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## MAJOR RELEASES

- National economic and financial accounts, fourth quarter 1995

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- Canada's balance of international payments, fourth quarter 1995

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- Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry, December 1995 Economic growth was negligible in the last months of 1995. In December, economic activity slipped with the manufacturing sector leading this second decline in three months. Gross domestic product at factor cost edged down $0.1 \%$ in December.


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## MAJOR RELEASES

## National economic and financial accounts

Fourth quarter 1995
The economy continued to sputter in the fourth quarter of 1995, as real gross domestic product edged up only $0.2 \%$. This followed similarly negligible rates of change in the previous three quarters. Growing exports continued to be the bright spot, while hesitant consumer spending and government cutbacks contributed to weak final domestic demand.

Chart 1


The implicit price index increased only $0.2 \%$ in the fourth quarter, a slight slowing from the previous three quarters. This left this broad measure of inflation at about 2.0\% for 1995.

## Real GDP growth ${ }^{1}$

|  | First <br> quarter | Second <br> quarter | Third <br> quarter | Fourth <br> quarter | 1995 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| \% change | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Annualized $\%$ <br> change | 1.1 | -0.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | $\ldots$ |
| Year-over-year \% <br> change | 4.3 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 | $\ldots$ |

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## Exports surged

Exports jumped $3.3 \%$ in the fourth quarter despite the weak performance by the U.S. economy. The increase was largely attributable to higher sales of end-products such as automobiles, computers and telecommunications equipment.

Chart 2

## Merchandise trade balance



## Business investment signals mixed

Business investment in machinery and equipment bounced back in the fourth quarter ( $+4.9 \%$ ) from the drop in the third. The strength came from computers, aircraft and agricultural machinery. Lower spending on industrial machinery in the third and fourth quarters was consistent with the continued weakness in nonresidential construction. Non-residential construction declined $1.8 \%$ and has fallen $10.5 \%$ since the fourth quarter of 1994, mainly due to engineering construction.

## Housing market still soft

Construction of new dwellings inched up $0.7 \%$ in the quarter, following five quarters of sharp decline. Spending on renovations declined, however, as did real estate commissions on the resale of existing homes. This left total residential investment falling for a sixth consecutive quarter. New mortgage borrowing also fell.

## Consumer spending stalled

Despite an increase in real disposable income, consumers reduced their spending in the fourth quarter by a slight $0.1 \%$; purchases of durable and semi-durable goods were lower. Households used the additional income to replenish their savings-the saving rate increased from $6.5 \%$ to $7.0 \%$ of personal disposable income-and to reduce borrowing.

## Inventory buildup slowed

As demand for exports gained momentum in the second half of the year, inventory accumulation slowed dramatically. The buildup of $\$ 2.3$ billion in the fourth quarter was only one-third the rate of accumulation in the second quarter. The deceleration was especially evident in manufacturing, trade and the farm sector.

## Labour income rose, capital income fell

Labour income rose $0.7 \%$ in the fourth quarter despite a slight decline in employment and hours worked. Average compensation rose $1.0 \%$, the strongest quarterly growth rate in 1995. Remuneration was unchanged in the government sector, but it increased by $0.9 \%$ in the business sector. Corporate profits contracted marginally ( $-0.6 \%$ ) in the quarter, remaining at virtually the same level over the latest three quarters. Investment income declined 3.4\%.

## 1995 in review

Real GDP grew 2.2\% in 1995 (compared with 4.6\% in 1994) and financial market borrowing reached a 10 -year low. The composition of final demand in 1995 was similar to what it was in the fourth quarter: exports were strong and the domestic market was weak.

Consumer expenditures slowed markedly in 1995-particularly for automobiles, household goods and clothing-while real personal disposable income rose $1.2 \%$, about the same rate as in 1994. The demand for new and existing houses dropped substantially, and residential investment fell $13.8 \%$. As a result, household borrowing for both consumer credit and mortgages declined.

## Total borrowing



Business investment in plant and equipment slowed from a $9.4 \%$ increase in 1994 to $5.2 \%$ in 1995. The slowdown came from a $4.5 \%$ drop in non-residential construction, particularly engineering. The strength in machinery and equipment spending was concentrated in computers, telecommunications equipment and aircraft. The overall pattern for 1995 is consistent with the latest Survey of Private and Public Investment in Canada, which showed weaker growth in 1995 than was previously forecast; the survey also indicated continued weakness in investment plans for 1996.

The continued strength in exports in 1995 shifted to high-tech manufactured products, as exports rose $11.8 \%$.

The inventory buildup of $\$ 5.3$ billion in 1995 was $\$ 2.6$ billion higher than in 1994.

## Improved finances for governments and corporations

Governments generally tried to improve their finances in 1995. This translated into reduced borrowing and a slower increase in debt. Corporations combined equity issues with healthy profits and lower capital spending over the year. As a result, the debt-to-equity ratio of non-financial private corporations continued to decline. Further, corporations became net lenders to other sectors of the economy in 1995. The last time this occurred was in 1985 during a period of financial re-structuring for corporations. These developments help explain the substantial drop in net funds supplied by non-residents in 1995.


Chart 5


## Household debt-to-income reached historic high

Overall household demand for funds was weaker than in 1994. Consumer credit debt increased, but at a slower pace than in the previous year. Mortgage borrowing was down, reflecting a drop in residential construction and a slump in the resale housing market. One of the factors accounting for sluggish spending is the aggregate debt level of households. The ratio
of consumer credit and mortgage debt to personal income-on the increase for 11 consecutive yearsreached a historic high of $93 \%$ at the end of 1995.


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The fourth quarter 1995 issue of National economic and financial accounts, quarterly estimates (13-001-XPB, $\$ 35 / \$ 140$ ) will be released in March. Detailed printed tables of the quarterly national accounts and financial flows statistics (unadjusted and seasonally adjusted), plus supplementary analytical tables and charts, are available now.

At 8:30 a.m. on release day, the complete quarterly national accounts and financial flows data sets are also available for purchase on microcomputer diskette. Seven days after the official release date, these diskettes become available at a lower cost.

