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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1946

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in the month of November was 16.2 per cent higher than in the same month last year and 7 per cent below the October level according to statements of dollar sales received from 370 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index for Canada, on the base average for 1935-1939 = 100, stood at 257.4 for November, 1946, 221.5 for November, 1945, and 276.8 for October, 1946. Dollar sales for the year 1946 to date were 19 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1945.

Increases over last year were recorded for all regions of the country. Wholesalers in the Maritime Provinces had sales 10 per cent higher than in 1945. Increases of 12 and 17 per cent were recorded in Ontario and Quebec respectively, while wholesale sales in both the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia were up 21 per cent over last year.

For the individual kinds of business, the most marked gains over 1945 were recorded in the clothing and dry goods trades with increases of 42 and 36 per cent respectively. Clothing sales for November showed an increase over October instead of the normal seasonal decline, while a less-than-normal decline between October and November was experienced in the dry goods trade. Sales of footwear and hardware also showed substantial increases over last year amounting to 29 and 23 per cent respectively. More moderate gains, ranging from 18 to 10 per cent, were recorded for groceries, tobacco and confectionery, automotive equipment, and drugs. Wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables were 3 per cent below the 1945 figure.

Continued improvement in the value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers as compared with last year was evidenced when the overall increase for all trades for the month of November amounted to 24 per cent. The largest increase, 99 per cent, was recorded by clothing wholesalers. Inventories of wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery were up 42 per cent; of fruits and vegetables and of groceries, 37 per cent; of dry goods, 31 per cent; and of automotive equipment, 27 per cent. Stocks of footwear were up 15 per cent, while the hardware and drugs trades reported increases of 11 and 6 per cent respectively.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY Nov., 1946 Nov., 1945
	(1)	(2)	Year-to-date	
	October	November	1946	
1946	1946	Year-to-date		
	October	November	1945	
	1945	1945		
Automotive Equipment .....	+16.5	+13.4	+38.2	+27.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 4.1	+ 2.8		
Ontario .....	+33.2	+21.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.7	+11.3		
Drugs .....	+ 8.9	+ 9.6	+10.5	+ 5.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 7.9	+ 8.2		
Western Provinces .....	+11.6	+13.6		
Clothing .....	+18.0	+41.8	+22.2	+99.4
Quebec .....	+35.9	+50.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+ 9.0	+35.8		
Footwear .....	+32.8	+28.8	+25.3	+14.9
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+54.7	+66.2		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+16.3	- 8.0		
Dry Goods .....	+23.9	+36.0	+20.7	+31.2
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+17.7	+29.1		
Ontario .....	+31.9	+46.4		
Western Provinces .....	+24.2	+32.3		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	- 0.2	- 2.7	+14.2	+37.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	- 9.3	- 5.1		
Ontario .....	- 6.6	-12.6		
Western Provinces .....	+11.8	+10.7		
Groceries .....	+22.1	+18.3	+15.8	+36.6
Maritimes .....	+11.4	+14.0		
Quebec .....	+25.6	+18.9		
Ontario .....	+22.0	+14.5		
Prairies .....	+24.6	+22.2		
British Columbia .....	+23.8	+23.1		
Hardware .....	+20.5	+23.4	+31.5	+10.5
Maritimes .....	+20.6	+17.3		
Quebec .....	+ 9.0	+19.0		
Ontario .....	+19.8	+22.7		
Western Provinces .....	+27.0	+21.4		
Tobacco and Confectionery .....	+16.1	+13.8	+15.4	+41.6
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+20.6	+ 6.9		
Ontario .....	+15.1	+ 8.7		
Western Provinces .....	+15.4	+21.8		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes .....	+ 7.3	+ 9.5		
Quebec .....	+16.5	+17.5		
Ontario .....	+15.2	+11.9		
Prairies .....	+20.5	+20.6		
British Columbia .....	+18.8	+21.3		
CANADA .....	+16.7	+16.2	+19.2	+23.7

(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
November, 1943 ...	172.2	212.7	173.1	164.5	165.3	190.4	169.4	190.0	144.2	187.4
November, 1944 ...	195.3	245.9	194.9	189.3	190.6	200.7	208.9	229.9	175.5	235.7
November, 1945 ...	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
November, 1946 ...	257.4	282.0	246.9	250.8	258.3	289.2	329.8	365.9	300.5	345.3
1945 - December ..	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
<u>1946</u> - January ...	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
February ..	210.4	204.1	197.2	211.9	204.1	242.5	306.7	354.0	253.5	339.2
March .....	234.0	234.1	223.9	237.2	230.0	250.9	333.3	324.5	312.2	360.7
April .....	238.3	243.7	223.2	245.1	233.1	258.6	341.3	337.3	284.3	405.5
May .....	259.8	287.1	226.0	271.6	247.8	286.7	342.7	433.8	255.4	413.9
June .....	241.0	257.1	205.7	242.9	243.6	279.5	338.4	380.2	284.5	383.9
July .....	249.3	280.1	211.5	249.5	264.2	279.9	318.0	408.3	290.9	307.4
August .....	260.4	266.3	218.3	257.8	286.2	283.8	334.2	368.9	290.8	352.6
September ..	259.5	271.7	251.7	253.3	268.0	266.8	387.6	371.8	361.7	404.5
October ...	276.8	297.5	272.3	267.0	276.9	297.8	359.5	415.8	331.8	338.8
November ..	257.4	282.0	246.9	250.8	258.3	289.2	329.8	365.9	300.5	345.3

