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Monthly Indexes of Retail Sales in Canada, March, 1943 (1935-1939 = 100)

Retail sales in Canada averaged 5 per cent higher in March of this year than last and gained 16 per cent over February according to index numbers calculated from a representative sample of firms representing twelve different kinds of retail business. The general index of sales, unadjusted for seasonal movements, and on the base, 1935-1939 = 100, stands at 151.3 for March, 130.9 for February and at 144.7 for March, 1942.

The 5 per cent increase in dollar sales in March of this year compared with last was on a par with the average gain for the year to-date, total figures for the first quarter of the year revealing a similar increase of 5 per cent over the corresponding period of 1942. The 16 per cent increase in March over the immediately preceding month of February was approximately equal to the usual seasonal gain at this time of year, the seasonally adjusted index of sales standing at 167.7 for March compared with 168.5 for February.

Following a pronounced increase in the month of February, specialty shoe store trade returned to more normal levels in March, sales for that month standing on a par with March sales a year ago. Shoe store sales continued to register increases in the extreme east and west, figures for the Maritime Provinces and for British Columbia revealing gains of 17 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. But these increases were offset by a decline of 11 per cent below March, 1942 in Quebec while sales in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces were practically unchanged from a year ago.

Men's clothing store sales were down 17 per cent from March, 1942, a result which may be attributed to the extremely high volume of business transacted by this type of store in March last year prior to the introduction of restrictions on men's clothing styles. Declines below March, 1942 were recorded for all sections of the country excepting British Columbia where a minor gain of 3 per cent took place. Percentage declines below March, 1942 for other regions are as follows: Prairie Provinces, 2 per cent; Maritime Provinces, 4 per cent; Ontario, 19 per cent and Quebec, 29 per cent.

Women's clothing store sales averaged 5 per cent higher in March of this year than last compared with an increase of 14 per cent for the year to-date. February sales stood 33 per cent higher in 1943 than in 1942. The smaller increase of 5 per cent recorded in the March comparison reflects in considerable measure the shift in trade from March to April on account of the changing date of Easter. Easter occurred early in April last year with most of the pre-Easter trade taking place in March. On the other hand the Easter trade in 1943 was transacted almost entirely in April.

Department store sales, including the mail order business of department stores, averaged 3 per cent higher in March of this year than last compared with an increase of 2 per cent for the year to-date. March sales relative to March a year ago varied for different regions of the country, results for the East and West showing gains while sales in central Canada were down. Department stores in the Maritime Provinces transacted 8 per cent more dollar business than in March last year; Prairie Province sales were up 10 per cent and British Columbia gained 12 per cent. Ontario department store business was maintained within one per cent of the volume of sales in March a year ago while Quebec sales were down by 7 per cent.

Grocery or grocery and meat store sales were 9 per cent higher than in March last year, all sections of the country charing in the increase. Percentage increases by regions for March of this year over last with cumulative results for the first first quarter over the corresponding period of 1942 in brackets are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 16 per cent (9 per cent); Quebec, 13 per cent (12 per cent); Ontario, 5 per cent (2 per cent); Prairie Provinces, 7 per cent (3 per cent) and British Columbia, 8 per cent (5 per cent).

The underlying trend in sales for food stores as reflected in the seasonally adjusted index number has remained comparatively level for some months. Seasonally adjusted indexes for this trade stand at 163.6 for March, 163.0 for February, 157.6 for January and 164.0 for December, 1942.

Drug store business continues at a high level, increases for March, 1943 over March, 1942 and for the first quarter of this year over last both standing at 13 per cent. Results on a regional basis for March of this year compared with last with figures for the first quarter in brackets are as follows: Maritime Provinces, +18 per cent (+16 per cent); Quebec, +14 per cent (+14 per cent); Ontario, +9 per cent (+9 per cent); Prairie Provinces, +12 per cent (+13 per cent) and British Columbia, +29 per cent (+26 per cent).

