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	2020				2021				2022				2019	2020	2021	2022	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.																
Real GDP (chain-weighted)	-7.3	-38.1	40.5	7.5	0.0	5.5	7.7	7.0	3.6	2.6	3.0	2.6	1.9	-5.4	5.0	4.5	
Final Sales	-5.2	-33.6	41.6	1.1	0.5	4.3	6.9	5.7	3.2	2.2	3.1	3.0	1.7	-3.6	4.1	4.0	
Final Domestic Demand	-6.1	-38.4	50.8	3.2	0.5	4.2	6.8	5.7	3.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	1.4	-4.5	4.8	4.2	
Consumer Spending	-10.1	-44.3	62.8	2.0	-0.3	5.7	9.8	6.8	3.4	2.4	3.9	4.0	1.6	-6.4	5.3	4.8	
Durables	-31.2	-46.2	262.7	-8.0	-3.0	8.5	10.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.5	0.0	-5.1	12.9	3.7	
Nondurables	14.3	-14.8	18.7	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	
Services	-11.1	-54.1	44.3	4.0	-1.0	6.7	12.5	9.4	5.1	3.0	4.5	4.5	2.1	-10.7	3.3	6.4	
Government Spending	-0.3	-12.7	15.0	3.8	0.6	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	0.0	2.7	2.5	
Business Investment	-0.6	-55.1	25.8	3.7	3.3	3.3	5.6	8.3	7.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	1.1	-12.5	0.9	5.9	
Non-residential Construction	6.9	-49.8	-1.2	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	7.2	7.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.1	-9.4	-3.3	4.5	
Machinery and Equipment	-12.7	-63.6	91.8	8.0	7.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	1.0	-17.6	7.8	7.9	
Residential Construction	-1.4	-47.7	187.3	8.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	-0.2	3.8	12.3	3.1	
Exports	-6.6	-56.7	71.8	10.0	5.0	2.3	3.3	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	1.3	-9.6	5.6	5.2	
Imports	-9.3	-65.0	113.7	16.6	4.8	2.0	3.3	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8	0.4	-11.5	8.0	5.7	
Inventory Change	2012\$ blns : a.r.	1.3	-31.9	-36.0	-1.8	-4.7	1.5	5.9	12.9	15.2	17.4	16.9	14.4	18.8	-17.1	3.9	16.0
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-2.0	-5.9	-0.7	6.4	-0.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-1.7	0.9	0.5
Net Exports	2012\$ blns : a.r.	9.8	35.0	7.9	-1.0	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	-1.2	-2.8	-4.6	-6.6	0.5	12.9	-0.2	-3.8	
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	1.0	4.1	-12.9	-2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.3	
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	2,280	2,002	2,235	2,296	2,305	2,347	2,404	2,458	2,491	2,518	2,548	2,577	2,311	2,203	2,378	2,534
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	-10.4	-40.5	55.2	11.4	1.6	7.5	10.2	9.3	5.4	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.6	-4.6	7.9	6.5
Real GDP	y/y % chng	-0.3	-12.5	-5.2	-3.5	-1.7	12.3	5.1	5.0	5.9	5.2	4.0	2.9				
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index	-3.6	-3.9	10.7	3.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.8	2.8	1.9	
CPI All Items	0.2	-2.9	2.7	3.2	3.1	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.9	0.8	2.0	2.1	
Ex. Food and Energy	0.8	0.2	0.8	2.6	2.0	0.9	1.3	2.0	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.2	1.5	2.1	
Food Prices	1.8	4.4	-0.7	1.6	0.5	2.2	1.8	2.6	2.2	1.8	1.7	2.1	3.4	2.5	1.4	2.1	
Energy Prices	-11.8	-40.7	41.0	9.3	12.7	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.0	-2.9	-6.6	7.0	2.6	
Services	1.8	2.0	0.7	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.5	2.5	1.5	1.7	2.2	
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.5	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.3				
CPIX8	y/y % chng	1.7	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.2	1.9	2.0
New Core CPIs	y/y % chng : avg.	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0
Financial	% : quarterly avg.																
