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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1946

Wholesale sales in Canada during the month of December, 1946 were 13 per cent above the dollar sales volume for December, 1945 according to statements received from 370 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. This was the smallest advance recorded for any month of the current year. The general unadjusted index for Canada (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 220.0 for December, 1946, 194.7 for December, 1945, and 256.9 for November, 1946. Dollar sales for the twelve months of 1946 were 19 per cent above those for the year 1945.

Wholesalers in the province of Quebec reported the greatest gain over December, 1945 with sales up 18 per cent. British Columbia came next with an increase of 14 per cent. Ontario and the Prairie Provinces followed with gains of 12 per cent while sales in the Maritime Provinces were 11 per cent higher than in December, 1945.

Among the individual trades, clothing and dry goods wholesalers continued to show the largest increases with sales 43 per cent and 35 per cent respectively above the December, 1945 volume. Sales of hardware wholesalers were 22 per cent higher than in the same month last year, while grocery wholesalers' sales were up 17 per cent. An increase of 13 per cent was recorded by the automotive equipment trade, the footwear and tobacco and confectionery groups following closely with increases of 12 per cent. The 9 per cent increase between December, 1945 and 1946 for drug wholesalers was consistent with the margin which existed in the immediately preceding months. The decline from 1945 in dollar volume of wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables which has been evident for several months continued, with sales in this trade 7 per cent below the December, 1945 volume.

The value of wholesalers' inventories at December 31, 1946 was 23 per cent higher than at the same date last year. The clothing group, with stocks valued 93 per cent higher than at December, 1945 again showed the greatest increase. Stocks on hand in the wholesale grocery trade were 44 per cent higher than last year while the automotive equipment wholesalers reported an increase of 30 per cent. Other increases in value of stocks on hand were as follows: dry goods, 22 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 19 per cent; drugs, 12 per cent; fruits and vegetables and hardware, 6 per cent; and footwear, 4 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			
	Sales			INVENTORY Dec., 1946 Dec., 1945
	(1)	(2)	(2)	
	November 1946	December 1946	12 months 1946	
November 1945	December 1945	12 months 1945		
Automotive Equipment	+12.6	+13.3	+36.4	+30.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 1.7	+22.0		
Ontario	+20.9	+27.2		
Western Provinces	+10.5	- 0.1		
Drugs	+ 9.6	+ 8.8	+10.4	+12.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 8.2	+ 8.5		
Western Provinces	+13.6	+ 9.6		
Clothing	+39.7	+42.5	+23.1	+93.1
Quebec	+50.2	+56.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+32.9	+30.3		
Footwear	+28.8	+12.3	+24.2	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+66.2	+ 7.4		
Ontario and Western Provinces.	- 8.0	+21.5		
Dry Goods	+35.1	+35.1	+21.5	+21.8
Maritimes and Quebec	+28.5	+46.4		
Ontario	+46.4	+30.4		
Western Provinces	+31.5	+20.0		
Fruits and Vegetables	- 2.4	- 7.1	+12.2	+ 5.8
Maritimes and Quebec	- 4.5	-11.7		
Ontario	-12.8	-11.3		
Western Provinces	+11.2	+ 0.1		
Groceries	+18.0	+17.0	+15.9	+44.0
Maritimes	+12.9	+10.8		
Quebec	+18.5	+20.7		
Ontario	+14.5	+13.2		
Prairies	+22.2	+18.0		
British Columbia	+23.1	+26.6		
Hardware	+22.9	+21.7	+30.7	+ 6.1
Maritimes	+10.5	+26.4		
Quebec	+19.0	+30.3		
Ontario	+23.3	+32.0		
Western Provinces	+26.1	+12.5		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+13.3	+11.5	+15.1	+18.5
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 6.9	+18.0		
Ontario	+ 8.0	+12.5		
Western Provinces	+21.5	+ 8.3		
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes	+ 8.6	+10.9		
Quebec	+17.5	+18.0		
Ontario	+11.8	+11.8		
Prairies	+20.5	+11.4		
British Columbia	+21.1	+14.2		
CANADA	+16.0	+13.0	+18.7	+22.7

(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
December, 1943 ...	164.1	189.9	155.7	160.4	158.3	187.1	141.1	184.0	127.5	146.4
December, 1944 ...	171.5	201.1	163.5	174.7	153.9	198.3	166.8	175.0	150.3	191.8
December, 1945 ...	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
December, 1946 ...	220.0	240.7	215.7	226.7	187.4	275.3	228.9	352.7	240.7	203.1
1946 - 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	238.5	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	348.9	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 ..	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December ..	220.0	240.7	215.7	226.7	187.4	275.3	228.9	352.7	240.7	203.1

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
December, 1943 ...	189.2	192.4	180.6	113.0	173.4	105.0	91.8	109.0	121.3
December, 1944 ...	186.7	190.3	176.8	120.0	143.7	111.8	103.6	124.4	104.8
December, 1945 ...	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7
December, 1946 ...	215.8	216.1	215.0	166.6	245.9	153.2	144.1	169.8	136.4
1946 - 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	210.0	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	279.7	282.5	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1
December ..	215.8	216.1	215.0	166.6	245.9	153.2	144.1	169.8	136.4

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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
December, 1943 ...	155.6	193.5	145.6	158.2	144.9	155.8	234.1	208.1	218.0	258.4	
December, 1944 ...	163.1	203.8	157.0	172.3	134.0	184.2	234.6	216.2	230.9	242.6	
December, 1945 ...	171.6	216.8	161.4	186.8	136.7	196.0	298.2	270.3	302.9	301.8	
December, 1946 ...	200.8	240.2	194.8	211.5	161.3	248.1	277.0	238.7	268.7	302.1	
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 ..	231.0	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	262.9	231.0	249.4	309.9	
December ..	200.8	240.2	194.8	211.5	161.3	248.1	277.0	238.7	268.7	302.1	

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY				
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
December, 1943 ...	147.6	131.5	143.9	132.7	155.7	222.8	236.3	212.1	225.9	
December, 1944 ...	156.5	134.5	147.9	149.6	164.0	242.9	270.3	235.4	227.9	
December, 1945 ...	201.6	163.4	186.1	203.3	209.9	272.8	275.2	262.9	269.6	
December, 1946 ...	245.3	206.5	242.5	268.4	236.1	304.2	324.7	295.8	292.0	
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	283.8	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 ..	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	312.1	274.3	301.9	333.9	
December ..	245.3	206.5	242.5	268.4	236.1	304.2	324.7	295.8	292.0	

