



Economic Indicators

1997





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Date: June 1997

NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
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| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| POPULATION | JAN 1 | 941,198 | 945,913 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 933,857 x | 937,777 x | 942,796 x | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | OCT-DEC | 2,500 | 2,415 | (2.9) | (3.4) | 11,099 | 10,726 | 10,595 | (3.4) | (1.2) |
| Deaths | OCT-DEC | 2,070 | 1,985 | 2.7 | (4.1) | 7,770 | 7,687 | 7,935 | (1.1) | 3.2 |
| Marriages | OCT-DEC | 1,078 | 955 | (1.9) | (11.4) | 5,374 | 5,418 | 5,160 | 0.8 | (4.8) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | OCT-DEC | 214 | 1,200 | -- | 460.7 | (249) | 2,522 | 2,055 | -- | (18.5) |
| Net Interprovincial | OCT-DEC | (743) | 349 | -- | -- | (2,625) | (1,741) | (52) | -- | -- |
| Net International | OCT-DEC | 957 | 851 | 266.7 | (11.1) | 2,376 | 4,263 | 2,107 | 79.4 | (50.6) |
| Immigration | OCT-DEC | 1,127 | 1,030 | 56.3 | (8.6) | 4,146 | 5,535 | 3,833 | 33.5 | (30.7) |
| Emigration | OCT-DEC | 170 | 179 | (63.0) | 5.3 | 1,770 | 1,272 | 1,726 | (28.1) | 35.7 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | MAY | 439.0 | 448.8 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 438.0 | 437.2 | 440.6 | (0.2) | 0.8 |
| Employed ('000) | MAY | 385.6 | 388.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | MAY | 53.4 | 60.2 | (4.6) | 12.7 | 58.3 | 52.9 | 55.6 | (9.3) | 5.1 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | MAY | 12.2 | 13.4 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| Participation Rate (%) | MAY | 59.8 | 60.6 | -- | -- | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | -- | -- |
| - Actual | MAY | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | MAY | 386.9 | 389.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | MAY | 12.7 | 13.8 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | MAY | 84.2 | 89.2 | (6.2) | 5.9 | 87.1 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 1.3 | (4.1) |
| Service Indus. ('000) | MAY | 299.3 | 299.5 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 292.6 | 296.1 | 300.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

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| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | MAR | 68,146 | 59,855 | (9.4) | (12.2) | 796,187 | 660,004 | 617,429 | (17.1) | (6.5) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | MAR | 61,340 | 54,560 | (3.0) | (11.1) | 59,330 x | 48,543 x | 45,172 x | (18.2) | (6.9) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | MAY | 133.3 | 135.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Food | MAY | 132.5 | 134.5 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 131.2 | 131.1 | 133.0 | (0.1) | 1.4 |
| Shelter | MAY | 125.3 | 127.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 121.2 | 122.9 | 125.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 18,827 | 19,003 | 19,097 e | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 2,065.0 | 2,126.0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 8,515.1 | 8,586.3 | 8,735.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | MAR | 490.78 | 499.92 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 495.55 x | 489.15 x | 494.47 x | (1.3) | 1.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-MAR | 1,682.3 | 1,743.0 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 6,463.7 | 6,349.0 | 6,851.0 | (1.8) | 7.9 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-APR | 109.0 | 115.4 | 2.2 | 5.9 | 445.7 | 456.3 | 469.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-MAR | 168.4 | 181.3 | 13.8 | 7.7 | 710.9 | 688.8 | 771.5 | (3.1) | 12.0 |

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| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 84.0 | 88.6 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 323.9 | 330.0 | 353.4 | 1.9 | 7.1 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 318.4 | 255.9 | (7.2) | (19.6) | 477.6 | 483.5 | -- | 1.2 | -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue (000m ³) | JAN-MAR | 1,356.3 | 1,331.2 | (8.7) | (1.9) | 5,170.0 | 4,995.7 | 4,827.3 | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m ³) | JAN-MAR | 237.5 | 248.2 | 23.2 | 4.5 | 736.3 | 868.2 | 1,040.8 | 17.9 | 19.9 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-MAR | 908.4 | 396.2 | 49.8 | (56.4) | 3,509.4 | 2,483.0 | 3,110.4 | (29.2) | 25.3 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-MAR | 2,903.0 | 2,931.1 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 9,767.4 | 9,550.9 | 9,984.8 | 1.0 | 4.5 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 1,474.0 | 1,428.1 | 6.6 | (3.1) | 5,407.2 | 5,929.2 | 6,122.5 | 9.7 | 3.3 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 711.4 | 686.7 | 5.3 | (3.5) | 2,568.4 | 2,940.7 | 3,061.0 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 1,781.4 | 1,813.4 | 1,826.3 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 158.0 | 158.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 669.2 | 619.6 | 689.0 | (7.4) | 11.2 |
| Housing Starts (units) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAY | 832 | 1,006 | (3.5) | 20.9 | 3,304 | 2,695 | 2,806 | (18.4) | 4.1 |
| - Completions | JAN-MAY | 811 | 967 | (19.8) | 19.2 | 3,425 | 2,811 | 2,845 | (17.9) | 1.2 |
| - Under Construction | MAY | 1,223 | 1,145 | 3.6 | (6.4) | 1,336 | 1,218 | 1,159 | (8.8) | (4.8) |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAR | 335 | 922 | (22.8) | 175.2 | 4,748 | 4,168 | 4,059 | (12.2) | (2.6) |
| - Completions | JAN-MAR | 699 | 921 | 1.9 | 31.8 | 4,920 | 4,170 | 4,062 | (15.2) | (2.6) |
| - Under Construction | MAR | 1,600 | 1,888 | (10.1) | 18.0 | 2,038 | 1,980 | 1,944 | (2.8) | (1.8) |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt.Prices, '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 14,791 | 14,855 | 14,947 e | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 15,848 | 16,321 | 16,301 | 3.0 | (0.1) |

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| POPULATION | JAN 1 | 29,819,921 | 30,135,942 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 29,255,599 x | 29,615,325 x | 29,963,631 x | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | OCT-DEC | 90,180 | 87,185 | (0.2) | (3.3) | 385,110 | 378,011 | 375,680 | (1.8) | (0.6) |
| Deaths | OCT-DEC | 54,155 | 54,325 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 207,077 | 210,733 | 215,520 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Marriages | OCT-DEC | 30,906 | 29,025 | 1.7 | (6.1) | 159,959 | 160,616 | 158,680 | 0.4 | (1.2) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | OCT-DEC | 41,715 | 51,517 | 294.6 | 23.5 | 136,392 | 227,406 | 155,861 | 66.7 | (31.5) |
| Immigration | OCT-DEC | 57,649 | 62,464 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 255,839 | 303,195 | 243,914 | 18.5 | (19.6) |
| Emigration | OCT-DEC | 15,934 | 10,947 | (61.7) | (31.3) | 119,447 | 75,789 | 88,053 | (36.6) | 16.2 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | MAY | 15,090.7 | 15,349.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 14,932.4 | 14,927.6 | 15,145.4 | (0.0) | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | MAY | 13,665.7 | 13,895.6 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | MAY | 1,425.0 | 1,453.5 | (0.3) | 2.0 | 1,540.7 | 1,422.1 | 1,469.2 | (7.7) | 3.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | MAY | 9.4 | 9.5 | -- | -- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | -- | -- |
| Participation Rate (%) | MAY | 59.8 | 64.7 | -- | -- | 65.3 | 64.8 | 64.9 | -- | -- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | MAY | 13,769.3 | 14,003.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | MAY | 9.5 | 9.5 | -- | -- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | -- | -- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted 3-Month Moving Average | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | MAY | 3,830.6 | 3,714.9 | 4.1 | (3.0) | 3,545.3 | 3,653.1 | 3,681.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Service Indus. ('000) | MAY | 10,035.2 | 10,180.7 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 9,746.4 | 9,852.4 | 9,994.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

