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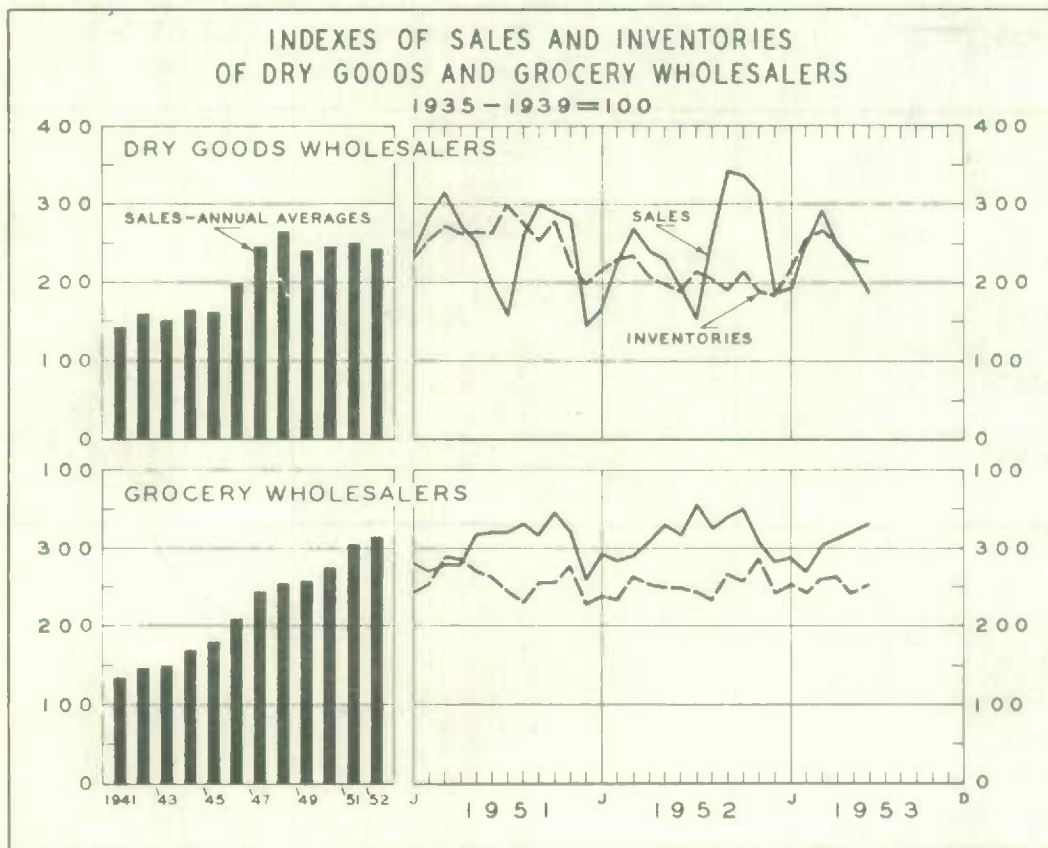
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WHOLESALE TRADE  
JUNE; 1953



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 378.9 for June 1953 compared with 368.5 for June a year ago and 375.9 for May 1953.



Sales Trends by Trades

Wholesale sales moved upward in June, sales for the nine trades covered in this survey being 2% higher than in the same month last year. Wholesalers of auto parts and equipment again reported the greatest gain in sales - 8% above June last year. Sales of drugs and hardware were 7% higher, followed by sales of groceries with an increase of 5%. Wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery and clothing recorded smaller gains of 2% and 1% respectively. Sales of fruits and vegetables with a decline of 10% registered the greatest drop. Dry goods sales declined 4% and footwear 3%.

Inventories

Stocks held by wholesalers were 4% higher at the end of June 1953 than at the same date last year. Higher inventories, ranging from less than 1% to 21%, were reported by all trades with the exceptions of fruits and vegetables and drugs. Stocks held by fruit and vegetable wholesalers were 6% lower, while stocks of drugs declined 4%.

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 1953	229.9	253.0
May 1953	232.8	242.5
June 1952	189.7	248.5

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	June (P) 1953	May (R) 1953	June 1952	Sales %	Inventory %
<b>Wholesale Trade<sup>1</sup>, Canada .....</b>	<b>378.9</b>	<b>375.9</b>	<b>368.5</b>	<b>+ 2.4</b>	<b>+ 4.4</b>
<b>Auto Parts and Equipment .....</b>	<b>628.0</b>	<b>599.4</b>	<b>583.9</b>	<b>+ 7.6</b>	<b>+ 14.6</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	469.1	585.6	458.6	+ 2.3	
Ontario .....	654.8	558.2	574.9	+ 13.9	
Western Provinces.....	704.5	673.1	690.7	+ 2.0	
<b>Drugs .....</b>	<b>359.8</b>	<b>376.7</b>	<b>336.0</b>	<b>+ 7.2</b>	<b>- 3.5</b>
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	338.3	369.5	314.4	+ 7.6	
Western Provinces .....	431.2	400.7	407.9	+ 5.7	
<b>Clothing .....</b>	<b>229.0</b>	<b>228.2</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>+ 1.3</b>	<b>+ 20.2</b>
<b>Footwear .....</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>233.0</b>	<b>- 3.2</b>	<b>+ 13.4</b>
<b>Dry Goods .....</b>	<b>186.4</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>194.2</b>	<b>- 3.7</b>	<b>+ 21.2</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	194.4	212.7	204.8	- 5.1	
Ontario .....	193.2	231.1	208.6	- 7.4	
Western Provinces .....	168.1	228.6	165.3	+ 1.7	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables.....</b>	<b>364.6</b>	<b>355.7</b>	<b>405.9</b>	<b>- 10.1</b>	<b>- 5.9</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	372.8	333.2	426.0	- 12.5	
Ontario .....	364.5	361.1	408.2	- 10.7	
Western Provinces .....	356.8	372.7	384.5	- 7.2	
<b>Groceries .....</b>	<b>333.6</b>	<b>323.4</b>	<b>317.2</b>	<b>+ 4.7</b>	<b>+ 1.8</b>
Maritimes .....	339.3	335.4	328.8	+ 3.2	
Quebec .....	238.6	225.3	235.1	+ 1.5	
Ontario .....	329.6	315.2	316.9	+ 4.0	
Prairies .....	327.7	324.9	310.3	+ 5.6	
British Columbia .....	519.9	500.9	465.0	+ 11.8	
<b>Hardware .....</b>	<b>492.9</b>	<b>485.6</b>	<b>462.6</b>	<b>+ 6.6</b>	<b>+ 0.3</b>
Maritimes .....	417.5	413.6	383.0	+ 9.0	
Quebec .....	467.9	436.1	428.5	+ 9.2	
Ontario .....	550.1	527.0	520.4	+ 5.7	
Western Provinces .....	484.9	498.8	459.6	+ 5.5	
<b>Tobacco and Confectionery .....</b>	<b>450.9</b>	<b>451.7</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 1.9</b>
Maritimes and Quebec .....	458.1	410.0	438.8	+ 4.4	
Ontario .....	459.5	501.1	458.6	+ 0.2	
Western Provinces .....	418.1	410.7	411.1	+ 1.7	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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