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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1944
(1935-1939 = 100)

A survey of November wholesale trading shows that dollar sales for the month exceeded the volume of business realized in November, 1943, by 14 per cent. Statements were received from approximately 415 wholesale trading establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 14 per cent increase is in line with the pattern of wholesale trading witnessed in the three previous month comparisons when gains over 1943 ranged from 10 to 15 per cent. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 196.0 for November, 1944; 202.6 for October, 1944; and 172.2 for November, 1943. Aggregate sales for the eleven months of 1944 were 11 per cent higher than for the January-November period of 1943.

The increase in trading activities was felt by all regions of the country, but the gain in British Columbia was somewhat smaller than increases registered in other parts. Results by economic divisions are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 16 per cent; Quebec, 13 per cent; Ontario, 15 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 16 per cent; British Columbia, 7 per cent.

The automotive equipment trade came first in point of view of increased trading, recording a gain of 23 per cent. The grocery trade and the clothing trade each reported 18 per cent more business transacted followed by a 16 per cent increase in drug sales. Dry goods wholesalers and hardware merchants both valued their sales 14 per cent higher while the tobacco and confectionery trade increased 9 per cent. Footwear sales were up 6 per cent and a minor gain of 3 per cent was reported by the fruits and vegetables trade.

Inventories in the hands of wholesalers at the close of November were valued 4 per cent higher than the stocks held on the corresponding date of 1943. The dry goods and fruits and vegetables trades reported declines of 2 and 3 per cent respectively, while tobacco and confectionery stocks fell 23 per cent. The remaining six trades reported increases in stock holdings ranging from 3 per cent to 28 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1944, compared with 1943			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date, 1944	
October, 1944	November, 1944	Year-to-date, 1944	November, 1944	
	October, 1943	November, 1943	Year-to-date, 1943	November, 1943
Automotive Equipment	+21.4	+22.6	+25.0	+17.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+25.5	+18.4		
Ontario	+30.9	+21.2		
Western Provinces	+12.0	+25.6		
Drugs	+13.9	+15.7	+10.6	+ 6.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+14.0	+17.8		
Western Provinces	+13.6	+10.0		
Clothing	+20.8	+17.6	+ 3.4	+27.5
Quebec	+26.7	+15.7		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+18.0	+18.7		
Footwear	+21.1	+ 6.4	+11.2	+ 3.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+13.0	- 4.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+30.6	+20.3		
Dry Goods	+20.8	+13.6	+10.4	- 2.2
Maritimes and Quebec	+22.7	+13.2		
Ontario	+17.0	+15.1		
Western Provinces	+22.0	+12.5		
Fruits and Vegetables	+ 4.0	+ 2.8	+ 8.4	- 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 0.6	- 7.9		
Ontario	+11.8	+ 1.1		
Western Provinces	+ 0.3	+ 9.6		
Groceries	+20.1	+18.3	+13.4	+ 3.8
Maritimes	+19.1	+14.6		
Quebec	+24.1	+22.5		
Ontario	+16.8	+20.9		
Prairies	+24.0	+17.4		
British Columbia	+14.7	+12.2		
Hardware	+11.3	+14.1	+ 6.5	+ 9.9
Maritimes	+23.4	+28.8		
Quebec	+20.1	+15.5		
Ontario	+13.3	+14.7		
Western Provinces	+ 4.5	+10.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 8.4	+ 8.9	+11.2	-23.2
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 3.0	+13.9		
Ontario	+11.6	+ 7.6		
Western Provinces	+ 8.3	+ 6.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes	+18.8	+15.6		
Quebec	+16.3	+12.6		
Ontario	+16.1	+15.1		
Prairies	+14.5	+15.7		
British Columbia	+ 6.0	+ 6.6		
CANADA	+14.8	+13.8	+11.1	+ 4.4