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| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | MAR | 1,378,965 | 1,187,694 | (6.1) | (13.9) | 15,791,449 | 13,748,242 | 13,069,982 | (12.9) | (4.9) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | MAR | 1,154,540 | 973,490 | (1.0) | (15.7) | 1,114,807 x | 956,428 x | 911,469 x | (14.2) | (4.7) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | MAY | 135.7 | 137.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 130.7 | 133.5 | 135.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Food | MAY | 127.8 | 129.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 123.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Shelter | MAY | 134.2 | 134.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 132.5 | 134.0 | 134.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 22,052 | 22,507 | 22,681 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 89,865.5 | 93,036.9 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 353,981.5 | 364,103.9 | 374,580.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | MAR | 579.50 | 575.79 | 0.9 | (0.6) | 568.27 x | 573.75 x | 586.06 x | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-MAR | 53,201.0 | 56,769.6 | 1.0 | 6.7 | 206,836.0 | 211,601.0 | 217,103.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-APR | 3,598.8 | 3,908.2 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 13,299.0 | 13,839.6 | 17,776.8 | 4.1 | 28.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-MAR | 6,746.7 | 7,963.8 | 6.9 | 18.0 | 27,893.8 | 28,168.8 | 31,485.8 | 1.0 | 11.8 |

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| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 7,710.5 | 7,679.4 | 5.8 | (0.4) | 25,771.8 | 27,017.0 | 28,363.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 1,303.9 * | 1,025.9 * | 13.2 | (21.3) | 1,415.0 * | 1,598.2 * | -- -- | 12.9 | -- -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3) | JAN-MAR | 29,276.8 | 28,276.2 | (1.0) | (3.4) | 108,916.2 | 112,870.6 | 107,611.8 | 3.6 | (4.7) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-MAR | 15,594.0 | 15,991.5 | (3.3) | 2.5 | 62,409.4 | 61,377.6 | 62,828.4 | (1.7) | 2.4 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-MAR | 19,401.0 | 18,325.0 | 4.1 | (5.5) | 72,824.0 | 74,981.0 | 75,809.4 | 3.0 | 1.1 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-MAR | 152,693.4 | 151,518.4 | 3.7 | (0.8) | 539,441.7 | 537,079.1 | 548,964.5 | (0.4) | 2.2 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-FEB | 61,845.0 | 65,715.0 | 1.7 | 6.3 | 352,893.0 | 390,029.0 | 401,235.0 | 10.5 | 2.9 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 62,760.9 | 67,998.7 | 1.2 | 8.3 | 213,290.2 | 248,440.8 | 258,418.4 | 16.5 | 4.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 81,444.3 | 76,391.3 | 76,076.6 | (6.2) | (0.4) |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 7,078.9 | 8,386.9 | 0.8 | 18.5 | 27,636.7 | 24,605.8 | 26,145.4 | (11.0) | 6.3 |
| Housing Starts - Units | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAY | 33,173 | 44,851 | (2.8) | 35.2 | 127,346 | 89,545 | 101,804 | (29.7) | 13.7 |
| - Completions | JAN-MAY | 29,260 | 39,247 | (21.3) | 34.1 | 134,076 | 99,089 | 95,980 | (26.1) | (3.1) |
| - Under Construction | MAY | 52,976 | 60,024 | (5.6) | 13.3 | 59,204 | 49,164 | 54,604 | (17.0) | 11.1 |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAR | 16,642 | 22,774 | (13.8) | 36.8 | 154,057 | 110,933 | 126,940 | (28.0) | 14.4 |
| - Completions | JAN-MAR | 21,785 | 25,495 | (16.9) | 17.0 | 162,085 | 119,501 | 117,834 | (26.3) | (1.4) |
| - Under Construction | MAR | 56,759 | 67,730 | (12.1) | 19.3 | 71,562 | 62,038 | 70,670 | (13.3) | 13.9 |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt. Prices, at '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 594,990 | 608,835 | 617,795 e | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 654,768 | 681,186 | 699,403 | 4.0 | 2.7 |

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| POPULATION | APR 1 | 941,260 | 945,839 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 933,857 x | 937,777 x | 942,796 x | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | JAN-MAR | 2,600 | 2,455 | (4.4) | (5.6) | 11,099 | 10,726 | 10,595 | (3.4) | (1.2) |
| Deaths | JAN-MAR | 2,260 | 2,175 | 6.6 | (3.8) | 7,770 | 7,687 | 7,935 | (1.1) | 3.2 |
| Marriages | JAN-MAR | 375 | 370 | (17.6) | (1.3) | 5,374 | 5,418 | 5,160 | 0.8 | (4.8) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | JAN-MAR | (278) | (354) | -- | -- | (249) | 2,522 | 2,055 | -- | (18.5) |
| Net Interprovincial | JAN-MAR | (420) | (527) | -- | -- | (2,625) | (1,741) | (52) | -- | -- |
| Net International | JAN-MAR | 142 | 173 | (89.6) | 21.8 | 2,376 | 4,263 | 2,107 | 79.4 | (50.6) |
| Immigration | JAN-MAR | 721 | 623 | (52.7) | (13.6) | 4,146 | 5,535 | 3,833 | 33.5 | (30.7) |
| Emigration | JAN-MAR | 579 | 450 | 268.8 | (22.3) | 1,770 | 1,272 | 1,726 | (28.1) | 35.7 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | JUNE | 441.5 | 445.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 438.0 | 437.2 | 440.6 | (0.2) | 0.8 |
| Employed ('000) | JUNE | 387.6 | 391.0 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | JUNE | 53.9 | 54.7 | (4.6) | 1.5 | 58.3 | 52.9 | 55.6 | (9.3) | 5.1 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JUNE | 12.2 | 12.3 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| Participation Rate (%) | JUNE | 60.1 | 60.1 | -- | -- | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | -- | -- |
| - Actual | JUNE | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | JUNE | 400.6 | 405.4 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JUNE | 11.7 | 11.7 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | JUNE | 85.5 | 91.0 | (3.6) | 6.4 | 87.1 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 1.3 | (4.1) |
| Service Indus. ('000) | JUNE | 300.3 | 297.5 | 2.6 | (0.9) | 292.6 | 296.1 | 300.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

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| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | APR | 71,334 | 71,896 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 796,187 | 660,004 | 617,429 | (17.1) | (6.5) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | APR | 55,010 | 49,760 | (6.5) | (9.5) | 59,330 x | 48,543 x | 45,172 x | (18.2) | (6.9) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | JUNE | 132.9 | 135.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Food | JUNE | 132.7 | 133.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 131.2 | 131.1 | 133.0 | (0.1) | 1.4 |
| Shelter | JUNE | 125.5 | 127.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 121.2 | 122.9 | 125.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 18,827 | 19,003 | 19,097 e | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 2,763.1 | 2,853.9 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 8,515.1 | 8,586.3 | 8,735.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | APR | 486.50 | 498.97 | (1.3) | 2.6 | 495.55 x | 489.15 x | 494.47 x | (1.3) | 1.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-APR | 2,234.3 | 2,329.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 6,463.7 | 6,349.0 | 6,851.0 | (1.8) | 7.9 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-MAY | 143.7 | 153.7 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 445.7 | 456.3 | 469.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-MAY | 336.5 | 390.5 | 14.2 | 16.0 | 710.9 | 688.8 | 771.5 | (3.1) | 12.0 |