Candy store sales were 16 per cent higher in March of this year than last while restaurant receipts were up 24 per cent and variety stores gained 3 per cent. Hardware stores reported sales 7 per cent lower, furniture stores declined 2 per cent while stores specializing in the sale of radios or electrical appliances transacted 9 per cent less business in March of this year than last.

Figures for jewellery stores are not included in the calculation of the general index of retail sales, but sales figures secured from a sample number of such stores indicate that the amount of money spent in these stores was 22 per cent greater in March of this year than last and was 18 per cent greater in February of this year than last. These are the results obtained when the retail sales tax-introduced in June, 1942 is included in the calculations. Results with the sales tax excluded reveal gains of 5 per cent and 3 per cent for March and February respectively compared with last year.

Sales of 19 firms which reported sales by departments were 2 per cent greater in March this year over March, 1942. Sales of footwear departments were 9 per cent lower than in March of last year, a sharp reversal from February when the introduction of rationing in the United States stimulated a demand for this merchandise in Canada causing a 26 per cent increase. A 24 per cent advance recorded by women's clothing departments in February was modified to a 7 per cent gain in March. Men's clothing departments showed a similar slackening of activity, a 16 per cent decline occurring in March this year, in contrast with the 5 per cent increase in February. Stationery and book departments recorded the outstanding gain in March with a rise of 19 per cent. Sales of piece goods were 13 per cent higher, with drug and food departments reporting gains of 9 and 4 per cent. House

hold appliances and electrical supplies continued to show marked decreases, although sales for other durable goods departments showed smaller declines or greater increases than were shown in the February summary. Furniture sales, in fact, increased by 6 per cent in March after declining 20 per cent in February.

A summary of department store sales by departments for the first quarter of this year and last is contained on Page 10 of this bulletin. Total sales for those firms which submitted a monthly breakdown of sales were down by one-half of one per cent in the first three months of this year compared with the same period a year ago. Sales of women's clothing were up 9 per cent, but men's clothing recorded a decrease of 8 per cent while footwear sales were 1 per cent lower. Drug, piece goods, smallwares and food departments all recorded minor gains of 1 or 2 per cent. Although sales of home furnishings were 8 per cent higher in the first three months of this year, other durable goods departments recorded substantial declines. Hardware sales were down 12 per cent, furniture sales dropped 14 per cent, sales of radio and music departments were 15 per cent lower, and sales of household appliances fell off 28 per cent below the January-to-March of 1942.

Comparison of Retail Sales in Canada, for 1942 and 1943, by Kinds of Business

(Comparisons are based on dollar value. No
corrections have been made for higher prices)

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Kind of Business	March,	March,	February,	JanMar., 1943
	1939	1942	1943	JanMar., 1942
General Index Boot and Shoe Stores Candy Stores Men's Clothing Stores Women's Clothing Stores Department Stores Drug Stores Furniture Stores Grocery and Meat Stores Hardware Stores Radio and Electrical Stores	+64.0	+ 4.7	+15.7	+ 4.7
	+102.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.6	+ 9.4
	+97.1	+16.1	-10.2	+11.5
	+98.9	-16.9	+25.7	- 7.2
	+87.5	+ 5.2	+25.9	+14.3
	+69.2	+ 3.0	+25.2	+ 1.5
	+52.2	+12.7	+ 7.4	+12.6
	+33.3	- 1.8	+15.3	- 4.4
	+51.9	+ 8.6	+11.2	+ 5.9
	+57.8	- 6.9	+15.6	- 6.0
	+40.7	- 8.8	+13.3	- 8.9
Restaurants	+83.0 +91.0	+24.1 + 3.4	+17.5	+21.5

