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CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES

January, 1929 to May, 1931.

Index Numbers of Retail Sales issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for May, 1931, show increased sales for three groups and lower sales for six groups as compared with April, 1931. The combined index for all groups decreased from 115.2 in April to 114.3 in May, the base being January, 1929 = 100.

No correction of these index numbers has been made for seasonal influences nor is there any allowance for price changes.

These index numbers are based on returns from 73 chain stores and 25 departmental stores. Index numbers for groups are as follows:-

General and departmental rose from 120.0 in April to 127.7 in May; Groceries and meats from 105.8 to 107.7 and Restaurants from 82.2 to 84.2.

Boots and shoes decreased from 106.5 in April to 105.4 in May; Candy from 109.8 to 93.1; Clothing from 170.6 to 125.6; Drugs from 90.6 to 90.2; Furniture from 69.9 to 69.1 and Music and radio from 57.9 to 56.6.

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