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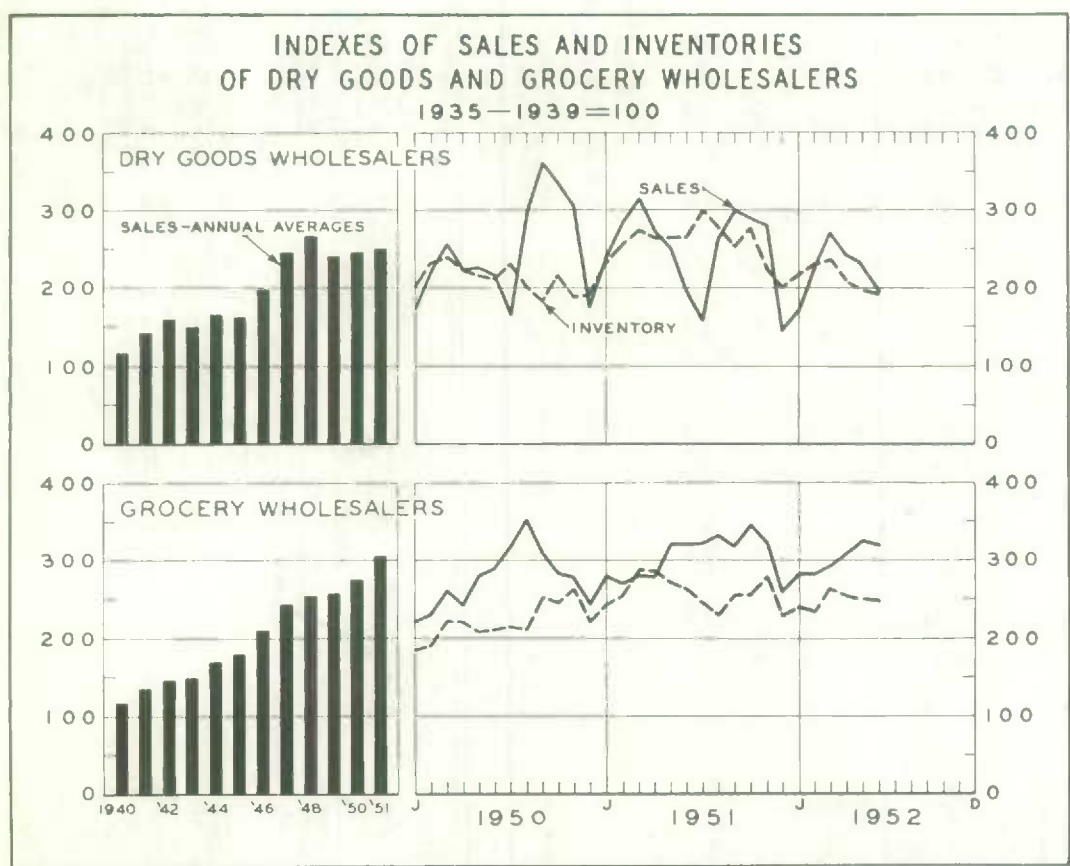


WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE 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 369.2 for June 1952 compared with 357.3 for June a year ago and 390.3 for May 1952.



Wholesale Trade in Canada

JUNE, 1952

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	June (P) 1952	May (R) 1952	June 1951	Sales %	Inventory %
Wholesale Trade¹, Canada	369.2	390.3	357.3	+ 3.1	- 6.8
Auto Parts and Equipment	588.2	546.5	504.2	+ 16.4	- 7.0
Maritimes and Quebec	461.1	599.5	500.1	- 7.8	
Ontario	582.7	508.3	486.4	+ 19.8	
Western Provinces.....	690.7	566.1	534.6	+ 29.2	
Drugs	336.7	390.0	312.8	+ 7.6	+ 4.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	315.3	379.4	293.6	+ 7.4	
Western Provinces	407.9	425.4	376.6	+ 8.3	
Clothing	226.7	218.8	203.3	+ 11.5	- 27.2
Footwear	233.0	287.2	236.5	- 1.5	- 18.3
Dry Goods	195.2	229.9	195.8	- 0.4	- 26.5
Maritimes and Quebec	202.0	213.3	203.8	- 0.9	
Ontario	207.7	255.6	193.9	+ 7.1	
Western Provinces	173.6	231.8	185.5	- 6.4	
Fruits and Vegetables.....	403.6	419.8	339.9	+ 18.8	+ 11.2
Maritimes and Quebec	419.2	400.4	337.8	+ 24.1	
Ontario	413.7	456.7	345.6	+ 19.7	
Western Provinces	380.1	407.3	337.0	+ 12.8	
Groceries	319.1	329.5	321.2	- 1.2	- 5.3
Maritimes	331.8	342.2	331.8	(2)	
Quebec	235.6	235.4	252.2	- 6.6	
Ontario	321.4	329.7	324.0	- 0.8	
Prairies	310.0	327.2	314.1	- 1.3	
British Columbia	465.4	484.9	439.1	+ 6.0	
Hardware	461.1	505.3	481.7	- 4.3	- 2.2
Maritimes	383.0	428.6	385.7	- 0.7	
Quebec	430.7	407.6	456.3	- 5.6	
Ontario	518.7	558.3	537.0	- 3.4	
Western Provinces	456.2	537.5	478.2	- 4.6	
Tobacco and Confectionery	443.3	491.0	432.6	+ 2.5	- 0.2
Maritimes and Quebec	438.8	450.6	438.8	(2)	
Ontario	460.8	536.5	445.2	+ 3.5	
Western Provinces	410.7	456.8	392.3	+ 4.7	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

2. Unchanged

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

Sales Trends by Trades

June sales of wholesalers in the trades covered by this survey were 3% higher than in June last year. Wholesalers of fruits and vegetables with increased sales of 19% recorded the greatest gain over June 1951. Sales of auto parts and equipment and clothing increased 16% and 12% respectively. Smaller gains of 8% and 3% respectively were reported by wholesalers of drugs and tobacco and confectionery. Sales of hardware with a decline of 4% registered the greatest drop from June 1951. Slight decreases in sales were also reported by wholesalers of footwear, groceries and dry goods.

Inventories

Inventories at the end of June declined 7% from the same date last year. The greatest drop occurred in the clothing trade which reported a decline of 27% in stocks from the end of June 1951. Decreases in inventories were recorded in all trades except fruits and vegetables and drugs. Stocks of fruits and vegetables rose 11% while stocks of drugs were 4% higher than at the end of June 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>
June 1951	263.5	262.4
May 1952	198.5	249.0
June 1952	193.7	248.5

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