Comparison of Retail Sales of Boot and Shoe Stores and Jewellery Stores

	Boot and Shoe Stores	Jewellery Stores			
Region	Sales in March,1943 Compared with Sales in March,1942	Sales in Sales in February,1943 March,1943 Compared with Compared with Sales in Sales in February,1942 March, 1942 Includ- Exclud- ing tax ing tax ing tax			
CANADA	+ 0.5	+18.0 + 2.8 +22.0 + 5.4			
Maritime Provinces Quebec Ontario Prairie Provinces British Columbia	+16.8 -10.8 - 1.2 - 1.6 +31.6	+18.2 + 3.3 +29.1 +11.9 +16.3 + 0.6 +11.0 - 4.9 +11.9 - 2.7 +21.6 + 5.6 +46.6 +26.1 +34.0 +15.6 +23.4 + 7.3 +30.0 +12.3			

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Index Numbers of Retail Sales (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

A. Unadjusted. B. Adjusted for Number of Business Days and Seasonal Variations.

(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

Year and Month	General Index		Boc and S		Ca	Candy(h)		ng(c)
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March, 1929	137.6	143.1	183.6	198.3	256 .	7 190.2	196.6	192.7
March, 1933	77.7	83.7	60 8	77.8	75.	5 87.2	66.4	81.9
March, 1939	92.3	98.1	69.0	91.9	75.	2 92.2	70.2	85.5
March, 1941	119.2	129.3	99.6	132.2	102.	4 124.2	105.0	130.6
March. 1942	144.7	161.4	139.1	177.1	127.	7 163.4	168.0	209.8
1942								
April cassasses	154.8	155.8	169.2	142.8	189	1 142.3	189.1	190.9
May account	159.4	149.1	167.3	144.0	146	6 144.0	159.9	157.5
June	154.5	150.9	177.2	140.5	112.	4 149,4	154.0	146.9
July	137,4	150.3	141.7	153.6	113,	1 133.7	123.2	149.0
August	147.5	162.9	144.3	168.3	126	1 135.9	130,6	171.4
September	153.5	152.3	165.0	156.7	130	8 143.5	154.2	155.4
October	174.3	152.0	175.2	160.9	165	6 163.1	197,4	148.0
November	164.8	161.7	157.0	169.0	151		194.4	160.5
December	213.5	156.4	206.1	151.0	327		263.9	160.8
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Annual Contract of the Contrac	128.7	155.5	103.7	133.4	135	2 180.2	107.4	138.2
January	130,9	168,5	131.2	221 7	165		111.1	188.1
February		167.7	139.8	199.4	148		139.6	185.7
March	151.3	TOLOL	T 50 0	12204	TAO	2 104.6	20000	TOOOL

Year and Month	Women's Clothing	Department	Drugs
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March, 1929	148.5 + 158.2	132.9 138.2	126.0 121.7
March, 1933	69.7 88 2	77.8 82.9	87.2 84.5
March, 1939	83.7 95.8	86.0 91.7	105.2 106.1
March, 1941	114.7 135.7	111.6 125.0	123.7 125.6
Merch, 1942	149.2 173.4	141.2 156.9	142.0 147.5
1.942			
April	184.0 153,1	145.1 148.8	143.4 148.4
May	166.7 153.3	142.2 140.1	144.2 146.5
June	159.3 143.8	139.6 134.1	139.4 148.4
July and the second	138,7 163.8	112.6 145.5	142.1 144.9
August	156 3 214 0	126.9 154.5	148.6 149.4
September	170.0 180.1	154.9 152.7	148.0 147.2
October	206.2 157.1	181.9 152.9	163.1 153.0
November	183.8 172.2	187,4 168,5	148 4 154.7
December .,	261 1 173.7	241.6 146.6	213.0 168.7
1943			
January	127.2 174.5	107.5 147.8	151.5 158.9
February	127.7 219.6	116.2 154.5	149.0 165.3
March	156,9 190,9	145.5 164.4	160.1 163.1

⁽c) Includes men's furnishings.

⁽h) Candy indexes are based largely upon returns from retail candy chains.

Adjusted indexes of boot and shoe store sales appearing in this issue differ from those previously given for the period from 1939 onwards. A new series of adjustment factors has been prepared and is based on the experience of a longer period than that previously used.

