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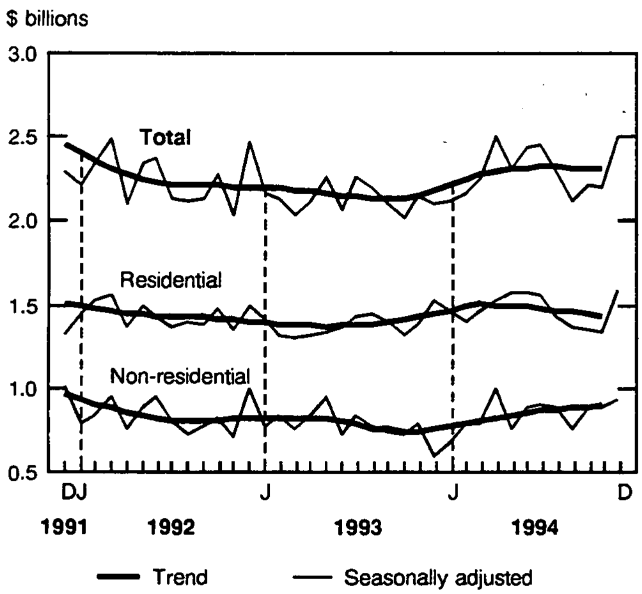
Building permits
1994 annual (preliminary) and December 1994

In 1994, the total value of building permits increased 7.5% to $27,512 million, the first annual increase in the last five years. Both non-residential (+9.4% to $10,019 million) and residential (+6.5% to $17,493 million) sectors contributed to the overall advance.

Value of building permits issued



The non-residential sector, which bottomed out in December 1993, was generally on the rise in 1994, ending a four-year period of decline. This slow but steady growth was mirrored by a buoyant and confident business sector during 1994. High rates of industrial capacity use coupled with the recent strong showing in non-residential building permits point to further growth in that sector for 1995.

The residential construction intentions, which showed signs of picking up in the first six months of 1994—due to favourable mortgage rates, improved labour market conditions and rising consumer confidence—experienced a considerable decline in the second half of 1994.

Note to users

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data that ease comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

The building and demolitions permits monthly survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 93% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 7% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

The value of planned construction activities shown in this release excludes engineering projects (e.g. waterworks, sewers, culverts, etc.) and land.

The number of units authorized refers to the number of dwellings on which municipalities have permitted construction to start.

The annual rate is a monthly figure that has been seasonally adjusted and multiplied by 12 to reflect annual levels.

In December, the total value of building permits reached $2,498 million—a jump of 13.5% over November. The increase was led by an upswing in the residential sector (+19.2%), which had experienced five consecutive monthly decreases. The non-residential sector (+5.1%) continued its steady rise.

Non-residential construction intentions are strengthening

The cumulative value of non-residential intentions rose 9.4% in 1994 compared to 1993, reversing the downward trend observed since 1990. Increases in the industrial and commercial construction intentions components more than offset a decrease in planned institutional projects, a prelude to further growth in the resurgent manufacturing sector.

In December, construction intentions for the non-residential sector increased for a third straight month (+5.1% to $924 million) due to increases in institutional (+39.8) and commercial (+3.9%) construction intentions.

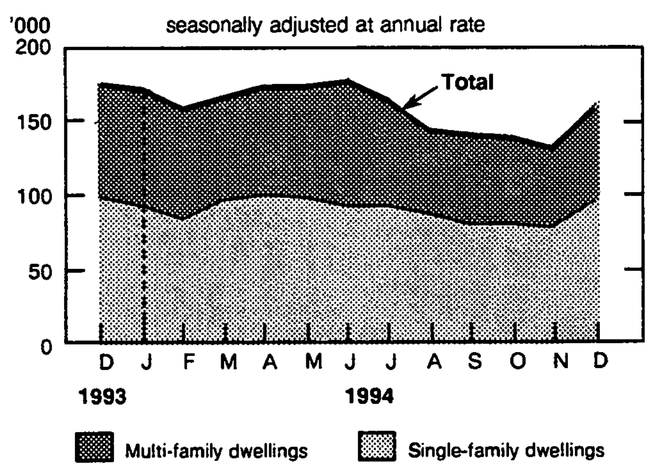
All gains in housing construction intentions were realized in the first half of 1994

The value of housing construction intentions reached $17,493 million in 1994, a level significantly higher than in the last three years but still below the $21,706 million recorded in the peak year of 1989.

Despite a 6.5% advance over 1993, residential construction intentions have declined since mid-1994. The slowdown in the second half of 1994 came mainly from multi-family dwellings (-11.8%) and to a lesser extent from the single-family (-1.1%).

