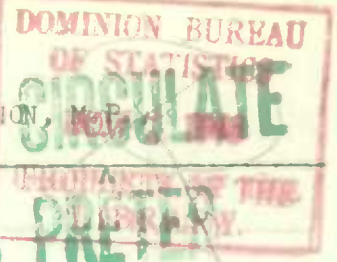


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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1946

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada was maintained at a high level during the month of September. The general unadjusted index for Canada stood at 259.3 per cent for September, 1946, 19 per cent above the September, 1945 index of 217.7 and only slightly below the August, 1946 index of 260.4. These indexes are based on dollar sales reported by some 388 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Wholesale sales for the first nine months of 1946 were 20 per cent in excess of sales in the corresponding period of 1945.

All regions of the country shared in the general advance in sales over September, 1945, Ontario wholesalers' sales increasing 21 per cent; British Columbia and Quebec, 20 per cent; the Prairie Provinces, 17 per cent, while wholesalers in the Maritimes reported an improvement of 15 per cent over last year.

The footwear and automotive equipment trades registered the greatest increases over last year as well as reaching a new high in volume of business. Gains over September, 1945 for these trades amounted to 38 per cent for the footwear trade and 33 per cent for the automotive equipment trade, the indexes for these kinds of business standing at 337.3 and 390.2 on the base, average for 1935-1939=100. Substantial increases ranging from 22 to 26 per cent were recorded by dry goods, hardware, grocery and clothing wholesalers. Sales in the tobacco and confectionery group were up 18 per cent and in the drug trade, 14 per cent. Wholesale fruit and vegetable sales increased only 2 per cent over the already high volume of dollar business recorded in September, 1945. In this trade, a slight drop in dollar volume in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec and a decrease of 7 per cent in sales in Ontario were offset by an increase of 9 per cent in Western Canada.

Stocks held by wholesalers in Canada at the end of September, 1946 were valued 17 per cent higher than those on hand at the end of the same month last year. The clothing and footwear trades continued to show the greatest improvement in inventory position over last year with stocks 68 per cent and 39 per cent higher respectively than in September, 1945. Marked improvement was also indicated in tobacco and confectionery with an increase of 29 per cent, fruits and vegetables with stocks up 28 per cent and groceries with a gain of 27 per cent. Lesser gains of 10 per cent in dry goods and 8 per cent in hardware and drugs were reported. Rubber strikes were responsible at least in part for the low inventory position of automotive equipment wholesalers whose stocks were only 4 per cent higher than stocks on hand at the same date last year.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change, 1946 Compared With 1945			INVENTORY Sept., 1946 Sept., 1945
	Sales			
	(1) August, 1946 August, 1945	(2) September, 1946 September, 1945	Year-to-date 1946 Year-to-date 1945	
Automotive Equipment	+31.4	+32.9	+44.9	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+19.4	+24.5		
Ontario	+47.6	+51.1		
Western Provinces	+25.7	+22.0		
Drugs	+12.4	+13.7	+10.8	+ 7.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 9.5	+13.2		
Western Provinces	+20.6	+15.7		
Clothing	+38.4	+25.5	+20.9	+68.4
Quebec	+50.5	+28.8		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+33.7	+23.5		
Footwear	+24.7	+38.3	+23.9	+39.1
Maritimes and Quebec	- 5.1	+43.1		
Ontario and Western Provinces	+47.5	+34.9		
Dry Goods	+27.7	+21.9	+18.7	+ 9.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+41.1	+17.2		
Ontario	+21.9	+27.7		
Western Provinces	+17.8	+21.8		
Fruits and Vegetables	+11.8	+ 1.9	+18.0	+28.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 2.7	- 0.4		
Ontario	+ 5.6	- 7.2		
Western Provinces	+20.9	+ 9.3		
Groceries	+17.9	+24.0	+14.7	+27.4
Maritimes	+ 8.0	+19.4		
Quebec	+18.3	+28.9		
Ontario	+22.5	+30.6		
Prairies	+17.2	+16.4		
British Columbia	+18.7	+25.7		
Hardware	+33.6	+22.3	+33.9	+ 8.4
Maritimes	+28.6	+16.7		
Quebec	+21.3	+18.7		
Ontario	+36.1	+26.2		
Western Provinces	+39.5	+23.0		
Tobacco and Confectionery	+16.2	+17.5	+15.6	+29.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 5.5	+19.2		
Ontario	+16.7	+17.5		
Western Provinces	+20.6	+16.9		
Wholesale Trade --				
Maritimes	+ 6.5	+14.6		
Quebec	+18.9	+19.9		
Ontario	+21.1	+21.2		
Prairies	+24.1	+17.2		
British Columbia	+22.5	+20.4		
CANADA	+20.4	+19.1	+19.9	+16.6

