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CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES

JANUARY, 1929 TO AUGUST, 1932.

Index numbers of Retail Sales issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for August, 1932 (base January, 1929=100) show increased sales for five groups and decreased sales for six groups as compared with July, 1932.

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

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

Drug sales rose from 79.0 in July to 79.6 in August; Furniture from 32.7 to 44.9, and Hardware from 89.2 to 93.7. Music and Radio increased from 15.9 to 22.1, and Restaurant sales from 63.9 to 65.6.

Boots and Shoes dropped from 83.7 in July to 58.1 in August; Candy from 70.9 to 69.2, and Clothing from 69.1 to 52.7. Dyers and Cleaners fell from 93.2 to 92.2; General and Departmental from 88.0 to 81.5, and Groceries and Meats from 86.7 to 75.6.

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INDEX NUMBER OF RETAIL SALES

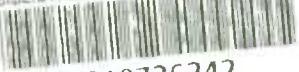
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Boots and Shoes - 6 Chains												
1929	100.0	87.9	152.3	140.4	160.9	166.3	121.4	116.9	119.1	126.7	134.5	151.5
1930	65.8	73.0	86.1	119.9	120.3	122.3	98.2	89.2	86.3	95.9	102.3	129.1
1931	66.9	59.1	75.8	107.8	107.8	115.7	97.4	79.1	85.0	95.0	93.3	125.5
1932	64.5	48.1	62.5	87.3	86.2	107.5	83.7	58.1				
Candy - 6 Chains												
1929	100.0	108.6	152.4	102.8	125.0	115.0	116.9	144.7	118.4	122.3	117.9	203.1
1930	97.1	103.0	95.2	121.5	104.3	86.7	95.3	112.6	93.5	93.9	88.9	159.3
1931	74.3	80.4	75.5	110.7	91.5	71.5	75.2	85.8	78.2	86.9	72.5	146.0
1932	66.9	69.8	103.0	72.3	75.3	63.7	70.9	69.2				
Clothing - 9 Chains												
1929	100.0	126.0	174.6	180.7	171.6	187.0	137.1	123.0	141.4	221.0	166.5	170.7
1930	99.2	86.4	130.8	194.9	172.2	155.4	122.1	90.7	111.7	157.9	122.3	159.5
1931	70.8	67.7	106.0	169.5	126.1	140.1	85.7	67.7	83.7	119.3	102.7	131.6
1932	60.7	52.1	85.8	98.4	91.7	110.8	69.1	52.7				
Drugs - 7 Chains												
1929	100.0	97.7	108.1	99.5	103.5	106.0	104.6	110.0	100.4	105.8	103.7	114.9
1930	96.9	94.3	105.4	99.9	98.7	95.2	95.9	101.0	92.2	97.1	92.2	106.0
1931	93.1	87.4	92.7	90.2	89.9	86.5	90.0	88.7	87.3	90.7	90.8	103.9
1932	85.7	87.4	90.8	87.4	79.3	84.4	79.0	79.6				
Dyers and Cleaners - 4 Chains												
1929	100.0	105.9	160.1	213.4	181.8	176.8	161.5	147.2	167.3	190.1	161.9	122.8
1930	115.4	104.5	156.0	204.6	174.7	163.1	118.7	117.9	170.5	187.0	105.0	87.5
1931	109.3	99.0	143.1	134.9	146.4	150.9	128.9	114.1	131.4	133.9	109.4	78.7
1932	76.4	75.4	88.3	127.8	119.6	119.2	93.2	92.2				
Furniture - 4 Chains												
1929	100.0	130.4	144.1	141.9	158.4	135.7	119.2	156.8	154.4	171.9	178.4	159.4
1930	95.4	97.4	95.5	97.6	110.2	91.7	68.9	97.7	103.8	109.7	105.8	113.4
1931	60.9	69.6	69.7	69.8	69.0	61.2	52.4	67.3	84.8	90.2	92.7	88.6
1932	48.3	64.5	49.5	53.6	52.9	43.7	32.7	44.9				

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	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
General and Departmental - 25 Stores and 4 Chains												
1929	100.0	99.1	123.2	123.6	155.4	143.2	124.5	132.4	132.5	155.7	149.5	218.0
1930	97.5	95.6	104.7	126.4	141.4	122.3	107.9	111.5	125.2	140.0	130.3	207.7
1931	93.0	88.8	105.0	120.2	123.1	115.6	101.3	100.1	112.2	130.2	117.4	195.9
1932	79.5	78.7	89.3	103.1	104.0	102.4	88.0	81.6				
Groceries and Meats - 23 Chains												
1929	100.0	101.9	118.4	107.7	112.8	116.9	107.4	115.5	107.7	115.4	118.4	116.6
1930	106.2	99.1	107.3	107.5	115.2	96.0	96.4	101.5	94.3	96.7	103.6	106.0
1931	105.2	95.5	100.1	106.9	108.5	97.0	95.1	94.1	93.7	96.1	94.5	96.6
1932	90.4	83.7	89.4	92.3	85.5	83.4	86.7	75.6				
Hardware - 5 Chains												
1929	100.0	95.0	114.9	155.3	191.1	195.2	174.1	168.6	189.2	203.0	131.8	166.6
1930	71.9	65.3	111.4	136.7	181.8	162.7	140.3	136.7	157.6	157.0	129.9	164.3
1931	70.1	67.6	81.6	111.6	140.0	123.5	106.3	110.7	120.0	117.7	100.6	142.1
1932	56.6	54.1	65.6	93.9	120.1	109.5	89.2	93.7				
Music and Radio - 4 Chains												
1929	100.0	106.3	90.3	85.7	94.0	84.1	84.0	86.7	129.5	165.3	150.6	156.9
1930	84.0	73.0	76.4	62.4	66.7	50.7	47.4	56.4	92.3	113.9	115.4	144.7
1931	77.0	72.4	65.7	52.7	53.0	39.4	40.5	48.5	65.8	78.1	80.5	82.6
1932	42.0	34.9	31.9	28.6	26.6	20.9	15.9	22.1				
Restaurants - 11 Chains												
1929	100.0	94.2	102.8	100.4	109.3	102.9	115.2	119.9	107.6	106.8	94.8	100.3
1930	94.4	86.9	91.7	90.1	96.4	94.9	99.2	102.8	91.4	93.7	83.1	91.8
1931	83.2	76.3	83.6	83.0	85.4	81.1	83.0	88.3	84.2	80.4	69.5	78.5
1932	66.7	65.0	67.3	63.0	64.5	62.6	63.9	65.6				
General Index												
1929	100.0	102.8	126.7	123.7	139.3	136.1	119.1	124.8	123.9	145.2	136.6	166.4
1930	95.9	94.5	106.9	123.9	130.6	114.1	103.5	104.3	109.6	122.9	115.1	154.5
1931	92.1	86.4	99.8	116.2	115.4	107.5	95.0	92.2	99.3	111.5	103.1	141.7
1932	76.7	75.3	85.7	94.5	91.8	92.7	82.0	74.1				

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