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MONTHLY INDEXES OF COUNTRY GENERAL STORE SALES, JUNE, 1946

Country general store sales in Canada were approximately 5 per cent lower in June than in May but were 10 per cent higher than in June, 1945. The increase over June a year ago was about on a par with the average gain for the first six months of this year compared with last which amounted to 12 per cent. Unadjusted indexes of sales, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, stand at 201.9 for June compared with 212.7 for May and 183.5 for June, 1945.

Sales in the southern part of Quebec province were unchanged from June a year ago. All other sections of the country for which separate figures are compiled registered increases ranging as high as 16 per cent for the northern part of Ontario. The index of sales, when adjusted for number of business days and for normal seasonal movements, stood at 197.6 for June, practically unchanged from 195.7 recorded for May and slightly above the average level during the first half of the year as indicated by an average seasonally adjusted index of 193.3 for the first six months of 1946.

Percentage Change in Country General Store Sales, by Regions

Region	June, 1946			Region	June, 1946		
	June, 1945	Number of stores reporting	Number reporting an increase		June, 1945	Number of stores reporting	Number reporting an increase
Maritime Provinces:	131	90	+13.4	Manitoba:	51	43	+12.9
Quebec:				Saskatchewan:			
South	43	18	- 0.4	North	63	50	+11.4
North	53	38	+ 9.3	South	51	41	+12.9
TOTAL	96	56	+ 6.2	TOTAL	114	91	+12.0
Ontario:				Alberta:			
East	66	45	+ 8.2	North	49	26	+ 5.6
North	39	32	+15.7	South	62	49	+10.2
West	63	45	+ 9.1	TOTAL	111	75	+ 8.4
TOTAL	168	122	+10.4	British Columbia:	57	43	+12.6
				CANADA	728	520	+10.0

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INDEXES OF COUNTRY GENERAL STORE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

A. Unadjusted. B. Index adjusted for number of business days and seasonal variations.

Year and Month	CANADA		Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat-	Alberta	British
	A	B	A	A	A	A	chewan	A	Columbia
June, 1936	100.4	97.2	101.7	106.5	103.8	94.4	92.1	93.9	102.7
June, 1937	109.4	106.0	109.9	122.3	110.8	100.9	96.8	96.9	117.6
June, 1938	110.9	107.1	104.1	125.8	109.3	110.9	101.4	100.7	117.1
June, 1939	102.4	98.0	100.1	114.5	103.5	99.0	86.0	93.8	114.9
June, 1940	110.2	106.9	104.8	125.0	110.4	102.5	97.5	104.8	115.1
June, 1941	115.8	116.1	108.2	134.4	114.7	111.7	102.7	108.7	116.9
June, 1942	133.1	129.2	128.1	160.5	131.8	130.2	107.7	122.2	133.4
June, 1943	153.9	150.6	154.7	177.7	142.3	150.4	149.7	143.3	141.4
June, 1944	170.0	164.4	178.1	198.5	147.4	155.4	165.3	161.9	167.3
June, 1945	183.5	172.6	193.4	212.0	165.7	165.0	168.8	176.6	185.0
1945									
July	182.0	176.1	191.7	203.5	174.6	167.3	169.5	176.1	167.5
August	187.6	171.8	203.8	199.8	175.5	167.0	182.6	190.4	179.0
September	176.5	165.2	177.3	171.0	162.5	181.9	190.0	192.5	173.1
October	192.3	172.1	190.4	203.2	154.8	195.6	219.5	209.6	183.0
November	181.6	174.2	195.8	179.9	164.6	200.4	192.2	186.2	162.6
December	209.7	174.3	240.4	205.8	188.2	221.6	198.0	227.3	208.3
1946									
January	138.1	180.0	168.8	135.4	135.6	110.3	123.7	138.7	148.8
February	139.8	187.9	170.4	135.7	133.6	130.4	126.0	138.4	151.3
March	168.8	197.3	191.0	180.6	165.6	158.4	144.9	156.4	177.0
April	186.7	201.5	194.6	202.7	167.3	188.7	179.1	194.3	178.6
May	212.7	195.7	243.7	241.1	195.7	193.1	185.2	197.6	212.5
June	201.9	197.6	219.3	225.2	182.9	186.2	189.0	191.5	208.3
% Change,									
Jan.-June, 1946 ..	+11.7	-	+11.2	+10.3	+11.6	+10.4	+11.3	+12.2	+18.6
Jan.-June, 1945 ..									

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