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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL STORE SALES, JUNE, 1938.

Department store sales in Canada gained 7 per cent in June over May and were only 3 per cent lower than in June, 1937. The unadjusted index on the base 1930=100 was 77.8 for June, 1938, 72.9 for May and 80.5 for June 1937.

After adjusting for differences in number of business days, sales in June advanced about the usual seasonal amount for May while the 3 per cent decline below June a year ago is about on a par with the average decrease for the first six months of this year compared with the similar period of 1937.

Index of the Dollar Value of Department Store Sales, 1930=100

Month	Without seasonal adjustment			With seasonal adjustment		
	1936	1937	1938	1936	1937	1938
January	53.6	57.2	56.3	71.3	78.2	78.1
February	57.8	58.6	57.8	73.0	78.1	76.9
March	62.5	70.8	66.5	72.0	76.6	75.5
April	72.1	77.6	79.5	69.8	77.8	75.8
May	74.7	79.9	72.9	73.8	79.2	73.4
June	73.4	80.5	77.8	70.6	77.5	74.5
July	57.7	62.6		74.7	80.1	
August	62.8	64.8		76.6	80.3	
September	78.8	80.9		77.8	79.6	
October	94.7	94.0		77.2	79.5	
November	85.0	91.9		76.6	79.9	
December	126.8	133.7		78.6	82.4	

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