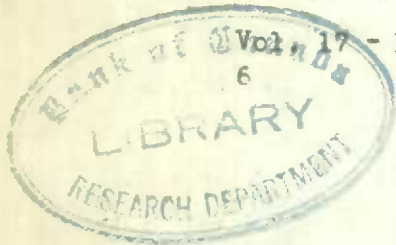




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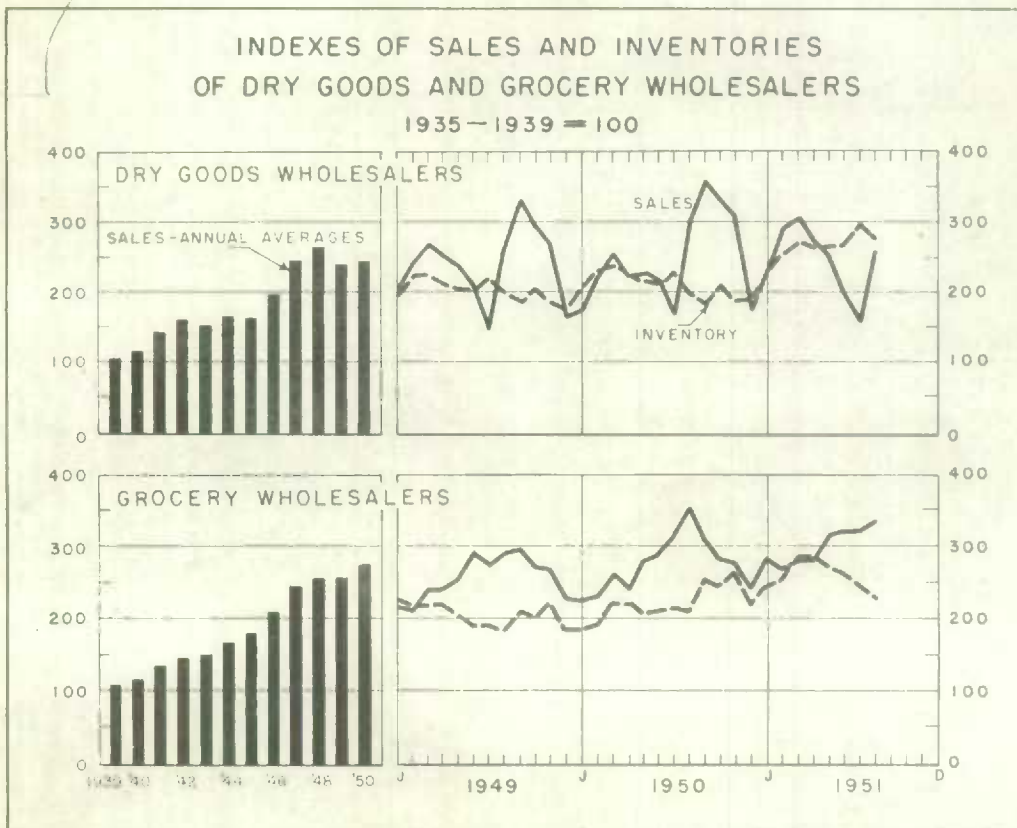
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WHOLESALE TRADE

AUGUST, 1951

Wholesale trade in August was 2% lower, in dollar volume, than in the same month of last year. This decrease is the first for 1951 in monthly comparisons with last year. Cumulative figures for the first eight months showed sales up 13% over the same period of 1950.



About 400 wholesalers, distributed over nine trades, supply figures upon which this report is based.

The general unadjusted index (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) stood at 361.9 for August 1951, as compared with 368.9 for August 1950 and 328.9 for July 1951.

Stocks remained at a comparatively high level, 24% above the dollar volume of inventories held at the end of August 1950.

Wholesalers in footwear, drugs and fruits and vegetables enjoyed a more active trade in August than was the case with those in the other six trades. Five of the nine trades showed sales declines from August a year ago, the largest being that for dry goods wholesalers, 14%.

Inventories were higher than last year in all nine trades with particularly marked gains (30% or over) in auto parts and equipment, clothing, dry goods, fruits and vegetables and hardware.

