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#### Industrial Product Price Index, May 1988

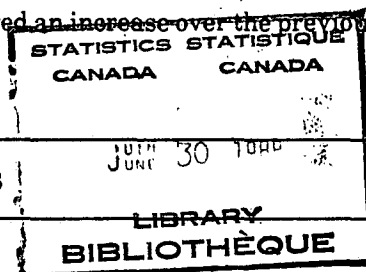
- The IPPI increased 3.9% from May 1987 - the lowest year-over-year rate recorded since last October.

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#### Raw Materials Price Index, May 1988

- For the first time in six months, the RMPI registered an increase over the previous month.

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### Industrial Product Price Index

May 1988

Preliminary indexes for the Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI, 1981=100) show the index rose 0.2% between May and April 1988 to a level of 126.9. Over the last 12 months the index has risen 3.9%. With the petroleum and coal products component excluded, the yearly increase would have been 5.1%.

#### Highlights

- The paper and paper products index increased 1.2% in May, reflecting higher prices for newsprint and sulphite woodpulp. With the U.S./Canadian exchange rate showing virtually no change, the changes were more indicative of the underlying upward trend in prices for these commodities than has been the case over the last few months.
- The primary metal products index rose 0.9% in May 1988. Higher prices for most non-ferrous metals were the main contributors to the monthly movement. Nickel products fell 4.6% in May after increasing an average of about 20% a month since November 1987. The only other monthly decrease over that period was in February 1988.
- The fruit, vegetables and feeds index, up 0.7% between April and May, largely reflected the price increases registered for feeds and refined sugar.

- The meat, fish and dairy products index rose 0.3% over the month. Price rises for chickens and fluid milk products more than offset the declines recorded for various meat by-products, which fell 2.3%.
- Preliminary figures for the petroleum and coal products index showed a drop of 1.9% since April 1988. The decline was largely explained by significant decreases posted for motor gasoline and fuel oils.
- The lumber and sawmill products index was down 0.6% in the month as a result of lower softwood lumber prices, particularly veneer and plywood (-3.1%). Small increases however, were registered for hardwood lumber and other wood products.

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1960-1967 and 1970.

The May 1988 issue of *Industry Selling Price Index* (62-011, \$16.50/\$165) will be available towards the end of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Section (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

**Industrial Product Price Indexes**  
(1981 = 100)

| Index                                                               | Relative Importance <sup>1</sup> | Index <sup>2</sup><br>May '88 | % Change             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                     |                                  |                               | May '88/<br>Apr. '88 | May '88/<br>May '87 |
| <b>Industrial Product Price Index - Total</b>                       | 100.0                            | 126.9                         | 0.2                  | 3.9                 |
| <b>Total IPPI excluding petroleum and coal products<sup>3</sup></b> | 89.3                             | 130.9                         | 0.3                  | 5.1                 |
| <b>Intermediate goods</b>                                           | 61.6                             | 125.5                         | 0.2                  | 6.5                 |
| First stage intermediate goods                                      | 14.6                             | 126.1                         | 0.8                  | 16.0                |
| Second stage intermediate goods                                     | 47.0                             | 125.3                         | 0.1                  | 3.8                 |
| <b>Finished goods</b>                                               | 38.4                             | 129.2                         | 0.0                  | 0.3                 |
| Finished foods and feeds                                            | 10.3                             | 133.7                         | 0.3                  | 1.3                 |
| Capital equipment                                                   | 10.2                             | 130.9                         | 0.1                  | -0.1                |
| All other finished goods                                            | 17.9                             | 126.3                         | -0.2                 | -0.2                |
| <b>Aggregation by commodities:</b>                                  |                                  |                               |                      |                     |
| Meat, fish and dairy products                                       | 7.7                              | 126.7                         | 0.3                  | 0.2                 |
| Fruit, vegetable, feed, miscellaneous food products                 | 7.0                              | 123.2                         | 0.7                  | 4.4                 |
| Beverages                                                           | 1.9                              | 144.7                         | 0.0                  | 1.1                 |
| Tobacco and tobacco products                                        | 0.7                              | 156.2                         | 0.0                  | 2.4                 |
| Rubber, leather, plastic fabric products                            | 2.8                              | 128.6                         | 0.4                  | 7.0                 |
| Textile products                                                    | 2.4                              | 117.2                         | 0.2                  | 3.6                 |
| Knitted products and clothing                                       | 2.4                              | 123.9                         | 0.1                  | 2.6                 |
| Lumber, sawmill, other wood products                                | 4.3                              | 123.1                         | -0.6                 | 2.7                 |
| Furniture and fixtures                                              | 1.5                              | 136.6                         | 0.1                  | 3.1                 |
| Paper and paper products                                            | 8.1                              | 140.1                         | 1.2                  | 10.3                |
| Printing and publishing                                             | 2.4                              | 149.6                         | 0.3                  | 5.6                 |
| Primary metal products                                              | 8.8                              | 135.2                         | 0.9                  | 21.3                |
| Metal fabricated products                                           | 5.3                              | 130.6                         | 0.1                  | 3.7                 |
| Machinery and equipment                                             | 4.8                              | 128.1                         | 0.1                  | 1.8                 |
| Autos, trucks, other transportation equipment                       | 11.6                             | 129.7                         | 0.1                  | -3.0                |
| Electrical and communication products                               | 5.0                              | 130.3                         | -0.2                 | 4.2                 |
| Non-metallic mineral products                                       | 2.5                              | 140.2                         | 0.1                  | 4.1                 |
| Petroleum and coal products <sup>3</sup>                            | 10.7                             | 93.9                          | -1.9                 | -7.1                |
| Chemical, chemical products                                         | 7.1                              | 130.2                         | 0.2                  | 10.0                |
| Miscellaneous manufactured products                                 | 2.3                              | 135.3                         | 0.1                  | 2.4                 |
| Miscellaneous non-manufactured commodities                          | 0.8                              | 105.4                         | 1.7                  | 4.2                 |

<sup>1</sup> Weights are derived from the "make" matrix of the 1981 Input/Output table.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes are preliminary.

