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#### CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES

JANUARY, 1929 TO APRIL, 1932.

Index Numbers of Retail Sales issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for April, 1932, (base January, 1929=100) show increased sales for eight groups and decreased sales for three groups as compared with March, 1932. The combined index rose from 85.6 to 94.3, due mainly to seasonal influences.

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

These index numbers are based on returns from 83 chains, comprising approximately 2,700 stores, and 25 departmental stores. Index numbers for all groups behaved as follows:-

Boots and Shoes rose from 62.5 in March to 87.3 in April; Clothing from 86.0 to 97.4; Dyers and Cleaners from 88.3 to 127.8, and Furniture from 49.5 to 53.6. General and Departmental increased from 89.0 in March to 102.8 in April; Groceries and Meats from 89.5 to 92.5; Hardware from 65.6 to 90.6, and Restaurants from 67.3 to 68.0.

Candy sales dropped from 103.0 in March to 72.3 in April; Drugs from 90.8 to 87.4, and Music and Radio from 31.9 to 27.5.

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## INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL SALES

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