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

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada averaged 13 per cent higher in July of this year than last according to statements received from approximately 300 of the larger wholesale trading establishments representing 9 different lines of business. The general index of sales on the base 1935-1939 = 100 stands at 174.8 for July, 174.3 for June and at 154.5 for July, 1942. The 13 per cent increase compared with July a year ago exceeds the gains recorded in earlier corresponding month comparisons, sales for the first seven months of 1943 standing 7 per cent above the corresponding period of 1942.

Conforming with June results, sales in the Prairie Provinces registered a higher increase compared with July, 1942 than did sales in other regions. July sales in the Prairie Provinces were up 22 per cent, the Maritime Provinces, 16 per cent, British Columbia, 11 per cent, Ontario, 10 per cent and Quebec, 9 per cent.

The fruit and vegetable trade led in point of view of increased sales over July a year ago, sales for this line of business gaining 41 per cent. The wholesale automotive equipment trade came second with a gain of 30 per cent followed by the tobacco and confectionery trade with a gain of 28 per cent. Increases for other trades were 27 per cent for footwear, 13 per cent for drugs, and 9 per cent for groceries. The dry goods trade was unchanged from July a year ago while minor declines of 1 per cent and 4 per cent were recorded for the hardware and clothing trades respectively.

Wholesalers' stocks on hand at the end of July, 1943 averaged 11 per cent lower than on the corresponding date of 1942, all but two trades recording decreased inventory holdings.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1943, compared with 1942			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1) June, 1943 / June, 1942	(2) July, 1943 / July, 1942	Year-to-date, 1943 / Year-to-date, 1942	July, 1943 / July, 1942
Automotive Equipment	+39.3	+29.8	(a)	-20.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+40.0	+24.6		
Ontario	+13.5	+15.1		
Western Provinces	+69.5	+50.9		
Drugs	+ 8.5	+12.9	+10.5	- 0.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 6.4	+11.1		
Western Provinces	+15.8	+19.2		
Clothing	- 5.9	- 3.7	+ 6.9	-32.6
Quebec	- 6.7	- 6.6		
Ontario and Western Provinces	- 4.9	- 1.3		
Footwear	+26.5	+26.5	+14.2	-15.3
Quebec	+27.9	+46.0		
Ontario	+24.8	+ 8.9		
Dry Goods	-12.8	+ 0.1	- 1.7	-21.3
Maritimes and Quebec	-14.5	+ 5.5		
Ontario	-24.6	-12.0		
Western Provinces	+10.1	+ 6.9		
Fruits and Vegetables	+21.0	+40.9	+27.7	+ 7.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+15.5	+55.0		
Ontario	+14.1	+35.3		
Western Provinces	+29.6	+38.9		
Groceries	- 0.8	+ 9.1	+ 3.6	-12.1
Maritimes	+ 2.7	+ 9.5		
Quebec	-10.7	- 2.1		
Ontario	- 2.9	+10.1		
Prairies	+ 6.4	+19.3		
British Columbia	(a)	- 2.0		
Hardware	+ 3.0	- 0.7	+ 1.5	-10.2
Maritimes	+ 8.6	+ 5.2		
Quebec	- 9.1	-16.2		
Ontario	-11.5	-15.4		
Western Provinces	+15.2	+12.7		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 7.3	+28.4	+18.8	+45.6
Quebec	+ 7.3	+39.3		
Ontario	+ 5.4	+26.9		
Western Provinces	+11.3	+17.4		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes	+ 7.6	+16.0		
Quebec	- 4.9	+ 8.8		
Ontario	- 0.6	+ 9.8		
Prairies	+14.8	+21.8		
British Columbia	+10.0	+10.5		
CANADA	+ 4.0	+13.3	+ 7.3	-11.1

(1) Revised. (2) Preliminary.
(a) Unchanged.

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
July, 1940	112.8	126.0	100.3	115.0	112.0	124.0	128.0	121.1	137.6	118.8
July, 1941	147.1	170.5	134.8	148.0	146.0	161.7	172.0	184.6	179.6	158.0
July, 1942	154.3	173.6	136.6	152.7	156.1	184.0	125.0	136.4	124.6	121.0
July, 1943	174.8	201.4	148.6	167.7	190.1	203.3	162.3	170.0	143.4	182.6
1942 - August	157.4	168.3	145.8	156.2	160.7	165.3	140.1	134.1	119.4	157.8
September ..	177.9	190.1	179.4	175.0	174.7	181.0	171.3	164.3	150.3	186.6
October	171.4	190.2	172.4	166.1	164.3	187.6	156.6	175.7	129.5	167.2
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	205.7	161.3	174.4	164.7	206.3	171.9	170.4	139.6	211.5
July	174.8	201.4	148.6	167.7	190.1	203.3	162.3	170.0	143.4	182.6

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1940	111.5	111.6	110.3	74.2	70.7	76.6	63.4	83.5	94.3
July, 1941	140.5	140.1	140.9	103.7	84.8	103.9	86.0	122.0	116.3
July, 1942	155.7	155.2	155.8	126.2	114.6	122.4	96.2	134.8	161.9
July, 1943	175.8	172.4	185.7	121.5	145.0	122.5	101.5	118.6	173.1
1942 - August	160.7	160.8	159.2	197.5	166.9	166.1	150.9	174.6	180.7
September ..	180.6	185.4	170.8	211.6	216.1	203.9	200.1	210.3	198.6
October	199.3	203.1	185.7	214.0	219.2	183.1	165.5	186.5	212.0
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	178.9	173.3	174.6	197.0
April	183.9	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	140.9	145.9	127.1	147.9
July	175.8	172.4	185.7	121.5	145.0	122.5	101.5	118.6	173.1

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(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1940	111.3	129.2	109.8	111.1	105.1	111.2	128.0	108.1	134.0	137.3
July, 1941	151.0	178.0	155.0	144.2	147.9	144.4	143.7	119.3	156.6	151.2
July, 1942	155.1	173.4	149.0	148.7	154.9	160.1	161.5	132.1	167.9	177.1
July, 1943	169.2	189.9	145.9	163.7	185.7	156.9	227.6	204.8	227.2	246.0
1942 - August	153.2	167.9	148.5	154.2	147.9	151.2	149.7	105.5	141.1	186.2
September ..	165.5	176.5	169.7	167.6	158.6	163.3	186.2	173.4	148.2	224.2
October	163.0	183.6	173.8	158.8	154.6	166.2	156.0	129.6	149.6	175.2
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	197.9	144.6	165.1	148.0	179.0	218.8	228.7	220.0	208.3
July	169.2	189.9	145.9	163.7	185.7	156.9	227.6	204.8	227.2	246.0

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
July, 1940	128.1	119.4	129.2	124.6	129.2	132.2	127.5	133.8	128.6
July, 1941	175.9	146.9	176.7	171.0	180.1	158.5	166.6	156.9	141.1
July, 1942	184.0	160.3	185.2	164.7	190.2	165.0	153.3	166.2	170.6
July, 1943	182.7	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.4	211.9	213.5	210.9	200.3
1942 - August	166.7	155.0	167.9	137.6	175.5	171.4	175.4	180.6	148.2
September ..	177.6	188.0	188.8	170.6	179.0	181.5	175.8	198.7	160.3
October	173.0	179.9	182.5	146.4	180.2	183.3	163.0	193.6	177.3
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	182.7	168.6	155.2	139.3	214.4	211.9	213.5	210.9	200.3

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