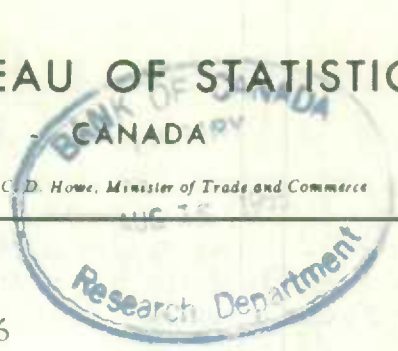


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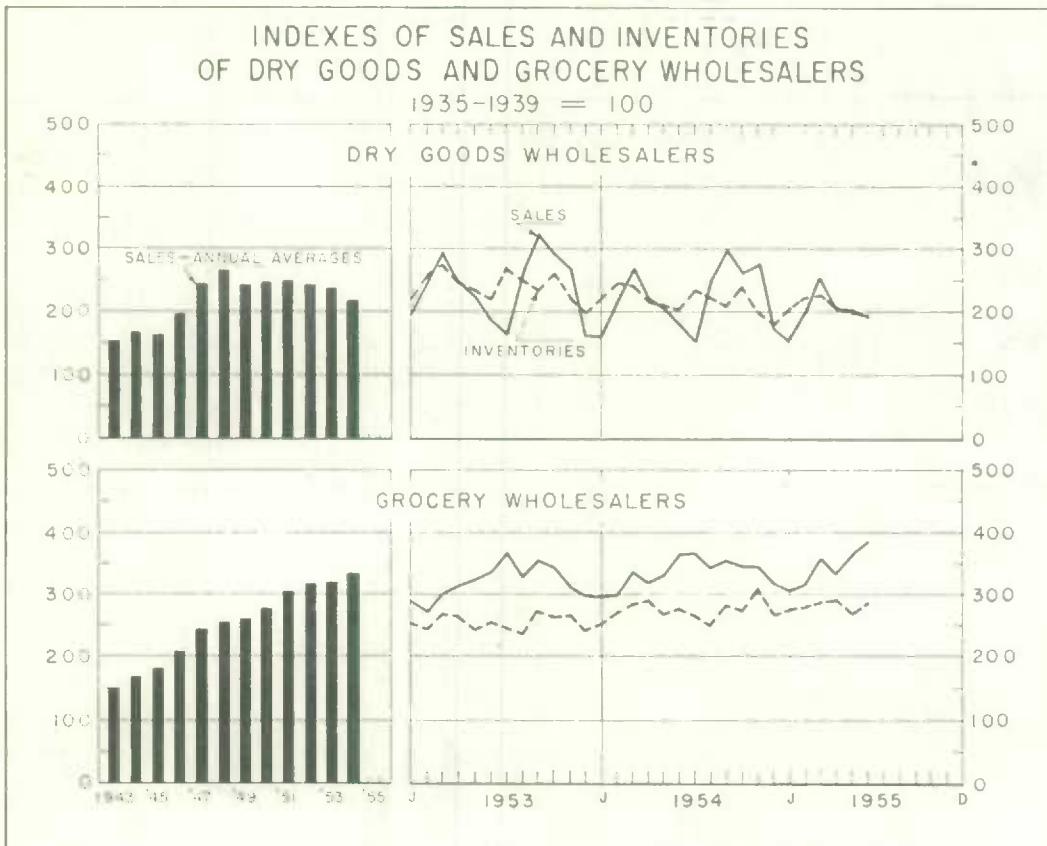
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WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE 1955

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 416.2 for June 1955 compared with 390.9 for June a year ago and 399.3 for May 1955.



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Sales Trends by Trades

Auto parts and equipment made the largest gain in June over the same month last year (17.0%), followed by dry goods (7.4%) and tobacco and confectionery (6.8%). Other trades made smaller gains with the exception of fruits and vegetables which recorded a decrease of 3.4%. The composite figure was a gain of 5.7%.

Inventories

Fruits and vegetables showed the largest inventory increase (11.9%) while hardware inventories decreased by 5.5%. Inventory changes in the other trades ranged between these figures, the overall change being a decrease of 1.4%.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Inventories (Average for 1935-1939=100)	
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	<u>Dry Goods Wholesalers</u>	<u>Grocery Wholesalers</u>
June 1955	191.2	283.5
May 1955	198.6	267.7
June 1954	201.5	275.0

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)			Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)	
	June (P) 1955	May (R) 1955	June 1954	Sales %	Inventory %
Wholesale Trade ¹ , Canada	416.2	399.3	390.9	+ 5.7	- 1.4
Auto Parts and Equipment	735.0	681.1	623.3	+ 17.0	+ 1.6
Maritimes and Quebec	516.3	548.0	456.1	+ 13.2	
Ontario	900.4	810.0	705.1	+ 27.7	
Western Provinces	642.6	581.6	621.5	+ 3.4	
Drugs	403.0	418.3	379.3	+ 6.2	+ 3.0
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	377.6	407.7	357.6	+ 5.6	
Western Provinces	487.6	453.6	451.5	+ 8.0	
Clothing	225.3	210.1	219.2	+ 2.8	+ 1.6
Footwear	214.2	259.2	210.8	+ 1.6	+ 8.0
Dry Goods	190.1	201.9	177.5	+ 7.4	- 5.1
Maritimes and Quebec	192.5	188.8	182.5	+ 5.5	
Ontario	198.4	230.3	189.7	+ 4.5	
Western Provinces	179.1	196.1	158.8	+ 12.8	
Fruits and Vegetables	376.8	379.3	390.2	- 3.4	+ 11.9
Maritimes and Quebec	367.2	341.7	398.7	- 7.9	
Ontario	362.4	384.1	362.4	(2)	
Western Provinces	398.3	411.4	405.6	- 1.8	
Groceries	385.1	363.9	361.3	+ 5.8	+ 3.1
Maritimes	371.4	353.7	368.5	+ 0.8	
Quebec	267.7	248.0	266.4	+ 0.5	
Ontario	377.8	353.5	358.4	+ 5.4	
Prairies	376.8	361.9	347.0	+ 8.6	
British Columbia	651.8	617.1	561.9	+ 16.0	
Hardware	510.3	469.0	479.1	+ 6.6	- 5.5
Maritimes	432.0	435.0	426.5	+ 1.3	
Quebec	520.9	453.3	464.7	+ 12.1	
Ontario	585.0	548.7	560.9	+ 4.3	
Western Provinces	474.4	437.1	448.0	+ 5.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery	487.4	475.0	456.7	+ 6.8	- 4.5
Maritimes and Quebec	520.6	447.6	448.0	+ 16.2	
Ontario	479.5	520.3	469.2	+ 2.2	
Western Provinces	446.7	418.1	443.2	+ 0.8	

1. Composite of Nine Trades (2) No change

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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