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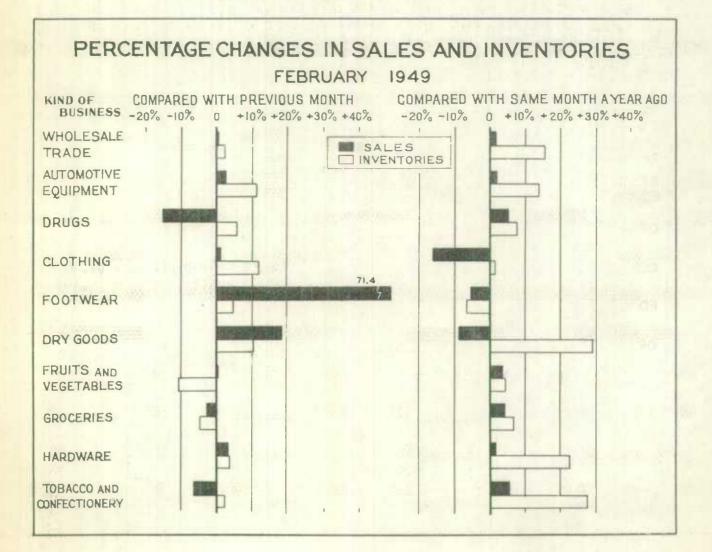
WHOLESALE TRADE

FEBRUARY 1949

Doller Sales Up 2%

February, 1949 sales of wholesalers were 2% higher in dollar volume then in February last year and 1% higher than in January, 1949, according to statements from 366 wholesalers representing nine lines of wholesele trade. The general unadjusted index (on the base, 1935 -1939=100) stood at 244.6 for February, 1949, 239.8 for February, 1948, and 243.2 for January, 1949.

Sales in Quebec and in British Columbia continued below last year by 6% and 3% respectively. Wholesalers in the Maritime Provinces reported an increase of 2% while gains of 4% and 10% were recorded for Ontario and the Prairie Provinces respectively.



Sales in Dry Goods and Apparel Trades Continue Below 1948

Wholesalers of dry goods and apparel continued to report sales below the 1948 volume although the February declines were less marked than those recorded for January. Footwear wholesalers' sales decreased 5%, dry goods wholesalers', 9% while a drop of 16% was recorded by clothing wholesalers.

Moderate gains were reported by all other trades. Drug wholesalers and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported sales in February, 1949 up 5% from February a year ago. Sales of grocery and fruit and vegetable dealers were up 4%, while gains of 2% were reported by wholesalers of hardware and automotive equipment.

Inventories up 16%

Wholesalers' inventories were valued 16% higher at the end of February, 1949 than at the corresponding date a year ago. Footwear wholesalers recorded a decline of 7% in value of stocks on hand compared with last year but all other trades showed increases.

The largest increases were reported by the dry goods and tobacco and confectionery trades at 29% and 28% respectively. Hardware wholesalers stocks were up 23% in value and those of automotive equipment dealers, 14%. Other trades reported increases in value of stocks as follows: drugs, 8%,; groceries, 7%; fruits and vegetables, 4%; and clothing, 2%.