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Gross domestic product, income-based

|  | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | Second quarter 1995 | Third quarter 1995 | Fourth quarter 1995 | Third quarter to Fourth quarter 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\qquad$ change at quarterly rates |
| Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income' |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corporation profits before taxes | 35,060 | 42,135 | 57,357 | 65,850 | 65,392 | 65,872 | 65,460 | -0.6 |
| Interest and miscellaneous investment income | 55,457 | 53,530 | 56,410 | 58,033 | 58,248 | 57,968 | 56,020 | -3.4 |
| Accrued net income of farm operators from farm production | 1,730 | 2,544 | 2,030 | 3,481 | 3,784 | 3,484 | 4,272 | 22.6 |
| Net income of non-farm unincorporated business, including rent | 37,235 | 39,958 | 40,970 | 41,456 | 41,304 | 41,512 | 41,764 | 0.6 |
| Inventory valuation adjustment ${ }^{2}$ | -2,556 |  |  | -3,446 | -3,336 | -1,896 | -1,064 | 832 |
| Net domestic income at factor cost | 518,545 | 533,552 | 562,225 | 587,720 | 585,820 | 590,172 | 592,724 | 0.4 |
| Indirect taxes less subsidies | 84,389 | 88,731 | 93,662 | 96,045 | 95,444 | 96,688 | 97,176 | 0.5 |
| Capital consumption allowances | 85,305 | 87,904 | 92,973 | 96,046 | 95,708 | 96,628 | 96,844 | 0.2 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{2}$ | 1,883 | 2,668 | 1,193 | 216 | 152 | -220 | -440 | $-220$ |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 690,122 | 712,855 | 750,053 | 780,027 | 777,124 | 783,268 | 786,304 | 0.4 |

1 Includes military pay and allowances.
2 The change column reflects actual change in millions of dollars for these items.

Gross domestic product, expenditure-based

|  | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | Second quarter 1995 | Third quarter 1995 | Fourth quarter 1995 | Third quarter to Fourth quarter 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions at current prices |  |  |  |  |  |  | change at quarterly rates |
| Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services <br> Durable goods <br> Semi-durable goods <br> Non-durable goods <br> Services | 422,515 | 436,542 | 452,859 | 466,313 | 465,172 | 469,568 | 469,796 | 0.0 |
|  | 54,000 | 56,376 | 60,591 | 62,384 | 61,592 | 63,276 | 62,620 | -1.0 |
|  | 37,974 | 39,143 | 41,552 | 42,322 | 42,660 | 42,500 | 41,500 | -2.4 |
|  | 111,310 | 114,364 | 115,420 | 117,665 | 118,148 | 117,936 | 118,000 | 0.1 |
|  | 219,231 | 226,659 | 235,296 | 243,942 | 242,772 | 245,856 | 247,676 | 0.7 |
| Govemment current expenditure on goods and services | 150,390 | 152,158 | 150,758 | 150,158 | 151,056 | 149,072 | 148,996 | -0.1 |
| Govemment investment in fixed capital | 16,106 | 15,816 | 16,765 | 17,416 | 17,136 | 17,452 | 17,512 | 0.3 |
| Govemment investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | -40 | -4 | $\cdot 1$ | 30 | -36 | -68 | 60 | 128 |
| Business investment in fixed capital | 112,759 | 113,068 | 122,427 | 120,155 | 122,056 | 118,248 | 118,032 | -0.2 |
| Residential constuction | 43,820 | 43,081 | 45,271 | 39,148 | 39,092 | 39,032 | 37,848 | -3.0 |
| Non-residential construction | 29,734 | 30,162 | 32,889 | 32,809 | 32,572 | 32,364 | 32,068 | -0.9 |
| Machinery and equipment | 39,205 | 39,825 | 44,267 | 48,198 | 50,392 | 46,852 | 48,116 | 2.7 |
| Business investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | -3,661 | 1,107 | 2,823 | 6,851 | 7,912 | 7,160 | 4,880 | -2,280 |
| Non-farm ${ }^{1}$ | -2,950 | -146 | 2,958 | 5,966 | 7,116 | 5,720 | 3,764 | -1,956 |
| Farm and grain in commencial channels ${ }^{1}$ | -711 | 1,253 | -135 | 885 | 796 | 1,440 | 1,116 | -324 |
| Exports of goods and services | 181,189 | 209,370 | 249,371 | 288,543 | 282,612 | 286,944 | 295,628 | 3.0 |
| Merchandise | 155,403 | 181,251 | 217,853 | 253,536 | 248,592 | 252,152 | 258,976 | 2.7 |
| Non-merchandise | 25,786 | 28,119 | 31,518 | 35,007 | 34,020 | 34,792 | 36,652 | 5.3 |
| Deduct: Imports of goods and services | 187,254 | 212,534 | 243,756 | 269,223 | 268,636 | 265,328 | 269,036 | 1.4 |
| Merchandise | 149,201 | 171,929 | 202,807 | 225,250 | 225,176 | 221,824 | 223,928 | 0.9 |
| Non-merchandise | 38,053 | 40,605 | 40,949 | 43,973 | 43,460 | 43,504 | 45,108 | 3.7 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{1}$ | -1,882 | -2,668 | -1,193 | -216 | -148 | 220 | 436 | 216 |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 690,122 | 712,855 | 750,053 | 780,027 | 777,124 | 783,268 | 786,304 | 0.4 |
| Final domestic demand | 701,770 | 717,584 | 742,809 | 754,042 | 755,420 | 754,340 | 754,336 | -0.0 |
|  | \$ millions at 1986 prices |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal expenditure on consumer goods and ser- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vices | 337,619 | 342,858 | 353,175 | 358,045 | 357,340 | 359,492 | 359,100 | -0.1 |
| Durable goods | 48,045 | 49,465 | 51,887 | 52,518 | 51,960 | 53,080 | 52,532 | -1.0 |
| Semi-durable goods | 29,739 | 30,419 | 32,150 | 32,640 | 32,964 | 32,756 | 31,872 | -2.7 |
| Non-durable goods | 87,581 | 88,898 | 91,598 | 92,235 | 92,196 | 92,228 | 92,376 | 0.2 |
| Services | 172,254 | 174,076 | 177,540 | 180,652 | 180,220 | 181,428 | 182,320 | 0.5 |
| Govemment current expenditure on goods and services <br> Govemment investment in fixed capital | 118,126 16,217 | 118,660 16,334 | 116,621 17,264 | 115,595 17,797 | 116,564 17,408 | 114,768 17,712 | 114,184 18,188 | -0.5 2.7 |
| Govemment investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | -35 | -3 | 17,26 | + 26 | --32 | 17,712 | 18,52 | 112 |
| Business investment in fixed capital | 105,202 | 105,761 | 113,669 | 113,391 | 114,476 | 111,648 | 113,616 | 1.8 |
| Residential construction | 32,908 | 31,517 | 32,463 | 27,973 | 28,060 | 27,504 | 27,048 | -1.7 |
| Non-residential construction | 25,730 | 25,861 | 27,196 | 25,971 | 25,904 | 25,492 | 25,036 | -1.8 |
| Machinery and equipment | 46,564 | 48,383 | 54,010 | 59,447 | 60,512 | 58,652 | 61,532 | 4.9 |
| Business investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | -3,731 | .1,009 | 2,759 | 5,318 | 7,184 | 5,020 | 2,328 | -2,692 |
| Non-farm ${ }^{1}$ | -2,611 | 58 | 2,831 | 4,878 | 6,660 | 4,248 | 1,816 | -2,432 |
| Farm and grain in commercial channels ${ }^{1}$ | -1,120 | 951 | .72 | 440 | 524 | 772 | 512 | -260 |
| Exports of goods and services | 179,426 | 198,093 | 226,271 | 252,953 | 245,292 | 252,796 | 261,132 | 3.3 |
| Merchandise | 158,332 | 176,016 | 201,951 | 226,863 | 220,120 | 226,872 | 233,816 | 3.1 |
| Non-merchandise | 21,094 | 22,077 | 24,320 | 26,090 | 25,172 | 25,924 | 27,316 | 5.4 |
| Deduct: Imports of goods and services | 192,000 | 208,856 | 230,874 | 251,662 | 248,388 | 249,948 | 256,060 | 2.4 |
| Merchandise | 156,411 | 173,703 | 197,329 | 216,614 | 213,576 | 214,968 | 220,212 | 2.4 |
| Non-merchandise | 35,589 | 35,153 | 33,545 | 35,048 | 34,812 | 34,980 | 35,848 | 2.5 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{1}$ | $-1,519$ | $-2,134$ | -949 | -163 | -104 | 180 | 344 | 164 |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 559,305 | 571,722 | 597,936 | 611,300 | 609,740 | 611,608 | 612,884 | 0.2 |
| Final domestic demand | 577,164 | 583,613 | 600,729 | 604,828 | 605,788 | 603,620 | 605,088 | 0.2 |

