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DEFINITIONS.....

SALES:

are at current dollar values and include mail order sales as well as store sales of departmental firms. Mail order sales are attributed to the province in which the office receiving the individual order was located.

INVENTORIES:

represent selling price of store and mail order stocks.

STOCKS-SALES RATIOS:

were calculated by dividing the inventories at the beginning of the month (identical with inventories at end of the previous month) by sales during the month.

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Introduction

This bulletin on department stores is the first published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which provides monthly dollar estimates for a segment of the retail trade. While the report is confined to department stores, the results will be of interest to others not directly engaged in that field. Not only do department stores do between 11 and 12 per cent of the total retail trade, but the diversity of merchandise handled yields some indication of the direction of consumer purchasing.

The series of tables contains:

- (a) Total annual sales of department stores in Canada, by provinces from 1941 to 1947.
- (b) Total annual sales of department stores in Canada, by departments, 1941 to 1947.
- (c) Total monthly sales of department stores, by regions, from January, 1941 to July, 1948.
- (d) Month-end stocks for 12 selected departments from December 31, 1941 to June 30, 1948.
- (e) Monthly stocks-sales ratios for 12 selected departments from January, 1942 to July, 1948.

Monthly reports on department stores will be altered to show total dollar sales and inventories by departments. The figures form a continuous series with those published in this report. Many of the limitations of the index and percentage change series will, therefore, be overcome.

The major change is, of course, the transposition of results from the form of indexes and percentage changes into actual dollar figures. These dollar amounts are estimates of total sales and inventories, based on a near-complete coverage of the department store field.

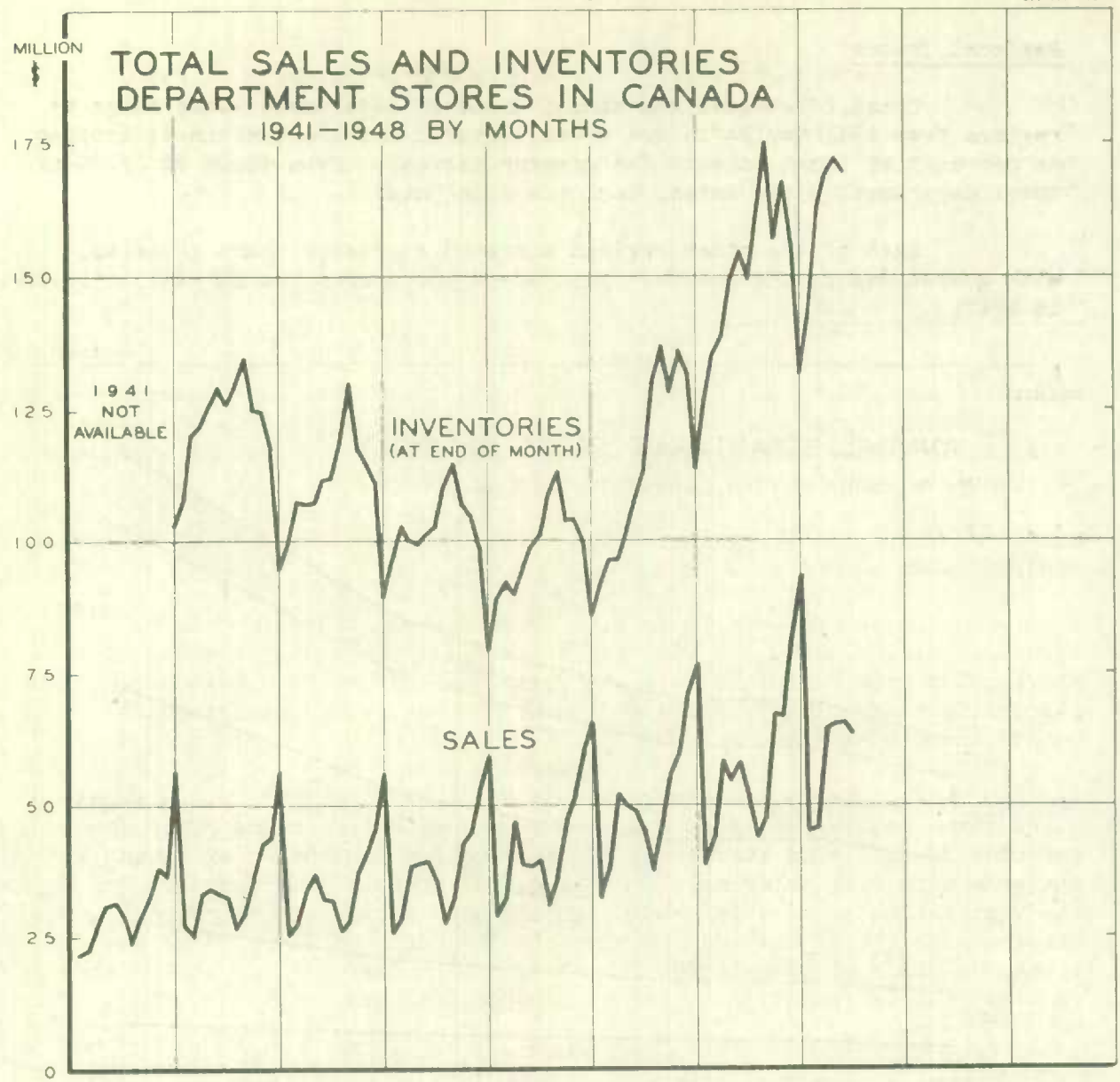
Trends in Sales and Stocks

A minimum of analytical comment has been prepared. Sales trends have already been reviewed in earlier annual and monthly reports, and the inventory trends are shown in the accompanying tables and charts in sufficient detail to permit ready comparison between departments over the years covered.

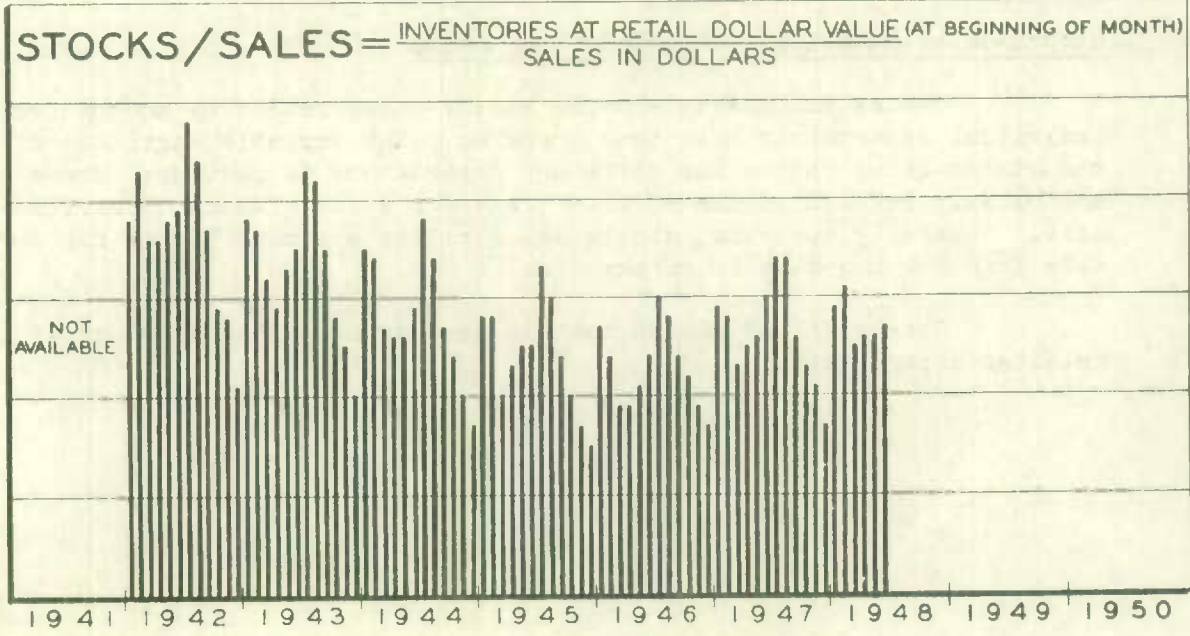
Total monthly sales, total inventories and stock-sales ratios are presented in Chart 1.

The war period--as much as is shown--was characterized by steadily gaining sales and falling inventories. Following the war, sharp gains were characteristic of both sales and stocks. Seasonal fluctuations are clearly demonstrated by the recurring peaks and low points in both series.

Since sales and stocks are on somewhat different volume levels, stock-sales ratios have been employed as a device for making ready comparisons of sales and stocks relationships. The diminution of stocks at the same time that sales were expanding from 1942 to 1945 accounts for the diminishing stock-sales ratios during that period. More recently, stocks-sales ratios have gained slightly, evidence of the greater increase in value of inventories as compared to sales, but are still far removed from the relationship which held in 1942 and 1943.