In December, after five consecutive monthly declines, the value for planned residential projects jumped 19.2% to $1,574 million compared to November's revised level of $1,321 million. December's increase came from both the single-family (+19.6%) and multi-family components (+18.0%), and was mostly attributable to the performance by Ontario, which reached $699 million, a level not seen since November 1991.

Dwelling units



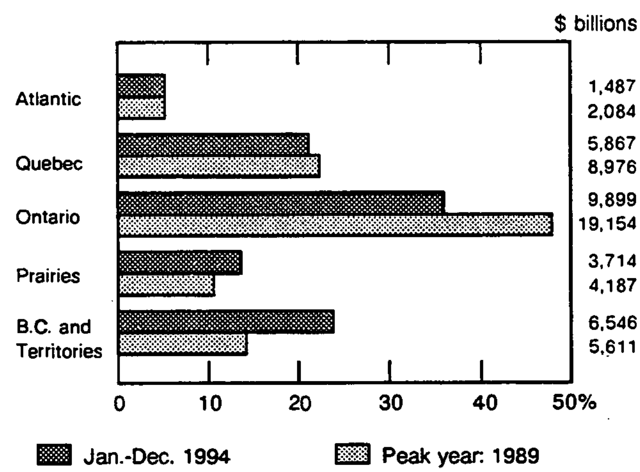
In terms of number of dwelling units, the unadjusted number issued in 1994 reached 156,900 units, down 1.0% from the previous year. The increase for single-family dwellings (+3.4%) was more than offset by a decrease of 6.4% in multi-family projects. All regions, except Ontario (+8.6%), recorded decreases in 1994. The downward trend recorded in the second half of 1994 augurs further declines in housing starts for the first part of 1995.

Ontario and Quebec posted the best performances in 1994

The rise in the value of the total permits in 1994 as compared to 1993 was uniform across the country, particularly in Ontario (+12.7%) and Quebec (+9.2%), which led the way. The growth in Ontario was attributable to a substantial increase in single-family (+15.8%) dwellings while in Quebec, the non-residential construction intentions (+18.4%) accounted for most of the province's advance in 1994.

Compared to November, the most significant increases in the total value of building permits in December occurred in Ontario (+26.6%) and Quebec (+22.4%). Ontario's growth was strong in the residential sector (+52.6%), while Quebec's increase was notable in all components of the non-residential sector (+37.0% overall).

Regional shares of total value of building permits



Looking at regional shares of the total value of building permits since the peak year (1989), British Columbia's share in 1994 (23.8%) is still significantly superior to its 1989 share (14.0%), but slightly below 1993 (25.3%). Meanwhile, Ontario's share in 1994 (36.0%), although significantly lower than the 47.9% of 1989, improved its position over 1993 (34.3%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3-7, 16-22), 129, 137, 443, 989-992, 994, 995 and 4073.

The December 1994 issue of *Building permits* (64-001, $24/$240) will be released on February 10. The January 1995 building permits estimate will be released on March 7. See "How to order publications".

For further information on these data, contact Joanne Bureau (613-951-9683). For analytical information, contact Nathalie Léveillé (613-951-2025), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

Value of building permits

Regions and types of construction	December 1993	September 1994	October 1994	November 1994	December 1994	December 1993 to December 1994	November 1994 to December 1994
	seasonally adjusted						
	$ millions					% change	
Canada	**2,102**	**2,109**	**2,207**	**2,200**	**2,498**	**18.9**	**13.5**
Residential	1,522	1,360	1,331	1,321	1,574	3.5	19.2
Non-residential	580	749	876	879	924	59.2	5.1
Atlantic	142	128	119	120	149	5.3	23.9
Residential	98	74	74	71	73	-25.2	3.5
Non-residential	44	54	45	50	76	73.4	53.0
Quebec	427	424	500	451	552	29.2	22.4
Residential	274	234	272	253	281	2.4	11.0
Non-residential	153	189	228	198	271	77.4	37.0
Ontario	699	881	779	778	986	41.0	26.6
Residential	518	574	491	458	699	35.0	52.6
Non-residential	181	308	287	320	287	58.2	-10.5
Prairies	325	268	312	338	323	-0.6	-4.5
Residential	231	164	163	173	178	-22.8	2.9
Non-residential	94	104	149	165	145	53.8	-12.3
British Columbia[1]	509	408	497	513	489	-4.1	-4.7
Residential	401	314	331	366	343	-14.4	-6.3
Non-residential	108	93	166	147	146	34.4	-0.6

[1] *Building permits issued for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories are included in the British Columbia region.*
Note: *Data may not add to totals due to rounding.* ■

OTHER RELEASES

Domestic and international shipping
July to September 1994 (preliminary)

Canadian ports handled 101.5 million tonnes of domestic and international cargo during the third quarter of 1994, an increase of 6.2% from the third quarter of 1993.