[^1]- Nil or zero.

National accounts price and volume indexes


Financial market summary table

|  | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | Second quarter 1995 | Third quarter 1995 | Fourth quarter 1995 | Third 1995 to Fourth quarter 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  | actual change |
| Persons and unincorporated business | 23,353 | 23,910 | 23,334 | 19,797 | 18,544 | 21,588 | 17,232 | -4,356 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer credit | -576 | 5,147 | 7,832 | 6,252 | 5,096 | 7,580 | 6,388 | -1,192 |
| Bank loans | 953 | 1,218 | -343 | 1,064 | 812 | 1,568 | 296 | -1,272 |
| Other loans | 1,084 | 611 | -145 | -28 | 1,124 | -372 | -464 | -92 |
| Mortgages | 21,941 | 16,837 | 15,910 | 12,594 | 11,520 | 12,820 | 11,300 | -1,520 |
| Bonds | -49 | 97 | 80 | -85 | -8 | -8 | -288 | -280 |
| Non-financial private corporations | 13,455 | 28,269 | 34,723 | 28,087 | 13,664 | 26,624 | 36,452 | 9,828 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 7,440 | -999 | 5,746 | 2,146 | 8,096 | 304 | -1,072 | -1,376 |
| Other loans | -1,331 | -157 | 3,476 | -665 | 2,424 | -1,744 | -4,024 | -2,280 |
| Other short-term paper | -13,143 | 4,365 | 1,123 | 3,904 | -16,332 | 960 | 8,688 | 7,728 |
| Mortgages | 8,119 | 3,676 | 456 | -1,531 | -3,652 | -72 | 1,304 | 1,376 |
| Bonds | 4,068 | 6,398 | 6,958 | 11,467 | 11,008 | 14,544 | 11,780 | -2,764 |
| Shares | 8,302 | 14,986 | 16,964 | 12,766 | 12,120 | 12,632 | 19,776 | 7,144 |
| Non-financial government enterprises | 4,451 | -476 | 1,907 | -1,342 | -2,936 | 40 | 380 | 340 |
| Funds raised Bank loans | Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other loans | 41 | -556 | 384 | -249 | -488 | -424 | 84 | 508 |
| Other short-term paper | 864 | 956 | -1,319 | -63 | 652 | 876 | -2,900 | -3,776 |
| Mortgages | -40 | -2 | -16 | -19 | -16 | -20 | -16 | 4 |
| Bonds | 2,846 | - 8 | 2,184 | -1,208 | -2,336 | 932 | 40 | -892 |
| Shares | 836 | -1 | -132 | 996 | 488 | -280 | 3,652 | 3,932 |
| Federal government | 25,558 | 34,837 | 26,211 | 24,835 | 26,032 | 33,988 | 12,152 | -21,836 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other loans | -1 | -4 | -2 | $-1$ | -12 | 12 | 20 | 8 |
| Canada short-term paper | 12,714 | 12,864 | -8,017 | -892 | -13,808 | 20 | -12,648 | -12,668 |
| Canada Savings Bonds | -1,425 | -3,260 | 889 | -1,152 | -788 | -436 | -1,312 | -876 |
| Marketable bonds | 14,270 | 25,237 | 33,341 | 26,880 | 40,640 | 34,392 | 26,092 | -8,300 |
| Other levels of government | 27,271 | 31,592 | 21,072. | 17,311 | 13,072 | 17,408 | 22,096 | 4,688 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 221 | -130 | 381 | 41 | -180 | 216 | -52 | -268 |
| Other loans | 664 | 895 | 814 | 1,006 | 1,072 | 708 | 604 | -104 |
| Other short-term paper | 3,849 | 799 | -1,366 | -2,050 | -1,148 | 916 | -6,832 | -7,748 |
| Mortgages | $2{ }^{2}$ | , | - | - | - | 15,800 | -83 |  |
| Provincial bords | 20,895 | 28,162 | 20,126 | 18,176 | 13,244 | 15,800 | 27,716 | 11,916 |
| Municipal bonds | 1,717 | 1,864 | 1,140 | 144 | -92 | -244 | 660 | 904 |
| Other bonds | -77 | 2 | -23 | -6 | -8 | 12 | - | -12 |
| Total funds raised by domestic non-financial sec- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tors | 94,088 | 118,132 | 107,247 | 88,688 | 68,376 | 99,648 | 88,312 | -11,336 |
| Consumer credit | -576 | 5,147 | 7,832 | 6,252 | 5,096 | 7,580 | 6,388 | -1,192 |
| Bank loans | 8,518 | -792 | 6,590 | 2,452 | 7,492 | 1,044 | -1,308 | -2,352 |
| Other loans | 457 | 789 | 4,527 | 63 | 4,120 | -1,820 | -3,780 | -1,960 |
| Canada short-term paper | 12,714 | 12,864 | -8,017 | -892 | -13,808 | 20 | -12,648 | -12,668 |
| Other short-term paper | -8,430 | 6,120 | -1,562 | 1,791 | -16,828 | 2,752 | -1,044 | -3,796 |
| Mortgages | 30,022 | 20,511 | 16,350 | 11,044 | 7,852 | 12,728 | 12,588 | -140 |
| Bonds | 42,245 | 58,508 | 64,695 | 54,216 | 61,844 | 64,992 | 64,688 | -304 |
| Shares | 9,138 | 14,985 | 16,832 | 13,762 | 12,608 | 12,352 | 23,428 | 11,076 |

