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

The dollar volume of wholesale trading transacted in August of this year increased 8 per cent over the August, 1944, level, according to statements received from some 415 wholesale establishments representing nine different lines of business. The 8 per cent increase is smaller than the 13 per cent gain recorded in July, but compares with the 9 per cent increase registered in the June comparison. August sales advanced 7 per cent over the July volume of trading and 4 per cent over June sales. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base, 1935-1939=100, stands at 215.8 for August, 1945; 203.5 for July, 1945; and 199.4 for August, 1944. Aggregate sales for the year-to-date are 9 per cent greater than the business transacted during the January-August period of 1944.

Results analysed on a regional basis gave indications of more rapid trading markets in the eastern and western areas of Canada than in the central regions. The Maritime Provinces and British Columbia each recorded a gain of 13 per cent. Ontario sales advanced 9 per cent, Quebec reported a gain of 8 per cent, while business transacted in the Prairie Provinces increased 5 per cent. Smaller increases in the Prairie Provinces, as compared with other regions of the country, have also been evident in the pattern of wholesale trading witnessed in the July and June comparisons.

Clothing sales remained on a par with the August, 1944, volume of sales and the dry goods trade reported a decline of 4 per cent. A minor gain of 4 per cent was recorded by the grocery trade, while more pronounced increases for the other trades under survey were fairly uniform. Sales advanced 16 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, 15 per cent in the automotive equipment trade, 14 per cent in the footwear trade, 13 per cent in the hardware trade, 12 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery trade, and 10 per cent in the drug trade.

Wholesale stocks on hand at the end of August were valued 2 per cent higher than the inventories carried on the same date of last year. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers reported a 16 per cent drop in stocks, a decline which may be attributed, in part, to domestic fruit crop failures. The grocery trade and the dry goods trade each reported a decrease of 10 per cent in stock holdings while the other trades included in the survey reported increases in stock holdings ranging from 3 per cent in the drug trade to 22 per cent in the automotive equipment trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1945, compared with 1944			
	Sales			INVENTORY
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	July 1945	August 1945	1945	
July 1944	August 1944	1944	August, 1945 August, 1944	
Automotive Equipment	+17.4	+14.5	+18.8	+21.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+34.2	+24.2		
Ontario	+19.3	+19.2		
Western Provinces	+ 8.9	+ 7.6		
Drugs	+14.5	+10.3	+ 9.7	+ 3.4
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+16.2	+10.9		
Western Provinces	+10.0	+ 8.6		
Clothing	+ 4.7	0	+ 1.3	+21.7
Quebec	+11.8	- 8.3		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+ 1.5	+ 4.2		
Footwear	+23.3	+13.7	+16.6	+14.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 8.8	+16.0		
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+37.1	+12.1		
Dry Goods	- 9.4	- 4.3	- 3.6	- 9.5
Maritimes and Quebec	- 1.6	- 3.3		
Ontario	- 9.4	+ 0.1		
Western Provinces	-19.4	-10.4		
Fruits and Vegetables	+23.7	+15.6	+13.1	-16.0
Maritimes and Quebec	+28.2	+12.0		
Ontario	+27.5	+20.9		
Western Provinces	+18.0	+13.3		
Groceries	+10.5	+ 3.5	+ 7.6	- 9.6
Maritimes	+11.8	+12.4		
Quebec	+11.0	+ 3.2		
Ontario	+ 8.6	0		
Prairies	+ 8.1	- 0.6		
British Columbia	+19.3	+13.5		
Hardware	+15.9	+13.4	+11.1	+10.0
Maritimes	+14.9	+18.1		
Quebec	+21.5	+14.1		
Ontario	+13.0	+14.9		
Western Provinces	+14.6	+12.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+14.2	+12.2	+12.6	+18.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 3.4	+14.0		
Ontario	+17.7	+13.7		
Western Provinces	+14.9	+ 9.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes	+13.2	+13.1		
Quebec	+15.1	+ 8.0		
Ontario	+14.2	+ 8.7		
Prairies	+ 9.1	+ 4.5		
British Columbia	+16.8	+13.1		
CANADA	+13.2	+ 8.2	+ 9.1	+ 1.7

(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
August, 1942	158.5	171.7	146.8	156.2	161.2	167.3	140.8	144.6	119.9	155.4
August, 1943	173.4	197.6	146.9	164.8	189.1	195.1	186.0	183.5	142.4	226.3
August, 1944	199.4	220.9	169.4	195.3	220.7	202.3	222.1	250.7	166.5	260.7
August, 1945	215.8	249.8	183.0	212.3	230.6	228.8	254.3	311.4	198.5	280.5
1944 - September.	205.4	241.4	203.5	193.9	213.7	200.9	235.9	262.0	207.1	242.5
October ..	202.6	250.7	209.6	194.8	194.9	198.8	221.4	263.4	187.4	223.1
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 ...	215.8	249.8	183.0	212.3	230.6	228.8	254.3	311.4	198.5	280.5

Year and Month	DRUGS		CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR		DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942	161.6	161.4	160.8	202.7	170.2	167.0	151.5	173.5	183.4
August, 1943	173.1	170.3	179.3	194.8	174.3	148.5	127.6	153.9	177.9
August, 1944	202.4	200.8	205.1	194.6	228.3	174.8	135.4	188.1	229.5
August, 1945	223.2	222.7	222.7	194.6	259.6	167.3	130.9	188.3	205.6
1944 - 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	222.8	227.9	186.5	185.6	180.4	197.8
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	194.6	259.6	167.3	130.9	188.3	205.6

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942	153.2	167.9	148.5	154.2	147.9	151.2	151.7	115.7	138.2	187.2
August, 1943	155.8	189.7	142.6	156.2	148.8	154.8	215.7	141.8	189.9	293.3
August, 1944	184.6	211.5	167.1	191.7	180.6	172.3	239.0	158.7	218.2	316.2
August, 1945	191.1	237.7	172.4	191.7	179.5	195.6	276.3	177.7	263.8	358.3
1944 - 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	242.8	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	237.7	172.4	191.7	179.5	195.6	276.3	177.7	263.8	358.3

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
August, 1942	167.1	157.2	168.2	136.9	175.7	171.1	178.8	179.3	145.7
August, 1943	174.6	174.5	162.0	125.7	199.6	209.3	213.7	210.1	200.8
August, 1944	191.2	176.8	190.8	150.5	206.0	236.1	232.9	241.0	225.7
August, 1945	216.8	208.8	217.7	172.9	230.7	264.9	265.5	274.0	248.0
1944 - 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 .	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	243.5
June	211.8	208.0	209.1	209.4	224.7	270.1	275.5	268.3	247.6
July	206.2	192.8	212.2	166.2	231.5	259.5	238.4	262.6	245.4
August ...	216.8	208.8	217.7	172.9	230.7	264.9	265.5	274.0	248.0

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