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Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Preliminary estimates indicate that seasonally adjusted sales of refined petroleum products in August totalled 6.9 million cubic metres (m³), up 5.1% from July. As a result of the August increase, sales for the first eight months of this year were 2.1% above those for the same period last year.
- Three of the four main products contributed to the monthly increase. Motor gasoline sales were up 2.6% from July while diesel fuel sales rose 6.9%. Heavy fuel sales posted a third consecutive gain, rising 6.3%. These gains were only partially offset by a decrease of 4.7% in light fuel sales.

Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products in Canada rose 5.5% over August 1987, recording a volume of 7.1 million m³ sold. Three of the four main products

contributed to the August increase. Motor gasoline sales were up 5.2% over last August while diesel fuel sales maintained their pattern of growth by posting a gain of 11.0% for the same period. Increased imports led to a rise of 27.0% in the sales of heavy fuel. These gains were only marginally offset by a decline of 3.6% in light fuel sales.

- As a result of the July increase, total product sales for the first eight months of this year rose 2.2% over those for the same period last year. Within this total, heavy fuel sales climbed 14.0% while diesel and light fuels have risen 7.4% and 5.3% respectively. Motor gasoline sales were up 1.0%.

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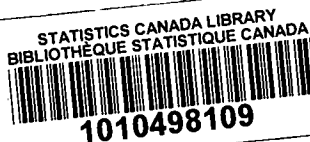
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Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	May 1988	June 1988	July 1988 ^r	Aug. 1988 ^p	Aug. '88/ July '88
	(Thousands of cubic metres)				%
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Total, All Products	6 823.7	6 761.8	6 568.7	6 905.4	5.1
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 764.0	2 782.8	2 709.3	2 780.8	2.6
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 338.8	1 368.9	1 342.1	1 434.8	6.9
Light Fuel Oil	546.6	571.0	491.2	467.9	-4.7
Heavy Fuel Oil	596.6	666.1	708.6	753.3	6.3
	Aug. 1988 ^p	Aug. 1987	Total Jan.-Aug. 1988	Total Jan.-Aug. 1987	Cum. '88/ Cum. '87
	(Thousands of cubic metres)				%
Not adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
Total, All Products	7 060.2	6 689.5	53 377.2	52 204.9	2.2
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	3 095.4	2 941.1	22 111.9	21 874.2	1.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 538.9	1 386.3	10 773.4	10 032.2	7.4
Light Fuel Oil	167.7	173.9	4 278.6	4 063.4	5.3
Heavy Fuel Oil	560.9	441.6	4 970.3	4 359.5	14.0

^p Preliminary.

^r Revised.



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