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 17/07/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 84.0 | 88.6 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 323.9 | 330.0 | 353.4 | 1.9 | 7.1 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 318.4 | 255.9 | (7.2) | (19.6) | 477.6 | 483.5 | -- | 1.2 | -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3) | JAN-APR | 1,469.6 | 1,445.3 | (9.7) | (1.7) | 5,170.0 | 4,995.7 | 4,827.3 | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-APR | 320.9 | 355.2 | 24.8 | 10.7 | 736.3 | 868.2 | 1,040.8 | 17.9 | 19.9 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-APR | 1,165.0 | 725.8 | 38.5 | (37.7) | 3,509.4 | 2,483.0 | 3,110.4 | (29.2) | 25.3 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-APR | 3,720.1 | 3,815.8 | 7.6 | 2.6 | 9,767.4 | 9,571.1 | 9,984.8 | (2.0) | 4.3 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 2,468.0 | 2,437.9 | 5.8 | (1.2) | 5,407.2 | 5,929.2 | 6,122.5 | 9.7 | 3.3 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 711.4 | 686.7 | 5.3 | (3.5) | 2,568.4 | 2,940.7 | 3,061.0 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 1,781.4 | 1,813.4 | 1,826.3 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 231.1 | 228.4 | (2.4) | (1.2) | 669.2 | 619.6 | 689.0 | (7.4) | 11.2 |
| Housing Starts (units) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JUNE | 1,162 | 1,298 | (11.2) | 11.7 | 3,304 | 2,695 | 2,806 | (18.4) | 4.1 |
| - Completions | JAN-JUNE | 1,189 | 1,097 | 5.9 | (7.7) | 3,425 | 2,811 | 2,845 | (17.9) | 1.2 |
| - Under Construction | JUNE | 1,174 | 1,307 | (22.5) | 11.3 | 1,336 | 1,218 | 1,159 | (8.8) | (4.8) |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAR | 335 | 922 | (22.8) | 175.2 | 4,748 | 4,168 | 4,059 | (12.2) | (2.6) |
| - Completions | JAN-MAR | 699 | 921 | 1.9 | 31.8 | 4,920 | 4,170 | 4,062 | (15.2) | (2.6) |
| - Under Construction | MAR | 1,600 | 1,888 | (10.1) | 18.0 | 2,038 | 1,980 | 1,944 | (2.8) | (1.8) |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt.Prices, '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 14,791 | 14,855 | 14,947 e | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 15,848 | 16,321 | 16,301 | 3.0 | (0.1) |

p - Preliminary actual

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 17/07/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| POPULATION | APR 1 | 29,866,597 | 30,202,873 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 29,255,599 x | 29,615,325 x | 29,963,631 x | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | JAN-MAR | 91,465 | 90,595 | (2.2) | (1.0) | 385,110 | 378,011 | 375,680 | (1.8) | (0.6) |
| Deaths | JAN-MAR | 58,835 | 59,200 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 207,077 | 210,733 | 215,520 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Marriages | JAN-MAR | 16,385 | 16,350 | (8.1) | (0.2) | 159,959 | 160,616 | 158,680 | 0.4 | (1.2) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | JAN-MAR | 14,046 | 35,538 | (83.1) | 153.0 | 136,392 | 227,406 | 155,861 | 66.7 | (31.5) |
| Immigration | JAN-MAR | 52,327 | 53,051 | (42.8) | 1.4 | 255,839 | 303,195 | 243,914 | 18.5 | (19.6) |
| Emigration | JAN-MAR | 38,281 | 17,513 | 348.2 | (54.3) | 119,447 | 75,789 | 88,053 | (36.6) | 16.2 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | JUNE | 15,131.5 | 15,343.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 14,932.4 | 14,927.6 | 15,145.4 | (0.0) | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | JUNE | 13,623.8 | 13,947.1 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | JUNE | 1,507.7 | 1,396.5 | 6.7 | (7.4) | 1,540.7 | 1,422.1 | 1,469.2 | (7.7) | 3.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JUNE | 10.0 | 9.1 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | JUNE | 64.8 | 64.8 | --- | --- | 65.3 | 64.8 | 64.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | JUNE | 13,977.7 | 14,349.3 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JUNE | 9.5 | 8.8 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Month Moving Average | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | JUNE | 3,640.0 | 3,788.7 | (0.3) | 4.1 | 3,545.3 | 3,653.1 | 3,681.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Service Indus. ('000) | JUNE | 9,983.8 | 10,158.4 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 9,746.4 | 9,852.4 | 9,994.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 17/07/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | APR | 1,396,336 | 1,349,807 | 11.4 | (3.3) | 15,791,449 | 13,748,242 | 13,069,982 | (12.9) | (4.9) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | APR | 1,049,490 | 881,800 | (3.7) | (16.0) | 1,114,807 x | 956,428 x | 911,469 x | (14.2) | (4.7) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | JUNE | 135.6 | 138.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 130.7 | 133.5 | 135.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Food | JUNE | 128.6 | 130.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 123.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Shelter | JUNE | 134.0 | 134.5 | (0.1) | 0.4 | 132.5 | 134.0 | 134.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 22,052 | 22,507 | 22,681 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 120,211.3 | 124,756.8 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 353,981.5 | 364,103.9 | 374,580.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | APR | 575.79 | 598.22 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 568.27 x | 573.75 x | 586.06 x | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-APR | 71,029.1 | 75,957.6 | 1.3 | 6.9 | 206,836.0 | 211,601.0 | 217,103.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-MAY | 4,756.1 | 5,199.8 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 13,299.0 | 13,839.6 | 17,776.8 | 4.1 | 28.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-MAY | 12,702.3 | 15,548.8 | 7.7 | 22.4 | 27,893.8 | 28,168.8 | 31,485.8 | 1.0 | 11.8 |

x - Annual Averages

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 17/07/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 7,710.5 | 7,679.4 | 5.8 | (0.4) | 25,771.8 | 27,017.0 | 28,363.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 1,303.9 * | 1,025.9 * | 13.2 | (21.3) | 1,415.0 * | 1,598.2 * | -- -- | 12.9 | -- -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3) | JAN-APR | 36,544.1 | 38,769.6 | (3.3) | 6.1 | 108,916.2 | 112,870.6 | 107,611.8 | 3.6 | (4.7) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-APR | 20,977.6 | 22,044.9 | (1.1) | 5.1 | 62,409.4 | 61,377.6 | 62,828.4 | (1.7) | 2.4 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-APR | 25,699.8 | 24,899.0 | 3.4 | (3.1) | 72,824.0 | 74,981.0 | 75,809.4 | 3.0 | 1.1 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-APR | 196,231.3 | 195,942.8 | 2.8 | (0.1) | 539,441.7 | 543,470.1 | 548,964.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 127,845.0 | 137,424.0 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 352,893.0 | 390,029.0 | 401,235.0 | 10.5 | 2.9 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-APR | 84,626.7 | 91,509.1 | 2.7 | 8.1 | 213,290.2 | 248,440.8 | 258,418.4 | 16.5 | 4.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 81,444.3 | 76,391.3 | 76,076.6 | (6.2) | (0.4) |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 10,142.6 | 11,691.3 | 2.9 | 15.3 | 27,636.7 | 24,605.8 | 26,145.4 | (11.0) | 6.3 |
| Housing Starts - Units | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JUNE | 45,067 | 57,285 | 3.5 | 27.1 | 127,346 | 89,545 | 101,804 | (29.7) | 13.7 |
| - Completions | JAN-JUNE | 38,373 | 48,813 | (17.6) | 27.2 | 134,076 | 99,089 | 95,980 | (26.1) | (3.1) |
| - Under Construction | JUNE | 55,719 | 62,851 | (0.7) | 12.8 | 59,204 | 49,164 | 54,604 | (17.0) | 11.1 |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-MAR | 16,642 | 22,774 | (13.8) | 36.8 | 154,057 | 110,933 | 126,940 | (28.0) | 14.4 |
| - Completions | JAN-MAR | 21,785 | 25,495 | (16.9) | 17.0 | 162,085 | 119,501 | 117,834 | (26.3) | (1.4) |
| - Under Construction | MAR | 56,759 | 67,730 | (12.1) | 19.3 | 71,562 | 62,038 | 70,670 | (13.3) | 13.9 |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt. Prices, at '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 594,990 | 608,835 | 617,795 e | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 654,768 | 681,186 | 699,403 | 4.0 | 2.7 |

p - Preliminary actual

* - Totals of Atlantic & Pacific coast only.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board



