported stable or offsetting prices on new homes. This resulted in no monthly changes in the total indexes for those cities. In the 10 cities that showed monthly increases in the price index, the largest was recorded for Halifax (+2.0%). Builders in Halifax cited increased land values due to higher acquisition and servicing costs along with higher lumber prices as reasons for this increase. No other monthly increase was larger than 0.3%. Of the four cities registering monthly decreases, the largest was for St. Catharines-Niagara (-0.7%).

The estimated house-only index increased 0.2% while the estimated land-only index remained unchanged.

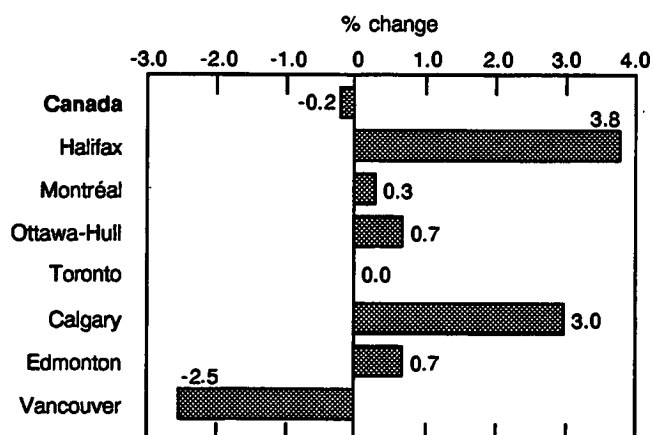
The index of housing contractors' selling prices was down 0.2% from a year earlier. This movement was influenced by year-over-year decreases in St. Catharines-Niagara (-4.0%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-2.6%), Vancouver (-2.5%), Victoria (-1.4%) and Québec (-0.9%). Offsetting increases occurred in Regina (+4.2%), Halifax (+3.8%), Winnipeg (+3.4%), Calgary (+3.0%) and Saskatoon (+1.0%). The index for Toronto, which is Canada's largest market for new residential construction, registered no change from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The third quarter 1994 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in December. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division (fax: 613-951-2848). □

New housing price indexes
August 1993 to August 1994



New housing price indexes
(1986 = 100)

	August 1993	July 1994	August 1994	August 1993 to August 1994	July 1994 to August 1994
				% change	
Canada total	136.5	136.1	136.2	-0.2	0.1
House-only	125.9	125.4	125.6	-0.2	0.2
Land-only	169.7	169.6	169.6	-0.1	-
St. John's	127.0	127.1	127.5	0.4	0.3
Halifax	114.3	116.3	118.6	3.8	2.0
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	115.4	115.5	115.8	0.3	0.3
Québec	135.4	134.5	134.2	-0.9	-0.2
Montréal	135.9	136.2	136.3	0.3	0.1
Ottawa-Hull	122.5	123.1	123.3	0.7	0.2
Toronto	137.5	137.1	137.5	-	0.3
Hamilton	127.6	127.4	127.6	-	0.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	125.5	121.4	120.5	-4.0	-0.7
Kitchener-Waterloo	126.3	122.9	123.0	-2.6	0.1
London	146.5	147.1	146.5	-	-0.4
Windsor	127.1	127.0	127.0	-0.1	-
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	136.6	137.7	137.7	0.8	-
Winnipeg	112.7	116.5	116.5	3.4	-
Regina	123.0	128.0	128.2	4.2	0.2
Saskatoon	111.3	112.4	112.4	1.0	-
Calgary	137.0	141.0	141.1	3.0	0.1
Edmonton	146.9	147.9	147.9	0.7	-
Vancouver	148.7	145.0	145.0	-2.5	-
Victoria	132.2	130.6	130.4	-1.4	-0.2

- Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel pipe and tubing

August 1994

Steel pipe and tubing production for August 1994 totalled 180 544 tonnes, a 44.2% increase from 125 232 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production to the end of August 1994 totalled 1 277 729 tonnes, up 12.2% from 1 138 293 tonnes produced during the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The August 1994 issue of *Steel pipe and tubing* (41-011, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