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		Percentage	Change	
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	(1)	- INVENTORY		
	January,	(2) February,	February,	INVENTORI
	1949	1949	1949	Feb., 1949
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	1948	1948	1949	re0., 1540
Automotive Equipment	+ 2.7	+ 2.3	+ 2.8	+14.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 6.2	-15.3	+ 9.7	.1.4*1
Ontario	+ 0.1	+ 7.3	- 4.4	
Western Provinces	+ 4.0	+ 5.7	+ 3.6	
Drugs	+10.1	+ 5.4	-15.0	+ 7.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ont.	+11.2	+ 6.6	-13.0	+ /.9
Western Provinces	+ 7.9			
Clothing	-20.1	+ 2.7	-13.7 + 1.1	+ 1 0
	+ 0.5		* ±+±	+ 1.8
Quebec		- 6.9		
Ontario and Western Prov	-30.3	-21.0		
Footwear	-40.3	- 5,1	+71.4	- 6.5
Maritimes and Quebec	-51.5	- 1.8		
Ontario and Western Prov	-28.6	- 9.7		
Dry Goods	-17.9	- 8.9	+18.2	+29.3
Maritimes and Quebec	-21.1	-11.5	+26.7	LI IST I IST I
Ontario	-14.0	- 7.7	+13.4	
Western Provinces	-19.1	- 5.6	+ 8.9	
Fruits and Vegetables	+ 8.7	+ 3.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 9.4	- 4.4	+17.7	
Ontario	+ 6.3	+ 2.9	- 8.2	
Western Provinces	+11.3	+10.3	+ 4.4	
Groceries	- 0.4	+ 4.1	- 2.5	+ 6.7
Maritimes	- 0.1	+ 2.2	- 1.5	
Quebec	-12.7	-12.3	+11.6	
Ontario	+ 0.7	+ 7.2	- 7.6	
Prairies	+ 0.6	+ 9.4	+ 1.7	
British Columbia	+ 6.1	+ 7.3	- 8.8	
Hardware	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.4	+22.8
Maritimes	+15.1	+10.0	+ 7.5	
Quebec	+ 7.7	- 0.8	-13,1	
Ontario	+10.2	+ 6.2	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces	- 4.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.3	
Tobacco and Confectionery .	+ 2.3	+ 5.3	- 6.3	+27.9
Maritimes and Quebec	(x)	+ 5.6	- 0.4	
Ontario	+ 2.3	+ 3.5	- 2.3	
Western Provinces	+ 3.3	+ 7.1	-10.8	
Wholesale Trade -				
Maritimes	+ 2.2	+ 2.3	- 1.1	
Quebec	- 7.0	- 6.3	+12.5	
Ontario	+ 1.5	+ 4.0	- 4.0	
Prairies	+ 1.6	+ 9.5	+ 3.3	
British Columbia	- 1.5	- 3.3	-10.4	
CANADA	- 0.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.6	+15.8
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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average, 1935 - 1939 = 100)

		WHOLESALE TRADE			AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT						
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbi		CANADA	Maritime & Quebec	Unvailu	Western Provinces
February, 1946	210.2	201.1	197.6	211.9	204.1	242.5	-	310.9	the second se	the second s	339.2
Pebruary, 1947	231.2	218.0	218.9	238.8	220.2	260.4		335.2	428.7		318.5
February, 1948	239.8	218.9	243.2	242.4	217.3	287.7		331.2	391.0	316.0	322.6
January, 1949	243.2	226.4	202.5	262.5	230.3	310.5		329.6	302.0	354.6	329.3
February, 1949	244.6	223.9	227.9	252.1	237.9	278.2		338.8	331.2	339,1	341.0
		DRUGS CLOTHING			OTHING	FOOTWEAR	R DRY GOODS				
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes Que.& Ont			CANADA	CANADA	CA	NADA	Maritimes & Quebec	and the second sec	Western Provinces
February, 1946	227.7	223.0	244	.8	233.7	238.2	1	88.7	196.5	191.8	167.6
February, 1947	221.1	216.5	237	.2	277.2	296.8	2	29.6	224.8	272.0	177.3
February, 1948	251.8	242.5	282	.5	264.2	268.3		68.2	265.0	296.2	231.7
January, 1949	312.4	303.9	336	5.3	219.5	148.5	2	06.6	185.1	241.1	200.9
February, 1949	265.4	258.5	290	.1	221.9	254.6	2	44.3	234.5	273.4	218.7
Year and Month CAN		GROCERIES				FRUITS AND VEGETABLES					
	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbi		CANADA	Maritime & Quebec	s Ontonio	Western Provinces
Pebruary, 1946	173.7	195.6	150.0	176.2	161.3	203.0		241.2	225.2	245.9	240.6
Pebruary, 1947	200.3	222.0	159.5	211.6	189.2	228.6		219.7	209.4	220.8	220.6
'ebruary, 1948	201.1	226.4	172.9	200.6	181.4	261.1		204.5	210.9	205.8	195.2
January, 1949	214.7	235.0	135.8	232.7	195.1	307.1		210.8	171.3	230.7	206.2
ebruary, 1949	209,3	231.4	151.6	215.0	198.5	280.2		212.3	201.6	211.8	215.3
		HARDWARE				TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY					
Year and Month	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontari	o Weste Provin		CANADA	Man	ei timor	Ontario	Western Provinces
'ebruary, 1946	257.8	193.7	221.9	239.6	283.	0	228.8	the second se	95.7	244.3	221.4
ebruary, 1947	293.1	215.0	257.2	280.3	31 5.	8	245.7		229.4	258.5	232.5
ebruary, 1948	314.8	236.7	299.6	309.5			269.3		268.9	287.7	242.3
January, 1949	310.2	242.3	341.9	321.8	309.	0	302.8		285.0	304.9	291.0
Pebruary, 1949	320.8	260.4	297.2				283.6		284.0	297.8	259.5