



Food Sales Drop

Wholesalers of both fruits and vegetables and of groceries registered declines in dollar sales volume from November, 1947. Sales in the fruits and vegetables trade were down 2% while grocery wholesalers reported a decrease of 4% in dollar volume.

Other Trades Show Increases

All other trades included in the survey recorded increases in sales volume in November, 1948 compared with November, 1947. Dry goods and hardware wholesalers had the greatest percentage gains at 24% and 23% respectively. Sales of drug wholesalers were up 17%; clothing wholesalers, 15%; tobacco and confectionery wholesalers, 11%; and footwear wholesalers, 9%. Wholesale dealers in automotive equipment registered a gain of 5% over the already high volume of November, 1947.

Inventories valued 11% higher

Total dollar value of stocks in the hands of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade under review was 11% higher at November 30, 1948 than at the same date in 1947. Tobacco and confectionery and grocery wholesalers reported inventories valued 24% and 21% respectively above the value at November 30, 1947. Hardware wholesalers' stocks were up 16%; dry goods wholesalers', 8%; automotive equipment wholesalers', 6%; and drug wholesalers', 4%.

A decline in value of inventories of 11% was recorded by footwear wholesalers, while fruit and vegetable dealers' stocks were down 19%. Clothing wholesalers reported a drop of 23% in value of stocks on hand compared with November 30, 1947.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

	Percentage Change				INVENTORY Nov., 1948 Nov., 1947
	S a l e s				
	(1) October, 1948 October, 1947	(2) November, 1948 November, 1947	November, 1948 October, 1948	Jan.-to- Nov., 1948 Jan.-to- Nov., 1947	
Automotive Equipment .....	+17.8	+ 4.5	-13.3	+ 2.3	+ 5.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 8.7	- 0.8	-16.2		
Ontario .....	+10.0	+ 1.5	-14.7		
Western Provinces .....	+30.1	+ 9.2	- 3.1		
Drugs .....	+ 2.2	+17.0	+ 1.7	+11.1	+ 3.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+ 0.2	+17.0	+ 1.6		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.3	+17.2	+ 2.8		
Clothing .....	+ 6.0	+15.1	+ 2.7	+ 2.4	-22.8
Quebec .....	+ 0.7	+30.0			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	+ 9.1	+ 6.8			
Footwear .....	- 9.1	+ 9.3	-21.1	- 4.0	-10.8
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-14.5	+14.2			
Ontario & Western Prov. ..	- 4.3	+ 4.7			
Dry Goods .....	+15.0	+23.8	+ 1.1	+ 8.6	+ 7.7
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+18.7	+27.2	- 0.2		
Ontario .....	+11.3	+14.5	+ 1.1		
Western Provinces .....	+13.9	+31.2	+11.4		
Fruits and Vegetables .....	-18.1	- 1.8	+12.8	-14.6	-19.0
Maritimes and Quebec .....	-27.0	-12.9	+40.4		
Ontario .....	-23.4	- 2.4	+25.1		
Western Provinces .....	- 9.0	+ 5.9	- 1.7		
Groceries .....	- 8.5	- 4.0	- 6.9	+ 5.0	+21.0
Maritimes .....	-10.6	- 6.8	- 6.6		
Quebec .....	-11.2	- 8.3	- 6.5		
Ontario .....	-16.7	- 8.9	- 6.3		
Prairies .....	+ 2.8	- 2.4	-12.1		
British Columbia .....	- 3.6	+ 9.2	- 2.7		
Hardware .....	+ 9.3	+22.9	+ 9.6	+10.7	+16.0
Maritimes .....	+ 8.2	+20.2	-12.9		
Quebec .....	+ 9.5	+21.6	+12.2		
Ontario .....	+11.6	+29.4	+12.8		
Western Provinces .....	+ 8.2	+20.6	+10.1		
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 5.1	+11.4	- 4.3	+12.0	+23.5
Maritimes and Quebec .....	+ 2.8	+16.2	- 9.1		
Ontario .....	+ 4.5	+12.7	+ 0.1		
Western Provinces .....	+ 6.8	+ 8.5	+ 3.3		
Wholesale Trade -					
Maritimes .....	- 6.8	+ 1.3	- 5.1		
Quebec .....	- 1.4	+10.1	+ 0.6		
Ontario .....	- 6.1	+ 4.2	- 0.8		
Prairies .....	+ 8.0	+ 6.9	- 6.5		
British Columbia .....	- 1.4	+ 8.0	+ 1.6		
CANADA .....	- 1.1	+ 7.2	- 1.8	+ 4.4	+10.9

(1) Revised  
(2) Preliminary



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**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, 1945 ..	221.5	257.5	210.1	224.1	214.2	238.4	290.8	355.9	247.1	310.2
November, 1946 ..	257.2	280.4	246.9	251.0	257.9	288.7	327.4	362.0	298.7	342.8
November, 1947 ...	295.0	314.9	290.1	292.2	281.1	345.6	413.8	457.6	381.1	429.9
October, 1948 ...	321.9	336.2	317.6	307.0	321.5	367.4	499.0	541.9	453.6	484.5
November, 1948 ..	316.2	319.0	319.4	304.5	300.5	373.2	432.4	453.9	386.8	469.5

Year and Month	DRUGS			CLOTHING		FOOTWEAR	DRY GOODS			
	CANADA	Maritimes Que. & Ont.	Western Provinces	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	
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	273.7	292.3	218.9	201.4	243.6	239.1	
November, 1947 ..	278.3	272.6	295.1	279.7	280.6	262.9	248.7	295.5	272.1	
October, 1948 ...	320.3	313.8	336.6	313.3	388.7	321.9	317.0	334.7	320.4	
November, 1948 ..	325.6	318.9	345.9	321.9	306.7	325.5	316.3	338.3	357.0	

Year and Month	GROCERIES						FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1945 ..	195.8	243.3	193.9	202.7	172.3	208.1	269.6	242.7	286.0	278.7
November, 1946 ..	231.2	274.7	229.8	232.1	210.6	256.2	263.9	234.4	249.4	309.9
November, 1947 ..	282.8	324.1	280.1	295.2	248.7	317.9	261.5	261.8	251.1	279.2
October, 1948 ...	291.6	323.5	274.7	286.9	276.2	356.7	227.7	162.4	195.9	300.7
November, 1948 ..	271.5	302.1	256.9	268.9	242.7	347.1	256.8	228.0	245.1	295.7

Year and Month	HARDWARE					TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY			
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	CANADA	Maritimes & Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
November, 1945 ..	236.5	222.9	233.5	224.4	244.7	275.5	256.6	279.5	274.8
November, 1946 ..	290.7	246.3	277.9	276.7	308.6	311.0	274.3	300.2	333.9
November, 1947 ..	350.6	308.9	353.5	345.0	355.8	327.8	317.1	308.9	347.9
October, 1948 ...	393.0	426.1	383.1	395.6	389.6	381.6	405.2	347.8	365.6
November, 1948 ..	430.9	371.3	429.9	446.4	429.1	365.2	368.5	348.1	377.5