[^2]
## Canada's balance of international payments <br> Fourth quarter 1995

In the fourth quarter of 1995, Canada's current account deficit further narrowed to $\$ 1.3$ billion. For 1995 as a whole, net transactions in goods, services, investment income and transfers with non-residents translated into a deficit of $\$ 13.1$ billion-the lowest current account deficit in 10 years and well below the $\$ 20$ to $\$ 30$ billion range seen over the past seven years.

Current account, balances


The change in the current account stemmed from a much higher merchandise trade surplus. Canadian businesses increased their merchandise exports to a record level in the fourth quarter, while largely maintaining their imports. This brought the merchandise trade surplus for the year to $\$ 28.3$ billion. Still, Canadians maintained a higher deficit on investment income, which climbed to a new high for a third consecutive year. The deficit on services remained below its 1993 peak.


In the fourth quarter, foreign multinationals invested a record amount of direct investment capital in Canada, mainly to buy existing operations. This lifted the net inflow of foreign direct investment to a record $\$ 15.4$ billion for the year. In lesser amounts, Canadian companies directed substantial direct investment capital abroad in 1995, notably in the fourth quarter.

In 1995, non-residents also invested a record amount in Canadian bonds, mostly around mid-year. At the same time, there was a record net outflow from the foreign currency operations of Canadian banks. The Canadian dollar strengthened against the U.S. dollar for most of 1995, but depreciated in the last two months of the year.

## Merchandise surplus jumped to new record

Canada's surplus on merchandise trade advanced to $\$ 8.8$ billion in the fourth quarter, bringing the year's surplus to $\$ 28.3$ billion (compared with $\$ 15.0$ billion in 1994). In 1995, Canada sharply increased its merchandise trade surplus with both the United States and Japan. At the same time, it reduced its deficit with the European Union and all other countries.

Both exports and imports continued to advance quite strongly, but at a slower pace than in 1994. Machinery and equipment, industrial materials, forest products and automotive products (notably cars) led the export gains. Setting the pace for imports were machinery and equipment, industrial materials and consumer goods.

## Continued deficit on investment income

Although slightly down in the fourth quarter, the deficit on investment income reached a record $\$ 32.9$ billion in 1995. Interest payments to foreign holders of Canadian bonds continued to account for most of that deficit, while profits of foreign multinationals in Canada were also significant. Foreign multinationals earned near record profits of $\$ 11.3$ billion (versus a high of $\$ 11.8$ billion in 1988). They reinvested some $60 \%$ of the total in their Canadian operations and took the rest in dividends. (Earnings reinvested by multinationals show as direct investment flows in the capital account.)

## Record foreign direct investment in Canada

Foreign multinationals, especially from the United States, invested a record $\$ 7.4$ billion of direct investment capital in Canada during the fourth quarter. This more than doubled the previous high set just one quarter earlier: About half the fourth-quarter total represented the purchase of existing interests in Canada, notably in the electronics industries.

For the year as a whole, foreign multinationals invested a massive $\$ 15.4$ billion in Canada, of which two-thirds came from the United States and the balance from countries of the European Union. About half the total was financed from profits earned and reinvested in Canada, especially by companies operating in the wood, paper, transportation equipment, metals and minerals industries.

## Foreign investment in Canadian bonds continued

Foreign investment in Canadian bonds was moderate in the fourth quarter, but the total for 1995 reached a record $\$ 29.6$ billion, double the 1994 investment. Last year, non-residents sharply stepped up their investment in federal bonds, to a record $\$ 12.1$ billion; in 1994, they sold $\$ 2.8$ billion worth. The remainder of their investment last year was divided equally among provincial and corporate bonds.

Foreign portfolio investment in Canadian bonds


Non-residents continued to favour new issues, especially those denominated in foreign currencies. Of the total foreign investment in Canadian new issues in 1995, only $28 \%$ went into bonds denominated in Canadian dollars-the lowest ratio since 1986. As in the last three years, investors from the United States were the largest foreign investors in the Canadian bond market.

