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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, NOVEMBER, 1936

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada in November, 1936, showed an increase of 5.9 per cent over the corresponding month of 1935, according to reports submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade.

While results presented separately by economic divisions indicate that sales in November, as compared with November a year ago, increased in all sections of the Dominion, the greatest improvement was shown for British Columbia with a gain of 12.8 per cent. The Maritime Provinces reported an increase of 8.7 per cent; Quebec, 6.4 per cent; Ontario, 5.3 per cent; and the Prairie Provinces, which showed the largest gain in October with 14.4 per cent, reported an increase of only 2.9 per cent in November over November, 1935.

Increases were recorded in seven kind-of-business groups ranging from 0.5 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade to 18.4 per cent in the automotive trade. The hardware trade, which reported an improvement of 25.0 per cent in October, shows a gain for November of 13.0 per cent over the corresponding period of 1935. A slight decrease was reported in the clothing trade. The footwear group, which showed a gain of over 60 per cent in October, recorded a drop of 26.2 per cent in November as compared with the same month a year ago.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on November 30, 1936, was 11.5 per cent higher than on the same date a year ago. The highest increases reported were in the fruit and vegetables trade, with 20.8 per cent, and in the grocery trade, with 20.4 per cent. The footwear group, which showed the largest decrease in dollar value of sales, reported a small gain in inventory value.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade  
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

	Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 : Pourcentage du change- ment, 1936 comparé à 1935		
	Sales - Ventes		Inventory Inventaire
	(1) October 1936 Octobre 1935	(2) November 1936 Novembre 1935	November 1936 Novembre 1935
Automotive Equipment - Equipé- ment automoteur .....	+ 15.0	+ 18.4	+ 7.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 10.0	+ 6.9	
Ontario .....	+ 25.1	+ 20.3	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 10.8	+ 21.8	
Drugs - Drogues .....	+ 12.5	+ 8.9	+ 4.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 11.6	+ 9.0	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 14.8	+ 8.7	
Clothing - Vêtement .....	- 1.6	- 0.8	+ 4.7
Quebec .....	- 3.5	+ 7.3	
Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest .....	+ 0.6	- 8.0	
Footwear - Chaussures .....	+ 43.5	- 26.2	+ 1.5
Quebec .....	+ 61.4	- 45.8	
Ontario .....	+ 24.1	+ 12.1	
Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches.	+ 8.9	+ 6.6	+ 5.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.9	+ 11.5	
Ontario .....	+ 5.2	+ 2.6	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 20.8	+ 3.8	
Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes .....	+ 8.8	+ 0.5	+ 20.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 3.7	+ 1.1	
Ontario .....	+ 4.4	+ 9.2	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 16.7	- 5.1	
Groceries - Epiceries .....	+ 6.4	+ 5.1	+ 20.4
Maritimes .....	+ 9.6	+ 5.5	
Quebec .....	+ 7.4	+ 10.4	
Ontario .....	+ 2.4	+ 1.9	
Prairies .....	+ 8.5	- 0.4	
British Columbia .....	+ 7.4	+ 16.1	
Hardware - Quincaillerie .....	+ 25.0	+ 13.0	+ 3.0
Maritimes .....	+ 17.9	+ 14.0	
Quebec .....	+ 21.2	+ 18.3	
Ontario .....	+ 16.5	+ 11.1	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 29.4	+ 11.8	
Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries .....	+ 1.0	+ 4.4	+ 8.9
Quebec .....	- 0.4	+ 6.2	
Ontario .....	+ 2.2	+ 3.4	
Western Provinces - de l'Ouest	+ 1.6	+ 3.0	
Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros --			
Maritimes .....	+ 10.2	+ 8.7	
Quebec .....	+ 7.4	+ 6.4	
Ontario .....	+ 6.3	+ 5.3	
Prairies .....	+ 14.4	+ 2.9	
British Columbia .....	+ 12.5	+ 12.8	
CANADA .....	+ 10.0	+ 5.9	+ 11.5

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