Economic Indicators

Date: August 1997

NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/08/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| POPULATION | APR 1 | 941,260 | 945,839 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 933,857 x | 937,777 x | 942,796 x | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | JAN-MAR | 2,600 | 2,455 | (4.4) | (5.6) | 11,099 | 10,726 | 10,595 | (3.4) | (1.2) |
| Deaths | JAN-MAR | 2,260 | 2,175 | 6.6 | (3.8) | 7,770 | 7,687 | 7,935 | (1.1) | 3.2 |
| Marriages | JAN-MAR | 375 | 370 | (17.6) | (1.3) | 5,374 | 5,418 | 5,160 | 0.8 | (4.8) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | JAN-MAR | (278) | (354) | -- | -- | (249) | 2,522 | 2,055 | -- | (18.5) |
| Net Interprovincial | JAN-MAR | (420) | (527) | -- | -- | (2,625) | (1,741) | (52) | -- | -- |
| Net International | JAN-MAR | 142 | 173 | (89.6) | 21.8 | 2,376 | 4,263 | 2,107 | 79.4 | (50.6) |
| Immigration | JAN-MAR | 721 | 623 | (52.7) | (13.6) | 4,146 | 5,535 | 3,833 | 33.5 | (30.7) |
| Emigration | JAN-MAR | 579 | 450 | 268.8 | (22.3) | 1,770 | 1,272 | 1,726 | (28.1) | 35.7 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | JULY | 437.2 | 442.4 | (0.9) | 1.2 | 438.0 | 437.2 | 440.6 | (0.2) | 0.8 |
| Employed ('000) | JULY | 382.8 | 391.5 | (0.8) | 2.3 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | JULY | 54.4 | 50.9 | (1.6) | (6.4) | 58.3 | 52.9 | 55.6 | (9.3) | 5.1 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JULY | 12.4 | 11.5 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| Participation Rate (%) | JULY | 59.5 | 59.6 | -- | -- | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | -- | -- |
| - Actual | JULY | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | JULY | 403.4 | 412.8 | (0.9) | 2.3 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JULY | 12.3 | 11.4 | -- | -- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | -- | -- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | JULY | 85.2 | 92.2 | (3.1) | 8.2 | 87.1 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 1.3 | (4.1) |
| Service Indus. ('000) | JULY | 300.2 | 298.2 | 1.9 | (0.7) | 292.6 | 296.1 | 300.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

x - Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|
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| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | MAY | 49,274 | 46,429 | (20.4) | (5.8) | 796,187 | 660,004 | 617,429 | (17.1) | (6.5) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | MAY | 42,170 | 40,210 | (11.3) | (4.6) | 59,330 x | 48,543 x | 45,172 x | (18.2) | (6.9) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | JULY | 132.3 | 135.2 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Food | JULY | 133.8 | 135.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 131.2 | 131.1 | 133.0 | (0.1) | 1.4 |
| Shelter | JULY | 125.4 | 127.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 121.2 | 122.9 | 125.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 18,827 | 19,003 | 19,097 e | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 3,495.4 | 3,603.0 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 8,515.1 | 8,586.3 | 8,735.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | MAY | 499.18 | 503.66 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 495.55 x | 489.15 x | 494.47 x | (1.3) | 1.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-MAY | 2,794.4 | 2,901.2 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 6,463.7 | 6,349.0 | 6,851.0 | (1.8) | 7.9 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-JUNE | 177.8 | 191.1 | 1.2 | 7.5 | 445.7 | 456.3 | 469.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-JUNE | 419.9 | 493.3 | 12.9 | 17.5 | 710.9 | 688.8 | 771.5 | (3.1) | 12.0 |

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|
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| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 84.0 | 88.6 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 323.9 | 330.0 | 353.4 | 1.9 | 7.1 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 318.4 | 255.9 | (7.2) | (19.6) | 477.6 | 483.5 | -- | 1.2 | -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3) | JAN-MAY | 1,876.4 | 1,816.6 | (4.6) | (3.2) | 5,170.0 | 4,995.7 | 4,827.3 | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-MAY | 354.1 | 376.5 | 18.2 | 6.3 | 736.3 | 765.9 | 882.8 | 4.0 | 15.3 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-MAY | 1,437.0 | 943.0 | 37.6 | (34.4) | 3,509.4 | 2,483.0 | 3,110.4 | (29.2) | 25.3 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-MAY | 4,509.6 | 4,648.9 | 8.4 | 3.1 | 9,767.4 | 9,571.1 | 9,984.8 | (2.0) | 4.3 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-JUNE | 2,988.7 | 2,945.5 | 4.4 | (1.4) | 5,407.2 | 5,929.2 | 6,122.5 | 9.7 | 3.3 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 711.4 | 686.7 | 5.3 | (3.5) | 2,568.4 | 2,940.7 | 3,061.0 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 1,781.4 | 1,826.3 | 1,955.0 | 2.5 | 7.0 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-JUNE | 293.6 | 295.6 | (1.9) | 0.7 | 669.2 | 619.6 | 689.0 | (7.4) | 11.2 |
| Housing Starts (units) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JULY | 1,442 | 1,628 | (9.3) | 12.9 | 3,304 | 2,695 | 2,806 | (18.4) | 4.1 |
| - Completions | JAN-JULY | 1,465 | 1,254 | 10.8 | (14.4) | 3,425 | 2,811 | 2,845 | (17.9) | 1.2 |
| - Under Construction | JULY | 1,178 | 1,479 | (26.5) | 25.6 | 1,336 | 1,218 | 1,159 | (8.8) | (4.8) |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JUNE | 1,670 | 1,828 | (10.1) | 9.5 | 4,748 | 4,168 | 4,059 | (12.2) | (2.6) |
| - Completions | JAN-JUNE | 1,696 | 1,639 | 5.1 | (3.4) | 4,920 | 4,170 | 4,062 | (15.2) | (2.6) |
| - Under Construction | JUNE | 1,933 | 2,073 | (14.9) | 7.2 | 2,038 | 1,980 | 1,944 | (2.8) | (1.8) |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt.Prices, '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 14,791 | 14,855 | 14,705 | 0.4 | (1.0) |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 15,848 | 16,321 | 16,309 | 3.0 | (0.1) |