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

Oils and fats

August 1994

Production of all types of deodorized oils in August 1994 totalled 68 428 tonnes, up 7.7% from 63 511 tonnes in July 1994. At the end of August 1994, year-to-date production totalled 553 875 tonnes, a 5.2% increase from 526 694 tonnes a year earlier.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 10 455 tonnes in August 1994, down from 11 443 tonnes the previous month. At the end of August 1994, year-to-date sales totalled 85 941 tonnes, compared with 80 891 tonnes a year earlier.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 7 472 tonnes in August 1994, down from 5 823 tonnes the previous month. Year-to-date sales at the end of August 1994 totalled 50 368 tonnes, compared with 43 319 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The August 1994 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Crushing statistics

August 1994

Oilseed processors crushed 139 thousand tonnes of canola in August 1994, a 21% decrease from July 1994, and down 16% from August 1993 (165 thousand tonnes).

Canola oil output totalled 58 thousand tonnes in August, while canola meal production was 84 thousand tonnes. Oil stocks were 15 thousand tonnes, and canola meal stocks were 25 thousand tonnes in August.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The August 1994 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) is scheduled for release in November. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

Railway operating statistics

July 1994

The seven selected railways in Canada reported a net gain of \$39.2 million in July 1994. Operating revenues totalled \$626.8 million, a 14.6% increase from July 1993.

Revenue-freight tonne-kilometres increased 23.0% over the same period.

To the end of July, year-to-date operating revenues increased 7.7% from the same period of 1993.

Data for 1993 and previous years have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The July 1994 issue of *Railway operating statistics* (52-003, \$12/\$120) will be released later.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

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August 1994.

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Cement, August 1994.

Catalogue number 44-001

(Canada: \$6/\$60; United States: US\$8/US\$72; other countries: US\$9/US\$84).

Coal and coke statistics, July 1994.

Catalogue number 45-002

(Canada: \$11/\$110; United States: US\$14/US\$132; other countries: US\$16/US\$154).

Air carrier operations in Canada,
October-December 1993.

Catalogue number 51-002

(Canada: \$25/\$99; United States: US\$30/US\$119; other countries: US\$35/US\$139).

Railway operating statistics, April 1994,
vol. 74, no. 4.

Catalogue number 52-003

(Canada: \$12/\$120; United States: US\$15/US\$144; other countries: US\$17/US\$168).

Restaurant, caterer and tavern statistics,
July 1994.

Catalogue number 63-011

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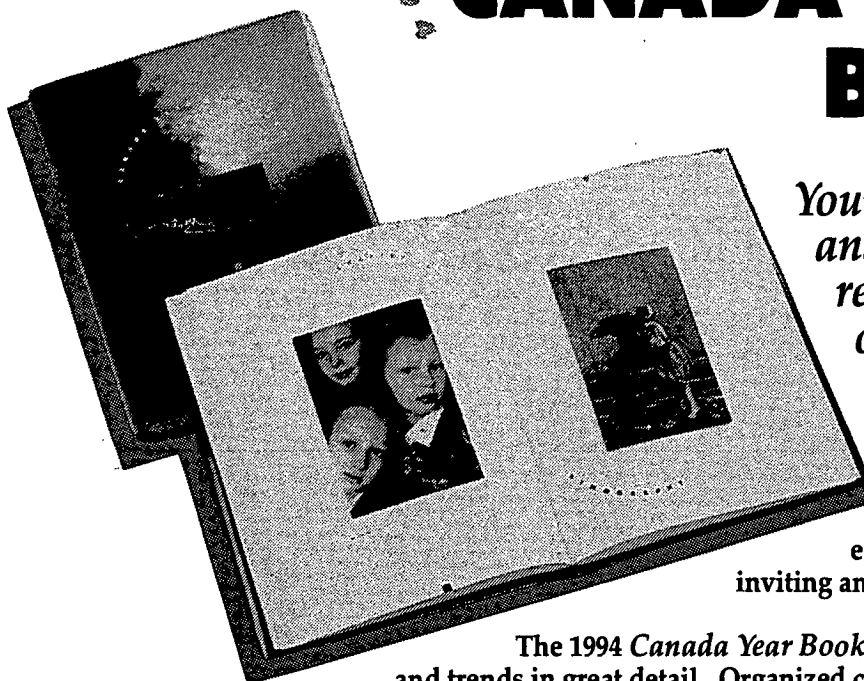
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