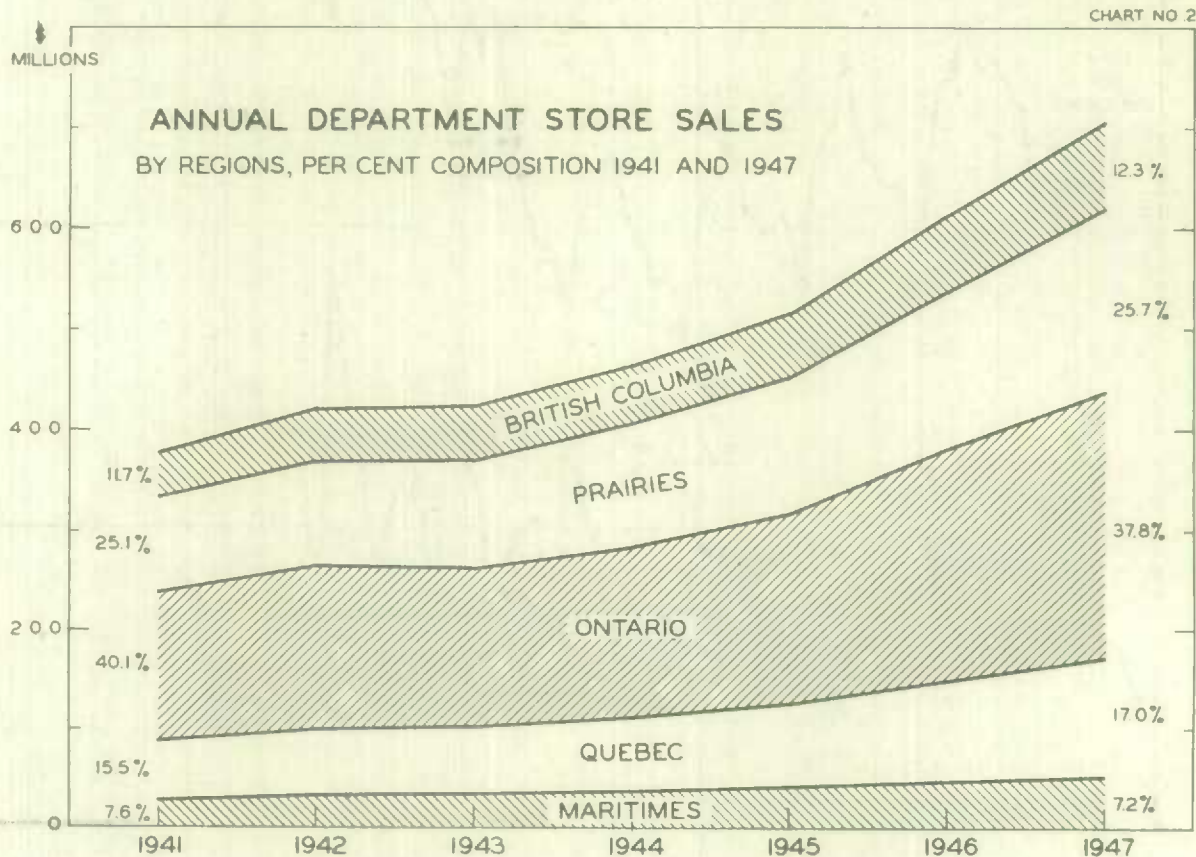
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Regional Trends

Chart 2 outlines the annual trend of department store sales by regions from 1941 to 1947. Two areas, Ontario and the Maritimes, dropped in per cent of total sales. The greater decrease, from 40.0% to 37.8% of total department store sales, took place in Ontario.

Each of the other regions absorbed a greater share of sales, with Quebec making the greatest gain--from 15.5% of sales in 1941 to 17.0% in 1947.



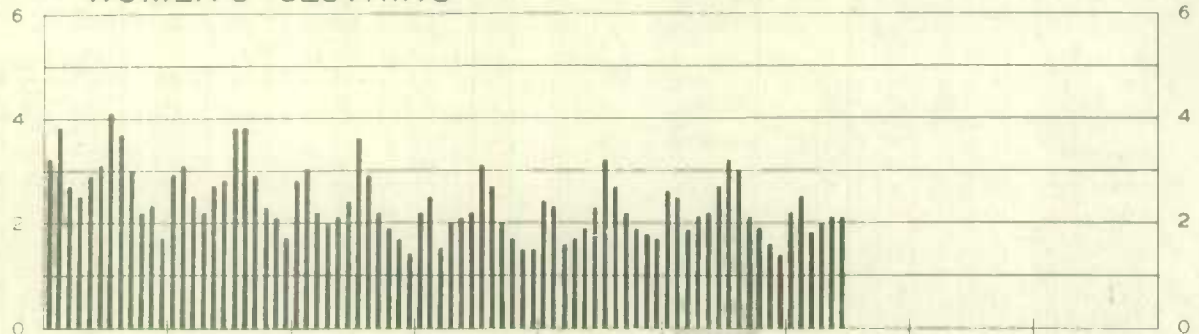
Stocks-Sales Ratios for Selected Departments

Tables and charts showing stocks-sales ratios by months for individual departments have been prepared. The variable magnitude of the stocks-sales ratios for different departments is obvious. These are closely related to the turnover rate for various kinds of merchandise. Generally speaking, stocks-sales ratios are much higher for durable than for non-durable merchandise.

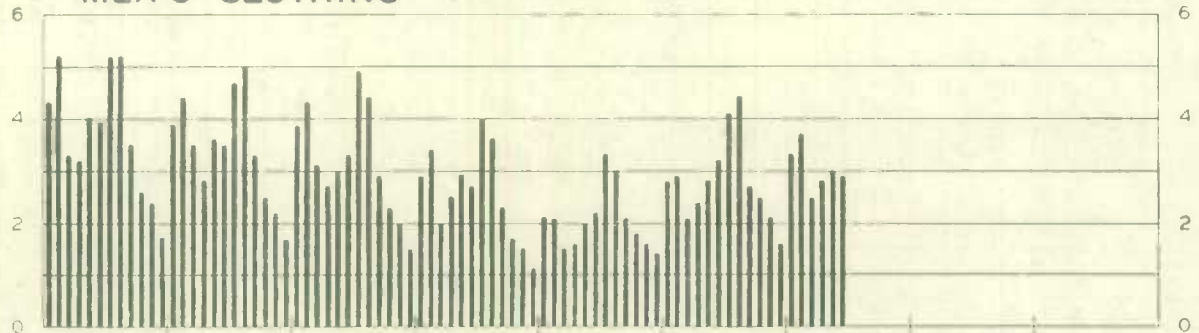
Charts 3A, 3B and 3C contain the stocks-sales ratios of 12 selected departments.

DEPARTMENT STORES STOCKS / SALES*, 1942 — 1948 (SELECTED DEPARTMENTS)