p - Preliminary actual

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/08/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| POPULATION | APR 1 | 29,866,597 | 30,202,873 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 29,255,599 x | 29,615,325 x | 29,963,631 x | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | JAN-MAR | 91,465 | 90,595 | (2.2) | (1.0) | 385,110 | 378,011 | 375,680 | (1.8) | (0.6) |
| Deaths | JAN-MAR | 58,835 | 59,200 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 207,077 | 210,733 | 215,520 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Marriages | JAN-MAR | 16,385 | 16,350 | (8.1) | (0.2) | 159,959 | 160,616 | 158,680 | 0.4 | (1.2) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | JAN-MAR | 14,046 | 35,538 | (83.1) | 153.0 | 136,392 | 227,406 | 155,861 | 66.7 | (31.5) |
| Immigration | JAN-MAR | 52,327 | 53,051 | (42.8) | 1.4 | 255,839 | 303,195 | 243,914 | 18.5 | (19.6) |
| Emigration | JAN-MAR | 38,281 | 17,513 | 348.2 | (54.3) | 119,447 | 75,789 | 88,053 | (36.6) | 16.2 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | JULY | 15,138.5 | 15,346.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 14,932.4 | 14,927.6 | 15,145.4 | (0.0) | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | JULY | 13,646.8 | 13,962.4 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | JULY | 1,491.7 | 1,383.8 | 3.0 | (7.2) | 1,540.7 | 1,422.1 | 1,469.2 | (7.7) | 3.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JULY | 9.9 | 9.0 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | JULY | 64.8 | 64.7 | --- | --- | 65.3 | 64.8 | 64.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | JULY | 14,097.7 | 14,418.5 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | JULY | 9.8 | 9.0 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Month Moving Average | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | JULY | 3,678.5 | 3,761.6 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 3,545.3 | 3,653.1 | 3,681.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Service Indus. ('000) | JULY | 9,968.3 | 10,200.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 9,746.4 | 9,852.4 | 9,994.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/08/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | MAY | 1,125,512 | 935,781 | (10.1) | (16.9) | 15,791,449 | 13,748,242 | 13,069,982 | (12.9) | (4.9) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | MAY | 888,950 | 749,500 | (2.6) | (15.7) | 1,114,807 x | 956,428 x | 911,469 x | (14.2) | (4.7) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | JULY | 135.6 | 138.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 130.7 | 133.5 | 135.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Food | JULY | 128.3 | 131.0 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 123.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Shelter | JULY | 134.1 | 134.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 132.5 | 134.0 | 134.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 22,052 | 22,507 | 22,681 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 151,360.9 | 157,308.0 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 353,981.5 | 364,103.9 | 374,580.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | MAY | 583.74 | 602.63 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 568.27 x | 573.75 x | 586.06 x | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE* | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-MAY | 88,913.4 | 95,301.3 | 1.3 | 7.2 | 206,836.0 | 211,601.0 | 217,103.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-JUNE | 5,902.5 | 6,453.4 | 3.8 | 9.3 | 13,299.0 | 13,839.6 | 17,776.8 | 4.1 | 28.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-JUNE | 15,844.7 | 19,216.8 | 7.8 | 21.3 | 27,893.8 | 28,168.8 | 31,485.8 | 1.0 | 11.8 |

x - Annual Averages

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/08/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Reference Period | Month/Quarter 1 Year Ago | Latest Month/Quarter | Percent Change | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Percent Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ Previous | Latest Period/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-MAR | 7,710.5 | 7,679.4 | 5.8 | (0.4) | 25,771.8 | 27,017.0 | 28,363.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT | 1,303.9 * | 1,025.9 * | 13.2 | (21.3) | 1,415.0 * | 1,598.2 * | -- -- | 12.9 | -- -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3) | JAN-MAY | 43,922.3 | 46,559.4 | (6.1) | 6.0 | 108,916.2 | 112,870.6 | 107,611.8 | 3.6 | (4.7) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-MAY | 26,939.3 | 27,878.7 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 62,409.4 | 62,576.2 | 63,770.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-MAY | 32,216.1 | 31,562.8 | 3.0 | (2.0) | 72,824.0 | 74,981.0 | 75,809.4 | 3.0 | 1.1 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-MAY | 237,639.5 | 237,676.9 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 539,441.7 | 543,470.1 | 548,964.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 163,167.0 | 174,822.0 | 0.7 | 7.1 | 352,893.0 | 390,029.0 | 401,235.0 | 10.5 | 2.9 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-MAY | 107,350.6 | 115,029.0 | 3.5 | 7.2 | 213,290.2 | 248,440.8 | 258,418.4 | 16.5 | 4.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 81,444.3 | 76,076.6 | 84,279.7 | (6.6) | 10.8 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-JUNE | 12,706.6 | 14,751.3 | 3.0 | 16.1 | 27,636.7 | 24,605.8 | 26,145.4 | (11.0) | 6.3 |
| Housing Starts - Units Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JULY | 55,576 | 69,437 | 7.7 | 24.9 | 127,346 | 89,545 | 101,804 | (29.7) | 13.7 |
| - Completions | JAN-JULY | 48,999 | 62,275 | (14.7) | 27.1 | 134,076 | 99,089 | 95,980 | (26.1) | (3.1) |
| - Under Construction | JULY | 55,583 | 61,575 | 4.3 | 10.8 | 59,204 | 49,164 | 54,604 | (17.0) | 11.1 |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-JUNE | 55,077 | 67,277 | 5.1 | 22.2 | 154,057 | 110,933 | 126,940 | (28.0) | 14.4 |
| - Completions | JAN-JUNE | 47,379 | 60,334 | (14.1) | 27.3 | 162,085 | 119,501 | 117,834 | (26.3) | (1.4) |
| - Under Construction | JUNE | 69,557 | 77,340 | 1.6 | 11.2 | 71,562 | 62,038 | 70,670 | (13.3) | 13.9 |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt. Prices, at '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 594,990 | 608,835 | 617,795 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 654,768 | 681,186 | 699,309 | 4.0 | 2.7 |

p - Preliminary actual

* - Totals of Atlantic & Pacific coast only.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|---|------------|---------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| POPULATION | JULY 1/97 | 943,219 | 947,917 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 934,657 x | 938,453 x | 943,219 x | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | APR-JUN/97 | 2,765 | 2,695 | (2.2) | (2.5) | 11,099 | 10,726 | 10,488 | (3.4) | (2.2) |
| Deaths | APR-JUN/97 | 1,928 | 1,940 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 7,770 | 7,687 | 7,750 | (1.1) | 0.8 |
| Marriages | APR-JUN/97 | 1,245 | 1,320 | (3.0) | 6.0 | 5,374 | 5,329 | 5,160 | (0.8) | (3.2) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | APR-JUN/97 | 423 | 759 | --- | --- | (318) | 2,342 | 1,905 | --- | --- |
| Net Interprovincial | APR-JUN/97 | 66 | 254 | --- | --- | (2,694) | (1,972) | (246) | --- | --- |
| Net International | APR-JUN/97 | 357 | 505 | --- | --- | 2,376 | 4,314 | 2,151 | --- | --- |
| Immigration | APR-JUN/97 | 977 | 896 | 1.9 | (8.3) | 4,146 | 5,586 | 4,091 | 34.7 | (26.8) |
| Emigration | APR-JUN/97 | 620 | 391 | (2.2) | (36.9) | 1,770 | 1,272 | 1,940 | (28.1) | 52.5 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | NOV/97 | 440.5 | 446.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 438.0 | 437.2 | 440.6 | (0.2) | 0.8 |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 383.5 | 395.1 | (0.8) | 3.0 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | NOV/97 | 57.0 | 51.3 | 14.9 | (10.0) | 58.3 | 52.9 | 55.6 | (9.3) | 5.1 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 12.9 | 11.5 | --- | --- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 59.7 | 60.0 | --- | --- | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 384.4 | 395.7 | (0.9) | 2.9 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 12.1 | 10.6 | --- | --- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 84.1 | 95.2 | (3.8) | 13.2 | 87.1 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 1.3 | (4.1) |
| Service Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 299.7 | 299.2 | (0.1) | (0.2) | 292.6 | 296.1 | 300.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

x - Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

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Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago | Current 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | SEPT/97 | 39,760 | 38,613 | 2.5 | (2.9) | 796,187 | 660,004 | 617,429 | (17.1) | (6.5) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | SEPT/97 | 33,450 | 28,820 | (6.4) | (13.8) | 59,330 x | 48,543 x | 45,172 x | (18.2) | (6.9) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | NOV/97 | 134.3 | 135.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Food | NOV/97 | 134.1 | 136.2 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 131.2 | 131.1 | 133.0 | (0.1) | 1.4 |
| Shelter | NOV/97 | 127.0 | 127.7 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 121.2 | 122.9 | 125.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 18,827 | 19,003 | 19,097 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 6,499.1 | 7,027.9 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 8,515.1 | 8,586.3 | 8,820.0 | 0.8 | 2.7 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | SEPT/97 | 492.50 | 498.43 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 495.55 x | 489.15 x | 494.47 x | (1.3) | 1.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-OCT/97 | 5,667.8 | 5,433.6 | 6.9 | (4.1) | 6,463.7 | 6,349.0 | 6,851.0 | (1.8) | 7.9 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-SEPT/97 | 283.6 | 309.7 | 0.5 | 9.2 | 445.7 | 456.3 | 469.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-OCT/97 | 661.4 | 788.4 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 710.9 | 688.8 | 771.5 | (3.1) | 12.0 |

