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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1943  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The dollar volume of business transacted by wholesale merchants in Canada increased by 2 per cent in October of this year compared with last, according to reports received from some 300 wholesale trading establishments representing nine different lines of business. The October level of trading conforms with the minor gain of 4 per cent registered in the September comparison. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935-1939=100 stands at 175.0 for October, 1943, 184.8 for September, 1943, and 171.4 for October, 1942. Wholesale sales for the ten-month period of 1943 stand 6 per cent above the sales for the corresponding period of last year.

The fruit and vegetable trade reported a large increase in sales over October, 1942, with a gain of 36 per cent. An increase of 28 per cent in dollar volume was recorded by the tobacco and confectionery trade, while sales of automotive equipment wholesalers were up 15 per cent. The drug trade reported a 5 per cent gain, and sales of hardware wholesalers remained unchanged from October, 1942. The clothing trade reported 21 per cent less business transacted; the dry goods trade declined by 14 per cent; a decrease of 12 per cent was recorded by the footwear trade. Grocery wholesalers reported a 9 per cent decline in sales compared with October of last year.

Inventory position at the end of October relative to the corresponding date last year declined by 5 per cent. Stocks held by wholesalers in the clothing trade at the end of October, 1943, were valued 35 per cent lower than at the end of October, 1942. Decreases ranging from 1 to 15 per cent were reported for the footwear, hardware, dry goods, and automotive equipment trades. Minor gains in stock holdings were recorded by the tobacco and confectionery trade, the drug trade and the grocery trade. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported 16 per cent more stock on hand at the end of October, 1943, than on the corresponding date of last year.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1943, compared with 1942			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date, 1943	
	September, 1943	October, 1943	Year-to-date, 1942	October, 1943
	September, 1942	October, 1942	Year-to-date, 1942	October, 1942
Automotive Equipment .....	+17.2	+15.4	+ 7.1	-15.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+25.1	+18.6		
Ontario .....	+ 9.8	+ 1.4		
Western Provinces .....	+20.9	+27.3		
Drugs .....	+ 8.4	+ 5.3	+ 9.2	+ 2.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 7.0	+ 4.4		
Western Provinces .....	+13.9	+ 8.6		
Clothing .....	- 9.3	-20.6	- 1.3	-34.6
Quebec .....	- 2.7	-15.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	-13.8	-24.4		
Footwear .....	- 8.1	-11.9	+ 7.1	- 1.3
Quebec .....	-20.9	- 7.4		
Ontario .....	+ 8.1	-18.6		
Dry Goods .....	-19.1	-14.1	- 6.2	-14.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-17.8	- 6.4		
Ontario .....	-21.9	-16.7		
Western Provinces .....	-17.0	-21.3		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+18.7	+36.4	+29.7	+15.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+12.0	+30.5		
Ontario .....	+16.4	+25.6		
Western Provinces .....	+21.9	+43.9		
Groceries .....	+ 1.6	- 8.7	+ 1.1	+ 3.8
Maritimes .....	+13.8	+10.9		
Quebec .....	- 7.7	-10.5		
Ontario .....	- 1.1	- 8.9		
Prairies .....	+ 3.1	-14.7		
British Columbia .....	+ 6.6	- 7.8		
Hardware .....	+ 1.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.8	- 7.9
Maritimes .....	+ 1.4	+15.5		
Quebec .....	- 9.4	- 7.7		
Ontario .....	- 2.2	+ 4.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.1	+ 1.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+25.7	+28.2	+20.9	+ 1.1
Quebec .....	+39.3	+56.0		
Ontario .....	+11.8	+12.0		
Western Provinces .....	+34.0	+22.2		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 8.8	+10.1		
Quebec .....	- 0.7	+ 4.3		
Ontario .....	- 0.3	- 1.2		
Prairies .....	+ 9.2	+ 3.6		
British Columbia .....	+ 8.7	- 2.8		
CANADA .....	+ 3.9	+ 2.1	+ 6.3	- 4.6

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA  
(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	WHOLESALE TRADE						AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1940 .....	143.4	158.5	151.2	137.4	139.6	144.1	183.8	198.9	171.4	175.8
October, 1941 .....	170.5	190.2	180.1	166.1	153.4	192.4	189.1	208.4	176.9	177.7
October, 1942 .....	171.4	190.2	172.4	166.1	164.3	187.6	156.6	175.7	129.5	167.2
October, 1943 .....	175.0	209.4	179.8	164.1	170.2	182.3	180.7	208.4	131.3	212.8
1942 - November .....	152.9	176.5	151.1	147.9	144.8	179.1	147.1	155.9	122.9	170.6
December .....	148.0	149.8	132.7	149.8	138.1	194.3	127.8	147.0	114.6	143.5
1943 - January .....	139.9	139.8	133.5	147.2	124.4	167.5	131.4	138.7	129.7	136.6
February .....	146.3	143.2	147.0	148.1	132.5	168.6	131.7	153.1	110.5	147.6
March .....	173.4	177.8	173.3	170.1	161.2	191.5	140.7	158.8	127.6	149.6
April .....	163.8	177.3	165.2	165.8	150.3	180.6	145.2	126.9	129.3	171.7
May .....	163.6	188.0	161.1	167.2	148.8	185.6	153.9	189.8	116.2	191.9
June .....	174.3	206.1	161.3	174.1	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July .....	170.8	203.6	149.0	167.4	174.1	203.3	164.5	170.0	143.7	185.6
August .....	171.6	194.2	146.3	163.7	187.2	191.3	191.5	184.8	140.8	240.3
September .....	184.8	206.8	178.1	174.4	190.8	196.7	200.8	205.5	165.0	225.6
October .....	175.0	209.4	179.8	164.1	170.2	182.3	180.7	208.4	131.3	212.8