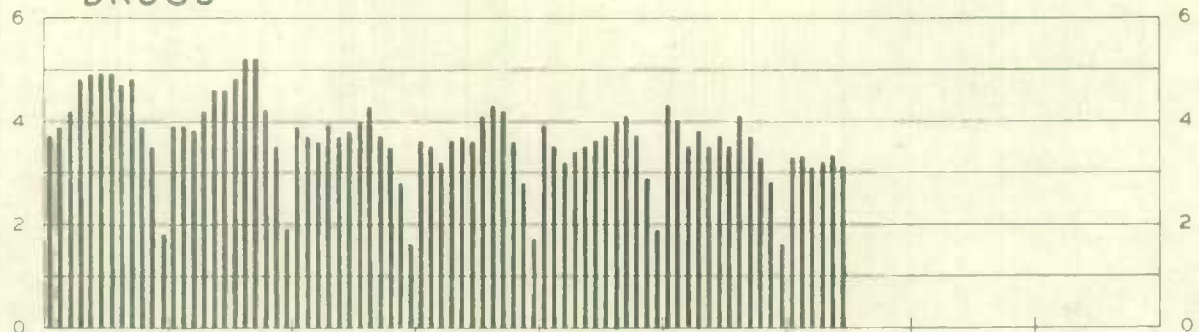
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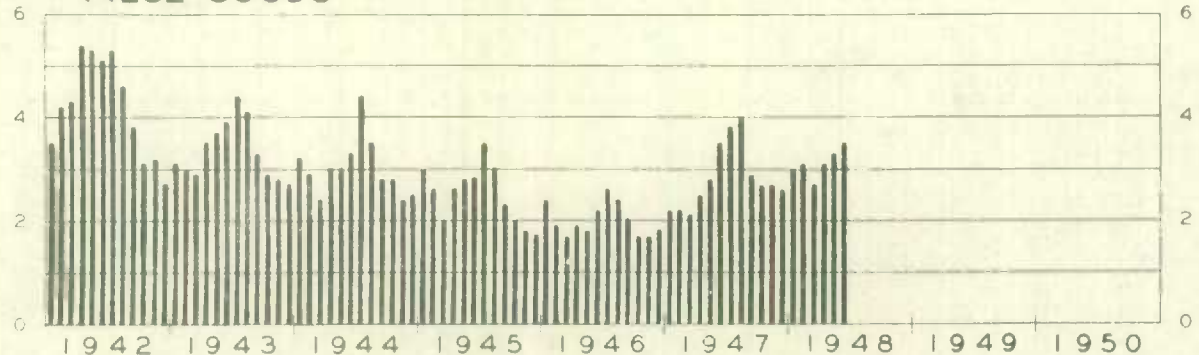
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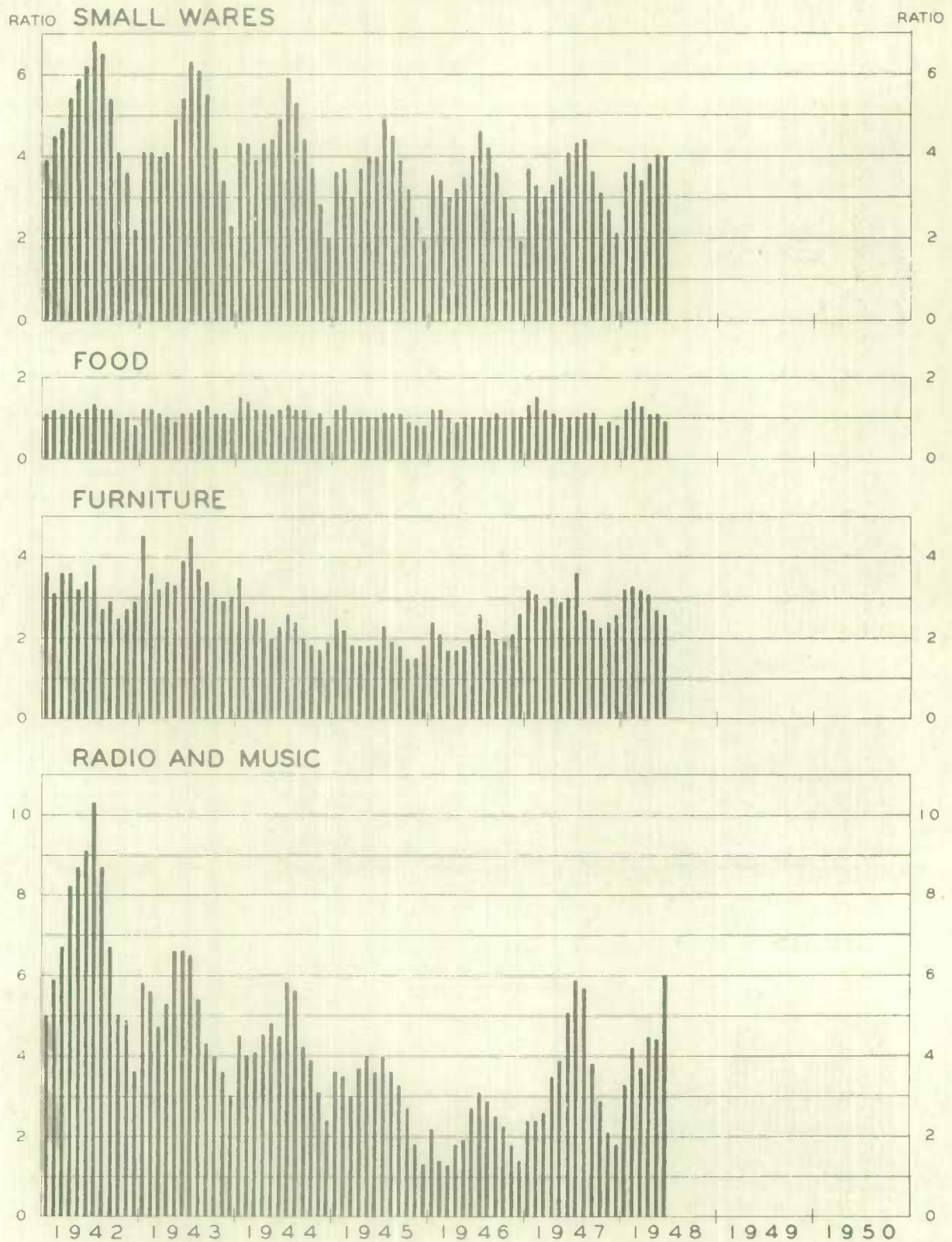