Index Numbers of Retail Sales - (Average for 1935-1939 100)

A. Unadjusted. B. Adjusted for Number of Business Days and Seasonal Variations.

(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

Year and Month	Furni	ture		eries Meats	Hard	ware B	
March, 1929	160.8	185.0	130,1	126.2	108.4	158.0	
March. 1933	60.2	66.2	89.7		50.3	67.9	
March, 1939	82.0	94.5	109.6			97.1	
March, 1941	113.9	152.7	134,7	126.9	97 5	136.7	
March, 1942	111.3	132.7	153.3	154.9	122.0	170.9	
1942							
April	129.0	119.1	157.4	161.4	149.0	146.1	
May	164.6	132.9	169.9	157.1	176.0	136.0	
June	131,1	132.3	168.7	172.1	164,6	135.7	
July	120.3	154.6	152.0	154,0	155.0	138.2	
August	138.2	135.0	160.7	166.3	162.2	154.5	
September	130.7	113.6	148,4	153.3	164.0	139.4	
October	152.1	124.7	164.9	152.4	167.5	142.9	
November	120.6	116.7	148.8	157.1	147.9	150.8	
December	143.4	121.3	178.5	164.0	162.4	146.1	
1943							
January	91.5	137.2	155,4	157.6	92.3	153.8	
February	94.8	121.4	149.7	163.0	98.3	180.0	
March	109.3	127.4	166,5	163.6	113.6	155.5	
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Year and Morth		Radio and Electrical		Restaurants		Vari	ety	
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March, 1929	180.3	235.8		178.6	180.8	67.1	78.6	
March, 1933	60.6	69.8		880	88,8	58.2	74.5	
March, 1939	82.1	95.7		94.9	95.7	80.2	102.7	
March, .1941	119.4	144.6		117.0	118.8	121.0	150.9	
March, 1942	126.7	153.5		140.0	143.6	148.2	191.3	
1942								
April 000000	134.7	147.8		141.5	142.2	169.2	188.4	
May	152.6	136.5		145.1	142.5	186,4	180.6	
June	128.5	138,5		139.8	140.4	180.7	176.7	
July	121,3	152.6		144.9	137.7	176.3	176.2	
August	126.1	160.6		150.6	140.0	180.1	185.5	
September	135.5	116.1		150.0	145.0	176.6	188.5	
October	144.4	112.4		156.6	151.8	204.5	185.0	
November	131.0	106.9		150.4	161.1	199.0	204.0	
December	160.1	113.8		160.6	154.6	346 - 6	178.1	
1943					2020	0 20 0	2,002	
Jamuary	114.6	148.0		152.8	162,3	128.4	195.2	
February	101.9	137,0		147.8	167.3	139.1	206.0	
March 000000	115.5	134.7		173.7	175.2	153.2	198.4	
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Unadjusted Indexes of Retail Sales by Provinces (Average for 1935-1939 - 100)
(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

