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MONTHLY INDEXES OF COUNTRY GENERAL STORE SALES

January, 1940

Country general store sales averaged 12 per cent higher in January of this year than last according to reports received from approximately 700 general merchandise stores located in the smaller towns and rural areas of the country. All parts of the Dominion registered increases ranging from 6 per cent in British Columbia to 16 per cent for the northern part of Saskatchewan. Increases for the other provinces were: Manitoba, 10 per cent; Ontario, 11 per cent; Saskatchewan and Alberta, 12 per cent and the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, 14 per cent.

These results are based on calendar-month dollar sales, no provision being made for differences in number of business days in different months. There was one more business day in January this year than last.

Percentage Change in Country General Store Sales by Regions

		y, 1940 y, 1939		January, 1940 January, 1939				
Region	Number of stores reporting	Number reporting an increase	Per cent	Region	Number of stores reporting	Number reporting an increase	Per cent	
Maritime Provinces:	90	74	+ 14.4	Saskatchewan:	60	47	+ 15.9	
Quebec:	53	40	+ 11.4	South	55	29	+ 6.5	
North	48	34	+ 14.7	TOTAL	115	76	+ 12.4	
TOTAL	101	74	+ 13.6	Alberta:	54	42	+ 9.6	
Ontario: .	1.0	77	+ 12.6	South	85	69	+ 13.7	
East	49	37 25	+ 7.3	TOTAL	139	111	+ 12.1	
West	54	40	+ 10.6	British Columbia:	56	36	+ 6.3	
TOTAL	142	102	+ 10.5	G.W.D.	/07	517		
Manitoba:	54	40	+ 10.3	CANADA:	697	513	+ 11.9	

Indexes of Country General Store Sales (Average Monthly Sales in 1936 = 100)

Month	Canada		Maritime Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
January	76.5	85.8	80.4	92.5	77.6	88.5	76.0	84.0
February	73.3		76.6		76.6		74.3	
March	83.9		83.5		95.8		84.1	
April	91.2		87.9		93.3		88.9	
May	108.9		117.4		128.7		114.9	
June	103.7		100.0		120.6		104.7	
July	106.4		97.7		127.0		110.5	
August	110.3		102.3		113.7		106.1	
September	129.8		107.9		117.4		114.1	
October	122.4		100.5		120.2		105.0	
November	102.6		103.4		104.8		99.4	
December	125.6		124.2		127.7		119.6	
% Change, 1 month, 1940 1939	+12.2		+15.0		+14.0		+10.5	

Month	Manitoba 1939 1940		Saskatchewan 1939 1940		Alberta 1939 1940		British Columbia 1939 1940	
January	70.2	77.8	62.6	70.7	71.3	79.9	80.3	85.5
February	68.5		60.4		66.4		79.1	
March	83.3		70.0		78.6		89.8	
April	93.1	•	83.4		95.6		101.0	
May	98.8		86.3		93.9		109.7	
June	101.2		84.5		95.6		116.7	
July	108.7		87.4		95.5		108.4	
August	116.7		107.1		114.3		110.8	
September	151.9		166.0		144.2		114.1	
October	124.4		158.7		135.4		106.2	
November	103.6		102.7		106.3		93.5	
December	132.9		119.5		137.9		117.8	
% Change, 1 month, 1940 1939	+10.8		+12.9		+12.1		+ 6.5	

Note: Indexes for December, 1939, and January, 1940, are subject to revision.



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