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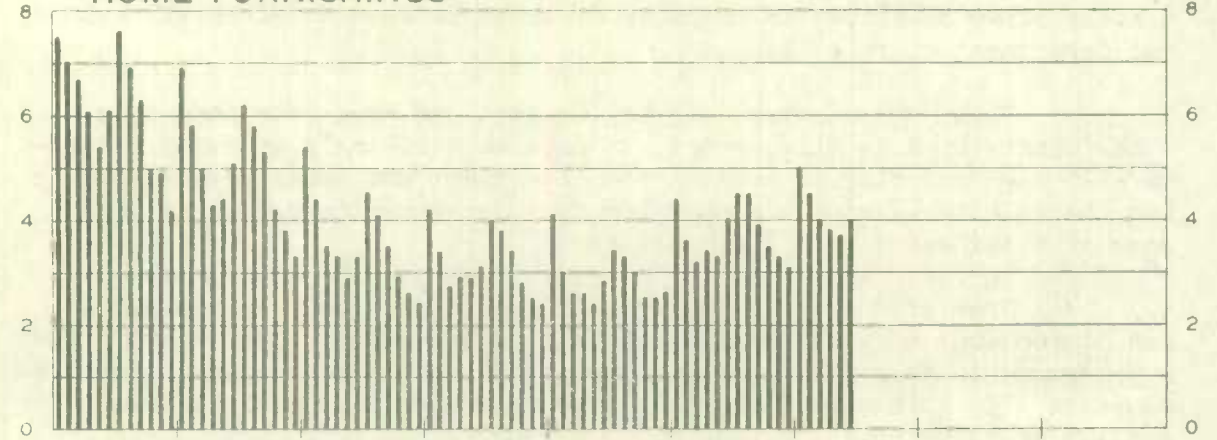
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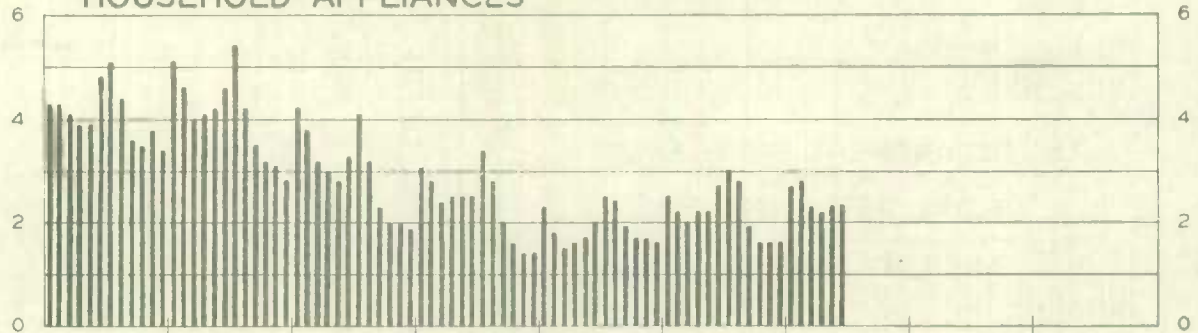
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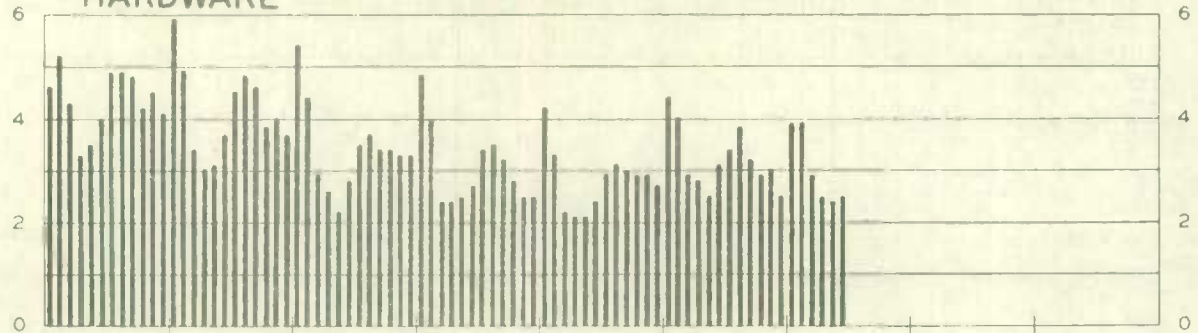
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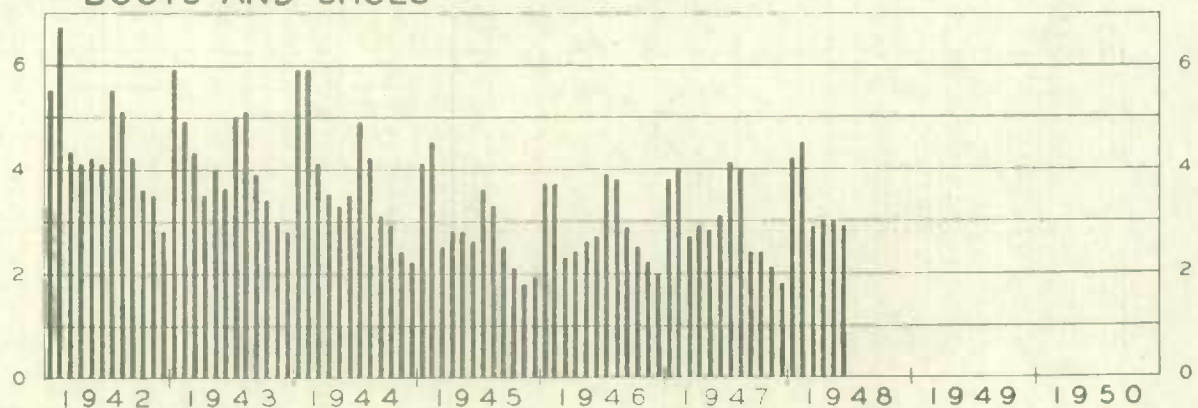
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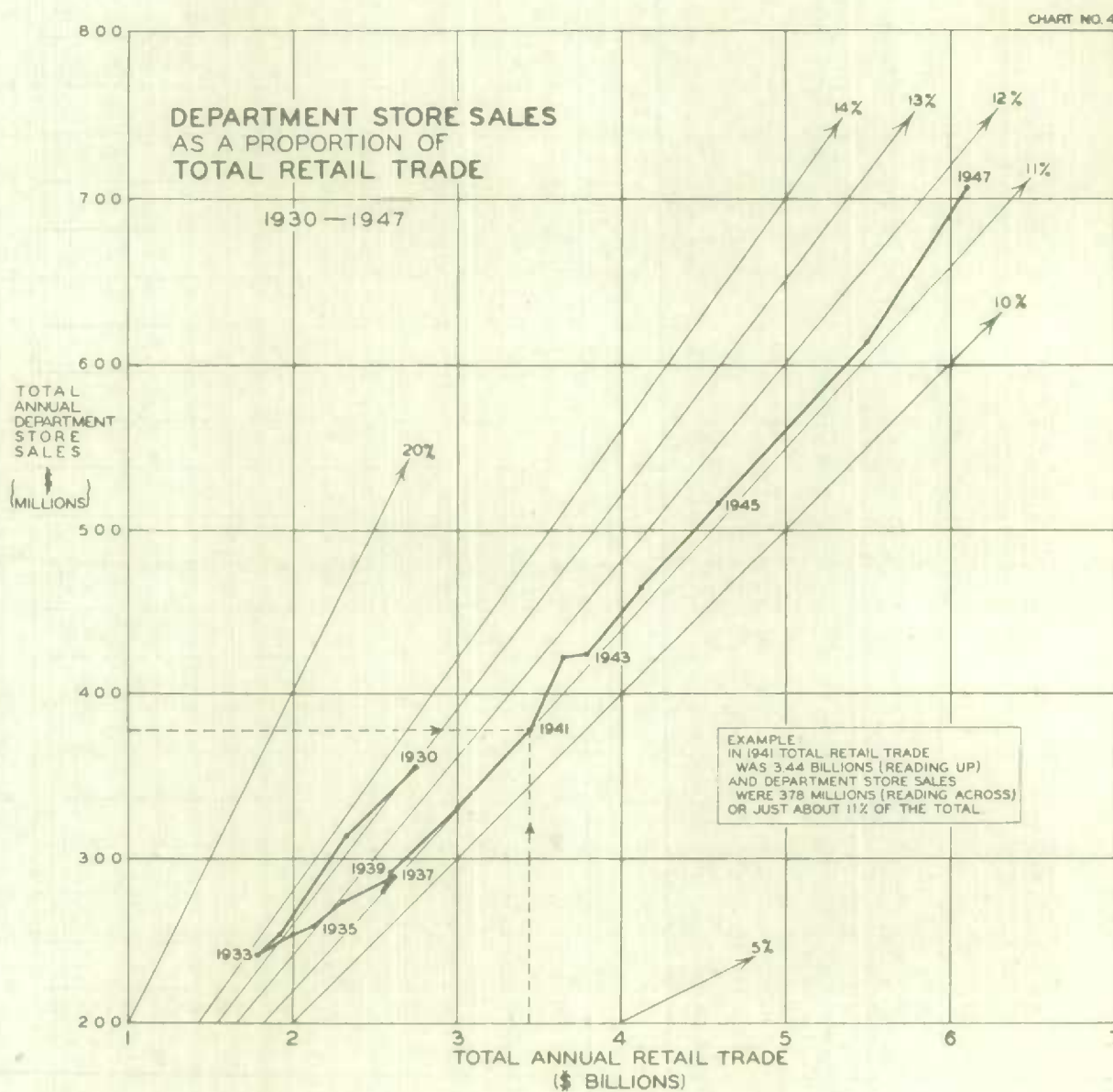
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Department Store Sales Related to Total Retail Trade, 1930-1947

Since expenditures in department stores in the past few years accounted for more than eleven out of every hundred dollars spent by consumers, and because of the broad range of commodities handled, some reasonably close relationship might be expected between total retail trading and department store sales.

While the scatter diagram (Chart 4) is more intricate than other charts used in this report, it depicts strikingly not only the generally high correlation between the department and total retail sales but the relatively stable proportion that department store sales have been of total sales over long periods.

From 1930 to 1933, department store sales made up between 13 and 14 per cent of all retail sales; but in the period 1933 to 1937, readjustments in this relationship occurred in which the proportion was reduced to 11%. Since 1937 the proportion has been constantly between 11% and 12% of total retail sales.



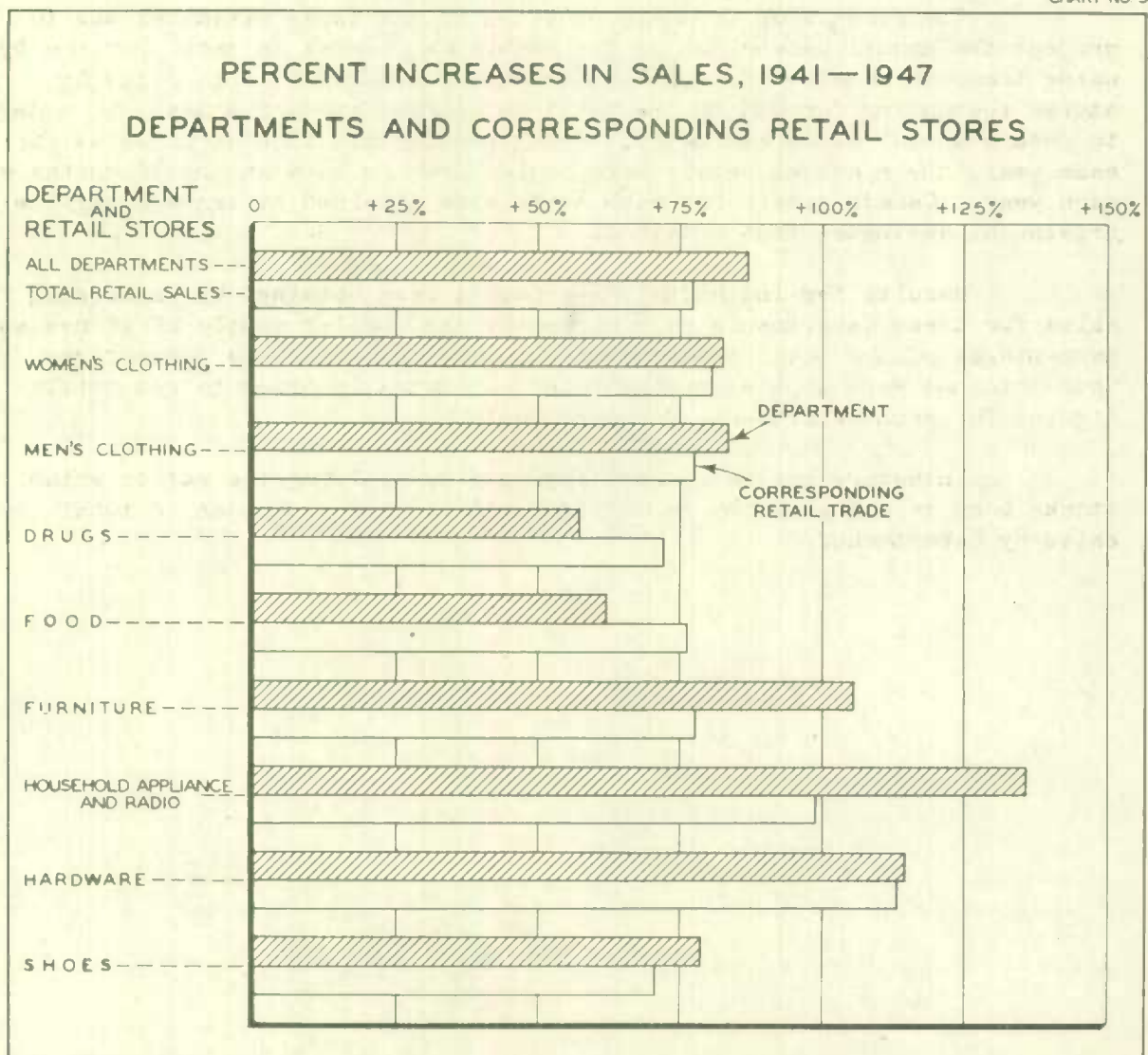
Comparison of Departments and Corresponding Retail Stores

