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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1945  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale trading increased 17 per cent in October this year over last, according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 17 per cent gain is the largest increase recorded in the monthly comparisons between this year and last, and October sales were 9 per cent greater than the dollar business transacted in September. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 237.4 for October, 1945; 217.9 for September, 1945; and 202.6 for October, 1944. Aggregate sales for the year to date are 10 per cent greater than the volume of trading realized in the same period of 1944.

British Columbia reported a substantial gain of 26 per cent while Ontario followed with a 20 per cent increase. Sales were up 18 per cent in the Prairie Provinces, 11 per cent in Quebec and 10 per cent in the Maritime Provinces.

The 17 per cent increase reflects an upward surge in trading for each of the nine lines of business under survey. The automotive equipment trade registered a 41 per cent increase, and this may be attributed, to some extent, to the lifting of various wartime restrictions. A major gain of 31 per cent was reported by fruit and vegetable wholesalers while the hardware trade transacted 28 per cent more business. Footwear sales were up 19 per cent, the tobacco and confectionery trade recorded a 16 per cent gain, and drug sales were 13 per cent higher. Grocery wholesalers registered an 11 per cent gain while clothing sales advanced 7 per cent. Dry goods sales were up 1 per cent.

Wholesale stocks on hand at the end of October, 1945, were valued on a par with inventories held on the same date of last year. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers valued their holdings 21 per cent higher, automotive equipment stocks were up 19 per cent, while footwear inventories increased 14 per cent. Gains of 7 and 8 per cent were reported by the clothing, hardware and drug trades. Inventories held by the dry goods trade were depleted 16 per cent from October, 1944, while stocks declined 11 per cent in the grocery trade and 2 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	September 1945	October 1945	1945	
September 1944	October 1944	Year-to-date 1944	October, 1945 October, 1944	
Automotive Equipment .....	+24.1	+40.8	+21.9	+19.4
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+13.4	+49.8		
Ontario .....	+16.0	+36.6		
Western Provinces .....	+35.7	+38.9		
Drugs .....	+ 9.7	+12.6	+10.1	+ 8.7
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 8.6	+11.5		
Western Provinces .....	+12.8	+16.8		
Clothing .....	+ 8.9	+ 6.8	+ 2.8	+ 6.8
Quebec .....	+14.0	+ 5.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 6.6	+ 7.3		
Footwear .....	+13.6	+18.6	+16.5	+13.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.7	- 4.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+20.3	+46.1		
Dry Goods .....	+ 1.1	+ 1.4	- 3.0	-15.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.1	- 3.8		
Ontario .....	+ 2.6	+ 9.4		
Western Provinces .....	- 2.5	+ 2.5		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+18.3	+31.1	+15.6	- 1.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+19.3	+36.7		
Ontario .....	+25.9	+32.4		
Western Provinces .....	+13.1	+27.0		
Groceries .....	- 4.6	+10.6	+ 6.6	-10.8
Maritimes .....	- 9.3	+ 6.3		
Quebec .....	- 8.7	+ 2.2		
Ontario .....	- 5.6	+14.0		
Prairies .....	- 2.8	+ 9.8		
British Columbia .....	+ 4.4	+22.3		
Hardware .....	+15.4	+28.1	+13.9	+ 7.8
Maritimes .....	- 0.8	+ 4.4		
Quebec .....	+ 9.6	+21.9		
Ontario .....	+22.1	+31.9		
Western Provinces .....	+17.3	+32.6		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+ 6.0	+15.7	+12.2	+21.1
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 1.0	+11.2		
Ontario .....	+ 8.5	+15.3		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.1	+18.0		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	- 2.8	+ 9.5		
Quebec .....	+ 4.0	+11.0		
Ontario .....	+ 7.3	+19.9		
Prairies .....	+ 7.1	+17.9		
British Columbia .....	+10.3	+26.4		
CANADA .....	+ 6.1	+17.2	+ 9.8	- 0.2

(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, 1942 ...	172.4	193.2	173.6	167.1	164.3	191.1	157.5	181.3	133.2	161.0	
October, 1943 ...	176.5	211.0	180.2	167.8	170.2	187.5	182.4	209.9	143.2	199.2	
October, 1944 ...	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1	
October, 1945 ...	237.4	274.5	232.7	233.6	229.8	251.3	311.7	394.6	256.0	309.9	
1944 - November .	195.3	245.9	194.2	189.5	190.8	200.7	208.0	225.2	175.3	235.7	
December .	170.8	200.7	162.2	174.2	153.4	198.3	166.4	164.3	149.9	191.6	
1945 - January ..	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9	
February .	178.6	187.1	170.5	182.1	167.9	196.8	211.3	255.8	167.6	230.1	
March ....	201.8	220.0	196.1	202.8	191.6	219.3	235.4	244.5	203.7	263.2	
April ....	196.5	225.7	191.2	201.8	179.6	215.1	235.6	247.7	202.2	267.5	
May .....	205.7	252.9	186.4	215.6	193.5	224.7	216.4	299.1	176.1	237.9	
June .....	207.1	252.0	193.5	210.1	194.3	232.5	234.2	272.7	192.6	266.0	
July .....	203.5	241.2	178.8	201.6	208.2	232.4	228.3	283.2	192.9	241.3	
August ...	216.3	248.7	183.8	213.1	230.4	231.4	254.1	311.4	197.0	280.5	
September.	217.9	234.6	211.6	208.1	228.9	221.6	292.8	297.1	240.2	329.1	
October ..	237.4	274.5	232.7	233.6	229.8	251.3	311.7	394.6	256.0	309.9	

