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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, MAY, 1937

(Value of Turnover in Comparison with Previous Year)

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"Changes in the Value of Wholesale Trade"

Improvement in dollar volume of wholesale trade in May this year compared with last, while less marked than that recorded in the corresponding comparisons for the four preceding months, was still substantial, according to monthly statements received from about 200 wholesale houses in nine different lines of trade. Aggregate sales of these wholesale merchants averaged 11 per cent higher this May than last while corresponding ratios for earlier months are 16 per cent for April, 20 per cent for March, 13 per cent for February and 14 per cent for January.

All sections of the country shared in the improvement over last year. British Columbia, which has generally reported the greatest increases, continues to lead the advance with a gain of 21 per cent over May last year. Quebec, which was second in point of view of increased sales in April, again came second in May with a gain of 17 per cent. The Maritime Provinces were next with the substantial increase of 14 per cent followed by the Prairie Provinces with 9 per cent and Ontario with 7 per cent.

Figures for the various kind-of-business groups show increases over May a year ago ranging from 8 per cent for the grocery trade to 17 per cent for the hardware trade. Gains over May, 1936, for the other groups are: fruits and vegetables, 15 per cent; automotive equipment, 15 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 13 per cent; footwear, 12 per cent; dry goods, 12 per cent; clothing, 9 per cent, and drugs, 8 per cent.

Value of inventories for all kinds of business combined was 16 per cent higher at the end of May this year than on the same date a year ago. All groups reported increases in this respect ranging from 1 per cent for tobacco and confectionery to 29 per cent for hardware.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

	Percentage Change, 1937 Compared with 1936 : Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936		
	Sales - Ventes		Inventory
	(1)	(2)	Inventaire
	April 1937 Avril 1936	May 1937 Mai 1936	May 1937 Mai 1936
Automotive Equipment - Equipement			
automoteur	+ 16.7	+ 15.1	+ 8.0
Maritimes and Quebec	- 1.5	+ 5.9	
Ontario	+ 4.7	+ 7.6	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 33.9	+ 21.6	
Drugs - Drogues	+ 12.2	+ 8.1	+ 4.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 12.6	+ 9.1	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 11.2	+ 5.4	
Clothing - Vetement	+ 6.0	+ 8.5	+ 11.3
Quebec	+ 9.2	+ 21.5	
Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 4.5	+ 4.2	
Footwear - Chaussures	+ 32.3	+ 11.8	+ 3.9
Quebec	+ 39.7	+ 12.4	
Ontario	+ 19.6	+ 10.8	
Dry Goods - Marchandises seches	+ 10.2	+ 12.0	+ 10.2
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 12.6	+ 16.1	
Ontario	+ 1.0	+ 2.8	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 19.7	+ 16.2	
Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes	+ 17.3	+ 15.3	+ 18.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 16.0	+ 29.1	
Ontario	+ 8.3	+ 10.0	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 26.7	+ 16.2	
Groceries - Epiceries	+ 8.4	+ 7.7	+ 15.4
Maritimes	+ 19.6	+ 11.3	
Quebec	+ 14.2	+ 15.3	
Ontario	+ 8.4	+ 4.8	
Prairies	+ 1.7	+ 5.2	
British Columbia	+ 13.9	+ 15.9	
Hardware - quincaillerie	+ 38.9	+ 17.3	+ 28.7
Maritimes	+ 22.1	+ 30.7	
Quebec	+ 33.3	+ 26.1	
Ontario	+ 33.1	+ 6.5	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 44.9	+ 16.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries	+ 19.6	+ 12.9	+ 1.2
Quebec	+ 29.1	+ 17.6	
Ontario	+ 15.0	+ 10.0	
Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest	+ 10.3	+ 7.0	
Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros:			
Maritimes	+ 17.5	+ 14.1	
Quebec	+ 19.3	+ 17.3	
Ontario	+ 10.0	+ 6.6	
Prairies	+ 15.6	+ 8.6	
British Columbia	+ 23.0	+ 22.4	
CANADA	+ 15.7	+ 11.4	+ 15.6

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