Chart 5 brings out relative sales increases in departments of departmental stores and retail stores which handle roughly the same range of commodities during the 1941-1947 interval.

Generally speaking, from 1941 to 1947 department store sales gained more, proportionally, than total retail sales. Food and drug store gains were greater than those of corresponding departments, while the opposite was true of the remaining six trades for which comparisons were made.

Some of the departments and retail store types were more directly comparable than others. Some of the difference in the sales increases for drugs, for example, may have been due to dissimilar commodities handled. The retail drug store typically handles a broader range of goods, which may have affected the relative advances in sales.

CHART NO 5



The merchant in any of the trades corresponding to departments may chart his own progress against that in the given department. This procedure would be particularly useful in trades for which no monthly indexes are regularly issued.

Another major advantage in this procedure results from the publishing of preliminary estimates of department store sales and inventories approximately three weeks before the regular retail sales bulletin is available.

Coverage and Methods

Estimates of total sales for Canada and for the provinces are based on a coverage of the trade which exceeds 90% in all cases and averages 95%. In arriving at estimates of sales for various departments a smaller sample was used, but coverage was in the vicinity of 75% to 80%.

The first step in the production of the sales estimates was to project the annual Census totals for department stores in each province by using trend information for subsequent years based on reports filed by stores accounting for 95% of the total department store business, in order to obtain annual sales estimates. Using the monthly indexes of sales for each year, these annual totals were broken down as between the 12 months of each year. Canada totals for each month were obtained by aggregating the provincial estimates thus obtained.

Results for individual departments were obtained by expressing sales for these departments as reported by the smaller sample of stores as percentages of the total sales of this reduced sample. The percentages thus obtained were applied to the total estimates in order to get total figures for each department, for each month.

Inventory estimates were obtained by applying the ratios which stocks bore to sales in the reporting sample to the estimates of total sales by departments.

Table 1.--Department Store Sales, by Provinces, 1941 to 1947

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Province	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CANADA	377,806	421,964	423,618	464,880	516,141	613,611	706,845
Maritime Provinces ...	28,700	32,374	33,694	37,798	40,869	45,977	50,770
Quebec	58,541	67,322	67,849	74,230	84,650	102,798	120,068
Ontario	151,508	165,144	160,447	172,113	192,719	231,807	267,563
Manitoba	56,665	61,425	62,275	70,548	77,462	91,797	103,354
Saskatchewan	17,561	19,335	19,580	23,163	25,200	28,976	35,394
Alberta	20,451	23,908	26,607	28,714	31,290	37,078	42,669
British Columbia	44,379	52,456	53,166	58,314	63,951	75,178	87,027

Table 2.--Department Store Sales, by Departments, 1941 to 1947

(In Thousands of Dollars)

DEPARTMENT	1941	1942
	\$	\$
Total, All Departments	377,806	421,964
1. Women's dresses, coats and suits ...	37,190	44,709
2. Girls' and infants' wear	13,963	16,384
3. Hosiery and gloves	16,827	18,338
4. Lingerie and corsets	17,056	19,390
5. Millinery	4,482	4,728
6. Women's and children's apparel - (Total, 1-5)	89,518	103,549
7. Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	43,465	49,995
8. Drugs and toilet articles and preparations	11,354	12,611
9. Piece goods	27,558	32,116
10. Smallwares	13,025	15,173
11. Food and kindred products	33,298	36,689
12. Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	22,231	23,783
13. Home furnishings	26,953	28,956
14. Household appliances and electrical supplies	11,254	11,120
15. Hardware and kitchen utensils	14,229	16,549
16. Radios, musical instruments and supplies	5,024	5,813
17. Shoes and other footwear	27,418	30,198
18. Stationery, books and magazines	6,209	7,322
19. All other departments, total	46,270	48,090

Table 2.--Department Store Sales, by Departments, 1941 to 1947

(In Thousands of Dollars)

1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
424,618	464,880	516,141	613,611	706,845
48,631	54,023	60,177	70,084	76,553
17,557	20,204	22,602	24,897	28,417
19,116	19,434	20,059	23,754	25,561
19,030	20,799	21,207	23,194	25,789
5,115	5,397	6,190	6,805	7,178
109,449	119,857	130,235	148,734	163,498
49,935	54,535	59,233	67,985	79,767
13,571	15,052	16,548	17,540	17,856
31,411	36,939	41,177	45,225	51,173
16,031	17,704	19,366	22,462	24,449
35,474	38,720	41,262	43,615	53,931
22,008	26,294	30,372	39,128	45,694
29,713	31,306	34,538	43,748	53,789
7,823	8,121	9,630	17,355	25,437
14,954	16,275	19,389	26,437	30,552
4,219	3,315	3,883	10,024	13,012
30,327	33,207	37,541	42,082	48,953
8,368	9,519	10,730	12,375	13,002
50,335	54,036	62,237	76,901	85,732

Table 3.--Total Department Store Sales in Canada, by Months and Regions
(In Thousands of Dollars)

Province	January	February	March	April	May
1941					
CANADA	21,911	22,307	26,273	31,164	31,634
Maritime Provinces	1,556	1,591	1,833	2,280	2,465
Quebec	3,623	3,396	4,116	5,070	5,073
Ontario	8,663	8,944	10,487	12,845	12,929
Prairie Provinces	5,506	5,707	6,556	7,631	7,693
British Columbia	2,562	2,669	3,281	3,339	3,473
1942					
CANADA	27,084	25,240	33,237	34,126	33,448
Maritime Provinces	1,939	1,863	2,493	2,681	2,747
Quebec	4,256	3,937	5,572	5,597	5,537
Ontario	10,887	10,157	13,543	13,562	13,309
Prairie Provinces	6,778	6,179	7,828	8,340	7,884
British Columbia	3,224	3,104	3,801	3,946	3,971
1943					
CANADA	25,243	27,216	34,060	36,997	32,610
Maritime Provinces	1,834	1,948	2,693	2,857	2,687
Quebec	4,093	4,260	5,224	6,199	5,716
Ontario	9,629	10,779	13,446	14,148	12,155
Prairie Provinces	6,417	6,732	8,487	9,371	8,011
British Columbia	3,270	3,497	4,210	4,422	4,041
1944					
CANADA	25,596	28,633	38,115	38,447	38,937
Maritime Provinces	1,858	2,100	3,419	3,076	3,344
Quebec	3,740	4,485	5,945	6,445	6,711
Ontario	9,463	10,857	13,859	14,280	14,719
Prairie Provinces	7,058	7,484	10,262	10,077	9,602
British Columbia	3,477	3,707	4,630	4,569	4,561

Table 3.--Total Department Store Sales in Canada, by Months and Regions

(In Thousands of Dollars)

