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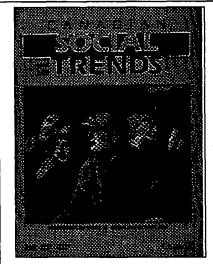
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### Canadian social trends

Spring 1996

The Spring 1996 issue of *Canadian social trends* features three articles examining government sponsored income security programs for seniors (an overview, an article on Old Age Security, and another on the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans). Other articles in this issue are "Canadians working at home", "Distance education: Beyond correspondence courses", "Health facts from the 1994 National Population Health Survey" and "1996 Census: Count yourself in!".

Each quarter, Canadian social trends integrates data from many sources to examine emerging social trends and issues. It also features the latest social indicators, as well as information about Statistics Canada's products and services.

The Spring 1996 issue of *Canadian social trends* (11-008E, \$10/\$34) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Cynthia Silver (613-951-2556), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.



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### **OTHER RELEASES**

# Motor carriers of freight—large, for-hire carriers

Fourth quarter 1995

During the fourth quarter of 1995, Canada-based for-hire motor carriers of freight (those with annual operating revenues greater than \$25 million) generated \$1,004 million in operating revenues. This translated into an average of \$17.3 million per carrier, down from \$18.8 million in the fourth quarter of 1994.

The operating ratio (total operating expenses divided by total operating revenues) was 0.96, up from 0.95 in the fourth quarter of 1994. General freight carriers maintained a ratio of 0.96 during the fourth quarters of 1994 and 1995, whereas specialized freight carriers saw their ratio jump from 0.94 to 0.97. An operating ratio greater than 1.00 represents an operating loss.

These data and more are now available from the Quarterly Motor Carriers of Freight Survey.

For further information on this release, contact Fred Barzyk (613-951-2493), Transportation Division (fax: 613-951-0579).

### Trusteed pension funds

Third quarter 1995

The assets of trusteed pension funds (\$344 billion at market value at the end of the third quarter of 1995) represent one of the largest pools of capital in Canada, second only to the financial assets of the chartered banks. These funds hold close to two-thirds of the assets of all employer-sponsored pension plans.

Data for the third quarter of 1995 from the Quarterly Survey of Trusteed Pension Funds, as well as revised data for the six previous quarters, are now available. Estimates of the income, expenditures and investment portfolio (book and market value) for all trusteed pension funds are derived from this survey of the largest funds.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 5749.

The third quarter 1995 issue of *Quarterly estimates* of trusteed pension funds (74-001-XPB, \$18/\$60) will be available in April. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Thomas Dufour (613-951-2088) or Johanne Pineau (613-951-4034), Pensions Section, Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

### Wage rates for hired agricultural labour 1995

Between 1994 and 1995, the average wage rates of hired agricultural labour rose a modest 1.6%. The average wage for hired agricultural labour in Canada last year was \$8.89 per hour.

All types of agricultural workers except machinery operators received higher wages last year. Wage rates rose in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, but dropped in the Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Manitoba.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 160.

For further information on this release, contact Rick Burroughs (613-951-2890), Agriculture Division.

### Blow-moulded plastic bottles

Fourth quarter 1995

Data for the fourth quarter of 1995 on the production and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

The December 1995 issue of *Production* and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles (47-006-XPB, \$10/\$32) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

**Note:** The December 1995 issue will be the last publication of this series.

For further information on this release, contact Suzette DesRosiers (613-951-9836), Industry Division.

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Livestock statistics updates, issue 95-004,

March 1996

Catalogue number 10-600E

(Canada: \$144; United States: US\$173; other

countries: US\$202).

Canadian social trends, Spring 1996

Catalogue number 11-008E

(Canada: \$10/\$34; United States: US\$13/US\$41; other

countries: US\$15/US\$48).

The consumer price index, February 1996

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Average prices of selected farm inputs,

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(Canada: \$9/\$48; United States: US\$11/US\$58; other

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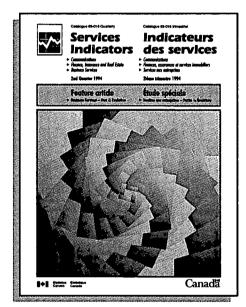
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