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Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|---------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current | | | % Change Reference Period | | | | | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | Reference | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | | |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 283.9 | 269.6 | 17.8 | (5.0) | 323.9 | 329.9 | 382.2 | 1.9 | 15.9 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/96 | 318.4 | 255.9 | (7.2) | (19.6) | 477.6 | 483.5 | -- | 1.2 | -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3) | JAN-AUG/97 | 3,191.1 | 2,956.9 | (2.9) | (7.3) | 5,170.0 | 4,995.7 | 4,827.3 | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 659.1 | 735.2 | 19.9 | 11.5 | 736.3 | 765.9 | 882.8 | 4.0 | 15.3 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 2,251.9 | 1,886.7 | 20.2 | (16.2) | 3,509.4 | 2,483.0 | 3,171.8 | (29.2) | 27.7 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 7,410.4 | 7,679.3 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 9,767.4 | 9,571.1 | 9,984.8 | (2.0) | 4.3 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 5,122.7 | 5,181.2 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 5,407.2 | 5,960.1 | 6,131.8 | 10.2 | 2.9 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-JUNE/97 | 1,538.9 | 1,469.3 | 4.5 | (4.5) | 2,568.4 | 2,940.7 | 3,061.0 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 1,781.4 | 1,826.3 | 1,955.0 | 2.5 | 7.0 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 574.3 | 549.9 | 3.7 | (4.2) | 669.2 | 619.6 | 689.0 | (7.4) | 11.2 |
| Housing Starts (units) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-OCT/97 | 2,242 | 2,298 | (0.8) | 2.5 | 3,304 | 2,695 | 2,806 | (18.4) | 4.1 |
| - Completions | JAN-OCT/97 | 2,120 | 2,109 | (10.8) | (0.5) | 3,425 | 2,811 | 2,845 | (17.9) | 1.2 |
| - Under Construction | OCT/97 | 1,324 | 1,295 | 8.7 | (2.2) | 1,336 | 1,218 | 1,159 | (8.8) | (4.8) |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-SEPT/97 | 3,002 | 2,973 | (5.7) | (1.0) | 4,748 | 4,168 | 4,059 | (12.2) | (2.6) |
| - Completions | JAN-SEPT/97 | 2,737 | 2,628 | (6.9) | (4.0) | 4,920 | 4,170 | 4,062 | (15.2) | (2.6) |
| - Under Construction | SEPT/97 | 2,225 | 2,226 | (2.0) | 0.0 | 2,038 | 1,980 | 1,944 | (2.8) | (1.8) |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt.Prices, '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 14,791 | 14,855 | 14,705 | 0.4 | (1.0) |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 15,848 | 16,321 | 16,309 | 3.0 | (0.1) |

p - Preliminary actual

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|---------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| POPULATION | JULY 1/97 | 29,969,209 | 30,286,596 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 29,255,599 x | 29,617,448 x | 29,969,209 x | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | APR-JUN/97 | 95,865 | 94,510 | (3.5) | (1.4) | 385,110 | 378,011 | 364,732 | (1.8) | (3.5) |
| Deaths | APR-JUN/97 | 52,679 | 53,430 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 207,077 | 210,733 | 213,649 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| Marriages | APR-JUN/97 | 42,255 | 41,835 | 0.1 | (1.0) | 159,959 | 160,251 | 158,680 | 0.2 | (1.0) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | APR-JUN/97 | 57,166 | 49,147 | 113.2 | (14.0) | 136,392 | 230,038 | 158,679 | 68.7 | (31.0) |
| Immigration | APR-JUN/97 | 67,334 | 62,171 | 11.5 | (7.7) | 255,839 | 305,827 | 253,812 | 19.5 | (17.0) |
| Emigration | APR-JUN/97 | 10,168 | 13,024 | (69.7) | 28.1 | 119,447 | 75,789 | 95,133 | (36.6) | 25.5 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | NOV/97 | 15,246.6 | 15,449.0 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 14,932.4 | 14,927.6 | 15,145.4 | (0.0) | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 13,721.2 | 14,055.2 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | NOV/97 | 1,525.4 | 1,393.8 | 10.2 | (8.6) | 1,540.7 | 1,422.1 | 1,469.2 | (7.7) | 3.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 10.0 | 9.0 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 64.9 | 64.9 | --- | --- | 65.3 | 64.8 | 64.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 13,678.9 | 14,010.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 9.6 | 8.6 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Month Moving Average | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 3,727.1 | 3,805.2 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3,545.3 | 3,653.1 | 3,681.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Service Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 9,994.1 | 10,250.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 9,746.4 | 9,852.4 | 9,994.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|---|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago | Current/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | SEPT/97 | 833,073 | 859,800 | (3.1) | 3.2 | 15,791,449 | 13,748,242 | 13,069,982 | (12.9) | (4.9) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | SEPT/97 | 694,040 | 584,280 | (6.5) | (15.8) | 1,114,807 x | 956,428 x | 911,469 x | (14.2) | (4.7) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | NOV/97 | 136.8 | 138.0 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 130.7 | 133.5 | 135.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Food | NOV/97 | 129.3 | 130.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 123.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Shelter | NOV/97 | 134.3 | 134.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 132.5 | 134.0 | 134.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 22,052 | 22,507 | 22,681 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 279,200.8 | 292,318.3 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 353,981.5 | 364,103.9 | 375,006.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | SEPT/97 | 589.87 | 600.35 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 568.27 x | 573.75 x | 586.06 x | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-OCT/97 | 179,716.6 | 191,430.5 | 1.9 | 6.5 | 206,836.0 | 211,601.0 | 217,103.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-SEPT/97 | 9,247.7 | 10,203.8 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 13,299.0 | 13,839.6 | 14,446.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-OCT/97 | 26,200.8 | 31,968.1 | 9.3 | 22.0 | 27,893.8 | 28,168.8 | 31,485.8 | 1.0 | 11.8 |