## Ongoing foreign withdrawal from Canadian stocks

Non-residents continued to sell more Canadian stocks than they bought in the fourth quarter. It brought their net sell-off in that market in 1995 to $\$ 4.2$ billion. This constituted a shift from the previous three years, when foreigners invested significant amounts in the Canadian stock market.

## Record amount of capital channelled abroad through banks

As much as $\$ 17.0$ billion of capital was channelled abroad through the foreign currency operations of the banks during 1995. This sharply reduced the banks' net foreign currency liability to non-residents to its lowest level since 1980. The net outflow reflected a mixture of inter-bank operations with their affiliates abroad and lower deposits from other non-residents. The net outflow was widespread geographically.


Available on CANSIM: matrices 1364, 1370, 2323-2329, 2331-2339, 2343-2349, 2353-2355 and 2357.

The fourth quarter 1995 issue of Canada's balance of international payrnents ( $67-001-\mathrm{XPB} \$ 36 / \$ 120$ ) will be available in March. See "How to order publications".

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Balance of international payments

|  | Fourth quanter 1994 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1995 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Second quarter 1995 | Third quarter 1995 | Fourth quarter 1995 | 1994 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | unadjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current account |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise exports | 61,106 | 63,143 | 64,931 | 60,198 | 65,264 | 217,854 | 253,536 |
| Non-merchandise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services | 7,254 | 7,079 | 8,827 | 11,020 | 8,078 | 31,519 | 35,005 |
| Investment income ${ }^{1}$ | 3,531 | 3,677 | 3,918 | 4,185 | 4,568 | 11,824 | 16,347 |
| Of which: reinvested eamings | 188 | 413 | 384 | 527 | 1,001 | 302 | 2,326 |
| Transfers | 1,018 | 1,124 | 1,103 | 1,210 | 1,030 | 4,869 | 4,467 |
| Total non-merchandise receipts | 11,804 | 11,880 | 13,848 | 16,415 | 13,675 | 48,213 | 55,818 |
| Total receipts | 72,910 | 75,022 | 78,779 | 76,613 | 78,940 | 266,066 | 309,354 |
| Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise imports | 54,311 | 57,660 | 59,136 | 53,283 | 55,171 | 202,807 | 225,251 |
| Non-merchandise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services | 9,736 | 11,153 | 11,056 | 11,084 | 10,681 | 40,949 | 43,974 |
| Investment income ${ }^{1}$ | 10,562 | 12,133 | 12,748 | 12,381 | 11,962 | 40,719 | 49,224 |
| Of which: reinvested eamings | 826 | 1,580 | 2,257 | 2,158 | 1,231 | 2,926 | 7,226 |
| Transfers | 972 | 1,189 | 900 | 961 | 978 | 3,890 | 4,028 |
| Total non-merchandise payments | 21,270 | 24,475 | 24,705 | 24,425 | 23,622 | 85,558 | 97,226 |
| Total payments | 75,581 | 82,135 | 83,841 | 77,709 | 78,793 | 288,365 | 322,477 |
| Balances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise | +6,795 | +5,483 | +5,795 | +6,914 | +10,093 | +15,046 | +28,285 |
| Non-merchandise | -9,466 | -12,595 | -10,857 | -8,010 | -9,946 | -37,345 | -41,408 |
| Total current account | -2,671 | -7,112 | -5,062 | -1,096 | +147 | -22,299 | -13,123 |
| Capital account ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian claims on non-residents, net flows |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian direct investment abroad ${ }^{1}$ | -1,758 | -1,118 | -1,583 | -72 | -3,793 | -6,526 | -6,566 |
| Of which: reinvested eamings | -188 | -413 | -384 | -527 | -1,001 | -302 | -2,326 |
| Porfotio securities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign bonds | +494 | -1,949 | +1,411 | -503 | +131 | +525 | -909 |
| Foreign stocks | -1,479 | -737 | -502 | -1,037 | -1,963 | -9,216 | -4,239 |
| Govemment of Canada assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Official intemational reserves | +4,613 | -2,921 | -170 | -1,778 | +1,340 | +1,630 | -3,529 |
| Loans and subscriptions | -670 | -301 | -386 | +58 | -508 | -1,893 | -1,137 |
| Non-bank deposits abroad | -2,101 | +373 | -2,988 | -271 | -966 | -2,639 | -3,853 |
| Other claims | +1,777 | -916 | +3,377 | +670 | +925 | +5,332 | +4,056 |
| Total Canadian claims, net flow | +876 | -7,567 | -842 | -2,934 | -4,834 | -12,787 | -16,176 |
| Canadian liabilities to non-residents, net flows |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | +2,365 |  |  | $+3,527$ |  |  |  |
| Of which: reinvested eamings | +826 | +1,580 | +2,257 | +2,158 | +1,231 | $+2,926$ | $+7,226$ |
| Porffolio securities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian bonds | -7,415 | +3,437 | +11,086 | +11,484 | +3,595 | +15,150 | +29,602 |
| Canadian stocks | -79 | -1,554 | -1,235 | -1,134 | -313 | +6,056 | -4,235 |
| Canadian banks' net foreign currency transactions with |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Money market instruments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Govemment of Canada paper | +2,426 | +3,250 | -2,857 | +1,441 | -2,553 | +2,731 | -719 |
| Other paper | +558 | +321 | +900 | -1,582 | -174 | -1,826 | -535 |
| Allocation of special drawing rights | +692 | $+657$ | +1,081 | ${ }^{-1}{ }^{-}$ | 405 | +902 | +816 |
| Other liabilities | +692 | +657 | +1,081 | -516 | -405 | +992 | +816 |
| Total Canadian liabilities, net flow | +5,034 | +9,915 | +680 | +1,488 | +11,177 | +31.128 | +23,260 |
| Total capital account, net flow | +5,910 | +2,348 | -161 | -1,446 | +6,343 | +18,341 | +7,084 |
| Statistical discrepancy | -3,239 | +4,764 | +5,223 | +2,542 | -6,490 | +3,958 | +6,039 |

1 From 1983, Includes reinvested eamings accruing to direct investors.
2 A minus sign denotes an oufflow of capital resulting from an increase in claims on non-residents or a decrease in liabilities to non-residents.
3 When the banks' foreign currency position (booked in Canada) with non-residents is a net asset, the series is classified as pant of Canadian claims on nonresidents.

