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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, JUNE, 1936

According to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale firms operating in nine different lines of business, the value of wholesale trade in June, 1936, increased 12.1 per cent over June, 1935. Sales in the second quarter (April, May and June) of 1936 show a gain of 7.8 per cent over the corresponding three-month period of last year.

For June, 1936, increases in wholesale sales were recorded in all economic divisions of the Dominion ranging from 17.7 per cent in the Maritime Provinces to 9.8 per cent in Ontario. Quebec shows an increase of 16.7 per cent; British Columbia, 12.5 per cent, and in the Prairie Provinces the increase was 10.2 per cent.

Substantial increases were shown for each line of business for June, 1936, compared with the same month in the preceding year. Fruits and vegetables showed a gain of 22.3 per cent; Footwear, 19.0 per cent; Hardware, 16.8 per cent. The smallest increase, 8.4 per cent, was shown for Dry Goods. The grocery trade, which had gains of 7.8 per cent in April and 2.0 per cent in May, shows a further advance of 8.5 per cent for June.

For the three-month period, increases were recorded for all lines of trade in Canada as a whole and in each economic division except Ontario, where a slight falling off was shown in the footwear trade.

The value of inventory as on June 30, 1936, was 6.1 per cent higher than at the end of June, 1935. Percentage changes ranged from an increase of 23.9 per cent in the Fruit and vegetable trade to a decrease of 5.9 per cent in the Automotive equipment trade. All other groups, except Clothing, showed higher inventories at the end of June. The decrease in value of inventory was 1.7 per cent for the Clothing group.

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

	Percentage Change, 1936 Compared With 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare à 1935			
	Sales -- Ventes		Second Quarter 1936 Deuxieme trimestre 1935	Inventory Inventaire June 1936 Juin 1935
	(1) May 1936 Mai 1935	(2) June 1936 Juin 1935		
Automotive Equipment -- Equipement automoteur	+ 11.0	+ 11.0	+ 9.7	- 5.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 14.0	+ 29.9	+ 20.7	
Ontario	+ 8.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 12.2	+ 10.7	+ 10.8	
Drugs -- Drogues	+ 4.1	+ 10.6	+ 7.1	+ 6.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 3.7	+ 10.5	+ 7.1	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 5.0	+ 11.0	+ 7.1	
Clothing -- Vetement	+ 6.1	+ 11.3	+ 8.8	- 1.7
Quebec	- 9.0	+ 17.3	+ 4.1	
Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 20.5	+ 5.5	+ 13.1	
Footwear -- Chaussures	+ 11.0	+ 19.0	+ 6.4	+ 16.4
Quebec	+ 24.1	+ 22.2	+ 13.2	
Ontario	- 5.4	+ 13.4	- 3.6	
Dry Goods -- Marchandises seches	+ 4.3	+ 8.4	+ 5.8	+ 4.0
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 2.3	+ 7.7	+ 5.5	
Ontario	+ 7.1	+ 1.6	+ 2.5	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 4.2	+ 23.1	+ 12.9	
Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et legumes	+ 3.0	+ 22.3	+ 9.4	+ 23.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 2.3	+ 46.9	+ 15.3	
Ontario	+ 6.5	+ 23.3	+ 12.3	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	(X)	+ 7.7	+ 1.5	
Groceries -- Epiceries	+ 1.5	+ 8.5	+ 6.4	+ 8.7
Maritimes	+ 3.1	+ 22.5	+ 13.4	
Quebec	- 7.5	+ 5.8	+ 2.8	
Ontario	- 1.7	+ 6.7	+ 1.6	
Prairies	+ 5.3	+ 10.1	+ 9.5	
British Columbia	+ 10.2	+ 4.2	+ 10.0	
Hardware -- Quincaillerie	+ 8.2	+ 16.8	+ 11.7	+ 3.3
Maritimes	- 13.1	+ 8.3	+ 0.7	
Quebec	+ 9.8	+ 26.8	+ 15.8	
Ontario	+ 11.3	+ 8.3	+ 9.5	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 9.5	+ 18.2	+ 12.7	
Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries	+ 5.6	+ 12.0	+ 7.5	+ 16.8
Quebec	+ 13.5	+ 21.8	+ 16.3	
Ontario	+ 0.7	+ 7.2	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	(X)	+ 5.4	+ 3.3	
Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros --				
Maritimes	- 0.8	+ 17.7	+ 9.3	
Quebec	+ 2.3	+ 16.7	+ 8.7	
Ontario	+ 3.1	+ 9.8	+ 5.0	
Prairies	+ 4.1	+ 10.2	+ 7.7	
British Columbia	+ 11.5	+ 12.5	+ 13.1	
CANADA	+ 3.9	+ 12.1	+ 7.8	+ 6.1

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