(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
September, 1943 ...	186.2	211.2	179.1	177.6	190.1	200.9	199.2	201.2	172.3	215.0
September, 1944 ...	205.4	243.3	203.5	193.8	213.7	200.9	237.0	264.8	207.1	242.5
September, 1945 ...	217.7	237.9	210.8	208.1	228.9	221.6	293.6	300.3	239.4	329.1
September, 1946 ...	259.3	272.6	252.7	252.2	268.3	266.8	390.2	373.9	361.7	401.5
1945 - October	237.2	277.3	233.7	231.8	229.8	250.7	308.6	399.4	249.1	311.7
November ...	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
December ...	194.7	217.0	182.8	202.8	168.2	241.1	202.0	289.1	189.2	203.3
1946 - January	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.6	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 ..	259.3	272.6	252.7	252.2	268.3	266.8	390.2	373.9	361.7	401.5

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1943 ...	197.9	199.2	200.3	209.3	199.1	166.4	168.8	163.3	162.6
September, 1944 ...	207.0	217.9	180.5	183.8	212.8	189.2	188.2	183.1	194.8
September, 1945 ...	227.1	236.6	203.6	199.2	243.9	191.3	192.2	187.9	189.9
September, 1946 ...	258.2	267.8	235.6	250.0	337.3	233.2	225.3	239.9	231.3
1945 - October	268.2	264.1	277.7	238.6	263.9	184.6	178.4	184.0	199.0
November ...	259.4	256.3	268.7	200.2	219.3	162.0	156.7	166.4	181.8
December ...	198.3	199.2	196.2	116.9	219.0	113.4	98.4	130.2	113.7
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	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 ..	258.2	267.8	235.6	250.0	337.3	233.2	225.3	239.9	231.3



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Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1943 ...	168.1	200.9	157.5	165.8	163.5	174.1	221.2	202.0	179.6	272.3
September, 1944 ...	188.3	228.6	181.0	181.9	182.3	196.2	249.5	242.0	201.7	301.2
September, 1945 ...	179.6	207.3	165.4	171.7	177.2	204.8	296.4	288.7	256.6	340.7
September, 1946 ...	222.7	247.5	213.2	224.2	206.3	257.4	302.0	287.5	238.1	372.4
1945 - October	203.1	255.0	204.1	204.3	182.3	214.9	288.5	250.9	272.4	318.8
November ...	195.8	243.3	193.7	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.4	241.9	286.0	278.7
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	256.9	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 ..	222.7	247.5	213.2	224.2	206.3	257.4	302.0	287.5	238.1	372.4

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
September, 1943 ...	181.0	186.8	177.6	168.4	194.3	226.6	247.8	220.1	211.4
September, 1944 ...	198.6	237.4	215.1	179.7	202.3	237.0	250.5	232.0	224.5
September, 1945 ...	228.6	242.4	235.7	217.1	237.3	250.5	248.0	251.3	238.2
September, 1946 ...	279.6	282.9	279.8	274.0	291.9	294.3	295.6	295.3	278.5
1945 - October	246.6	259.8	247.7	227.1	252.5	290.6	286.9	274.3	277.5
November ...	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
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	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 ..	279.6	282.9	279.8	274.0	291.9	294.3	295.6	295.3	278.5