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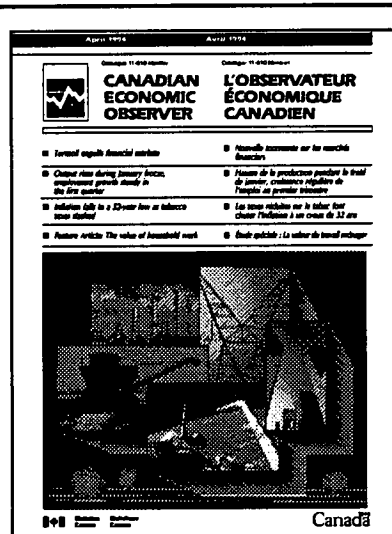
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### Canadian economic observer April 1994

The April 1994 issue of *Canadian economic observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, presents a summary of the economy, the major economic events in March, and a feature article on the value of household work.

A separate and more extensive 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 April 1994 issue of *Canadian economic observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Cindy Boskie (613-951-3634), Current Economic Analysis Division.



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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Electric utilities construction price indexes

1992 (final) and 1993 (revised)

Compared with final indexes for 1992, the revised total plant indexes for 1993 all showed moderate upward movement, which last occurred in 1990. Estimated increases ranged from 0.6% for transformer stations to 3.1% for transmission lines.

The total index levels (1986=100) ranged from 120.0 for transmission lines to 124.8 for hydro-electric stations, and reflected an overall cost increase in the five representative electric utility capital expenditure plant models of at least 20% over this time period.

Overall annual rates of change in the construction indexes for new plant facilities for electricity generation decelerated compared with 1992 rates of change. Indexes for construction of new facilities for transmission, transformation and distribution to electricity consumers have accelerated compared with 1992.

Wood commodities (crossarms, plywood and millwork) excluding wood poles showed increases from 1992 that ranged from 20% to 30%. The continuing demand from foreign markets and less productive logging methods were influencing the trend of increased product prices.

Raw steel shape products (light and heavy structural) that, in 1992, declined by 5% to 15% in price from the previous year increased in 1993 within the range of 8.5% to 15%. This was due mostly to U.S.-market increases in both demand and price, which in turn influenced Canadian domestic prices for these types of products.

In general, the various labour indexes within the models showed decelerating rates of increase for 1993, which continued the trend noted in 1992. Indexes for salaried labour (such as the engineering and administration labour components within the models) showed larger increases for 1993 than did the series for hourly-rated construction-installation labour. The average salaried-labour movement across all models was 2.7% for 1993, down from a 3.2% average for 1992; the average construction-installation labour (hourly-rated) movement was 1.8% for 1993, also down from a 3.2% average for 1992.

The decreased value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar and other foreign-market funds was instrumental in increasing the purchase costs of imported construction equipment and other imported commodities. Year-over-year movement of the U.S. exchange rate was 5.7% from 1991 to 1992 and was 6.8% from 1992 to 1993.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2022.**

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 (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■

### Construction union wage rate index March 1994

The construction union wage rate index (including supplements) for Canada (1986=100) remained unchanged in March from February's revised level of 135.0. Year-over-year, the composite index increased 2.4% to 135.0 in March 1994, from 131.9 in March 1993. This was the smallest March-over-March index movement since 1985, when a 0.5% increase was recorded.

Construction union wage rates and indexes (1986=100) comprises 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.**

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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

March 1994

Figures for March 1994 for the selected financial indexes (1986 = 100) are now available.

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## Steel primary forms

Week ending April 16, 1994 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending April 16, 1994, totalled 277 831 tonnes, up 0.9% from the week-earlier 275 484 tonnes but down 6.5% from the year-earlier 297 237 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 3 929 429 tonnes, a 5.7% decrease from 4 165 897 tonnes for the same period in 1993.

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

## Domestic and international shipping

October-December 1993 (preliminary)

Domestic and international shipping generated a combined 89.0 million tonnes of cargo-handled at Canada's ports during the fourth quarter of 1993, up 2.8% from the same period in 1992.

Preliminary statistics for the period from October to December 1993 will be published in the vol. 10, no. 3 issue of *Surface and marine transport service bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75), which will be available at the beginning of May.

For further information on this release, contact Anna MacDonald (613-951-0291), Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

## Soft drinks

March 1994

Data for March 1994 on the production of soft drinks are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

*Monthly production of soft drinks* (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

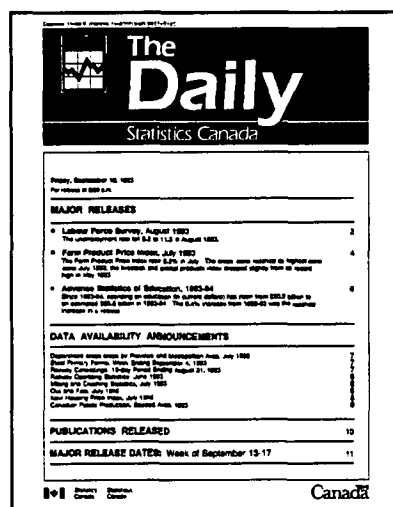
## Stocks of frozen poultry products

April 1, 1994

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

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

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



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