June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1941						
29,121	23,999	28,324	32,605	37,617	36,503	56,348
2,324	2,016	2,169	2,367	2,857	2,867	4,375
4,574	3,453	4,258	4,985	5,804	5,265	8,924
11,713	9,159	11,385	12,929	14,828	14,332	23,294
7,197	6,103	6,725	8,278	9,711	9,925	13,646
3,314	3,267	3,786	4,046	4,417	4,115	6,110
1942						
32,813	26,399	29,806	36,444	42,650	43,939	56,778
2,672	2,144	2,194	2,684	3,303	3,515	4,139
5,409	3,838	4,590	5,913	6,669	6,633	9,371
12,832	9,877	11,700	14,684	15,844	16,723	22,026
7,828	6,822	7,066	8,509	11,264	11,895	14,275
4,072	3,718	4,256	4,654	5,570	5,173	6,967
1943						
32,054	26,259	28,310	37,207	41,552	45,852	56,258
2,630	2,212	2,227	3,148	3,349	3,885	4,224
5,199	3,856	4,466	5,866	6,486	7,280	9,204
12,333	9,488	10,658	13,933	15,121	17,217	21,540
7,931	6,849	6,973	9,742	11,467	12,184	14,298
3,961	3,854	3,986	4,518	5,129	5,286	6,992
1944						
35,198	27,246	32,546	42,941	45,090	52,678	59,453
2,870	2,203	2,701	3,452	3,766	4,475	4,534
5,594	3,885	4,825	6,870	7,324	8,264	10,142
13,195	9,782	12,026	15,542	16,281	20,012	22,097
8,953	7,422	8,422	11,707	12,318	14,041	15,079
4,586	3,954	4,572	5,370	5,401	5,886	7,601

Table 3.--Total Department Store Sales in Canada, by Months and Regions (Concl'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Province	January	February	March	April	May
1945					
CANADA	28,636	31,885	46,920	38,572	38,150
Maritime Provinces	2,068	2,198	3,909	3,331	3,203
Quebec	4,251	5,023	7,679	6,459	6,495
Ontario	10,981	12,385	17,436	14,190	14,302
Prairie Provinces	7,817	8,157	12,356	9,845	9,356
British Columbia	3,519	4,122	5,540	4,747	4,794
1946					
CANADA	32,105	38,069	52,102	50,039	49,018
Maritime Provinces	2,059	2,814	4,164	3,786	3,940
Quebec	4,890	5,972	8,979	8,450	8,489
Ontario	12,632	15,167	18,938	19,032	18,714
Prairie Provinces	8,371	9,439	13,941	12,867	11,998
British Columbia	4,153	4,677	6,080	5,904	5,877
1947					
CANADA	38,694	44,394	58,477	54,543	58,092
Maritime Provinces	2,354	2,975	4,546	4,001	4,513
Quebec	6,485	7,254	10,555	9,495	10,279
Ontario	15,037	18,010	20,890	20,844	22,106
Prairie Provinces	9,949	10,751	15,590	13,880	14,226
British Columbia	4,869	5,404	6,896	6,323	6,968
1948					
CANADA	45,083	45,857	64,535	65,237	65,465
Maritime Provinces	2,489	2,709	4,812	4,954	5,120
Quebec	7,158	7,540	10,795	11,025	10,765
Ontario	17,434	18,570	24,703	24,347	24,653
Prairie Provinces	11,801	11,095	16,159	16,693	16,738
British Columbia	6,201	5,943	8,066	8,218	8,189

Table 3.--Total Department Store Sales in Canada, by Months and Regions (Concl'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1945						
39,645	31,121	36,455	47,117	51,680	60,442	65,518
3,129	2,399	2,835	3,939	4,273	4,867	4,718
6,718	4,658	5,998	7,828	8,746	9,816	10,979
15,060	11,300	13,647	16,547	18,745	22,870	25,256
9,659	8,225	8,998	13,011	14,031	16,184	16,313
5,079	4,539	4,977	5,792	5,885	6,706	8,252
1946						
45,048	37,404	46,247	55,993	59,699	71,392	76,495
3,303	2,780	3,559	4,320	4,548	5,332	5,372
7,705	5,812	7,528	9,510	10,237	12,127	13,099
17,170	13,923	17,432	19,724	21,418	27,883	29,774
11,265	9,594	11,532	15,649	16,494	17,997	18,704
5,605	5,295	6,196	6,790	7,002	8,053	9,546
1947						
51,623	44,264	47,873	67,281	66,866	81,579	93,159
3,645	2,999	3,539	4,738	5,101	5,634	6,725
8,967	6,964	7,662	11,771	11,034	13,746	15,856
19,750	16,654	17,075	24,135	24,453	32,018	36,591
12,732	11,294	12,819	18,237	18,416	21,218	22,305
6,529	6,353	6,778	8,400	7,862	8,963	11,682
1948						
63,358	48,244					
4,731	3,597					
10,689	7,137					
24,507	17,114					
15,772	13,105					
7,659	7,291					

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1941	Jan. 31, 1942	Feb. 28, 1942	Mar. 31, 1942	Apr. 30, 1942
Total Inventories	103,102	107,744	120,136	122,355	126,160
Women's and children's apparel, total	18,157	19,063	22,926	22,934	23,765
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	11,390	11,942	13,424	13,157	13,677
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3,436	3,530	3,948	4,073	4,159
Piece goods	10,015	9,929	10,740	11,443	11,902
Smallwares	4,448	4,600	5,274	5,604	5,919
Food and kindred products	3,376	3,457	3,537	3,478	3,499
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	6,396	6,146	6,315	6,563	6,487
Home furnishings	12,730	13,393	14,592	14,757	15,088
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	3,353	3,309	3,807	4,092	4,128
Hardware and kitchen utensils	5,047	5,783	6,527	6,246	6,324
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	2,522	2,739	2,964	3,046	3,211
Shoes and other footwear	9,448	10,064	11,204	11,085	11,158
All other departments, total	12,784	13,789	14,878	15,877	16,843

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1942	June 30, 1942	July 31, 1942	Aug. 31, 1942	Sept. 30, 1942	Oct. 31, 1942	Nov. 30, 1942
129,506	126,087	129,793	134,955	125,130	124,914	117,665
24,923	23,891	25,052	28,129	26,340	26,406	23,346
14,303	14,076	14,447	15,710	15,239	14,954	13,227
4,297	4,101	4,185	4,147	3,871	4,111	4,434
12,021	11,579	11,870	11,605	10,326	10,051	8,977
6,185	5,996	6,177	6,440	6,135	6,193	5,799
3,392	3,335	3,409	3,454	3,217	3,218	3,391
6,506	6,536	6,669	6,231	5,519	5,329	5,504
14,956	14,477	15,406	15,572	14,227	13,583	13,446
4,213	4,042	4,156	4,042	3,519	3,248	3,117
6,437	6,346	6,237	5,977	5,293	5,253	5,220
3,350	3,589	3,597	3,467	3,099	3,000	2,751
11,077	10,384	10,288	11,202	10,756	11,024	10,376
17,846	17,735	18,300	18,979	17,589	18,544	18,077

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1942	Jan. 31, 1943	Feb. 28, 1943	Mar. 31, 1943	Apr. 30, 1943
Total Inventories	95,005	99,568	107,353	107,194	107,210
Women's and children's apparel, total	17,257	19,653	22,818	22,885	22,422
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	9,761	10,842	12,038	12,300	12,347
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3,505	3,712	3,877	4,017	4,196
Piece goods	7,852	7,576	8,127	8,016	8,161
Smallwares	4,272	4,411	4,821	4,987	5,243
Food and kindred products	3,355	3,465	3,424	3,128	2,932
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	5,755	5,716	6,040	6,166	6,348
Home furnishings	11,839	12,025	12,622	12,300	12,037
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	2,705	2,648	2,712	2,661	2,645
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4,778	4,902	4,985	4,864	4,904
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	2,275	2,177	2,052	1,816	1,806
Shoes and other footwear	8,859	9,563	10,161	10,054	9,721
All other departments, total	12,792	12,878	13,676	14,000	14,448

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1943	June 30, 1943	July 31, 1943	Aug. 31, 1943	Sept. 30, 1943	Oct. 31, 1943	Nov. 30, 1943
111,834	111,923	119,293	130,328	117,727	115,123	111,336
23,472	23,103	25,254	30,190	27,284	25,610	23,304
13,153	13,043	13,820	16,157	14,660	13,585	12,752
4,383	4,404	4,580	4,771	4,543	4,913	5,141
8,672	8,964	9,679	10,365	8,838	8,647	8,313
5,661	5,751	6,219	6,804	6,367	6,474	6,290
2,913	2,934	3,084	3,231	3,214	3,251	3,691
6,525	6,663	6,978	7,178	6,464	6,165	6,165
12,040	12,030	12,707	13,092	11,373	11,051	10,434
2,716	2,802	2,771	2,799	2,367	2,170	2,154
5,065	5,104	5,223	5,343	4,714	4,748	4,722
1,819	1,736	1,698	1,637	1,359	1,358	1,303
9,821	9,437	9,886	10,948	10,078	10,041	9,892
15,594	15,952	17,394	17,813	16,466	17,110	17,175