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1940 .....	138.5	139.5	134.8	178.9	174.8	149.2	156.7	143.3	144.9
October, 1941 .....	170.8	174.0	159.3	220.4	216.6	195.0	199.2	201.0	180.4
October, 1942 .....	199.3	203.1	185.7	214.0	219.2	183.1	165.5	186.5	212.0
October, 1943 .....	209.9	212.0	201.7	169.9	193.1	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8
1942 - November .....	178.6	179.8	174.8	186.3	152.8	145.1	133.0	156.4	168.2
December .....	154.5	156.4	148.4	129.8	120.2	112.9	90.0	122.4	125.7
1943 - January .....	170.2	172.4	162.7	155.0	165.5	175.1	171.1	196.2	162.0
February .....	170.4	172.5	165.9	183.0	203.4	171.7	163.9	191.0	159.2
March .....	183.1	179.4	196.0	187.8	199.7	178.2	173.3	174.6	197.0
April .....	133.9	183.6	181.7	172.9	181.1	150.2	150.8	142.8	155.6
May .....	171.7	171.9	170.1	134.1	142.0	149.0	144.2	159.6	141.3
June .....	172.0	170.0	177.5	145.5	166.1	141.1	145.9	130.8	147.9
July .....	175.6	172.4	184.5	121.5	145.0	121.1	100.5	117.7	173.1
August .....	171.0	169.2	175.4	168.5	177.7	147.8	129.5	154.5	171.3
September .....	195.8	198.4	194.5	191.9	198.6	165.0	164.5	164.2	164.8
October .....	209.9	212.0	201.7	169.9	193.1	157.3	154.9	155.4	166.8



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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1940 .....	138.6	155.2	160.1	128.2	133.0	137.0	112.3	90.5	115.1	123.3
October, 1941 .....	160.9	186.2	177.7	149.5	149.8	177.4	130.3	114.7	135.5	135.6
October, 1942 .....	163.0	183.6	173.8	158.8	154.6	166.2	156.0	129.6	149.6	175.2
October, 1943 .....	148.8	203.6	155.6	144.7	131.9	153.2	212.8	169.1	187.9	199.6
1942 - November .....	143.7	173.2	153.6	139.1	129.8	155.5	146.8	146.2	139.9	158.1
December .....	143.3	154.9	126.1	143.6	134.3	177.4	181.0	152.2	184.4	189.0
1943 - January .....	124.8	145.9	108.3	128.1	114.7	135.6	137.8	118.4	156.9	121.8
February .....	129.5	145.9	118.7	129.7	119.6	147.4	155.5	167.5	161.5	141.3
March .....	153.3	182.3	140.9	156.0	142.7	160.2	196.2	192.0	201.4	186.9
April .....	143.4	174.6	143.1	148.6	123.4	147.2	206.7	198.0	205.8	191.7
May .....	143.1	182.2	144.9	146.7	126.1	147.3	208.9	224.9	199.3	194.4
June .....	162.0	198.7	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July .....	158.4	194.5	146.0	163.7	146.2	156.9	233.5	205.8	223.8	261.0
August .....	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	218.7	134.9	192.2	298.8
September .....	168.1	200.9	156.6	162.7	163.5	174.1	221.0	194.2	172.5	273.3
October .....	148.8	203.6	155.6	144.7	131.9	153.2	212.8	169.1	187.9	199.6

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1940 .....	162.1	169.2	164.2	159.4	161.9	138.7	132.6	137.7	136.8
October, 1941 .....	200.2	193.6	204.6	204.7	195.4	163.4	159.5	161.9	156.6
October, 1942 .....	173.0	179.9	182.5	146.4	180.2	183.3	163.0	193.6	177.3
October, 1943 .....	174.4	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	235.0	254.3	216.8	216.7
1942 - November .....	167.9	153.6	168.1	146.0	179.1	177.7	164.2	188.6	177.7
December .....	148.9	115.1	129.7	141.2	162.6	194.1	177.5	203.0	202.9
1943 - January .....	148.3	113.9	146.1	128.0	171.2	156.1	145.4	161.8	148.3
February .....	155.6	121.3	142.2	128.8	174.8	155.4	143.1	163.0	152.0
March .....	187.4	143.3	170.3	163.2	205.3	219.8	235.0	208.1	215.8
April .....	185.2	176.8	169.1	173.8	196.5	190.4	210.6	178.1	174.5
May .....	186.8	193.6	171.0	167.6	206.3	208.8	202.3	238.0	161.2
June .....	187.7	198.7	170.6	166.6	208.7	216.6	226.4	218.6	196.0
July .....	183.1	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.5	212.2	213.5	210.9	200.3
August .....	174.7	179.4	157.0	126.0	199.5	208.4	205.7	212.7	204.2
September .....	180.6	190.6	171.1	166.8	193.5	228.1	244.9	222.1	214.8
October .....	174.4	207.8	168.4	153.1	182.0	235.0	254.3	216.8	216.7