<sup>3</sup> This index is estimated for the current month.

## Raw Materials Price Index

May 1988

### Monthly Change

The Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI, 1981 = 100) increased 2.3% between April and May 1988, reaching a preliminary level of 99.5. However, with the mineral fuels component excluded, the RMPI rose 1.1%. The components that contributed most to the monthly movement were:

- Mineral fuels, up 4.1%, mainly because of a 5.6% increase for crude mineral oils.
- Vegetable products, up 2.6%, mainly as a result of increases for unrefined sugar (8.2%) and oilseeds (8.1%).
- Non-ferrous metals, up 2.2%, owing mainly to price increases for copper (3.2%) and zinc (5.0%), partially offset by a 4.3% decrease for nickel.

### Year-over-year Change

From May 1987 to May 1988, the RMPI fell 2.7%. With the mineral fuels component excluded, there was an annual advance of 4.2%. The components that contributed most to the yearly movement were:

- Mineral fuels, down 12.6%, as a result of a 13.7% decrease in prices for crude mineral oils.
- Animal and animal products, down 5.0%, mainly due to price decreases for hogs and for fish.
- Non-ferrous metals, up 18.8%, mainly because of strong price increases for nickel and, to a lesser degree, for copper and zinc.
- Wood products, up 13.0%, owing mainly to rising prices for logs and bolts.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1980.

The May 1988 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$16.50/\$165) will be available towards the end of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

## Raw Materials Price Index

(1981 = 100)

|                               | Relative Importance | Index May '88 <sup>1</sup> | % Change             |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                               |                     |                            | May '88/<br>Apr. '88 | May '88/<br>May '87 |
| Raw materials total           | 100                 | 99.5                       | 2.3                  | -2.7                |
| Mineral fuels                 | 45                  | 81.3                       | 4.1                  | -12.6               |
| Vegetable products            | 11                  | 89.9                       | 2.6                  | 3.7                 |
| Animal and animal products    | 20                  | 116.3                      | 0.6                  | -5.0                |
| Wood products                 | 8                   | 133.5                      | 0.5                  | 13.0                |
| Ferrous materials             | 2                   | 110.2                      | -0.4                 | 1.8                 |
| Non-ferrous metals            | 11                  | 118.3                      | 2.2                  | 18.8                |
| Non-metallic minerals         | 3                   | 130.8                      | 0.1                  | 1.7                 |
| Total excluding mineral fuels | 55                  | 114.6                      | 1.1                  | 4.2                 |

<sup>1</sup> These indexes are preliminary.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Steel Ingots

Week Ending June 25, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending June 25, 1988 totalled 276 260 tonnes, a decrease of 7.4% from the preceding week's total of 298 357 tonnes and down 5.0% from the year-earlier level of 290 695 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 7 465 597 tonnes, an increase of 1.5% from 7 357 298 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

### Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances

May 1988

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers produced 88,502 kitchen appliances in May 1988, down 21.0% from the 111,985 appliances produced a year earlier.

Production of home comfort products totalled 42,508 in May 1988, an increase of 48.1% from the previous year.

Year-to-date production of specified domestic electrical appliances amounted to 442,400 units, down from corresponding data for the same period in 1987 (539,417 units).

The May 1988 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

### Notifiable Disease Summary

Four-week Period Ending May 7, 1988

Statistics and new cases of notifiable diseases for the four-week period ending May 7, 1988 are now available by sex and five-year age group for Canada and the provinces.

Available on CANSIM: cross-classified table 00050123.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Beth Sander (613-951-1746), Health Division.

### Mobile Home Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the mobile home industry (SIC 3244) totalled \$87.8 million, down 23.4% from \$114.6 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5554.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (42-251B 3244, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact M.G. Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

### Other Transportation Equipment Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other transportation equipment industry (SIC 3299) totalled \$216.4 million, up 13.5% from \$190.6 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5566.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (42-251B 3299, \$4). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact M.G. Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division.

## Publications Released

**Gross Domestic Product by Industry,**  
March 1988. Catalogue number 15-001  
(Canada: \$11.50/\$115; Other Countries:  
\$12.50/\$125).

**Production and Inventories of Process  
Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder,**  
May 1988. Catalogue number 32-024  
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Railway Carloadings, March 1988.**  
Catalogue number 52-001  
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

**Railway Carloadings, April 1988.**  
Catalogue number 52-001  
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

**Telephone Statistics, April 1988.**  
Catalogue number 56-002  
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries: \$8.50/\$85).

**Electric Power Statistics, March 1988.**  
Catalogue number 57-001  
(Canada: \$9/\$90; Other Countries: \$10/\$100).

**Security Transactions with Non-residents,**  
March 1988. Catalogue number 67-002  
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