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1943	Jan. 31, 1944	Feb. 29, 1944	Mar. 31, 1944	Apr. 30, 1944
Total Inventories	89,293	96,866	102,810	99,990	99,499
Women's and children's apparel, total	17,015	20,201	23,104	21,607	21,002
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	9,828	11,545	12,629	12,573	12,498
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3,760	3,710	3,845	3,775	3,869
Piece goods	7,783	8,320	8,157	8,156	8,723
Smallwares	4,621	5,052	5,297	5,380	5,462
Food and kindred products	4,111	4,256	4,151	3,825	3,643
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	5,527	5,568	5,498	5,412	5,167
Home furnishings	9,087	9,313	9,474	9,127	9,152
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	1,925	2,008	2,014	1,948	1,935
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4,560	4,811	4,698	4,333	4,153
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	1,199	1,132	1,135	1,061	1,086
Shoes and other footwear.	8,780	9,782	10,670	10,414	10,028
All other departments, total	11,097	11,168	12,138	12,379	12,781

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1944	June 30, 1944	July 31, 1944	Aug. 31, 1944	Sept. 30, 1944	Oct. 31, 1944	Nov. 30, 1944
101,365	102,614	110,338	114,601	107,164	105,203	98,983
20,998	20,887	23,495	26,517	24,676	23,228	20,466
12,952	13,434	14,439	15,938	14,715	13,502	11,702
4,020	3,967	4,107	4,120	4,197	4,660	4,916
9,321	10,028	10,776	10,802	9,556	9,292	8,853
5,722	5,790	6,055	6,315	6,141	6,179	6,041
3,610	3,445	3,445	3,556	3,493	3,605	3,735
4,981	4,888	5,370	4,909	4,453	4,352	4,144
8,958	9,043	9,384	9,189	8,212	8,189	7,995
2,023	2,128	2,200	2,069	1,689	1,596	1,555
4,351	4,251	4,484	4,353	4,217	4,349	4,509
1,120	1,141	1,205	1,141	1,125	1,110	1,071
9,700	9,494	9,968	10,269	9,495	9,286	8,629
13,609	14,118	15,410	15,423	15,195	15,855	15,367

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1944	Jan. 31, 1945	Feb. 28, 1945	Mar. 31, 1945	Apr. 30, 1945
Total Inventories	79,299	89,013	92,408	89,805	94,531
Women's and children's apparel, total	14,763	18,406	20,717	19,423	20,499
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	8,349	9,709	10,802	10,239	11,056
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3,757	3,740	3,824	3,914	4,152
Piece goods	8,548	8,899	8,228	7,984	8,515
Smallwares	4,236	4,552	4,733	4,756	5,152
Food and kindred products	3,703	4,083	3,793	3,266	3,273
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	4,382	4,835	4,718	4,628	4,732
Home furnishings	7,439	8,617	8,490	8,435	8,600
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	1,576	1,576	1,620	1,657	1,747
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4,474	4,974	4,767	4,547	4,548
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	953	921	872	875	852
Shoes and other footwear.	7,204	8,379	8,682	7,986	8,205
All other departments, total	9,915	10,322	11,162	12,095	13,200

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1945	June 30, 1945	July 31, 1945	Aug. 31, 1945	Sept. 30, 1945	Oct. 31, 1945	Nov. 30, 1945
98,982	101,208	108,642	113,074	103,938	103,980	99,908
21,194	21,006	24,328	26,833	24,158	23,419	21,440
11,864	12,355	13,185	14,395	12,251	10,738	8,881
4,302	4,406	4,579	4,647	4,671	5,378	5,805
8,861	9,088	9,495	9,184	7,586	7,254	6,582
5,465	5,492	5,818	6,079	5,924	6,175	6,029
3,159	3,274	3,309	3,177	3,241	3,320	3,768
4,774	4,858	4,924	4,919	4,377	4,458	4,611
9,012	9,297	9,911	9,913	9,195	9,047	8,610
1,774	1,921	2,030	2,000	1,687	1,697	1,738
4,861	4,957	4,977	4,797	4,543	4,463	4,989
898	931	965	955	873	920	942
8,502	8,274	8,540	9,031	8,373	8,245	7,893
14,316	15,349	16,581	17,144	17,059	18,866	18,620

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1945	Jan. 31, 1946	Feb. 28, 1946	Mar. 31, 1946	Apr. 30, 1946
Total Inventories	86,181	91,800	96,799	96,768	102,120
Women's and children's apparel, total	16,548	19,931	22,066	21,619	22,401
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	6,445	7,765	8,448	8,226	9,187
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	4,397	3,968	4,007	4,150	4,300
Piece goods	7,108	6,969	7,058	6,490	6,798
Smallwares	4,579	4,680	4,879	5,207	5,680
Food and kindred products	3,979	3,861	3,651	3,401	3,532
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	5,718	5,971	6,122	6,203	6,299
Home furnishings	8,763	9,344	9,531	9,523	9,599
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	1,998	2,038	2,054	2,186	2,412
Hardware and kitchen utensils	5,507	5,511	5,854	5,551	5,738
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	1,008	930	956	1,055	1,319
Shoes and other footwear.	7,036	7,727	8,399	8,525	8,951
All other departments, total	13,095	13,105	13,774	14,632	15,904

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1946	June 30, 1946	July 31, 1946	Aug. 31, 1946	Sept. 30, 1946	Oct. 31, 1946	Nov. 30, 1946
108,227	113,142	130,450	136,708	128,575	136,070	131,308
23,997	24,790	29,727	33,201	30,963	32,124	28,425
10,312	11,846	14,477	15,625	13,864	13,646	12,525
4,426	4,429	4,775	4,881	4,978	5,856	6,381
7,400	7,800	8,989	8,950	7,275	7,325	7,225
6,014	6,154	6,722	6,921	6,577	7,153	6,825
3,156	3,203	3,371	3,585	3,809	4,253	4,805
6,465	6,705	7,717	7,348	7,056	7,472	7,904
9,948	9,940	11,575	11,546	10,723	11,453	11,991
2,601	2,909	3,466	3,295	2,937	3,156	3,237
5,800	5,922	6,356	6,205	6,021	6,698	7,006
1,578	1,818	2,362	2,442	2,301	2,225	2,419
9,306	9,784	11,066	11,750	10,882	10,965	10,106
17,224	17,842	19,847	20,959	21,189	23,744	22,459

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1946	Jan. 31, 1947	Feb. 28, 1947	Mar. 31, 1947	Apr. 30, 1947
Total Inventories	114,049	126,489	135,728	138,404	149,390
Women's and children's apparel, total	21,926	24,214	28,049	28,055	29,995
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	9,919	11,870	13,401	14,347	16,443
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	5,008	4,726	4,490	4,515	4,563
Piece goods	8,017	9,369	9,677	10,012	11,792
Smallwares	5,339	5,431	5,681	5,909	6,343
Food and kindred products	4,707	5,347	4,884	4,564	4,472
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	8,887	10,294	10,925	11,525	12,235
Home furnishings	12,222	13,706	14,563	15,147	16,401
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	3,175	3,670	4,022	4,106	4,478
Hardware and kitchen utensils	7,217	8,184	8,372	8,183	8,412
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	2,349	2,567	2,820	3,112	3,477
Shoes and other footwear	8,716	9,525	10,626	10,821	11,511
All other departments, total	16,567	17,586	18,218	18,108	19,268

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Month and Departments
(Cont'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1947	June 30, 1947	July 31, 1947	Aug. 31, 1947	Sept. 30, 1947	Oct. 31, 1947	Nov. 30, 1947
154,830	149,962	162,206	175,102	156,984	167,564	156,022
30,039	27,339	30,687	36,226	31,266	33,003	28,647
18,338	18,432	20,363	23,843	20,643	21,697	18,858
4,630	4,481	4,671	4,584	4,413	5,358	5,795
12,927	12,978	14,680	15,168	13,133	13,284	12,400
6,567	6,433	6,954	7,753	7,329	7,903	7,759
4,220	4,152	4,416	4,564	4,371	5,196	5,463
11,986	11,009	11,272	10,677	9,465	9,838	9,780
16,793	17,266	18,771	18,990	17,695	17,769	17,433
4,865	4,867	5,308	5,130	4,332	4,847	4,671
8,477	7,976	8,047	7,862	7,153	7,657	7,612
3,824	4,033	4,231	4,126	3,578	3,473	3,168
11,792	11,427	11,934	13,780	11,922	12,676	11,549
20,372	19,569	20,872	22,399	21,684	24,763	22,887

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Concl'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Department	Date of Inventory				
	Dec. 31, 1947	Jan. 31, 1948	Feb. 29, 1948	Mar. 31, 1948	Apr. 30, 1948
Total Inventories	131,616	143,231	163,069	169,284	172,076
Women's and children's apparel, total	20,608	24,105	30,421	31,528	32,131
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	13,868	15,027	18,266	19,607	20,330
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	4,459	4,207	4,156	4,215	4,411
Piece goods	11,761	12,295	14,159	14,684	15,243
Smallwares	6,025	6,358	6,756	7,097	7,192
Food and kindred products	6,187	6,896	6,698	5,718	5,468
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	10,416	11,064	11,812	12,882	12,325
Home furnishings	17,041	18,072	20,057	20,765	20,718
Household appliances and electrical supplies ...	4,983	5,616	5,880	5,776	5,769
Hardware and kitchen utensils	7,625	8,132	8,821	9,049	9,402
Radios, musical instru- ments and supplies	3,011	3,510	3,384	3,544	3,609
Shoes and other footwear	10,164	11,104	12,946	13,784	14,411
All other departments, total	15,468	16,845	19,713	20,635	21,067

Table 4.--Total Department Store Inventories in Canada, by Months and Departments
(Concl'd.)