Overnight Rate	1.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.75	0.50	0.25	0.25	
3-Month T-Bill	1.29	0.22	0.16	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.65	0.44	0.10	0.10	
90-Day BAs	1.81	0.66	0.52	0.49	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	2.02	0.87	0.45	0.45	
10-Year Bond Yield	1.20	0.59	0.55	0.67	1.10	1.50	1.50	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.59	0.75	1.40	1.60	
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	2.03	2.72	2.16	2.01	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.20	1.93	2.23	1.85	2.18	
90 Day Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	16	8	5	1	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	-45	7	3	3	
10 Year Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-18	-10	-10	-19	-17	-10	-12	-14	-15	-15	-15	-56	-14	-13	-15	
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.																
Current Account Balance	-55.5	-28.0	-30.1	-34.5	-36.5	-36.8	-37.3	-39.2	-42.0	-45.1	-48.6	-52.5	-47.4	-37.0	-37.5	-47.0	
Share of GDP	-2.4	-1.4	-1.3	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.7	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0	-2.1	-1.7	-1.6	-1.9	
Merchandise Balance	-32.5	-32.8	-35.1	-38.3	-39.4	-38.1	-35.5	-32.2	-31.1	-30.0	-28.8	-27.6	-15.4	-34.7	-36.3	-29.4	
Non-Merchandise Balance	-23.0	4.8	5.0	3.8	2.9	1.3	-1.9	-6.9	-10.9	-15.1	-19.7	-24.8	-32.0	-2.4	-1.2	-17.6	
US\$	US\$/C\$: qtr. avg.	74.4	72.2	75.1	76.7	78.7	79.1	79.5	79.9	80.0	80.0	80.0	75.4	74.6	79.3	80.0	
	C\$/US\$: qtr. avg.	1.343	1.385	1.332	1.303	1.270	1.264	1.258	1.252	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.327	1.341	1.261	1.250	
Yen	¥/C\$: qtr. avg.	81.1	77.6	79.7	80.2	82.3	82.3	82.0	81.7	81.7	81.9	82.1	82.3	82.2	79.6	82.1	82.0
Euro	C\$/€ : qtr. avg.	1.48	1.53	1.56	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.55	1.55	1.49	1.53	1.54	1.55	
Corp. Profits Before Tax	y/y % chng	-13.8	-43.4	14.1	20.9	36.4	101.3	8.3	8.1	9.5	8.7	7.4	6.2	-12.0	-6.3	29.4	7.9
Corp. Profits After Tax	y/y % chng	-5.7	-21.5	1.4	7.3	11.7	34.7	8.3	8.1	9.5	8.7	7.4	6.2	-1.7	-4.7	14.6	7.9
Personal Income	y/y % chng	4.7	8.5	6.5	5.5	3.8	-1.2	0.8	1.3	2.8	3.3	3.5	4.5	6.3	1.2	3.3	
Real Disposable Income	y/y % chng	3.9	15.0	9.6	8.8	5.8	-5.5	-1.2	-0.9	0.5	1.1	1.3	1.5	2.2	9.3	-0.6	1.1
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	5.9	27.5	14.6	12.7	9.8	7.6	5.6	4.3	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.6	1.4	15.4	6.8	3.0
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	6.4	13.1	10.1	8.8	9.2	8.3	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.3	5.7	9.6	8.0	6.5
Housing Starts	000s : a.r.	207	191	239	239	237	218	213	210	210	210	210	208	219	220	210	
Existing Home Sales	y/y % chng	11.1	-29.8	32.5	34.4	41.9	79.6	-12.5	-15.5	-17.7	-2.4	4.4	4.7	6.6	12.6	13.3	-3.5
MLS Home Price Index	y/y % chng	6.5	6.0	10.2	13.2	14.0	15.2	10.1	6.7	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.7	1.4	8.2	12.0	5.0
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	1.70	1.04	1.86	1.77	1.70	1.96	2.05	2.07	2.04	2.01	1.97	1.98	1.96	1.59	1.95	2.00
Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	-5.5	-38.2	38.5	9.9	-2.7	6.4	5.4	4.1	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.2	-5.1	4.5	3.5
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.	-7.9	-45.6	46.4	8.5	7.1	8.5	7.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	-0.2	-8.5	7.0	4.0
Federal Budget Balance	% of FY GDP													-1.7	-17.5	-5.2	-2.1

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