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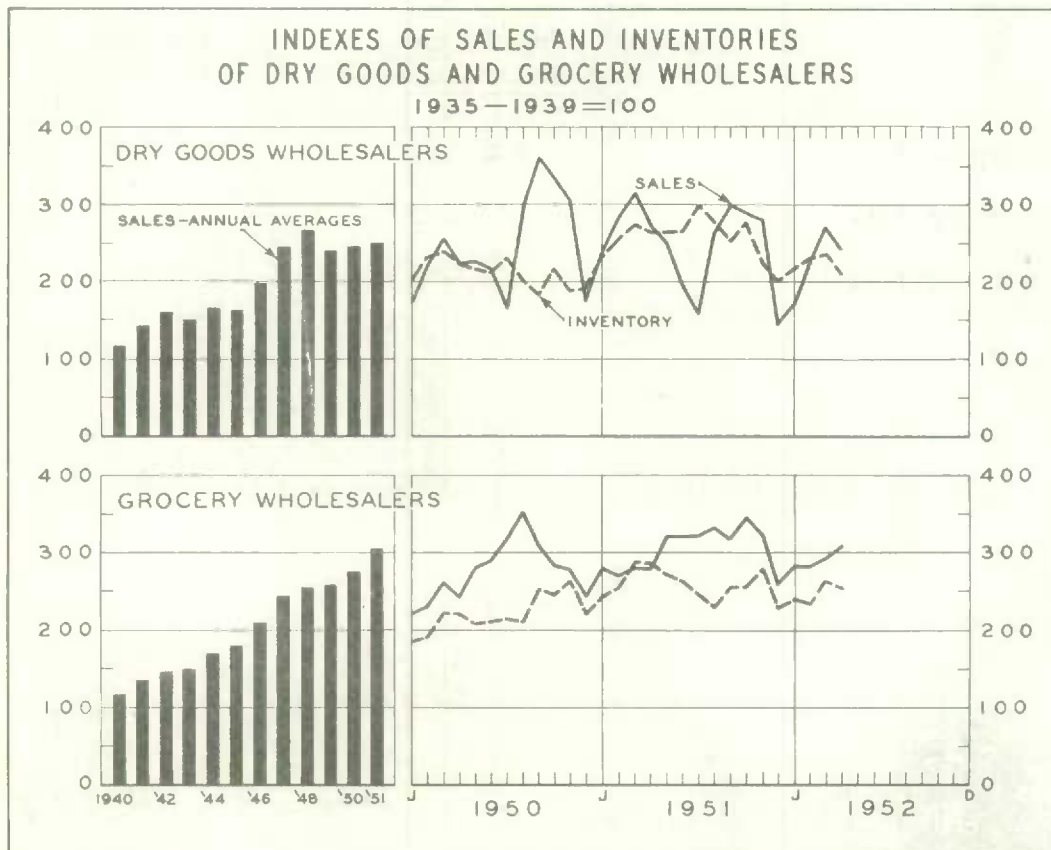
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WHOLESALE TRADE  
APRIL 1952

The results shown in this report are based on returns from 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.

The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939=100) stood at 361.5 for April 1952 compared with 352.4 for April a year ago and 335.3 for March 1952.



### Sales Trends by Trades

April sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 4% higher than in April last year. Wholesalers of Fruits and Vegetables registered the greatest increase in sales-23% above April 1951. Increased sales of 11%, 10%, and 6% were reported by wholesalers of groceries, drugs and clothing respectively. Slightly higher sales than in April last year were also recorded in the footwear and tobacco and confectionery trades. Wholesalers of dry goods and hardware with a decrease in sales of 12% registered the greatest drop from April 1951. Sales of auto parts and equipment declined 7% from the same period a year ago.

### Inventories

Inventories at the end of April were down 7% from the same date last year. The greatest drop occurred in the footwear trade which reported a decline of 23% in stocks from the end of April 1951. Decreases in inventories were recorded in all trades except fruits and vegetables. Stocks of fruits and vegetables were 27% higher than at the end of April a year ago.

### Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
April 1951	262.5	285.9
March 1952	234.4	264.0
April 1952	208.7	253.6

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Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	April (P) 1952	March (R) 1952	April 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	361.5	335.3	352.4	+ 4.5	- 7.4
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	519.5	479.8	559.1	- 7.2	- 5.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	425.6	429.9	537.4	- 20.8	
Ontario .....	516.7	484.5	531.6	- 2.8	
Western Provinces.....	593.5	509.6	617.6	- 3.9	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	366.8	323.7	334.9	+ 9.7	- 5.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	348.0	306.8	314.9	+ 10.5	
Western Provinces .....	429.4	380.0	401.3	+ 7.0	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	263.4	271.9	249.7	+ 5.5	- 12.3
<b>Footwear .....</b>	330.0	361.2	324.8	+ 1.6	- 22.9
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	240.1	270.1	272.5	- 11.8	- 20.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	239.7	247.8	275.2	- 12.9	
Ontario .....	238.3	278.7	283.0	- 15.8	
Western Provinces .....	242.4	296.1	259.0	- 6.4	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	364.8	306.3	296.7	+ 22.7	+ 27.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	323.2	285.5	279.6	+ 15.6	
Ontario .....	439.4	341.9	346.5	+ 26.8	
Western Provinces .....	341.7	296.3	271.2	+ 26.0	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	309.7	292.1	278.5	+ 10.6	- 11.3
Maritimes .....	329.2	337.3	289.3	+ 13.8	
Quebec .....	211.3	217.8	207.2	+ 2.0	
Ontario .....	327.6	278.2	279.3	+ 17.3	
Prairies .....	293.4	276.8	276.8	+ 6.0	
British Columbia .....	447.9	437.9	392.2	+ 14.2	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	444.8	411.0	504.7	- 11.9	- 0.3
Maritimes .....	437.3	312.2	487.0	- 10.2	
Quebec .....	375.3	390.1	425.0	- 11.7	
Ontario .....	535.8	442.8	608.9	- 12.0	
Western Provinces .....	430.1	419.0	489.3	- 12.1	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	441.5	390.9	435.8	+ 1.4	- 18.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	485.0	407.4	473.6	+ 2.4	
Ontario .....	430.3	384.8	435.5	- 1.2	
Western Provinces .....	390.1	375.7	369.4	+ 5.6	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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