x - Annual Averages

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 21,603.5 | 21,715.3 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 25,771.8 | 27,036.9 | 28,600.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/96 | 1,303.9 * | 1,025.9 * | 13.2 | (21.3) | 1,415.0 * | 1,598.2 * | -- -- | 12.9 | -- -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3) | JAN-AUG/97 | 70,216.0 | 72,815.7 | (5.6) | 3.7 | 108,916.2 | 112,870.6 | 107,611.8 | 3.6 | (4.7) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 48,047.0 | 49,084.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 62,409.4 | 62,576.2 | 63,770.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 57,037.8 | 58,198.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 72,824.0 | 74,981.0 | 75,870.8 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 404,706.3 | 406,128.6 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 539,441.7 | 543,470.1 | 511,302.0 | 0.7 | (5.9) |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 302,947.0 | 322,740.0 | 1.8 | 6.5 | 352,893.0 | 396,903.0 | 406,568.0 | 12.5 | 2.4 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 193,530.4 | 205,276.6 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 213,290.2 | 248,440.8 | 258,418.4 | 16.5 | 4.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 81,444.3 | 76,076.6 | 84,279.7 | (6.6) | 10.8 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 22,632.4 | 26,547.3 | 5.5 | 17.3 | 27,636.7 | 24,605.8 | 26,145.4 | (11.0) | 6.3 |
| Housing Starts - Units | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-OCT/97 | 83,366 | 102,801 | 11.6 | 23.3 | 127,346 | 89,545 | 101,804 | (29.7) | 13.7 |
| - Completions | JAN-OCT/97 | 78,816 | 96,411 | (5.2) | 22.3 | 134,076 | 99,089 | 95,980 | (26.1) | (3.1) |
| - Under Construction | OCT/97 | 53,392 | 60,907 | 6.0 | 14.1 | 59,204 | 49,164 | 54,604 | (17.0) | 11.1 |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-SEPT/97 | 92,267 | 110,136 | 11.5 | 19.4 | 154,057 | 110,933 | 126,940 | (28.0) | 14.4 |
| - Completions | JAN-SEPT/97 | 84,465 | 103,161 | (5.5) | 22.1 | 162,085 | 119,501 | 117,834 | (26.3) | (1.4) |
| - Under Construction | SEPT/97 | 69,493 | 77,470 | 8.1 | 11.5 | 71,562 | 62,038 | 70,670 | (13.3) | 13.9 |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt. Prices, at '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 594,990 | 608,835 | 617,795 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 654,768 | 681,186 | 699,309 | 4.0 | 2.7 |

p - Preliminary actual

* - Totals of Atlantic & Pacific coast only.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board



Economic Indicators

December 1997



NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|---|------------|---------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current | | | % Change Reference Period | | | | | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | Reference | 1 Year Ago | Current | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | Period | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| POPULATION | JULY 1/97 | 943,219 | 947,917 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 934,657 x | 938,453 x | 943,219 x | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | APR-JUN/97 | 2,765 | 2,695 | (2.2) | (2.5) | 11,099 | 10,726 | 10,488 | (3.4) | (2.2) |
| Deaths | APR-JUN/97 | 1,928 | 1,940 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 7,770 | 7,687 | 7,750 | (1.1) | 0.8 |
| Marriages | APR-JUN/97 | 1,245 | 1,320 | (3.0) | 6.0 | 5,374 | 5,329 | 5,160 | (0.8) | (3.2) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | APR-JUN/97 | 423 | 759 | --- | --- | (318) | 2,342 | 1,905 | --- | --- |
| Net Interprovincial | APR-JUN/97 | 66 | 254 | --- | --- | (2,694) | (1,972) | (246) | --- | --- |
| Net International | APR-JUN/97 | 357 | 505 | --- | --- | 2,376 | 4,314 | 2,151 | --- | --- |
| Immigration | APR-JUN/97 | 977 | 896 | 1.9 | (8.3) | 4,146 | 5,586 | 4,091 | 34.7 | (26.8) |
| Emigration | APR-JUN/97 | 620 | 391 | (2.2) | (36.9) | 1,770 | 1,272 | 1,940 | (28.1) | 52.5 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | NOV/97 | 440.5 | 446.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 438.0 | 437.2 | 440.6 | (0.2) | 0.8 |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 383.5 | 395.1 | (0.8) | 3.0 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | NOV/97 | 57.0 | 51.3 | 14.9 | (10.0) | 58.3 | 52.9 | 55.6 | (9.3) | 5.1 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 12.9 | 11.5 | --- | --- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 59.7 | 60.0 | --- | --- | 60.4 | 59.8 | 59.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 384.4 | 395.7 | (0.9) | 2.9 | 379.7 | 384.3 | 385.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 12.1 | 10.6 | --- | --- | 13.3 | 12.1 | 12.6 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 84.1 | 95.2 | (3.8) | 13.2 | 87.1 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 1.3 | (4.1) |
| Service Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 299.7 | 299.2 | (0.1) | (0.2) | 292.6 | 296.1 | 300.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

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Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|---------|---|--------|-------------------|----------|----------|---|-------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change 1995/1994 1996/1995 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | SEPT/97 | 39,760 | 38,613 | 2.5 | (2.9) | 796,187 | 660,004 | 617,429 | (17.1) | (6.5) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | SEPT/97 | 33,450 | 28,820 | (6.4) | (13.8) | 59,330 x | 48,543 x | 45,172 x | (18.2) | (6.9) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | NOV/97 | 134.3 | 135.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 132.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Food | NOV/97 | 134.1 | 136.2 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 131.2 | 131.1 | 133.0 | (0.1) | 1.4 |
| Shelter | NOV/97 | 127.0 | 127.7 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 121.2 | 122.9 | 125.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 18,827 | 19,003 | 19,097 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 6,499.1 | 7,027.9 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 8,515.1 | 8,586.3 | 8,820.0 | 0.8 | 2.7 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | SEPT/97 | 492.50 | 498.43 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 495.55 x | 489.15 x | 494.47 x | (1.3) | 1.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-OCT/97 | 5,667.8 | 5,433.6 | 6.9 | (4.1) | 6,463.7 | 6,349.0 | 6,851.0 | (1.8) | 7.9 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-SEPT/97 | 283.6 | 309.7 | 0.5 | 9.2 | 445.7 | 456.3 | 469.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-OCT/97 | 661.4 | 788.4 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 710.9 | 688.8 | 771.5 | (3.1) | 12.0 |

x - Annual Averages

NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago | Current/ 1 Year Ago | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 283.9 | 269.6 | 17.8 | (5.0) | 323.9 | 329.9 | 382.2 | 1.9 | 15.9 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/96 | 318.4 | 255.9 | (7.2) | (19.6) | 477.6 | 483.5 | -- | 1.2 | -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3) | JAN-AUG/97 | 3,191.1 | 2,956.9 | (2.9) | (7.3) | 5,170.0 | 4,995.7 | 4,827.3 | (3.4) | (3.4) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 659.1 | 735.2 | 19.9 | 11.5 | 736.3 | 765.9 | 882.8 | 4.0 | 15.3 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 2,251.9 | 1,886.7 | 20.2 | (16.2) | 3,509.4 | 2,483.0 | 3,171.8 | (29.2) | 27.7 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 7,410.4 | 7,679.3 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 9,767.4 | 9,571.1 | 9,984.8 | (2.0) | 4.3 |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 5,122.7 | 5,181.2 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 5,407.2 | 5,960.1 | 6,131.8 | 10.2 | 2.9 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-JUNE/97 | 1,538.9 | 1,469.3 | 4.5 | (4.5) | 2,568.4 | 2,940.7 | 3,061.0 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 1,781.4 | 1,826.3 | 1,955.0 | 2.5 | 7.0 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 574.3 | 549.9 | 3.7 | (4.2) | 669.2 | 619.6 | 689.0 | (7.4) | 11.2 |
| Housing Starts (units) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-OCT/97 | 2,242 | 2,298 | (0.8) | 2.5 | 3,304 | 2,695 | 2,806 | (18.4) | 4.1 |
| - Completions | JAN-OCT/97 | 2,120 | 2,109 | (10.8) | (0.5) | 3,425 | 2,811 | 2,845 | (17.9) | 1.2 |
| - Under Construction | OCT/97 | 1,324 | 1,295 | 8.7 | (2.2) | 1,336 | 1,218 | 1,159 | (8.8) | (4.8) |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-SEPT/97 | 3,002 | 2,973 | (5.7) | (1.0) | 4,748 | 4,168 | 4,059 | (12.2) | (2.6) |
| - Completions | JAN-SEPT/97 | 2,737 | 2,628 | (6.9) | (4.0) | 4,920 | 4,170 | 4,062 | (15.2) | (2.6) |
| - Under Construction | SEPT/97 | 2,225 | 2,226 | (2.0) | 0.0 | 2,038 | 1,980 | 1,944 | (2.8) | (1.8) |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt.Prices, '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 14,791 | 14,855 | 14,705 | 0.4 | (1.0) |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 15,848 | 16,321 | 16,309 | 3.0 | (0.1) |

