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• Sales of Natural Gas, January 1994

Record cold weather throughout most of Canada in January caused sales to increase by a strong 9.9% from January 1993. Sales to the residential sector increased by 16.5% over the same period.

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Sales of Natural Gas

January 1994 (Preliminary)

Sales of natural gas including direct sales in Canada totalled 8 185 million cubic metres, up 9.9% from January 1993. The residential sector posted the largest sales increase (+16.5%), which reflected record cold weather throughout most of the country.

On the basis of rate structure, January's sales were as follows with the percentage changes from

January 1993 in brackets: residential sales, 2 839 million cubic metres (+16.5%); commercial sales, 2 072 million cubic metres (+9.9%); and industrial sales including direct sales, 3 274 million cubic metres (+4.7%).

The January 1994 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$14/\$140) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Sales of natural gas in Canada

Rate structure	January 1993	January 1994 P	January 1993 to January 1994
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total	7 450 550	8 185 494	+ 9.9
Residential	2 437 659	2 839 380	+ 16.5
Commercial	1 884 836	2 072 028	+ 9.9
Industrial	2 405 212	2 406 869	+ 4.7
Direct ¹	722 843	867 217	

Sales of natural gas by province

Rate structure	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
Total	8 185 494	762 098	3 613 403	333 913	576 067	2 102 532	797 481
Residential	2 839 380	136 008	1 492 992	146 372	182 500	615 958	265 550
Commercial	2 072 028	291 664	937 020	150 441	117 900	374 387	200 616
Industrial	2 406 869	330 615	853 139	13 300	7 500	1 112 187	90 128
Direct ¹	867 217	3 811	330 252	23 800	268 167	-	241 187
Degree Days²							
January 1993	...	892	626	1,073	1,099	928	570
January 1994	...	1,072	868	1,275	1,174	936	362

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

Department Store Sales Advance Release

February 1994

Department store sales including concessions for February totalled \$753 million, up 9.0% from February 1993. Sales for the major department stores were down 2.9% at \$360 million. But sales for the junior category were up 22.8% at \$393 million.

This advance release is a very preliminary indicator of the Monthly Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area Survey.

For further information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Tobacco Products

February 1994

Tobacco firms produced 3.78 billion cigarettes in February 1994, a 3.2% decrease from 3.91 billion in February 1993. For January to February 1994, year-to-date production totalled 7.59 billion cigarettes, down 5.1% from 7.99^r (revised) billion a year earlier.

Domestic sales in February 1994 totalled 3.05 billion cigarettes, a 35.8% increase from 2.25 billion sold in February 1993. Year-to-date domestic sales at the end of February 1994 totalled 5.00 billion cigarettes, up 17.8% from 4.24 billion a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The February 1994 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending March 7, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period increased by 3.5% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight loaded increased by 5.7% to 4.7 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased by 5.9% during the same period.

Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of March 7, 1994 decreased by 0.7% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 have been revised.

For further information, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes

February 1994

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada remained unchanged in February from January's revised 133.9 (1986=100). Year-over-year, the composite index increased 1.5% to 133.9 in February 1994, from 131.9 in February 1993. This was the smallest February-over-February index movement since 1985, when a 0.5% increase was recorded.

Construction Union Wage Rates and Indexes comprise union wage rates for 16 trades in 22 metropolitan areas (including the basic rate and rates that include selected supplementary payments) and indexes for those cities where a majority of trades are covered by current collective agreements.

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

The first quarter 1994 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gail Logan (613-951-9607, fax: 613-951-2848), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division. ■

Selected Financial Indexes

February 1994

Data for February 1994 are now available for the Selected Financial Indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

The first quarter 1994 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gail Logan (613-951-9607, fax: 613-951-2848), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division. ■

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

February 1994

Domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 169 739 thousand square metres in February 1994, a 4.2% increase from 162 961^r (revised) thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

For January to February 1994, year-to-date domestic shipments totalled 343 564 thousand square metres, a 10.4% increase from 311 244^r thousand square metres a year earlier.

