

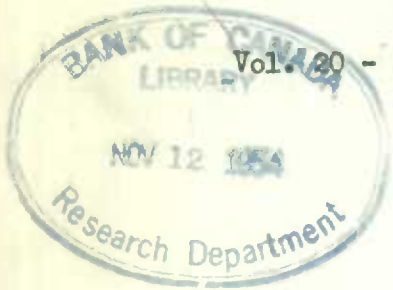
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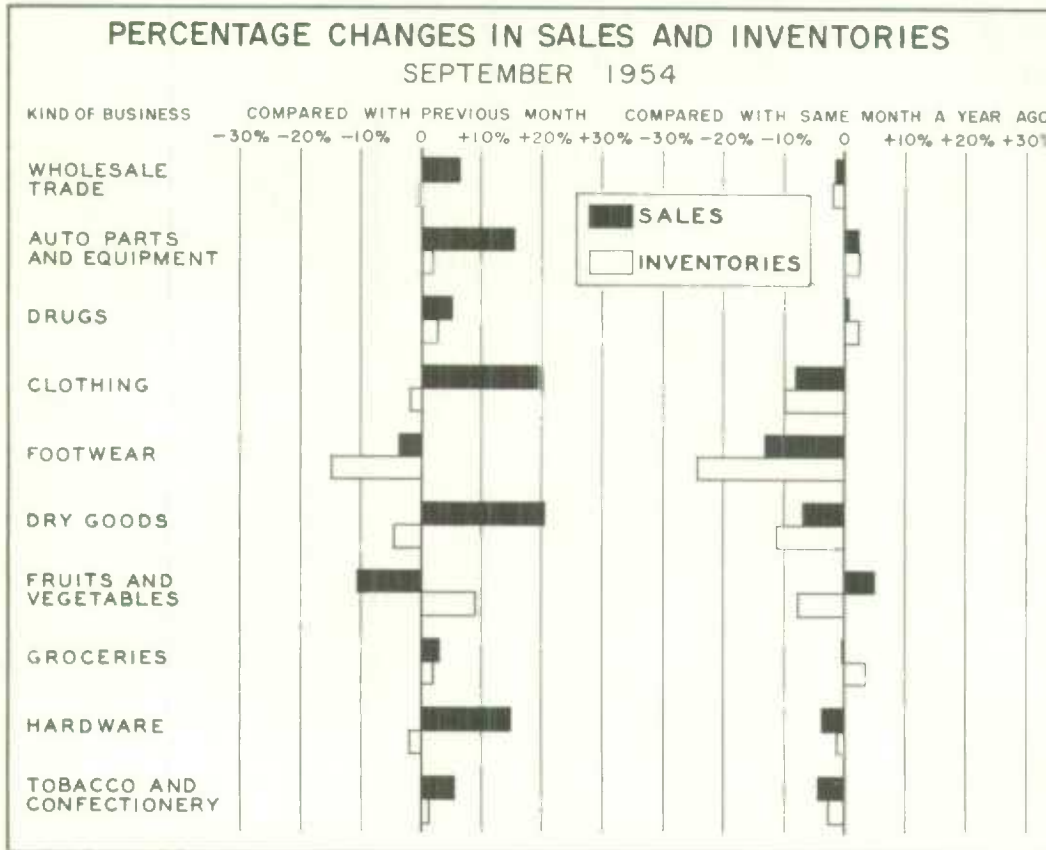
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WHOLESALE TRADE SEPTEMBER 1954

The results shown in this report are based on returns from 400 wholesalers distributed over nine trades. They reflect trends in dollar volume of business and are not adjusted for changes in wholesale prices.

The unadjusted index for the total of the nine trades (on the base of 1935-1939= 100) stood at 402.3 for September 1954 compared with 409.0 for September a year ago and 378.1 for August 1954.



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Sales Trends by Trades

September sales of wholesalers covered by this report registered a seasonal increase of 6.4% over the preceding month but were down 1.3% over September of the previous year. Of the nine trades covered, six reported decreases in comparison with September 1953 which ranged from 13% for footwear wholesalers to less than one per cent for groceries. Of the three trades reporting increases the largest which amounted to 5% was shown for fruit and vegetable wholesalers while drug wholesalers reported an increase of less than one per cent.

Inventories

There was a decrease of 0.7% in the value of stocks on hand at the end of September 1954 in comparison with the previous month and of 1.9% in comparison with September of 1953. In the comparison with the previous year six trades reported decreases in value of stocks on hand which ranged from 24.2% for footwear wholesalers to 1.1% for hardware wholesalers. Three trades reported increases, the largest being grocery wholesalers with 3.7% followed by auto parts and equipment wholesalers and drug wholesalers with 2.7% and 2.5% respectively.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year

Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Inventories
(Average for 1935-1939=100)

	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
September 1954	205.2	283.2
August 1954	217.7	249.6
September 1953	231.1	273.1

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	September(P) 1954	August (R) 1954	September 1953	Sales %	Inventory %
Wholesale Trade¹, Canada	402.3	378.1	409.0	- 1.3	- 1.9
Auto Parts and Equipment	730.4	631.8	713.3	+ 2.6	+ 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec	584.3	452.8	561.3	+ 4.1	
Ontario	829.6	713.2	748.7	+ 10.8	
Western Provinces.....	686.0	639.3	771.6	- 11.1	
Drugs	409.2	389.3	406.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	411.4	369.5	405.7	+ 1.4	
Western Provinces	401.7	455.2	407.4	- 1.4	
Clothing	303.0	253.9	329.7	- 8.1	- 10.0
Footwear	445.7	462.4	512.3	- 13.0	- 24.2
Dry Goods	298.4	247.7	320.5	- 6.9	- 11.2
Maritimes and Quebec	280.3	200.0	305.0	- 8.1	
Ontario	334.6	283.4	327.4	+ 2.2	
Western Provinces	292.8	287.5	337.7	- 13.3	
Fruits and Vegetables	299.0	334.4	291.5	+ 5.0	- 7.7
Maritimes and Quebec	199.6	223.2	179.0	+ 11.5	
Ontario	283.0	310.1	260.6	+ 8.6	
Western Provinces	408.2	462.2	426.1	- 4.2	
Groceries	352.7	342.3	353.6	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Maritimes	348.2	356.4	335.8	+ 3.7	
Quebec	262.2	232.1	249.5	+ 5.1	
Ontario	334.0	330.7	336.0	- 0.6	
Prairies	360.2	358.9	374.4	- 3.8	
British Columbia	553.4	511.7	561.8	- 1.5	
Hardware	517.5	450.9	536.4	- 3.7	- 1.1
Maritimes	530.3	441.6	509.4	+ 4.1	
Quebec	557.7	472.4	564.5	- 1.2	
Ontario	567.5	431.2	566.4	+ 0.2	
Western Provinces	466.2	452.4	508.9	- 8.4	
Tobacco and Confectionery	420.3	398.4	439.3	- 4.3	- 2.7
Maritimes and Quebec	401.6	351.8	433.7	- 7.4	
Ontario	438.1	436.0	451.6	- 3.0	
Western Provinces	412.1	393.7	420.5	- 2.0	

1. Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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