(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	
November, 1941	147.4	168.1	156.3	142.8	135.8	162.4	161.8	172.8	163.4	153.8	
November, 1942	153.9	172.9	152.2	148.7	146.4	180.3	146.3	155.2	127.6	162.4	
November, 1943	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4	
November, 1944	196.0	245.9	194.9	189.3	191.3	203.0	207.7	225.2	174.8	235.4	
1943 - December	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4	
1944 - January	159.5	176.8	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0	
February	168.8	174.9	164.6	166.0	161.8	191.4	183.7	199.4	159.2	198.0	
March	190.9	214.2	185.9	191.3	180.8	205.3	183.3	179.9	163.2	205.5	
April	173.0	201.5	162.6	172.3	168.3	189.2	178.2	173.6	145.8	216.4	
May	195.2	238.4	182.6	198.5	186.4	213.0	197.6	263.8	165.5	215.9	
June	190.0	225.2	182.0	189.8	183.1	205.9	201.0	228.6	167.9	228.1	
July	179.8	213.1	155.3	176.5	190.8	199.0	194.5	211.0	161.7	221.6	
August	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7	
September	205.4	241.4	203.5	192.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5	
October	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.2	194.9	192.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1	
November	196.0	245.9	194.9	189.3	191.3	203.0	207.7	225.2	174.8	235.4	

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1941	154.9	156.2	151.1	182.5	153.0	166.8	179.0	178.1	149.5	
November, 1942	178.4	180.6	172.3	203.5	144.9	148.5	137.3	154.6	175.2	
November, 1943	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.7	156.3	
November, 1944	232.0	234.9	223.9	203.7	185.3	157.4	152.9	161.9	175.8	
1943 - December	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3	
1944 - January	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.8	
February	195.4	193.1	204.4	222.5	186.8	174.3	175.6	175.9	168.1	
March	200.4	196.2	212.3	209.7	184.2	192.6	191.4	182.4	209.0	
April	193.0	191.6	192.4	172.6	178.4	164.5	165.0	148.6	179.3	
May	205.0	207.8	196.8	165.2	195.2	165.7	162.7	170.6	162.2	
June	184.8	181.1	193.7	145.3	191.0	156.0	171.1	135.6	154.5	
July	181.7	174.7	201.2	140.1	126.4	133.9	104.1	143.3	185.1	
August	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5	
September	207.0	217.9	180.5	184.4	212.8	189.5	188.9	183.1	194.8	
October	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.2	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8	
November	232.0	234.9	223.9	203.7	185.3	157.4	152.9	161.9	175.8	



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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1941	137.0	163.4	153.3	126.0	127.4	147.8	119.0	121.4	122.5	121.5
November, 1942	143.7	173.2	153.6	139.1	129.8	155.5	148.9	150.3	144.8	159.9
November, 1943	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
November, 1944	185.3	242.1	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	207.2	190.7	194.2	238.2
1943 - December	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4
1944 - January	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
February	148.9	173.0	133.2	143.7	140.1	162.1	181.6	198.9	178.3	173.1
March	171.4	218.2	150.3	175.8	157.0	180.4	220.0	214.5	226.1	208.0
April	151.6	184.7	135.9	157.2	136.5	161.0	216.4	201.3	216.7	205.1
May	173.0	217.2	157.9	173.5	161.0	190.3	261.2	274.7	256.4	242.2
June	177.9	217.8	157.5	184.7	163.7	185.1	232.4	247.7	220.0	232.7
July	168.7	206.7	150.4	172.2	163.9	161.0	230.0	196.7	219.0	261.3
August	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
September	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.1	240.4	201.7	301.2
October	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
November	185.3	242.1	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	207.2	190.7	194.2	238.2

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
November, 1941	181.3	172.0	191.0	183.4	175.9	162.1	148.6	154.5	152.8
November, 1942	167.5	152.2	170.6	145.3	178.5	179.3	169.3	186.2	180.8
November, 1943	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
November, 1944	201.4	214.3	209.6	175.9	205.9	242.7	265.7	230.2	241.4
1943 - December	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9
1944 - January	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
February	177.0	135.1	149.0	146.8	204.1	191.4	183.3	192.4	187.8
March	195.7	194.1	175.3	186.0	204.1	225.7	254.1	212.8	213.9
April	178.5	201.3	155.4	159.1	196.0	213.3	237.5	197.2	196.3
May	195.8	211.3	181.2	185.2	212.6	256.9	253.9	265.4	226.7
June	193.1	204.5	200.1	186.0	200.1	248.9	273.3	238.7	228.4
July	177.9	167.8	166.4	147.1	202.0	227.2	230.6	223.1	213.6
August	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
September	198.0	228.8	215.1	179.7	202.3	236.8	250.5	231.8	224.1
October	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
November	201.4	214.3	209.6	175.9	205.9	242.7	265.7	230.2	241.4