- Nil or zero.

Current account

|  | Fourth quarter 1994 | First quarter 1995 | Second quarter 1995 | Third quarter 1995 | Fourth quarter 1995 | 1994 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise exports | 60,609 | 63,606 | 62,148 | 63,038 | 64,744 | 217,854 | 253,536 |
| Non-merchandise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel | 2,776 | 2,854 | 2,868 | 2,887 | 3,070 | 10,194 | 11,679 |
| Freight and shipping | 2,074 | 2,131 | 2,148 | 2,222 | 2,383 | 7,635 | 8,884 |
| Business services | 2,910 | 3,123 | 2,974 | 3,076 | 3,173 | 11,689 | 12,346 |
| Govemment transactions | 219 | 222 | 208 | 209 | 219 | 830 | 858 |
| Other services | 298 | 308 | 307 | 304 | 318 | 1,171 | 1,237 |
| Total services | 8,276 | 8,638 | 8,505 | 8,698 | 9,163 | 31.519 | 35,005 |
| Investment income ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest | 1,550 | 1,696 | 1,737. | 1,666 | 1,679 | 5,143 | 6,778 |
| Dividends | 1,829 | 1,656 | 1,837 | 1,829 | 1,921 | 6,379 | 7,243 |
| Reinvested eamings | 188 | 413 | 384 | 527 | 1,001 | 302 | 2,326 |
| Total investment income | 3,567 | 3,765 | 3,958 | 4,022 | 4,602 | 11,824 | 16,347 |
| Transfers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inheritances and immigrants' funds | 323 | 365 | 311 | 298 | 288 | 1,752 | 1,263 |
| Personal and institutional remittances | 345 | 412 | 361 | 382 | 354 | 1,427 | 1,509 |
| Canadian withholding tax | 372 | 449 | 393 | 438 | 414 | 1,690 | 1,695 |
| Total transfers | 1,039 | 1,226 | 1,066 | 1,118 | 1,057 | 4,869 | 4,467 |
| Total non-merchandise receipts | 12,883 | 13,629 | 13,530 | 13,838 | 14,822 | 48,213 | 55,818 |
| Total receipts | 73,492 | 77,235 | 75,677 | 76,876 | 79,566 | 266,066 | 309,354 |
| Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise imports | 55,111 | 57,518 | 56,294 | 55,456 | 55,982 | 202,807 | 225,251 |
| Services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel | 3,976 | 4,149 | 4,081 | 4,040 | 4,272 | 15,949 | 16,542 |
| Freight and shipping | 1,987 | 2,099 | 2,071 | 1,991 | 2,023 | 7,234 | 8,183 |
| Business services | 3,645 | 4,086 | 4,104 | 4,238 | 4,341 | 15,409 | 16,770 |
| Govemment transactions | 346 | 348 | 337 | 340 | +339 | 1,393 | 1,365 |
| Other services | 242 | 273 | 272 | 267 | 302 | 964 | 1,114. |
| Total services | 10,196 | 10,955 | 10,865 | 10,877 | 11,277 | 40,949 | 43,974 |
| Investment income': |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest | 8,185 | 9,118 | 9,374 | 9,114 | 9,309 | 32,658 | 36,913 |
| Dividends | 1,128 | 1,591 | 1,122 | 1,301 | 1,071 | 5,135 | 5,085 |
| Reinvested eamings | 1,829 | 1,503 | 1,797 | 1,740 | 2,186 | 2,926 | 7,226 |
| Total investment income | 11,141 | 12,211 | 12,293 | 12,155 | 12,566 | 40,719 | 49,224 |
| Transters: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inheritances and emigrants' funds | 93 | 94 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 362 | 385 |
| Personal and institutional remittances | 341 | 354 | 354 | 357 | 360 | 1,361 | 1,424 |
| Official contributions | 487 | 568 | 432 | 447 | 472 | 1,871 | 1,919 |
| Foreign withholding tax | 73 | 76 | 75 | 73 | 77 | 1,896 | 1,919 |
| Total transfers | 994 | 1.092 | 956 | 974 | 1,006 | 3,890 | 4,028 |
| Total non-merchandise payments | 22,332 | 24,258 | 24,114 | 24,006 | 24,849 | 85,558 | 97,226 |
| Total payments | 77,443 | 81,776 | 80,408 | 79,462 | 80,831 | 288,365 | 322,477 |
| Balances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise | +5,499 | +6,088 | +5,853 | +7,581 | +8,762 | +15,046 | +28,285 |
| Non-merchandise: |  |  |  |  |  | +15,046 | +28,285 |
| Services <br> Investment income | $-1,920$ | -2,317 | $-2,360$ | $-2,179$ | $-2,114$ | -9,430 | -8,969 |
| Investment income Transfers | $-7,574$ +45 | $-8,446$ +134 | $-8,334$ +110 | -8,132 | $-7,964$ +51 | -28,895 | -32,877 |
| Total non-merchandise | -9,449 | +134 $-10,629$ | +110 $-10,584$ | +144 $-10,168$ | +51 $-10,027$ | +979 $-37,345$ | +438 $-41,408$ |
| Total current account | -3,950 | -4,541 | -4,731 | -2,586 | -1,266 | -22,299 | -13,123 |

1 From 1983, includes reinvested eamings accruing to direct investors.
Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

## Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry

## December 1995

Economic growth was negligible in the last months of 1995. In December, economic activity slipped with the manufacturing sector leading this second decline in three months. Gross domestic product at factor cost edged down 0.1\% in December, after rebounding 0.3\% in November and sliding 0.2\% in October. Overall, production in December was $0.2 \%$ below its level in December 1994.


Although the weakness in December was concentrated in manufacturing, production also fell in several other sectors: financial and related services; wholesale and retail trade (which fell back to October levels); construction; and transportation and storage services.