Year and Wonth	CAMADA	Maritime	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia			
Men's Clothing Stores (c)									
March, 1939	70 8	67.0	69.1	69,3	75.3	73.9			
March, 1340	90.5		88,3	91.0	84,4	87.6			
March, 1941.	1.05.0	128.5		110.6	90.6	89.1			
farch, 1942	168.0	194.6	180,9	169.9	138,0	142.5			
January	107.4	174.7	97.8	100.6	106.8	113.5			
February	111.1	158.1	96.6	107.3	11.5.5	1.26.2			
March	139.6	1.86.7	128.4	137.8	135.6	147.3			
6 Change,									
March, 1943 March, 1942	-16.9	- 4.3.	-29.0	-1.8 . 9	- 1.7	+ 3,4			
& Change.									
Jan. March, 1943 Jan. March, 1942		+ 2.5	14.3	-12.5	+ 9.1	+11.9			
		Women's	Clothin	g Stores		a to the case we take a go of the second sec			
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March, 1939	83.7	70.7	76.8	82.7	92.2	101.4			
darch, 1940	102.,7	110.5	88.7	100.9	112.6	1335			
March, 1941	114.7	123 0	1.05 9	115.5	110-1	138.9			
March, 1942	149.2	157.8	148 9	152.8	1.36 . 4	147.6			
Jamiary	127.2	158.0	113 4	134.2	109,1	144.6			
February	127.7	150.3	116.4	125 2	136.7	149.4			
March		195.5	143 8	159.7	147.2	178.6			
Change,									
March, 1943 March, 1942 % Change.	+ 5,2	+23.9	- 3.4	+ 4.5	+ 7.9	+21.0			
Jan March, 1943 Jan March, 1942		+18,6	+ 9,0	+12.8	+18 7	+28,0			
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March, 1939	109.6	101.0	121.2	112.9	88.5	91.9			
March, 1940	124 5	120.5	131.7	124.6	113.8	119.7			
March, 1941	134.7	129,6	137.7	139.3	118.5	131.0			
March, 1942	153,3	153.3	158.8	156.6	134.7	146,1			
January	155.4	1.65.9	163.4	158.7	127 9	139,1			
February	149.7	162 2	161.8	146.0	129.7	142.2			
March	166.5	178.5	179.2	163.6	143.5	158,3			
6 Change,									
March, 1943 March, 1942	+ 8.6	+16 4	+1.2.8	+ 4,5	+ 6.5	+ 8,4			
Change,									
Jan. Mar., 1943 Jan. Mar., 1942	+ 5,9	+ 93	+12.0	+ 19	+ 3.1	+ 45			

⁽Tucludes men's furnishings.

Unadjusted Indexes of Retnil Sales by Provinces - (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

Year a	end Month	CANADA	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
			Departu	ent Stores			
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Varena I	1939	86,0	71.5	91.7	87.5	82.6	90.8
	1940	95.4	89,8	101.8	93.9	93.0	101.4
	1941	111.6	115.9	116.1	112.1	104.3	119.6
	1942	141.2	157.6	157.1	144.8	125.3	138.5
1943							
COMPANY OF THE PARK OF THE PAR	iery account	107.5	116.0	115,5	102.6	103.8	119.1
	ruary	116.2	123.2	120.2	115.2	108.9	127.8
	ch ossesses	145.5	170.1	146.7	143.6	137.3	155.0
5 Change		1.2070					
16:13	ch, 1943	+ 3.0	+ 7.9	- 6.6	- 0.8	+ 9.6	+11.9
	ch, 1942						
T Change							
	March, 1943	+ 1.5	+ 2.8	- 1.5	- 2.3	+ 5.2	+ 8.9
	-March 1942						
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			Varia	ety Stores			
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March, l	1939	80 2	77.1	83.4	79.4	76.8	84.0
March,	1940	108.6	125.1	111.1	103.5	112.6	105.3
March,	1941	121.0	156.0	122.2	117.5	116.2	105.6
March,	1942	148.2	187.6	158.2	139.6	145.6	125.7
1.943							
Jan	uary	128.4	143.7	1513	121,4	112.8	103.0
	ruary	139.1	158.0	1.57.7	128.1	138.6	124.0
	ch oassons	153.2	191.2	172.6	142.3	142.4	129.4
% Chang	e,						
Jar	ch, 1943 .,	+ 3,4	+ 19	+ 9.1	+ 1.9	- 2.2	+ 2.3
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% Chang	A ₉						
Jan	March, 1943	+ 3.4	- 1.6	+11.0	+ 1.4	- 05	+ 1.7
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	1340	109.4	116.5	115.2	108.2	106,8	102.4
	1941	123.7	1.38 . 3	126.0	124.9	115.3	116.8
	1942	142.0	161.6	145.6	139.7	139,5	135.2
1943							
and the second	uary	151.5	171.6	158-6	147.1	144.4	159.0
		149.0	171.3	149.4	143,9	148.9	159.6
	ch	160.1	190,2	165,4	152.5	156.6	174.9
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	ch, 1943	+12.7	+1.7.7	+13,6	+ 9.2	+12,3	+29.4
	ch. 1942						
d Chang							
	. March , 1943	+12,6	+1.5.8	+14.3	+ 9 4	+12.6	+25.5
n di							

