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## BC at a glance . . .

<b>POPULATION (thousands)</b>			% change
		Jul 1/97	on year ago
BC	3,933.3		2.0
Canada	30,286.6		1.1
<b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>			% change
<i>(BC - at market prices - \$ millions)</i>		1996	on year ago
Current Dollars	103,631		1.7
Constant (1986) Dollars	74,001		1.0
<b>TRADE (\$ millions)</b>			
Manufacturing Shipments (seas. adj.) Oct	2,813		-4.7
Merchandise Exports (raw) Oct	2,014		-14.2
Retail Sales (seasonally adjusted) Oct	2,760		4.9
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>			% change
<i>(all items - 1986=100)</i>		Nov '97	on year ago
BC	139.6		0.6
Canada	138.0		0.9
<b>LABOUR FORCE (thousands)</b>			% change
<i>(seasonally adjusted)</i>		Nov '97	on year ago
Labour Force - BC	2,028		0.5
Employed - BC	1,848		1.0
Unemployed - BC	181		-4.5
		Nov '96	
Unemployment Rate - BC (percent)	8.9		9.4
Unemployment Rate - Canada (percent)	9.0		10.0
<b>INTEREST RATES (percent)</b>		Dec 24/97	Dec 25/96
Prime Business Rate	6.00		4.75
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	6.40		5.20
- 5 year	7.05		6.95
<b>US/CANADA EXCHANGE RATE</b>		Dec 24/97	Dec 25/96
<i>(avg. noon spot rate)</i> Cdn \$	1.4352		N/A
US \$ <i>(reciprocal of above rate)</i>	0.6968		N/A
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>			% change
<i>(industrial aggregate - dollars)</i>		Oct '97	on year ago
BC	615.79		0.2
Canada	597.26		0.3
<b>SOURCES:</b>			
Gross Domestic Product: Statistics Canada, revised by BC STATS			
Population, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Earnings: Statistics Canada			
Interest Rates, Exchange Rates: Bank of Canada Weekly Financial Statistics			

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