Utilities and community, business and personal services advanced, while the communications and mining sectors recovered. Combined, these moderated the overall decline.

## Electrical and electronic equipment led manufacturing slump

Manufacturing production receded $1.2 \%$, reflecting declines in 15 of the 21 major industry groups. Large cutbacks by manufacturers of electrical and electronic products contributed most to the decline. Producers of wood, chemical and fabricated metal products also reduced output at a fast pace. However, production of transportation equipment, notably motor

## Note to readers

The gross domestic product (GDP) of an industry is the value added by labour and capital in transforming inputs purchased from other industries into output.

Monthly GDP by industry is valued at 1986 prices. The estimates presented here are seasonally adjusted at annual rates.
vehicles improved significantly, moderating the drop in manufacturing.

Widespread losses in December in manufacturing


Manufacturers of electrical and electronic products slashed output by $7.2 \%$. Production dropped sharply in almost every industry within this group. Fabrication of electronic equipment and office machinery, which had surged in November, accounted for most of the loss. Production in these industries has been volatile since September 1995; still, it increased ( $+3.0 \%$ ) in the fourth quarter, though not by as much as in the third ( $+7.1 \%$ ). Demand from abroad for electronic equipment continued to improve in the fourth quarter; the growth was considerably slower than in the third quarter, however.

Production of fabricated metal products fell $2.5 \%$, accentuating its downward trend. Manufacturers of fabricated metallic structures eased production in November and December, after rapid advances earlier in 1995. The losses paralleled a slowdown in nonresidential building construction during the fall.

Production of wood products fell $3.1 \%$ in December, reflecting mainly a $4.8 \%$ drop in sawmill operations. For the fourth quarter as a whole, however, operators of sawmills raised output $2.3 \%$. Some of
the production was accumulated in inventories of finished goods, as domestic and foreign demand remained sluggish. Finished goods stocks are higher, as a proportion of shipments, than they have been for several years.

Manufacturers of pulp and paper raised output 2.5\% in December after cutbacks averaging 2.4\% in October and November. In the fourth quarter, production fell $2.4 \%$ following increases in the second and third quarters. Despite this restrain, inventories of finished products continued to swell. Foreign demand for pulp fell rapidly during the fourth quarter; in December, the price of pulp fell $3.4 \%$, its first decline in two years.

Production of transportation equipment in December rose 3.3\% after remaining at almost the same level between September and November. A gain in motor vehicle assembly accounted for almost two-thirds of the increase. Manufacturers of motor vehicles had previously slowed their operations to avoid an inventory buildup. Production of vehicle parts rose $1.8 \%$ in December.

## Housing markets were still weak

Lower activity by real estate agents and securities brokers led a $0.2 \%$ decline in financial and related services in December. Housing resales have deteriorated since September 1995. However, preliminary information indicates that Canada-wide sales picked up in January.

In the last three months of 1995, housing resales dropped sharply in Ontario and the western provinces. Sales of new houses stabilized in the fourth quarter, however, after tumbling in the previous three. Homebuilding also levelled off in the fourth quarter, after five consecutive quarterly declines. But the number of building permits issued, which had remained essentially flat between April and October, slumped in November and December, pointing to further declines ahead.


Activity on the stock exchanges and by mutual funds eased in December, after several months of strong advances.

## Wholesale and retail trade remained feeble

Wholesalers' sales dropped $0.5 \%$ in December, offsetting November's gain. Sales receded in 7 of the 11 trade groups. Lower purchases of foodstuffs, fertilizers and paper products caused most of the decline. Sales of apparel also continued to slump. The overall drop was moderated by higher demand for machinery and equipment; growth had paused between September and November.

A 0.2\% decline in retail trade in December was concentrated in lower sales of automotive products. Meanwhile, sales by motor vehicle dealers fell for a third consecutive month. Retailers of vehicle parts also experienced a drop in sales.


Retail activity receded $0.6 \%$ in the fourth quarter after increasing $0.7 \%$ in the third. Lower spending on automotive products and stronger declines in several trade groups (notably clothing, furniture and appliances) led the decline.

## Demand for energy strengthened

Demand for electricity and natural gas intensified as colder-than-normal temperatures in November persisted in December. Electric utilities and gas distributors raised production 1.0\% in December on the heels of a $2.9 \%$ gain the month before. In the mining sector, production of natural gas also advanced.

## Business services continued to grow steadily

Community, business and personal services rose $0.6 \%$, about equal to its pace in three of the previous four months. The advance mainly reflected a $1.1 \%$ gain in business services. Lower spending on accommodation and food services offset some of the gain.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 4670-4674.

The December 1995 issue of Gross domestic product by industry (15-001-XPB, $\$ 14 / \$ 140$ ) will be released in March. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Michel Girard (613-951-9145), Industry Measures and Analysis Division.

