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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JULY, 1942

Sales of wholesale trading establishments averaged 5 per cent higher in July this year than last according to statements received from some 300 wholesale houses representing nine different lines of business. The 5 per cent increase was considerably lower than the 19 per cent gain recorded between the two years in the immediately preceding month of June. The smaller increase in July may be attributed in part to the high level of wholesale trading reported in July, 1941, when sales averaged 30 per cent above July, 1940. Sales for the first 7 months of 1942 were up 15 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. The general unadjusted index of sales stands at 154.2 for July, 1942, 167.5 for June, 1942, and 147.1 for July, 1941.

Wholesale trading in Quebec remained unchanged from last year, while other regions of the country showed the following increases: Maritimes, 1 per cent; Ontario, 4 per cent; Prairies, 7 per cent; British Columbia, 13 per cent. The footwear trade reported a marked increase of 35 per cent in July of this year compared with last. Dry goods wholesalers transacted 18 per cent more business than a year ago; the clothing trade was up 15 per cent, while the drug and fruit and vegetable trades each recorded an 11 per cent gain. The hardware, tobacco and confectionery, and the grocery wholesale houses each reported minor gains of 5 per cent, 4 per cent, and 3 per cent respectively. The automotive equipment trade declined by 29 per cent from July, 1941.

Stock holdings at the end of July, 1942, declined from inventory positions recorded in earlier months of 1942 and were 4 per cent higher than the stocks on hand on July 31, 1941. The tobacco and confectionery trade recorded a decrease of 11 per cent in stock holdings. Wholesalers in the clothing trade reported 10 per cent less merchandise on hand than on the corresponding date a year ago, while stocks declined by 4 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade and 2 per cent in the grocery trade. The other trades reported the following increases in stocks on hand at the end of July this year compared with last: footwear, 21 per cent; hardware, 13 per cent; drugs, 8 per cent; automotive equipment, 4 per cent; and dry goods, 1 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1942, compared with 1941			
	SALES			INVENTORY
	(1) June, 1942 / June, 1941	(2) July, 1942 / July, 1941	First 7 Months, 1942 / First 7 Months, 1941	July, 1942 / July, 1941
Automotive Equipment	-23.0	-28.6	+ 2.7	+ 3.6
Maritimes and Quebec	-26.3	-26.9		
Ontario	-22.8	-31.1		
Western Provinces	-22.2	-26.0		
Drugs	+18.8	+10.7	+15.6	+ 8.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+18.6	+10.8		
Western Provinces	+19.3	+10.6		
Clothing	+36.0	+14.7	+30.8	- 9.2
Quebec	+26.3	+ 4.9		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+45.8	+29.0		
Footwear	+14.5	+35.4	+29.6	+21.0
Quebec	+19.5	+25.8		
Ontario	+ 8.9	+44.8		
Dry Goods	+25.2	+17.6	+30.2	+ 0.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+21.4	+11.0		
Ontario	+23.8	+10.5		
Western Provinces	+38.0	+39.2		
Fruit and Vegetables	+21.7	+11.2	+17.7	- 4.3
Maritimes and Quebec	+19.5	+ 6.5		
Ontario	+24.0	+ 7.2		
Western Provinces	+21.0	+16.2		
Groceries	+23.4	+ 2.7	+13.3	- 1.9
Maritimes	+35.4	- 2.8		
Quebec	+27.7	- 3.7		
Ontario	+25.4	+ 3.1		
Prairies	+32.5	+ 4.7		
British Columbia	+26.3	+10.9		
Hardware	+ 9.4	+ 4.6	+15.4	+12.7
Maritimes	+17.3	+ 9.1		
Quebec	+ 9.4	+ 4.8		
Ontario	- 0.5	+ 0.8		
Western Provinces	+14.2	+ 5.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+26.5	+ 4.1	+12.6	-11.3
Quebec	+13.0	- 8.5		
Ontario	+36.9	+ 6.4		
Western Provinces	+27.7	+20.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes	+28.9	+ 1.1		
Quebec	+19.5	+ 0.4		
Ontario	+19.3	+ 3.7		
Prairies	+12.1	+ 6.9		
British Columbia	+26.7	+13.3		
CANADA	+19.1	+ 4.8	+15.1	+ 4.4

(1) Revised.
(2) Preliminary.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1939	103.3	111.3	90.4	102.4	108.4	113.7	107.7	111.1	109.4	104.0
July, 1940	112.8	126.0	100.3	115.0	112.0	124.0	128.0	121.1	13[illegible]6	118.8
July, 1941	147.1	170.5	134.8	146.0	146.0	161.7	172.0	184.6	17[illegible]6	158.0
July, 1942	154.2	172.4	135.3	153.5	156.1	183.2	122.8	134.9	123.7	116.9
1941 - August	156.6	163.1	144.5	153.7	162.0	166.0	174.2	184.0	157.5	179.9
September	171.2	184.2	130.3	169.6	161.8	172.9	196.4	193.1	191.5	192.6
October	170.5	190.2	180.1	166.1	153.4	192.4	189.1	208.4	176.9	177.7
November	147.4	168.1	156.3	142.8	155.8	162.4	161.8	172.8	163.4	153.8
December	137.4	144.9	132.4	141.5	125.3	158.2	163.9	190.4	166.8	159.4
1942 - January	132.2	134.6	118.5	144.0	121.6	147.6	171.8	158.5	202.4	151.1
February	136.1	133.0	132.3	139.3	123.8	160.0	165.0	180.6	154.8	171.4
March	155.4	160.2	163.3	157.5	138.0	163.1	163.6	216.7	161.9	149.7
April	154.5	163.7	158.3	158.4	140.1	166.5	154.3	154.9	153.9	156.5
May	158.7	177.9	164.1	163.6	140.1	173.5	133.8	143.9	132.3	135.4
June	167.5	191.2	169.5	175.5	143.5	187.5	123.4	121.7	123.0	124.8
July	154.2	172.4	135.3	153.5	156.1	183.2	122.8	134.9	123.7	116.9