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS		
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943 ...	200.5	199.4	203.5	173.2	174.2	138.6	135.1	140.1	156.3
November, 1944 ...	231.8	234.7	223.9	194.9	189.4	158.7	152.9	165.7	175.8
November, 1945 ...	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
November, 1946 ...	284.3	277.3	305.2	283.9	282.5	220.3	202.3	243.6	240.5
1945 - December ..	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7
<u>1946</u> - January ...	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
February ..	227.7	223.0	244.8	232.7	238.2	189.9	197.1	195.2	167.6
March .....	228.9	224.3	242.1	235.6	290.0	191.6	192.1	194.8	204.5
April .....	235.8	226.9	255.7	210.2	321.5	193.1	198.5	196.8	172.3
May .....	253.5	252.0	256.1	200.0	282.8	199.4	189.7	216.0	192.9
June .....	213.9	200.3	251.4	181.6	239.6	173.6	175.7	175.1	161.5
July .....	234.4	227.6	253.2	172.5	190.7	161.6	132.1	177.8	200.7
August .....	250.9	243.9	268.6	267.4	328.6	215.7	186.1	234.3	242.2
September ..	258.4	267.8	235.6	243.4	337.6	232.2	223.1	239.9	231.3
October ...	292.1	285.0	309.9	281.5	350.5	228.7	210.0	242.7	247.2
November ..	284.3	277.3	305.2	283.9	282.5	220.3	202.3	243.6	240.5

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943 ...	156.6	211.3	162.4	154.8	136.2	163.3	201.6	207.1	192.1	217.3
November, 1944 ...	185.6	242.8	201.1	187.2	159.5	183.2	206.0	189.3	193.8	238.2
November, 1945 ...	195.8	243.3	193.9	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
November, 1946 ...	231.6	277.4	230.5	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.1	229.6	250.0	308.5
1945 - December ..	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8
1946 - January ...	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
February ..	173.2	195.6	148.2	175.9	161.3	203.0	244.5	234.9	245.9	240.6
March .....	187.2	227.9	162.1	190.9	172.8	209.2	298.8	264.3	321.1	284.2
April .....	189.6	220.3	169.7	193.6	172.8	212.6	323.5	311.4	324.7	303.5
May .....	218.1	255.9	198.8	227.5	202.2	236.7	338.1	304.3	342.7	332.9
June .....	202.6	244.8	163.2	207.8	189.8	235.5	329.0	335.8	304.2	347.5
July .....	221.1	275.9	198.7	222.3	208.6	225.7	328.0	248.4	330.0	382.0
August ....	225.3	255.9	202.8	234.8	211.2	232.2	311.6	189.1	278.8	433.9
September .	223.1	247.5	213.2	225.8	205.4	257.4	301.7	287.8	237.9	372.4
October ...	248.0	284.1	256.3	249.2	227.1	266.0	287.9	227.6	254.4	356.4
November ..	231.6	277.4	230.5	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.1	229.6	250.0	308.5

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1943 ...	176.5	166.4	181.5	153.4	186.2	222.9	233.3	213.9	225.8
November, 1944 ...	197.9	214.3	209.6	175.9	200.4	243.2	262.9	232.3	242.1
November, 1945 ...	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
November, 1946 ...	291.8	261.5	277.9	275.3	297.1	313.5	274.3	303.8	334.7
1945 - December ..	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6
1946 - January ...	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
February ..	258.0	198.7	221.9	239.6	283.0	227.9	195.7	242.5	221.4
March .....	285.8	229.8	267.6	273.9	292.5	272.0	273.6	260.5	265.8
April .....	279.2	272.7	253.3	282.4	289.5	293.7	289.8	280.1	275.0
May .....	300.5	305.8	243.5	309.2	337.2	340.0	301.5	361.4	306.4
June .....	286.6	291.4	262.9	290.0	307.4	302.4	294.6	296.6	288.0
July .....	281.4	249.9	247.8	254.8	316.9	317.3	300.0	304.6	313.9
August ....	292.5	268.5	265.0	234.9	327.8	308.0	278.5	323.0	297.5
September .	280.5	282.9	279.8	277.9	291.9	293.6	292.6	294.8	278.5
October ...	297.2	313.3	270.0	272.1	320.7	337.4	346.0	315.7	320.2
November ..	291.8	261.5	277.9	275.3	297.1	313.5	274.3	303.8	334.7

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