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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1947

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada during the month of January, 1947 was 9 per cent above that for the same month of 1946 according to statements received from 350 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. The general unadjusted index for Canada (on the base, average for 1935-1939-100) stood at 237.5 for January, 1947, 217.1 for January, 1946 and 221.6 for December, 1946.

Increases reported in the different regions of the country, with the exception of the Maritime Provinces, varied between the relatively narrow limits of 8 and 12 per cent. Sales in the Prairie Provinces were up 12 per cent, in Ontario and Quebec, 10 per cent, and in British Columbia, 8 per cent. An increase of 3 per cent over January, 1946 in dollar volume of sales was recorded for the Maritime Provinces.

Sales of wholesalers in the footwear trade, up 25 per cent, continued to show the greatest increase in volume over last year. The clothing trade, which has for the past few months also reported high increases over the previous year, registered an increase of only 8 per cent in January, 1947 over January, 1946. This was the result of a drop of 6 per cent in sales reported by clothing wholesalers in Ontario and the Western Provinces combined. Sales of clothing wholesalers in Quebec, however, were 58 per cent higher in January last year. Wholesalers in the hardware and grocery trades had sales 16 per cent above those in the same month a year ago. A 10 per cent gain was reported by the tobacco and confectionery wholesalers while other increases in sales amounted to 9 per cent for dry goods and 4 per cent for drugs. Sales of fruits and vegetables continued lower in dollar volume than last year, a drop of 6 per cent being recorded from January a year ago.

Stocks held by wholesalers at the end of January, 1947 were valued 29 per cent higher than those on hand at the same date last year. Substantial increases in dollar value of stocks on hand were in evidence in all lines of trade covered by the survey. Wholesale grocers' stocks were 44 per cent higher in dollar value, the same percentage increase which they reported in December. The clothing, dry goods, and footwear trades continued to record marked increases over last year with stocks valued 39, 36, and 29 per cent higher respectively than at January 31, 1946. Value of stocks of fruit and vegetable dealers were 25 per cent in excess of last year, while hardware wholesalers' stocks were up 18 per cent, and tobacco and confectionery, 14 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change		
	Sales		INVENTORY
	(1) December 1946 <u>December</u> 1945	(2) January 1947 <u>January</u> 1946	
Automotive Equipment	+13.1	(x)	(x)
Maritimes and Quebec	+16.8	(x)	
Ontario	+28.3	(x)	
Western Provinces	+ 0.1	-13.5	
Drugs	+ 9.6	+ 4.1	+15.1
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario.	+ 9.0	+ 1.6	
Western Provinces	+11.2	+ 9.4	
Clothing	+43.2	+ 7.6	+38.9
Quebec	+60.0	+58.4	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+29.2	- 6.4	
Footwear	+14.6	+24.8	+28.5
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 7.4	+27.6	
Ontario and Western Provinces.	+24.4	+21.5	
Dry Goods	+39.8	+ 9.2	+36.2
Maritimes and Quebec	+46.4	+ 0.8	
Ontario	+43.5	+ 9.3	
Western Provinces	+20.0	+20.2	
Fruits and Vegetables	- 7.3	- 5.5	+25.3
Maritimes and Quebec	-11.4	- 7.5	
Ontario	-11.4	- 8.6	
Western Provinces	- 0.1	- 0.9	
Groceries	+17.1	+15.7	+44.1
Maritimes	+10.8	+ 6.1	
Quebec	+20.2	+14.4	
Ontario	+13.6	+16.3	
Prairies	+18.1	+17.9	
British Columbia	+26.6	+20.5	
Hardware	+23.7	+16.2	+17.7
Maritimes	+26.4	+19.7	
Quebec	+26.2	+14.8	
Ontario	+32.4	+29.9	
Western Provinces	+18.5	+10.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+11.7	+10.2	+13.7
Maritimes and Quebec	+18.6	+ 5.2	
Ontario	+12.4	+12.2	
Western Provinces	+ 8.3	+10.0	
Wholesale Trade -			
Maritimes	+ 9.7	+ 2.6	
Quebec	+17.1	+ 9.8	
Ontario	+13.2	+ 9.5	
Prairies	+13.3	+11.5	
British Columbia	+14.1	+ 7.9	
CANADA	+13.8	+ 9.4	+29.2

(1) Revised.

(2) Preliminary.

(x) Not yet available.

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, 1944	159.5	176.5	149.1	161.5	152.4	179.3	170.2	149.0	158.2	196.0
January, 1945	182.6	202.8	164.8	189.8	171.8	208.2	203.6	187.9	198.9	220.5
January, 1946	217.1	231.4	183.9	232.5	206.5	252.1	356.5	327.5	330.8	403.5
January, 1947	237.5	237.4	201.9	254.6	230.2	272.0	(x)	(x)	(x)	349.0
1946 - 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 ...	256.9	279.6	246.9	250.5	258.1	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
December ...	221.6	238.0	214.1	229.6	190.6	275.1	228.5	337.7	242.7	203.5
1947 - January	237.5	237.4	201.9	254.6	230.2	272.0	(x)	(x)	(x)	349.0

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING	FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944	197.9	197.2	200.1	225.2	201.1	188.0	165.8	204.6	209.8
January, 1945	216.9	213.8	225.7	231.5	221.0	182.2	165.0	204.0	187.8
January, 1946	246.4	243.3	254.8	280.8	230.1	201.7	178.5	241.7	193.1
January, 1947	256.5	247.2	278.8	302.1	287.2	220.3	179.9	264.2	232.1
1946 - 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	230.1	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 ...	217.3	217.1	218.2	167.4	251.0	158.5	144.1	186.8	136.4
1947 - January	256.5	247.2	278.8	302.1	287.2	220.3	179.9	264.2	232.1

(x) Not yet available.

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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, 1944	135.9	180.3	110.5	136.2	124.9	148.9	172.1	162.3	176.0	163.1
January, 1945	165.4	210.8	134.3	174.1	146.4	183.1	189.1	170.7	193.6	185.1
January, 1946	185.7	236.3	143.2	201.8	163.7	204.2	230.5	178.6	261.2	220.8
January, 1947	214.9	250.7	163.8	234.7	193.0	246.1	217.6	165.2	238.7	218.8
1946 - 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 ...	200.9	240.2	194.0	212.2	161.4	248.1	276.4	239.5	268.4	301.5
1947 - January	214.9	250.7	163.8	234.7	193.0	246.1	217.6	165.2	238.7	218.8

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January, 1944	153.1	135.7	159.1	129.5	172.6	187.1	185.3	182.9	181.7
January, 1945	173.0	145.3	183.8	138.8	198.8	224.5	214.0	235.9	203.7
January, 1946	228.5	174.1	239.9	195.0	259.2	254.8	233.9	256.4	247.1
January, 1947	265.5	208.4	275.4	253.3	286.2	280.8	246.1	287.7	271.8
1946 - 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 ...	249.4	206.5	234.9	269.2	248.7	304.7	326.4	295.5	292.0
1947 - January	265.5	208.4	275.4	253.3	286.2	280.8	246.1	287.7	271.8



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