The February 1994 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

Oil Pipeline Transport

December 1993

In December, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into pipelines increased 9.8% to 16 972 961 cubic metres (m³) from December 1992. Year-to-date receipts, at 191 442 262 m³, were up 6.4% from 1992.

Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 12.4% from December 1992, to 4 653 992 m³. Pipeline imports declined to 947 262 m³, down 1.3% from December 1992. Year-to-date exports at the end of December 1993 (52 123 827 m³) were up 10.5% from 1992, while year-to-date imports (10 950 155 m³) were up 8.8%.

December deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 5 107 870 m³, a 3.6% increase from 1992; December deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased 32.5% to 576 783 m³.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The December 1993 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the frozen fruit and vegetable industry (SIC 1032) totalled \$1,072.8 million, up 3.5% from \$1,036.7 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5384.

Data for this industry will be released in *Food Industries* (32-250, \$38).

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

Women's Dress Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the women's dress industry (SIC 2443) totalled \$324.5 million, down 10.7% from \$363.2 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5447.

Data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Women's Clothing Contractors Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the women's clothing contractors industry (SIC 2445) totalled \$333.4 million, down 7.8% from \$361.8 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5449.

Data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Sweater Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the sweater industry (SIC 2491) totalled \$178.7 million, down 5.8% from \$189.8 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5451.

Data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Fur Goods Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the fur goods industry (SIC 2495) totalled \$80.8 million, down 34.3% from \$123.0 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5455.

Data for this industry will be released in *Clothing Industries* (34-252, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Furniture and Fixture Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the hotel, restaurant and institutional furniture and fixture industry (SIC 2692) totalled \$653.2 million, down 11.8% from \$740.9 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5480.

Data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and Fixtures Industries* (35-251, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division. ■

Corrugated Box Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the corrugated box industry (SIC 2732) totalled \$1,522.2 million, down 0.6% from \$1,531.7 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5490.

Data for this industry will be released in *Paper and Allied Products Industries* (36-250, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

Motor Vehicle Fabric Accessories Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the motor vehicle fabric accessories industry (SIC 3257) totalled \$1,461.5 million, up 20.3% from \$1,214.9 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5561.

Data for this industry will be released in *Transportation Equipment Industries* (42-251, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

Paint and Varnish Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the paint and varnish industry (SIC 3751) totalled \$1,445.7 million, up 5.5% from \$1,370.6 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6877.

Data for this industry will be released in *Chemical and Chemical Products Industries* (46-250, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

Jewellery and Silverware Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the jewellery and silverware industry (SIC 3921) totalled \$362.3 million, down 11.0% from \$407.1 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6888.

Data for this industry will be released in *Other Manufacturing Industries* (47-250, \$38).

For further information on this release, contact Suzanne Pépin (613-951-3514), Industry Division. ■

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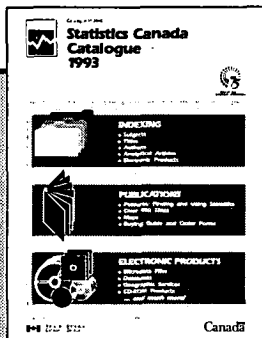
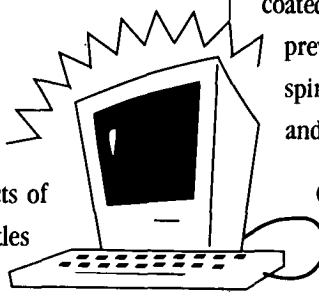
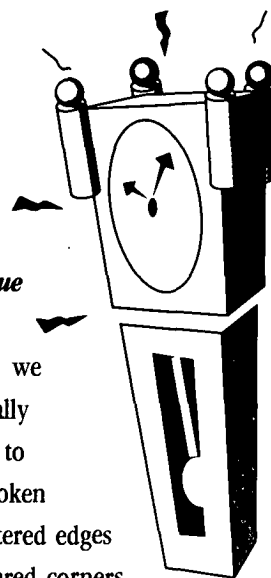
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