Preliminary statistics for July to September 1994 will be published in the vol. 11, no. 3 issue of *Surface and marine transport service bulletin* (50-002, $11/$80), which will be available in March.

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

Motor carriers of freight, for-hire carriers and owner-operators
1992

Small for-hire carriers (those with revenues between $25,000 and $1 million) represented 80% of all for-hire carriers in 1992, while their revenues accounted for only 15% of total earnings of the for-hire trucking industry.

In 1992, small carriers generated an estimated $1.5 billion in operating revenues (-2% from 1991), while owner-operators (those who work either for-hire or for private companies) generated an estimated $4.5 billion in operating revenues (+ 6% from 1991).

For further information on this release, contact Gilles Paré (613-951-2517, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

Other petroleum and coal products industries
1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for other petroleum and coal products industries (SIC 3699) totalled $286.5 million, up 8.7% from $263.6 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6868.

The data for this industry will be released in *Refined petroleum and coal products industries* (45-250, $38).

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

Gypsum products industry
1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the gypsum products industry (SIC 3593) totalled $357.2 million, up 16.0% from $307.9 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6862.

The data for this industry will be released in *Non-metallic mineral products industries* (44-250, $38).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Suzanne Pépin (613-951-3520), Industry Division. ■

Other wire products, upholstery and coil spring industries
1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other wire products, upholstery and coil spring industries (SIC 3058) totalled $517.2 million, down 8.4% from $564.4 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5530.

The data for this industry will be released in *Fabricated metal products industries* (41-251, $38).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

Steel foundries
1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for steel foundries (SIC 2912) totalled $215.9 million, up 5.4% from $204.9 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5506.

The data for this industry will be released in *Primary metal industries* (41-250, $38).

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

Ferro-alloys industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the ferro-alloys industry (SIC 2911) totalled $109.4 million, up 11.5% from $98.1 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5505.

The data for this industry will be released in *Primary metal industries* (41-250, $38).

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

Newsprint industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the newsprint industry (SIC 2712) totalled $6,545.3 million, up 5.8% from $6,186.6 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5484.

The data for this industry will be released in *Paper and allied products industries* (36-250, $38).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Bedspring and mattress industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the bedspring and mattress industry (SIC 2691) totalled $391.2 million, up 6.2% from $368.2 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5479.

The data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and fixtures industries* (35-251, $38).

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

Particleboard industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the particleboard industry (SIC 2592) totalled $423.1 million, up 42.5% from $296.9 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5470.

The data for this industry will be released in *Wood industries* (35-250, $53).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Wool yarn and woven cloth industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wool yarn and woven cloth industry (SIC 1821) totalled $278.9 million, down 4.4% from $291.8 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5426.

The data for this industry will be released in *Primary textiles industries* (34-250, $38).

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

Plastic pipes and pipe fittings industry

1993 annual survey of manufactures

In 1993, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the plastic pipes and pipe fittings industry (SIC 1621) totalled $512.2 million, up 4.1% from $491.9 million in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5415.

The data for this industry will be released in *Rubber and plastics products industries* (33-250, $38).

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

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Production and inventories of processs cheese and instant skim milk powder, December 1994.
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Rigid insulating board, December 1994.
Catalogue number 36-002
(Canada: $6/$60; United States: US$8/US$72; other countries: US$9/US$84).

Gypsum products, December 1994.
Catalogue number 44-003
(Canada: $6/$60; United States: US$8/US$72; other countries: US$9/US$84).

Coal and coke statistics, November 1994.
Catalogue number 45-002
(Canada: $11/$110; United States: US$14/US$132; other countries: US$16/US$154).

Refined petroleum products, October 1994.
Catalogue number 45-004
(Canada: $20/$200; United States: US$24/US$240; other countries: US$28/US$280).

Railway carloadings, November 1994.
Catalogue number 52-001
(Canada: $10/$100; United States: US$12/US$120; other countries: US$14/US$140).

Electric power statistics, November 1994.
Catalogue number 57-001
(Canada: $11/$110; United States: US$14/US$132; other countries: US$16/US$154).

Deaths, 1992.
Catalogue number 84-211
(Canada: $15; United States: US$18; other countries: US$21).

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7	**Short-term expectations survey**	
8	**Estimates of labour income**	November 1994
9	**Help-wanted index**	January 1995
	New motor vehicle sales	December 1994
10	**Labour force survey**	January 1995