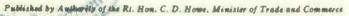
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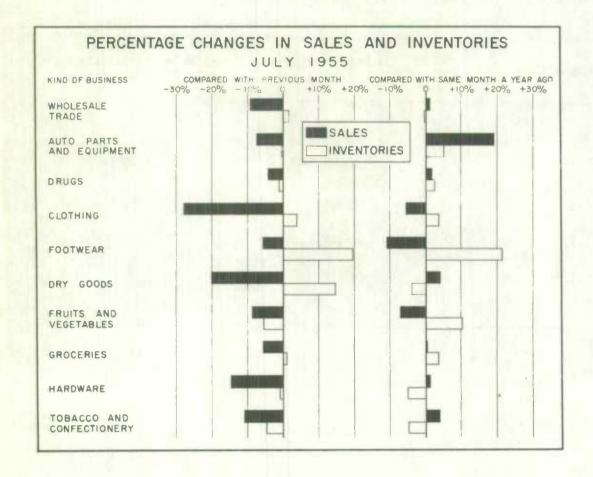
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WHOLESALE TRADE

IULY 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 377.9 for July 1955 compared with 371.2 for July a year ago and 415.7 for June 1955.



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Sales Trends by Trades

parts and equipment showed the largest gain (19.1%) during the current month over the same month last year. Five other trades made small gains over the previous period and three showed decreases ranging from 10.8% in the case of footwear to 5.4% in the case of clothing. The change for the country as a whole was negligible.

Inventories

Inventories of footwear showed the largest increase (21.4%) over the same month in 1954. There were smaller increases in five other trades and three trades recorded decreases.

Grocery and Dry Goods Wholesalers' Inventories

Month and Year	Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Inventorie (Average for 1935-1939=100)				
	Dry Goods Wholesalers	Grocery Wholesalers			
July 1955	223.5	275.2			
June 1955	191.4	283.0			
July 1954	232.6	265.6			

Wholesale Trade in Canada

Trade and Region	Monthly Indexes of Sales (Average 1935-39 = 100)		Percentage Change (Current month over same month last year)		
Albue and lection	July (P) 1955	June(R) 1955	July 1954	Sales	Inventory
				%	%
Wholesale Trade ¹ , Canada	377.9	415.7	371.2	+ 1.2	- 0.3
Auto Parts and Equipment	678.7	732.2	561.1	+ 19.1	+ 5.2
Maritimes and Quebec	487.8	517.2	444.3	+ 9.8	
Ontario	868.2	894.1	661.2	+ 31.3	
Western Provinces	528.8	642.6	493.7	+ 7.1	B. Pres
)rugs	386.3	403.0	380.1	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	364.0	377.6	356.5	+ 2.1	
Western Provinces	460.6	487.6	458.8	+ 0.4	
Clothing	162.7	225.3	172.0	- 5.4	+ 3.
Footwear	196.2	207.8	220.0	- 10.8	+ 21.1
Dry Goods	153.0	191.4	150.1	+ 4.0	- 3.9
Maritimes and Quebec	117.9	195.3	104.0	+ 13.4	
Ontario	157.9	198.4	170.2	- 7.2	
Western Provinces	201.5	179.1	201.3	+ 0.1	
Fruits and Vegetables	345.4	377.7	376.2	- 7.1	+ 10.3
Maritimes and Quebec	291.8	367.2	291.2	+ 0.2	
Ontario	351.2	363.1	378.9	- 7.3	MAN TE
Western Provinces	392.0	400.3	455.8	- 14.0	
Groceries	363.1	384.1	362.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Maritimes	364.7	370.7	356.2	+ 2.4	
Quebec	240.0	268.0	268.8	- 10.7	
Ontario	357.0	376.3	350.7	+ 1.8	
Prairies	380.3	376.8	376.5	+ 1.0	
British Columbia	555.7	647.9	532.3	+ 4.4	
Hardware	435.5	510.2	430.3	+ 1.2	- 4.9
Maritimes	407.5	432.0	400.3	+ 1.8	
Quebec	453.7	520.5	432.1	+ 5.0	
Ontario	453.7	585.0	448.8	+ 1.1	
Western Provinces	420.0	474.4	423.4	- 0.8	T and
Tobacco and Confectionery	434.7	487.3	420.1	+ 3.8	- 4.
Maritimes and Quebec	421.7	515.2	380.6	+ 10.8	
Ontario	447.4	482.8	441.7	+ 1.3	
Western Provinces	428.0	448.1	439.9	- 2.7	

^{1.} Composite of Nine Trades

Note: Figures for Newfoundland are not included.

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