Gross domestic product at factor cost by industry, at 1986 prices

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 1995^{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1995{ }^{\prime} \end{aligned}$ | Sept. 1995 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1995^{r} \end{aligned}$ | Nov. <br> $1995^{r}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 1995 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Nov. } \\ 1995 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Dec. } \\ 1995 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1995 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Dec. } \\ 1994 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Dec. } \\ 1995 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | month-to-month \% change |  |  |  |  |  | \$ change ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ | \$ level ${ }^{1}$ | \% change |
| Total economy | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | . 709 | 543,016 | -0.2 |
| Goods-producing industries | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.4 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -1,010 | 185,246 | -2.1 |
| Services-producing industries | -0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 301 | 357,770 | 0.9 |
| Business sector | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.3 | -0.2 | .734 | 451,679 | 0.0 |
| Goods | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.4 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -1,004 | 184,309 | -2.1 |
| Agriculture | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -37 | 11,482 | 1.0 |
| Fishing and trapping | 1.4 | -15.6 | 2.3 | 4.7 | -2.3 | 1.8 | 14 | 794 | 4.1 |
| Logging | -4.3 | 6.0 | 3.6 | -0.8 | -2.2 | 0.3 | 7 | 2,966 | 7.6 |
| Mining, quarrying and oil wells | -0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 139 | 23,644 | 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -1.2 | -1,208 | 101,403 | -2.0 |
| Construction | -1.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -77 | 26,915 | -10.0 |
| Other utility industries | 0.7 | -0.2 | -1.2 | -1.9 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 158 | 17,105 | 4.5 |
| Services | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 270 | 267,370 | 1.5 |
| Transportation and storage | -0.2 | -0.3 | 1.2 | -1.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -54 | 23,675 | -1.2 |
| Communications | 1.6 | -0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | -0.3 | 1.4 | 322 | 23,476 | 6.2 |
| Wholesale trade | -0.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | -0.9 | 0.5 | -0.5 | -161 | 33,007 | -1.7 |
| Retail trade | -0.2 | 0.8 | -0.4 | -0.7 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -67 | 32,697 | -1.6 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -180 | 86,392 | 2.1 |
| Community, business and personal services | -0.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 409 | 68,124 | 3.3 |
| Non-buisiness sector | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25 | 91,338 | -0.9 |
| Goods | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 1.3 | -0.6 | -6 | 937 | -2.0 |
| Services | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 31 | 90,400 | -0.9 |
| Govemment services | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -52 | 32,338 | -1.9 |
| Community and personal services | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 67 | 54,714 | -0.3 |
| Other services | -0.8 | -1.0 | 0.5 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 16 | 3,348 | -2.2 |
| Other aggregations Industrial production | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.6 | -917 | 143,090 | -0.9 |
| Non-durable manufacturing | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -214 | 43,054 | -3.9 |
| Durable manufacturing | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | -0.0 | 0.6 | -1.7 | -993 | 58,349 | -0.5 |

, Revised figures.
p Preliminary figures.
1 Millions of dollars at annual rate.

## OTHER RELEASES

## Sales of refined petroleum products January 1996 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7001300 cubic metres in January, up $5.2 \%$ from January 1995. The largest increases were recorded for light fuel oil ( +234400 cubic metres or $+32.9 \%$ ) and motor gasoline ( +109200 cubic metres or $+4.1 \%$ ). Partly offsetting these were declines in the demand for heavy fuel oil (-54 900 cubic metres or $-8.8 \%$ ) and petrochemical feedstocks ( -34900 cubic metres or $-8.9 \%$ ).

The increased sales of light fuel oil were mainly due to the colder-than-normal temperatures this January; the weather in January 1995 was milder. The decline in sales of heavy fuel oil largely resulted from reduced consumption by electric utilities, which have switched to lower priced natural gas.

## Sales of refined petroleum products

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1995 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1996 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 1995 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Jan. } \\ 1996 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of cubic metres |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { change } \end{gathered}$ |
| All products | 6654.4 | 7001.3 | 5.2 |
| Motor gasoline | 2649.7 | 2758.9 | 4.1 |
| Diesel fuel oil | 1381.5 | 1461.2 | 5.8 |
| Light fuel oil | 711.4 | 945.8 | 32.9 |
| Heavy fuel oil | 626.4 | 571.5 | -8.8 |
| Aviation turbo fuels | 378.3 | 388.7 | 2.7 |
| Petrochemical feedstocks ${ }^{1}$ | 390.8 | 355.9 | -8.9 |
| All other refined products | 516.3 | 519.3 | 0.6 |

, Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce petroleum-based chemicals.
Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The January 1996 issue of Refined petroleum products ( $45-004-\mathrm{XPB}, \$ 20 / \$ 200$ ) will be available the third week of April. See "How to order publications".

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

## Profile of courts in Canada 1995

Profile of courts in Canada is a 227-page reference that describes the nation's court system, including the courts in all 10 provinces and the 2 territories.

The publication describes the levels and jurisdiction of the courts, their geographic distribution, and the duties of key officials. In addition, it outlines the structure and administration of services for the courts, and presents organizational charts for the court services provided by the various governments.

Profile of courts in Canada (85-511-XPE, \$50) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023, 1-800-387-2231), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

## Government revenue and expenditure Fourth quarter 1995

Detailed revenue and expenditure estimates on a system of national accounts (SNA) basis for the quarter ended December 31, 1995 are now available. Data are available for the federal, provincial and local governments. Revised estimates for the first, second and third quarters of 1995 are also available.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 2711-2713.

For further information on this release, contact James Temple (613-951-1832) or Robert Loggie (613-951-1809), Public Administration Section, Public Institutions Division.

Custom tabulations of these data are available. For further information about the products or services of Public Institutions Division, contact Jo-Anne Thibault (613-951-0767).

## Steel primary forms

Week ending February 24, 1996 (preliminary)
Steel primary forms production for the week ending February 24, 1996 totalled 301403 tonnes, up 10.1\% from 273679 tonnes a week earlier and up $1.0 \%$ from 298306 tonnes a year earlier.

The year-to-date total at the end of the week was 2108957 tonnes, a $4.8 \%$ decrease from 2215620 tonnes for the same period in 1995.

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

## Oils and fats

November 1995
Production of all types of deodorized oils in November 1995 totalled 91350 tonnes, a $1.7 \%$ decrease from 92938 tonnes in October 1995. At the end of November 1995, year-to-date production totalled 890881 tonnes, a $14.1 \%$ increase from 780564 tonnes a year earlier.

In November 1995, domestic sales of deodorized oils were as follows: margarine oil, 12305 tonnes; shortening oil, 27265 tonnes; and salad oil, 25691 tonnes.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 185.

The November 1995 issue of Oils and fats ( $32-006-\mathrm{XPB}, \$ 6 / \$ 60$ ) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

## Stocks of frozen meat products

February 1, 1996 (preliminary)
The amount of frozen meat in cold storage as of February 1, 1996 totalled 38277 tonnes, compared with 38645 tonnes a month earlier and 47378 tonnes a year earlier.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

For further information on this release, contact Peter Meszaros (613-951-2510), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Farm cash receipts and farm product price index, January-December 1995 Catalogue number 21-001-XPB
(Canada: $\$ 19 / \$ 62$; United States: US\$23/US\$75; other countries: US\$27/US\$87).

Construction type plywood, December 1995 Catalogue number 35-001-XPB
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