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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1946  
(1935-1939 = 100)

January wholesale trading increased 19 per cent in 1946 over 1945 according to statements received from approximately 415 wholesale establishments in Canada representing nine different lines of trade. The 19 per cent increase is in line with the high level of trading recorded in the last three months of 1945, monthly increases ranging from 13 to 17 per cent over the corresponding months of 1944. The general unadjusted index of sales on the base 1935 - 1939 = 100 stands at 217.5 for January, 1946 compared with 195.9 for December, 1945 and 182.3 for January, 1945.

The 19 per cent gain for January, 1946 reflects an increasing turnover of merchandise in all regions of the country, sales in Ontario and the western provinces advancing more rapidly than in the east. Trading advanced 15 per cent in the Maritime Provinces; 12 per cent in Quebec; 23 per cent in Ontario; and 21 per cent both in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia over the corresponding month of 1945.

Sales of wholesale automotive equipment were 80 per cent greater for January, 1946 than for 1945, resulting from both an increased supply of these commodities for consumer use and a ready market for this equipment. Hardware sales were up 32 per cent, which is in line with the expanding pattern in hardware trading witnessed in the latter half of 1945. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers transacted 23 per cent more business, clothing sales were up 20 per cent, while the drug trade and the tobacco and confectionery trade each recorded a 14 per cent gain. Grocery sales were 13 per cent higher, the dry goods trade reported a 10 per cent increase, and a minor gain of 3 per cent was registered by the footwear trade.

Total inventories on hand at the end of January, 1946 were valued 4 per cent greater than the stocks held on the same date of last year. Increases in stock holdings ranged from 3 per cent in the drug trade to 28 per cent in the automotive equipment trade. Three trades reported smaller stocks on hand at the end of January this year than last, the inventory position declining 7 per cent in the dry goods trade, 7 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade, and 4 per cent in the grocery trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1) December 1945 <u>December</u> 1944	(2) January 1946 <u>January</u> 1945	
Automotive Equipment .....	+41.8	+79.8	+28.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+65.2	+72.2	
Ontario .....	+25.9	+69.9	
Western Provinces .....	+48.2	+92.7	
Drugs .....	+7.4	+13.8	+3.3
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+6.2	+14.2	
Western Provinces .....	+11.0	+12.9	
Clothing .....	+11.6	+20.1	+20.8
Quebec .....	+9.5	+13.2	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+13.2	+22.5	
Footwear .....	+52.4	+2.8	+21.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+90.0	-11.4	
Ontario and Western Provinces .	+21.8	+22.2	
Dry Goods .....	-0.9	+9.5	-6.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-5.9	+8.6	
Ontario .....	+4.7	+13.9	
Western Provinces .....	-0.6	+6.6	
Fruits and Vegetables .....	+27.5	+22.7	-6.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+26.2	+4.7	
Ontario .....	+31.9	+39.0	
Western Provinces .....	+24.2	+19.2	
Groceries .....	+5.0	+12.6	-4.4
Maritimes .....	+6.4	+12.6	
Quebec .....	+1.4	+8.0	
Ontario .....	+8.4	+15.9	
Prairies .....	+2.0	+11.5	
British Columbia .....	+6.4	+11.5	
Hardware .....	+30.7	+32.2	+7.2
Maritimes .....	+18.2	+19.8	
Quebec .....	+25.8	+30.5	
Ontario .....	+36.2	+41.6	
Western Provinces .....	+31.9	+30.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+12.2	+13.8	+27.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+1.8	+9.3	
Ontario .....	+11.6	+8.6	
Western Provinces .....	+18.4	+21.5	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes .....	+7.6	+15.0	
Quebec .....	+13.0	+11.8	
Ontario .....	+16.4	+22.9	
Prairies .....	+11.9	+21.0	
British Columbia .....	+23.4	+21.0	
CANADA .....	+14.7	+19.3	+3.5

(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
January, 1943 ....	142.2	140.8	136.5	149.7	127.1	168.4	127.9	112.5	136.5	130.2
January, 1944 ....	159.5	176.3	149.1	161.4	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
January, 1945 ....	182.3	202.6	164.2	189.5	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	219.9
January, 1946 ....	217.5	233.0	183.6	232.9	207.9	251.9	366.1	323.6	337.9	423.7
1945 - 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 ...	236.8	275.8	232.9	232.0	228.8	250.9	306.4	394.6	245.3	311.7
November ..	221.3	256.2	209.0	224.2	214.5	238.4	289.5	348.6	246.8	310.2
December ..	195.9	216.0	183.3	202.8	171.7	244.7	236.0	271.4	188.7	284.0
1946 - January ...	217.5	233.0	183.6	232.9	207.9	251.9	366.1	323.6	337.9	423.7

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943 ....	172.7	173.6	168.0	186.0	159.7	174.9	169.5	195.2	161.1
January, 1944 ....	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	187.8	165.4	204.6	209.3
January, 1945 ....	218.3	215.3	225.7	232.0	221.0	181.8	164.1	204.0	187.8
January, 1946 ....	248.4	245.9	254.8	278.6	227.2	199.1	178.2	232.4	200.2
1945 - 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	116.3
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	205.5
September ..	227.1	236.6	203.6	200.8	241.7	191.6	192.9	187.9	189.9
October ...	268.2	234.1	277.6	239.3	263.9	184.3	178.0	182.6	199.0
November ..	259.4	256.3	268.7	199.8	219.3	162.4	157.8	166.4	181.8
December ..	200.9	202.7	196.2	134.6	213.1	112.2	101.6	129.2	104.2
1946 - January ...	248.4	245.9	254.8	278.6	227.2	199.1	178.2	232.4	200.2

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943 ....	124.8	145.9	108.3	128.1	114.7	135.6	141.5	127.5	164.5	121.0
January, 1944 ....	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
January, 1945 ....	165.3	210.8	132.6	174.7	146.4	183.1	188.8	168.3	193.6	185.1
January, 1946 ....	186.1	237.4	143.2	202.5	163.2	204.2	231.7	176.2	269.1	220.6
1945 - 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 ...	202.2	255.0	202.5	204.3	179.5	214.9	287.6	249.3	272.8	318.8
November ..	195.5	243.3	191.7	202.7	172.7	208.7	270.6	247.6	286.0	278.7
December ..	171.0	216.8	157.8	186.8	136.0	196.0	296.7	269.7	301.0	301.3
1946 - January ...	186.1	237.4	143.2	202.5	163.2	204.2	231.7	176.2	269.1	220.6

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1943 ....	149.2	108.5	153.4	127.2	171.9	159.9	153.9	161.3	149.4
January, 1944 ....	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.2	185.3	182.6	181.7
January, 1945 ....	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	223.9	214.2	234.5	203.5
January, 1946 ....	228.7	174.1	239.9	196.5	259.2	254.8	234.1	254.7	247.3
1945 - 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	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 ...	247.0	255.9	247.1	227.1	252.5	290.9	287.7	275.5	277.8
November ..	236.9	215.4	233.5	226.6	244.7	274.0	256.6	277.4	274.6
December ..	204.5	159.0	186.1	203.8	215.0	268.5	262.9	261.8	269.8
1946 - January ...	228.7	174.1	239.9	196.5	259.2	254.8	234.1	254.7	247.3

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