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| POPULATION | JULY 1/97 | 29,969,209 | 30,286,596 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 29,255,599 x | 29,617,448 x | 29,969,209 x | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Births | APR-JUN/97 | 95,865 | 94,510 | (3.5) | (1.4) | 385,110 | 378,011 | 364,732 | (1.8) | (3.5) |
| Deaths | APR-JUN/97 | 52,679 | 53,430 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 207,077 | 210,733 | 213,649 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| Marriages | APR-JUN/97 | 42,255 | 41,835 | 0.1 | (1.0) | 159,959 | 160,251 | 158,680 | 0.2 | (1.0) |
| MIGRATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Net Migration | APR-JUN/97 | 57,166 | 49,147 | 113.2 | (14.0) | 136,392 | 230,038 | 158,679 | 68.7 | (31.0) |
| Immigration | APR-JUN/97 | 67,334 | 62,171 | 11.5 | (7.7) | 255,839 | 305,827 | 253,812 | 19.5 | (17.0) |
| Emigration | APR-JUN/97 | 10,168 | 13,024 | (69.7) | 28.1 | 119,447 | 75,789 | 95,133 | (36.6) | 25.5 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Labour Force ('000) | NOV/97 | 15,246.6 | 15,449.0 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 14,932.4 | 14,927.6 | 15,145.4 | (0.0) | 1.5 |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 13,721.2 | 14,055.2 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | NOV/97 | 1,525.4 | 1,393.8 | 10.2 | (8.6) | 1,540.7 | 1,422.1 | 1,469.2 | (7.7) | 3.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 10.0 | 9.0 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| Participation Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 64.9 | 64.9 | --- | --- | 65.3 | 64.8 | 64.9 | --- | --- |
| - Actual | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | NOV/97 | 13,678.9 | 14,010.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 13,291.7 | 13,505.5 | 13,676.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemp. Rate (%) | NOV/97 | 9.6 | 8.6 | --- | --- | 10.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | --- | --- |
| - Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Month Moving Average | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 3,727.1 | 3,805.2 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3,545.3 | 3,653.1 | 3,681.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| Service Indus. ('000) | NOV/97 | 9,994.1 | 10,250.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 9,746.4 | 9,852.4 | 9,994.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

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| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|---|---|------------|-----------|---|--------|-------------------|------------|------------|---|-------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change 1995/1994 1996/1995 | |
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| U.I.C BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits Paid (\$'000) | SEPT/97 | 833,073 | 859,800 | (3.1) | 3.2 | 15,791,449 | 13,748,242 | 13,069,982 | (12.9) | (4.9) |
| Total Beneficiaries (Number) | SEPT/97 | 694,040 | 584,280 | (6.5) | (15.8) | 1,114,807 x | 956,428 x | 911,469 x | (14.2) | (4.7) |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1986=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | NOV/97 | 136.8 | 138.0 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 130.7 | 133.5 | 135.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Food | NOV/97 | 129.3 | 130.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 123.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Shelter | NOV/97 | 134.3 | 134.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 132.5 | 134.0 | 134.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Income Per Capita (\$) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 22,052 | 22,507 | 22,681 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 279,200.8 | 292,318.3 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 353,981.5 | 364,103.9 | 375,006.3 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$) | SEPT/97 | 589.87 | 600.35 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 568.27 x | 573.75 x | 586.06 x | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| - (\$ millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Retail Outlets-S.A. | JAN-OCT/97 | 179,716.6 | 191,430.5 | 1.9 | 6.5 | 206,836.0 | 211,601.0 | 217,103.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Dept. Store Sales-Actual | JAN-SEPT/97 | 9,247.7 | 10,203.8 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 13,299.0 | 13,839.6 | 14,446.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual | JAN-OCT/97 | 26,200.8 | 31,968.1 | 9.3 | 22.0 | 27,893.8 | 28,168.8 | 31,485.8 | 1.0 | 11.8 |

x - Annual Averages

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Date: 19/12/97

| INDICATOR | MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS | | | | | ANNUAL STATISTICS | | | | |
|--|---|------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Current Reference Period | 1 Year Ago | Current | % Change Reference Period | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | Year-over-Year % Change | |
| | | | | 1 Year Ago/ | Current/ | | | | 1995/1994 | 1996/1995 |
| | | | | 2 Years Ago | 1 Year Ago | | | | | |
| COMMODITY SECTORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 21,603.5 | 21,715.3 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 25,771.8 | 27,036.9 | 28,600.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| Fish Landings (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/96 | 1,303.9 * | 1,025.9 * | 13.2 | (21.3) | 1,415.0 * | 1,598.2 * | -- -- | 12.9 | -- -- |
| Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3) | JAN-AUG/97 | 70,216.0 | 72,815.7 | (5.6) | 3.7 | 108,916.2 | 112,870.6 | 107,611.8 | 3.6 | (4.7) |
| Lumber Prod. (000m^3) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 48,047.0 | 49,084.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 62,409.4 | 62,576.2 | 63,770.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 57,037.8 | 58,198.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 72,824.0 | 74,981.0 | 75,870.8 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| Power Generated (GW.h) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 404,706.3 | 406,128.6 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 539,441.7 | 543,470.1 | 511,302.0 | 0.7 | (5.9) |
| Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 302,947.0 | 322,740.0 | 1.8 | 6.5 | 352,893.0 | 396,903.0 | 406,568.0 | 12.5 | 2.4 |
| Foreign Exports (\$ millions) | JAN-SEPT/97 | 193,530.4 | 205,276.6 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 213,290.2 | 248,440.8 | 258,418.4 | 16.5 | 4.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions) | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 81,444.3 | 76,076.6 | 84,279.7 | (6.6) | 10.8 |
| Building Permits (\$ millions) | JAN-OCT/97 | 22,632.4 | 26,547.3 | 5.5 | 17.3 | 27,636.7 | 24,605.8 | 26,145.4 | (11.0) | 6.3 |
| Housing Starts - Units | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres 10,000+ | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-OCT/97 | 83,366 | 102,801 | 11.6 | 23.3 | 127,346 | 89,545 | 101,804 | (29.7) | 13.7 |
| - Completions | JAN-OCT/97 | 78,816 | 96,411 | (5.2) | 22.3 | 134,076 | 99,089 | 95,980 | (26.1) | (3.1) |
| - Under Construction | OCT/97 | 53,392 | 60,907 | 6.0 | 14.1 | 59,204 | 49,164 | 54,604 | (17.0) | 11.1 |
| All Areas | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Starts | JAN-SEPT/97 | 92,267 | 110,136 | 11.5 | 19.4 | 154,057 | 110,933 | 126,940 | (28.0) | 14.4 |
| - Completions | JAN-SEPT/97 | 84,465 | 103,161 | (5.5) | 22.1 | 162,085 | 119,501 | 117,834 | (26.3) | (1.4) |
| - Under Construction | SEPT/97 | 69,493 | 77,470 | 8.1 | 11.5 | 71,562 | 62,038 | 70,670 | (13.3) | 13.9 |
| GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - at Mkt. Prices, at '86 prices | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 594,990 | 608,835 | 617,795 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| - at Factor Cost | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | -- -- | 654,768 | 681,186 | 699,309 | 4.0 | 2.7 |

p - Preliminary actual

* - Totals of Atlantic & Pacific coast only.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board