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## PRELININGRY REPORT ON DEPLRTMENT STORE SLILES, JUNE, 1240

Sales in Canadian department stores during June, 1940, were 8 per cent higher than in the corresponding month of last year, while a drop of 4 per cent wes recorded from liay, 1940. Unedjusted indexes (on the base 1930 equals 100) stood at $81: 8$ for June, 1940, 75.5 for June, 1939, and 85.0 for May, 1940.

Salos during the first six months of 1940 were 12 per cont higher than salos in the samo poriod a yoar ago:

The edjustod indox, whoroin account is takon of difforencos in numbor of businoss days ard of soasonal variations, droppod from $82: 3$ in Mey to 80.2 in Juno, 1940 , but wes still 11 for cont abovo tho June, 1939, indox of 72.1 .

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| Month | Unadiustod Indoxes |  |  | Adjustod Indexos (a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 |
| Janurry . .o...... | $56: 3$ | $54!2$ | $64!2$ | 78.1 | $75: 2$ | 86.0 |
| Fobruary ........ | 57:8 | 54.2 | 64:7 | $76: 9$ | 72:2 | $82: 8$ |
| March : 0.0 : $:$ : 0.0 : | 66.5 | 65:6 | 72 \% 8 | $75: 5$ | 71.7 | $76: 6$ |
| April ....o....... | 79.6 | $74: 0$ | $80: 3$ | 75.9 | $75: 7$ | 84.6 |
| Mny .............: | 73.0 | 77:4 | 85:0 | 73.5 | 75.2 | 82.3 |
| Jume : $:$ :... | 77:6 | 75.5 | 81.8 | 74:4 | 72.1 | 80.2 |
| July o............ | 56.6 | 57.2 |  | 75.3 | 77:3 |  |
| August ........... | 62:4 | 61.3 |  | 74.7 | 73:1 |  |
| Septombor ........ | 78.4 | $89: 5$ |  | 76:8 | 86.6 |  |
| Octobor . $:$ : . . . $\because$ : | $87: 9$ | 100:8 |  | 77:3 | 90:0 |  |
| Novomber 0.0 .0 .0 ? | 90:4 | 94:4 |  | $78: 6$ | $81: 8$ |  |
| Docombor 2.0 .0 .0 ? | 131.5 | 143.7 |  | 78.6 | 89.3 |  |

(a) Adjustod to allow for fifforoncos in numbor of businoss days and also for normal soasonal veriations:

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