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1942 ...	196.4	197.3	191.5	227.9	222.7	182.7	168.3	188.1	203.1
October, 1943 ...	207.8	207.0	208.0	184.4	188.2	154.4	151.3	154.2	162.1
October, 1944 ...	236.7	236.0	236.3	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8
October, 1945 ...	266.5	263.1	276.0	238.0	270.3	189.1	178.5	197.4	202.7
1944 - November .	231.8	234.7	223.9	195.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8
December .	187.1	190.9	176.8	120.6	139.8	113.2	108.0	123.4	104.8
1945 - January ..	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8
February .	202.6	200.4	211.6	218.1	215.6	173.1	172.1	180.6	162.9
March ....	209.4	206.0	218.9	223.3	229.0	191.4	184.7	189.7	205.7
April ....	220.0	217.5	222.0	183.5	246.0	166.6	170.3	163.0	160.1
May .....	222.0	225.0	212.9	147.4	202.6	147.5	150.7	150.3	136.4
June .....	210.5	205.4	223.3	147.8	210.7	144.1	154.8	148.3	116.8
July .....	208.0	203.0	221.3	146.7	155.9	121.3	102.4	129.8	149.2
August ...	223.2	222.7	222.7	193.4	259.6	167.3	130.9	194.1	205.6
September.	227.1	236.6	203.6	200.8	241.7	191.6	192.9	187.9	189.9
October ..	266.5	263.1	276.0	238.0	270.3	189.1	178.5	197.4	202.7

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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, 1942 ...	163.0	183.6	173.8	158.8	154.6	166.2	157.5	140.3	147.6	175.9
October, 1943 ...	152.4	201.4	158.9	154.4	131.9	153.2	209.8	181.8	181.7	250.0
October, 1944 ...	183.0	239.9	197.2	180.3	163.6	175.7	218.2	182.9	203.1	250.8
October, 1945 ...	202.4	255.0	201.5	205.5	179.6	214.9	286.1	250.0	268.9	318.5
1944 - November .	185.3	242.8	198.9	187.2	159.9	183.2	206.6	193.4	193.8	238.2
December .	162.9	203.8	155.6	172.3	133.3	184.2	232.7	213.7	228.2	242.6
1945 - January ..	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
February .	155.6	186.1	127.3	166.9	140.0	170.0	192.3	208.2	192.9	180.4
March ....	170.5	216.2	143.5	175.8	153.9	192.3	238.3	240.5	244.4	220.1
April ....	166.5	209.6	150.7	171.3	146.1	181.1	251.5	238.7	252.7	234.4
May .....	187.2	235.7	169.0	197.8	171.1	192.0	271.4	272.5	273.1	252.4
June .....	188.6	246.8	169.2	190.6	166.2	209.5	284.2	315.6	268.6	275.1
July .....	186.4	231.1	166.9	187.0	177.2	192.1	284.5	252.2	279.2	308.3
August ...	191.1	236.9	172.4	191.7	180.2	195.6	278.2	183.1	264.0	358.9
September.	179.6	207.3	165.3	171.7	177.2	204.8	294.7	286.8	253.9	340.7
October ..	202.4	255.0	201.5	205.5	179.6	214.9	286.1	250.0	268.9	318.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
October, 1942 ...	173.2	176.2	183.3	147.0	180.2	186.4	169.2	193.3	179.3
October, 1943 ...	173.5	198.6	169.2	153.5	182.2	231.7	252.3	213.8	217.0
October, 1944 ...	193.1	245.1	202.7	173.9	190.4	251.2	259.9	238.6	235.0
October, 1945 ...	247.4	255.9	247.1	229.4	252.5	290.6	289.0	275.1	277.3
1944 - November .	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	242.7	262.9	231.2	242.1
December .	156.0	134.5	147.9	149.6	163.0	239.3	258.3	234.6	227.9
1945 - January ..	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
February .	188.7	146.3	167.6	156.9	212.3	215.1	207.3	224.7	201.1
March ....	217.6	194.7	204.9	196.2	229.2	251.0	266.6	250.7	229.9
April ....	212.8	222.4	203.3	205.2	218.5	241.9	281.4	236.4	205.5
May .....	205.0	197.6	187.9	192.2	227.5	284.9	274.2	307.1	243.6
June .....	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6
July .....	206.2	192.8	202.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4
August ...	218.7	208.8	218.1	172.6	235.0	264.4	263.4	275.7	246.0
September.	228.5	227.0	235.7	219.4	237.3	251.0	248.0	251.5	237.8
October ..	247.4	255.9	247.1	229.4	252.5	290.6	289.0	275.1	277.3

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