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### Focus on culture Spring 1994

The spring 1994 issue of *Focus on culture* follows a provincial/territorial or regional theme in its articles. Feature articles analyze the following: the Canadian film production industry (the traditional dominance of Ontario is lessening and British Columbia is emerging as a new force); the fluctuations in federal, provincial and municipal spending on culture; and, provincial profiles of participation in cultural activities (such as attending performing-arts or sporting events, reading, visiting museums, going to movies, and viewing videos at home). Also included in this issue is a profile of the book publishing industry in Canada and an article on how 1991 Census data are used to look at characteristics of persons working in the cultural sector.

The spring 1994 (vol. 6, no. 1) issue of *Focus on culture* (87-004, \$6.25/\$25) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Mary Cromie (613-951-6864), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.



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## MAJOR RELEASE

### Sales of natural gas

February 1994 (preliminary)

The coldest winter since 1979 led to a jump in sales of natural gas in Canada. In February 1994, sales were up 5.5% from February 1993, to 7 300 million cubic metres. In January, sales rose a strong 9.9%.

On the basis of rate structure, February's sales were as follows with the percentage change from February 1993 in brackets: residential sales, 2 599 million cubic metres (+16.5%); commercial sales, 1 856 million cubic metres (+7.1%) and industrial sales including direct sales, 2 844 million cubic metres (-3.7%).

The increases in residential and commercial sales in February 1994 were due primarily to below-average temperatures throughout most of Canada. Nationally, this was the coldest winter since 1979.

At the end of February 1994, year-to-date sales of natural gas amounted to 15 485 million cubic metres, up 7.8% from 1993. Sales by sector were as follows with the percentage change from 1993 in brackets: residential sales, 5 439 million cubic metres (+16.5%); commercial sales, 3 928 million cubic metres (+8.6%); and industrial sales including direct sales, 6 118 million cubic metres (+0.6%).

The February 1994 issue of *Gas utilities* (55-002, \$14/\$140) will be available the third week of May. 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	February 1993	February 1994 <sup>P</sup>	February 1993 to February 1994	Year-to-date 1993	Year-to-date 1994 <sup>P</sup>	Year-to-date 1993 to 1994
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 919 334</b>	<b>7 299 600</b>	<b>+ 5.5</b>	<b>14 369 884</b>	<b>15 485 094</b>	<b>+ 7.8</b>
Residential	2 231 923	2 599 291	+ 16.5	4 669 582	5 438 671	+ 16.5
Commercial	1 733 059	1 856 129	+ 7.1	3 617 895	3 928 157	+ 8.6
Industrial	2 283 088	2 077 742	-3.7	4 688 300	4 484 611	+0.6
Direct <sup>1</sup>	671 264	766 438		1 394 107	1 633 655	

### Sales of natural gas by province

	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
	thousands of cubic metres						
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 299 600</b>	<b>696 661</b>	<b>3 162 259</b>	<b>269 565</b>	<b>511 608</b>	<b>1 914 806</b>	<b>744 701</b>
Residential	2 599 291	130 330	1 330 974	114 932	164 200	592 297	266 558
Commercial	1 856 129	264 226	820 901	122 381	100 100	354 130	194 391
Industrial	2 077 742	298 736	725 283	10 510	7 500	968 379	67 334
Direct <sup>1</sup>	766 438	3 369	285 101	21 742	239 808	-	216 418
<b>Degree days<sup>2</sup></b>							
February 1993	...	900	678	920	893	721	405
February 1994	...	835	672	1,003	1,046	932	400

<sup>1</sup> Represents direct sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

Note: Revised figures will be available in *Gas utilities* (55-002) and on CANSIM.

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### Corrugated boxes and wrappers

March 1994

Domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 214 237 thousand square metres in March 1994, a 6.8% increase from 200 507 thousand square metres in March 1993.

For January to March 1994, year-to-date domestic shipments totalled 557 801 thousand square metres, a 9.0% increase from the 511 751 thousand square metres shipped during the same period in 1993.

The March 1994 issue of *Corrugated boxes and wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available later.

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

### Railway carloadings

February 1994

Revenue-freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 16.6 million tonnes in February 1994, a 5.9% decrease from February 1993. Carriers received an additional 1.3 million tonnes from U.S. connections during February.

For January to February 1994, total loadings decreased 1.3% from the year-earlier period. Receipts from U.S. connections increased 18.8% during the same period.

All 1993 figures have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.**

The February 1994 issue of *Railway carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) will be released the third week of April. See "How to order publications".

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



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**Focus on culture, spring 1994.**

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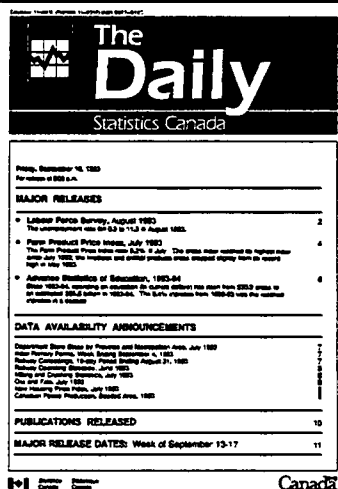
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