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Date of Inventory						
May 31, 1948	June 30, 1948	July 31, 1948	Aug. 31, 1948	Sept. 30, 1948	Oct. 31, 1948	Nov. 30, 1948
169,481	158,486					
30,749	28,191					
20,633	18,767					
4,399	4,254					
15,658	14,779					
7,192	6,845					
4,656	4,330					
11,610	10,596					
20,780	20,170					
5,696	5,739					
8,996	8,581					
3,801	3,690					
13,664	12,399					
21,647	20,145					

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments

1942					
Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	3.8 ✓	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.8
Women's and children's apparel, total	3.2 ✓	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.9
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	4.3 ✓	5.2	3.3	3.2	4.0
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.8	4.9
Piece goods	3.5 ✓	4.2	4.3	5.4	5.3
Smallwares	3.9 ✓	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.9
Food and kindred products ...	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	3.6	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.2
Home furnishings	7.5	7.0	6.7	6.1	5.4
Household appliances and electrical supplies	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4.6	5.2	4.3	3.3	3.5
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	5.0	5.9	6.7	8.2	8.7
Shoes and other footwear	5.5	6.7	4.3	4.1	4.2
All other departments, total	3.9	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.4

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments

1942						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
3.9	4.8	4.4	3.7	2.9	2.8	2.1
3.1	4.1	3.7	3.0	2.2	2.3	1.7
3.9	5.2	5.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	1.7
4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	3.9	3.5	1.8
5.1	5.3	4.6	3.8	3.1	3.2	2.7
6.2	6.8	6.5	5.4	4.1	3.6	2.2
1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8
3.4	3.8	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.9
6.1	7.6	6.9	6.3	5.0	4.9	4.2
4.8	5.1	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.4
4.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.1
9.1	10.3	8.7	6.7	5.0	4.9	3.6
4.1	5.5	5.1	4.2	3.6	3.5	2.8
4.4	5.2	5.0	4.2	3.6	3.0	1.7

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1943					
Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	3.8	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.3
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.2	2.7
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	3.9	4.4	3.5	2.8	3.6
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.6
Piece goods	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.7
Smallwares	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.9
Food and kindred products ...	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3
Home furnishings	6.9	5.8	5.0	4.3	4.4
Household appliances and electrical supplies	5.1	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.2
Hardware and kitchen utensils	5.9	4.9	3.4	3.0	3.1
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	5.8	5.6	4.7	5.3	6.6
Shoes and other footwear	5.9	4.9	4.3	3.5	4.0
All other departments, total	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.6

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1943						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
3.5	4.3	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.5	2.0
2.8	3.8	3.8	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.7
3.5	4.7	5.0	3.3	2.5	2.2	1.7
4.6	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.2	3.5	1.9
3.9	4.4	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.7
5.4	6.3	6.1	5.5	4.2	3.4	2.3
1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
3.9	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.9	3.0
5.1	6.2	5.8	5.3	4.2	3.8	3.3
4.6	5.4	4.2	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.8
3.7	4.5	4.8	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.7
6.6	6.5	5.4	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.0
3.6	5.0	5.1	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.8
3.8	4.2	4.4	3.9	3.2	2.4	1.6

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1944					
Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.6
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.0	2.1
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	3.9	4.3	3.1	2.7	3.0
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.7
Piece goods	3.2	2.9	2.4	3.0	3.0
Smallwares	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.4
Food and kindred products ...	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.0
Home furnishings	5.4	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.9
Household appliances and electrical supplies	4.2	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.8
Hardware and kitchen utensils	5.4	4.4	2.9	2.6	2.2
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.8
Shoes and other footwear	5.9	5.9	4.1	3.5	3.3
All other departments, total	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.8

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1944						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2.9	3.8	3.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.7
2.4	3.6	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.4
3.3	4.9	4.4	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.5
3.8	4.0	4.3	3.7	3.5	2.8	1.6
3.3	4.4	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.5
4.9	5.9	5.3	4.4	3.7	2.8	2.0
1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8
2.3	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.9
3.3	4.5	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.4
3.3	4.1	3.2	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
2.8	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3
4.5	5.3	5.6	4.2	3.9	3.1	2.4
3.5	4.9	4.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.2
3.1	3.7	3.6	3.0	2.8	1.8	1.3

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1945					
Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.3	2.5
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.2	2.5	1.5	2.0	2.1
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	2.9	3.4	2.0	2.5	2.9
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.7
Piece goods	3.0	2.6	2.0	2.6	2.8
Smallwares	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.7	4.0
Food and kindred products ...	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8
Home furnishings	4.2	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9
Household appliances and electrical supplies	3.1	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4.8	4.0	2.4	2.4	2.5
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.7	4.0
Shoes and other footwear	4.1	4.5	2.5	2.8	2.8
All other departments, total	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.9

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1945						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2.5	3.3	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.5
2.2	3.1	2.7	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5
2.7	4.0	3.6	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.1
3.6	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.6	2.8	1.7
2.8	3.5	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7
4.0	4.9	4.5	3.9	3.2	2.5	1.9
1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
1.8	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.8
3.1	4.0	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.4
2.5	3.4	2.8	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.4
2.7	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.5
3.6	4.0	3.6	3.3	2.7	1.8	1.3
2.6	3.6	3.3	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.9
2.9	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	1.8	1.3

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1946

Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	2.7	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.1
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.4	2.3	1.6	1.7	1.9
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	2.1	2.1	1.5	1.6	2.0
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.5
Piece goods	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8
Smallwares	3.5	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.5
Food and kindred products ...	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.8
Home furnishings	4.1	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.4
Household appliances and electrical supplies	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.7
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4.2	3.3	2.2	2.1	2.1
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	2.2	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9
Shoes and other footwear	3.7	3.7	2.3	2.4	2.6
All other departments, total	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.4

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1946						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2.4	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.7
2.3	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7
2.2	3.3	3.0	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4
3.6	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.7	2.9	1.9
2.2	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8
4.0	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	2.6	1.9
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
2.1	2.6	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.6
2.8	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.6
2.0	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6
2.4	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7
2.7	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.4
2.7	3.9	3.8	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.0
2.8	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.9	1.9	1.4

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1947					
Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments ...	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.6
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.6	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.2
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.8
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.5
Piece goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.6
Smallwares	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.5
Food and kindred products ...	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0
Furniture (including mattresses and springs) ...	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9
Home furnishings	4.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3
Household appliances and electrical supplies	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.2
Hardware and kitchen utensils	4.4	4.0	2.9	2.8	2.5
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.5	3.9
Shoes and other footwear	3.8	4.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
All other departments, total	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.6

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Cont'd.)

1947						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
3.0	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.7
2.7	3.2	3.0	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4
3.2	4.1	4.4	2.7	2.5	2.1	1.6
3.7	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.3	2.8	1.6
3.5	3.8	4.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6
4.1	4.3	4.4	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.1
1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8
3.0	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6
4.0	4.5	4.5	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.1
2.7	3.0	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6
3.1	3.4	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.5
5.1	5.9	5.7	3.8	2.9	2.1	1.6
3.1	4.1	4.0	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.8
3.0	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.7	1.9	1.2

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Concl'd.)

1948

Department	January	February	March	April	May
Total, All Departments	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.6
Women's and children's apparel, total	2.2	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.1
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	3.3	3.7	2.5	2.8	3.0
Drugs, toilet articles and preparations	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.3
Piece goods	3.0	3.1	2.7	3.1	3.3
Smallwares	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.0
Food and kindred products	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1
Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.7
Home furnishings	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.7
Household appliances and electrical supplies	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.3
Hardware and kitchen utensils	3.9	3.9	2.9	2.5	2.4
Radios, musical instruments and supplies	3.3	4.2	3.7	4.5	4.4
Shoes and other footwear	4.2	4.5	2.9	3.0	3.0
All other departments, total	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6

Table 5.--Stocks-Sales Ratios of Department Stores, by Months and Departments
(Concl'd.)

1948						
June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2.7	3.3					
2.1	3.0					
2.9	3.9					
3.1	3.3					
3.5	4.1					
4.0	4.6					
0.9	0.9					
2.6	3.0					
4.0	4.9					
2.3	3.0					
2.5	3.2					
6.0	5.8					
2.9	4.3					
2.6	2.9					

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