Sales moved downward in August in all sections of the country except British Columbia.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

<u>Month and Year</u>	<u>Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories</u> (Average for 1935-1939=100)		<u>Stocks/Sales Ratios</u>
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
August 1948	185.6	187.4	.92
August 1949	198.4	183.1	.91
August 1950	198.4	209.8	.84
July 1951	299.4	243.5	1.03
August 1951	275.2	228.3	1.00

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade⁽¹⁾

(Preliminary)

Trade and Region	SALES		INVENTORY	
	August 1951 August 1950	Jan.-Aug. 1951 Jan.-Aug. 1950	August 31, 1951 August 31, 1950	
<u>WHOLESALE TRADE</u> ⁽¹⁾ , CANADA	- 1.9	+ 12.7		
Maritimes	- 4.9	+ 8.3	+ 23.7	
Quebec	- 8.8	+ 12.1		
Ontario	- 0.2	+ 13.4		
Prairies	- 0.7	+ 11.3		
British Columbia	+ 2.4	+ 17.5		
<u>Auto Parts and Equipment</u>	- 5.7	+ 25.1		
Maritimes and Quebec	- 17.6	+ 28.3	+ 38.8	
Ontario	+ 7.0	+ 24.7		
Western Provinces	- 11.5	+ 24.3		
<u>Drugs</u>	+ 10.6	+ 14.3		
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ..	+ 11.5	+ 13.3	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces	+ 8.8	+ 16.5		
<u>Clothing</u>	- 6.4	+ 7.2		
Quebec	- 11.1		+ 34.5	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	- 3.1			
<u>Footwear</u>	+ 20.5	+ 26.3		
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 29.2		+ 19.0	
Ontario and Western Provinces ..	+ 14.4			
<u>Dry Goods</u>	- 13.8	+ 11.4		
Maritimes and Quebec	- 17.9	+ 13.4	+ 38.7	
Ontario	- 17.7	+ 8.6		
Western Provinces	+ 0.1	+ 12.5		
<u>Fruits and Vegetables</u>	+ 9.8	+ 3.3		
Maritimes and Quebec	- 7.0	+ 2.6	+ 40.7	
Ontario	+ 5.9	+ 5.4		
Western Provinces	+ 18.4	+ 1.8		
<u>Groceries</u>	- 4.8	+ 10.4		
Maritimes	- 5.6	+ 5.4	+ 8.8	
Quebec	- 11.7	+ 5.5		
Ontario	- 8.2	+ 8.6		
Prairies	- 6.0	+ 12.1		
British Columbia	+ 11.6	+ 19.3		
<u>Hardware</u>	- 6.4	+ 22.4		
Maritimes	- 9.2	+ 14.4	+ 29.9	
Quebec	- 11.5	+ 23.7		
Ontario	+ 0.2	+ 28.6		
Western Provinces	- 6.5	+ 19.7		
<u>Tobacco and Confectionery</u>	+ 6.8	+ 8.5		
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 7.8	+ 5.3	+ 4.7	
Ontario	+ 16.4	+ 14.4		
Western Provinces	- 2.5	+ 4.0		

(1) Composite of Nine Trades.

NOTE: Figures for Newfoundland are not available.



MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA
(Average 1935-39=100)

Month and Year	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August 1948	296.7	304.8	249.4	292.5	312.7	346.1	376.0	395.9	321.5	408.0
August 1949	317.2	313.9	258.6	310.6	347.7	368.6	420.4	412.1	389.0	438.2
August 1950	368.9	352.8	313.4	359.1	400.6	427.6	575.1	560.0	496.8	638.5
July 1951	328.9	314.4	271.2	331.2	350.5	385.0	474.9	433.6	534.9	436.8
August 1951	361.9	335.5	285.8	358.4	397.8	437.9	542.3	461.4	531.6	565.1
	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que.&Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August 1948	279.6	268.6	309.0	264.5	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3	
August 1949	319.3	307.8	350.7	270.3	352.3	260.9	218.1	306.2	276.0	
August 1950	330.8	315.5	372.4	280.0	361.5	301.1	259.1	339.0	323.5	
July 1951	330.3	310.5	386.9	159.3	203.9	154.0	126.8	161.3	201.0	
August 1951	365.9	351.8	405.2	262.1	435.6	259.5	212.7	279.0	323.8	
	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Province
August 1948	285.4	313.9	227.4	290.5	281.3	332.7	249.0	167.8	230.1	318.9
August 1949	291.4	318.6	229.9	292.0	281.6	370.0	303.5	192.6	253.1	424.1
August 1950	353.2	364.2	283.7	360.9	356.2	409.2	286.8	205.1	267.3	358.8
July 1951	322.4	330.7	258.4	318.0	334.0	401.0	315.4	248.3	307.5	366.7
August 1951	336.2	343.8	250.5	331.3	334.8	456.7	314.9	190.7	283.1	424.8
	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
August 1948	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3	348.2	336.4	355.5	336.0	
August 1949	377.9	343.9	348.5	340.3	400.0	380.9	372.4	384.7	369.9	
August 1950	479.9	420.9	472.6	409.4	506.4	425.1	391.8	420.9	431.3	
July 1951	420.5	330.2	395.4	428.2	438.1	436.5	420.7	446.3	402.2	
August 1951	449.2	382.2	418.3	410.2	473.5	454.0	422.4	489.9	420.5	