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1939	101.0	100.1	103.2	61.3	63.7	62.2	54.0	67.4	71.5
July, 1940	111.5	111.6	110.3	74.2	70.7	76.6	63.4	83.5	94.3
July, 1941	140.5	140.1	140.9	103.7	96.8	103.9	86.0	122.0	116.3
July, 1942	155.5	155.2	155.8	118.9	114.8	122.2	95.5	134.8	161.9
1941 - August	147.3	148.2	143.3	185.3	140.4	169.5	149.6	188.8	177.2
September	160.8	162.9	159.6	216.1	202.9	220.0	227.9	231.3	186.7
October	170.8	174.0	159.3	220.4	216.6	195.0	199.2	201.0	180.4
November	154.9	156.2	151.1	182.5	153.0	166.8	179.0	178.1	149.5
December	148.6	149.5	145.8	128.4	172.2	100.6	100.8	94.9	106.5
1942 - January	159.5	163.6	146.2	97.7	98.0	130.8	122.8	162.7	106.0
February	152.4	154.6	147.7	146.6	154.1	151.7	136.9	181.2	136.3
March	154.1	153.7	156.4	173.7	190.6	190.3	194.3	197.1	173.4
April	175.1	175.5	171.1	167.5	196.2	179.9	198.9	179.6	142.5
May	155.1	155.6	152.6	162.3	168.3	170.1	170.7	187.5	142.4
June	158.2	159.4	153.3	154.6	131.3	161.6	170.7	168.6	134.3
July	155.5	155.2	155.8	118.9	114.8	122.2	95.5	134.8	161.9

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1939	111.3	116.5	100.6	110.1	112.0	120.4	113.0	94.0	114.7	125.0
July, 1940	111.3	129.2	109.8	111.1	105.1	111.2	128.0	108.1	134.0	137.3
July, 1941	151.0	178.0	155.0	114.2	147.9	144.4	143.7	119.3	156.6	151.2
July, 1942	155.1	173.0	149.0	148.7	154.9	160.1	159.8	120.1	167.9	175.7
1941 - August	153.8	163.3	149.1	144.0	157.3	161.9	136.2	103.1	137.5	158.2
September	157.0	167.0	161.3	154.3	154.1	157.9	150.2	163.9	133.0	163.3
October	160.9	186.2	177.7	149.5	149.8	177.4	130.3	114.7	135.5	135.6
November	137.0	163.4	153.3	126.0	127.4	147.8	119.0	121.4	122.5	121.5
December	124.6	141.1	117.3	124.1	119.7	132.6	141.2	135.9	155.9	130.6
1942 - January	127.2	140.2	99.9	127.3	127.0	144.7	117.0	99.2	138.7	102.0
February	125.6	136.4	108.5	120.5	122.3	155.6	117.9	139.7	130.8	95.4
March	141.2	159.8	133.4	138.7	130.8	163.3	143.5	160.5	161.0	117.8
April	135.0	153.0	123.7	129.9	131.7	150.1	153.2	154.0	170.4	126.3
May	142.2	176.0	141.2	135.6	132.9	161.0	184.4	202.1	**209.1**	146.8
June	163.3	192.7	161.9	170.0	139.1	179.0	180.8	198.0	**192.8**	160.7
July	155.1	173.0	149.0	148.7	154.9	160.1	159.8	**120.1**	**167.9**	175.7

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1939	105.2	112.4	109.9	95.4	105.7	112.8	118.7	109.1	105.2
July, 1940	128.4	119.4	129.2	124.6	129.2	132.2	127.5	133.8	128.6
July, 1941	175.9	**146.9**	176.7	171.0	180.1	158.5	166.6	156.9	141.1
July, 1942	184.0	160.3	185.2	172.4	190.2	165.0	152.4	166.9	170.6
1941 - August	177.2	160.6	181.3	157.3	178.9	154.8	154.1	162.6	141.3
September	196.2	210.1	215.0	208.8	185.5	151.9	150.8	158.3	142.9
October	200.2	193.6	204.6	204.7	195.4	163.4	159.5	161.9	156.6
November	181.3	172.0	191.0	183.4	175.9	152.1	148.6	154.5	152.8
December	175.0	145.3	163.2	198.0	171.2	168.8	170.5	169.7	164.7
1942 - January	148.0	142.9	154.6	171.6	137.1	142.2	154.0	136.0	127.4
February	157.3	121.8	136.2	160.6	164.9	138.4	147.8	134.5	127.7
March	178.6	161.9	173.4	182.1	176.1	154.7	164.8	151.8	142.7
April	184.3	184.7	183.6	188.1	181.3	163.4	173.8	160.9	146.0
May	180.8	178.1	183.9	186.9	180.5	178.3	199.5	174.2	152.8
June	182.2	183.0	187.7	188.3	181.2	201.8	209.5	207.4	176.1
July	184.0	160.3	185.2	172.4	190.2	165.0	152.4	166.9	170.6

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