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES IN CANADA, BY SELECTED DEPARTMENTS

MARCH, 1942 AND MARCH, 1943 (Based on dollar sales of 19 firms including mail order houses)

		March, 1942		% Change, 1943/1942
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	TOTAL SALES, ALL DEPARTMENTS	26 072 748	26,618,165	+ 2.1
1,	Women's dresses, coats and suits	3,060.299	3,250,861	+ 6.2
2,	Girls and infants wear	939,081	1,135,230	+20.9
3.	Hosiery and gloves ,,	1,084,145	1,088,350	+ 0.4
4.	Lingerie and corsets	1,097,313	1,191,655	+ 8.6
5	Millinery	378,566	341,498	- 9.8
6	Women's and children's apparel - (Total, 1-5)	6,559,404	7,007,534	+ 6.8
7.	Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	3,184,273	2,674,866	-16.0
8.	Drugs and toilet articles and preparations	740,101	802,798	+ 8.5
9,	Piece goods	1,949,893	2,197,392	+12.7
10.	Smallwares	874, 298	943,624	+ 7.9
11.	Food and kindred products	2, 383, 690	2,482,455	+ 4.1
12.	Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	1, 387, 636	1,476,968	+ 6,4
13,	Home furnishings	1,717,939	1,987,174	+15.7
14.	Household appliances and electrical supplies	704,504	527,115	-25.2
15.	Hardware and kitchen utensils	1,191,442	1,154,341	- 3.1
16.	Radios, musical instruments and supplies	351,, 306	342,490	- 2,5
17.	Shoes and other footwear	2,030,524	1,848,805	- 8.9
18,	Stationery, books and magazines	342,293	407,148	+18.9
19.	All other departments, total	2,655,445	2,765,395	



DEPARTMENT STORE SALES IN CANADA, BY SELECTED DEPARTMENTS JAN.-MAR., 1942 AND JAN.-MAR., 1943

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		JanMar. 1942	JanMar. 1943	% Change, 1943/1942
		\$	\$	ellerald - Electric reservable in Egyptic responsive placed
	TOTAL SALES, ALL DEPARTMENTS	66,914,854	66,881,023	- 0.5
1.	Women's dresses, coats and suits	6,444,040	7,471,620	+15.9
2.	Girls' and infants' wear	2,031,900	2,399,010	+18.1
3.	Hosiery and gloves	2,691,766	2,707,649	+ 0.6
4.	Lingerie and corsets	3,157,363	3,139,999	- 0.5
5.	Millinery	643,850	652,598	+ 1.4
6.	Women's and children's apparel (Total, 1-5)	14,968,919	16,370,876	+ 9.4
7.	Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	7,019,836	6,464,339	- 7.9
8.	Drug and toilet articles and preparations .	2,179,156	2,223,020	+ 2.0
9.	Piece goods	6,068,057	6,121,412	+ 0.9
10.	Smallwares	2,543,779	2,574,371	+ 1.2
11.	Food and kindred products	6,786,056	6,843,191	+ 0.8
12.	Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	4,314,991	3,701,521	-14.2
13.	Home furnishings	4,538,058	4,898,433	+ 7.9
14.	Household appliances and electrical supplies	1,909,136	1,380,198	-27.7
15.	Hardware and kitchen utensils	2,877,766	2,545,924	-11.5
16.	Radios, musical instruments and supplies	1,103,492	943,072	-14.5
17.	Shoes and other footwear	4,566,111	4,501,282	- 1.4
18.	Stationery, books and magazines	1,021,792	1,152,912	+12.8
19.	All other departments, total	7,017,705	7,160,472	+ 2.0