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CENSUS OF MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES

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A number of reports, compiled from data secured from the annual Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments, have been published showing the value of Canadian wholesale trade in 1937 by economic divisions and by kinds of business within each division. This bulletin presents information to show the trends in the value of stocks on hand and in the payrolls of regular wholesale establishments during the year. Tables are presented showing gross margin percentages of net sales for a number of leading kinds of business. The value of accounts outstanding on the books of wholesale firms at the end of 1937 is also shown as well as the distribution of sales for wholesalers in the petroleum products trade according to type of purchaser. The accompanying data have been collected from approximately 2,000 wholesalers representing 23 major kinds of business groups, the indexes being prepared on the base 1930 equals 100. It will be noted that wholcsale sales, which had been on the increase since 1933 continued their rise in 1937 and in spite of a falling off in the last quarter of the year nevertheless recorded a gain of 14.4 per cent over the previous year. In this connection, however, due consideration should be given to the fact that the accompanying data are reported in terms of dollars and that they, therefore, reflect changes in prices as well as in physical volume of goods. According to the price indexes, prepared by the Internal Trade Branch of the Bureau of Statistics, there was a general rise in prices both in 1936 and 1937. The average weighted price index of consumers goods in 1935 was 73.6 (on the base 1926 equals 100). In 1936 this rose to 74.7 and continued its rise in 1937 to 79.5. The accompanying figures must, therefore, be interproted with this price increase in mind.

I. Comparison of Trends in Sales, Payroll Costs and Stocks

The value of wholesale trade in Canada in 1937 increased 14.4 per cent over 1936, while salaries and wages paid to employees increased 9.2 per cent. For purposes of comparison it may be noted that the value of wholesale trade in Canada in 1936 increased 9.3 per cent over 1935, while salaries and wages paid to employees increased 5.7 per cent. The indexes of sales and payrells, by economic divisions and kinds of business as given in Table 1, serve to show that those increases were general. Sales increases ranged from 8.7 per cent in the Prairie Provinces to 18.3 per cent in Quebec, while payrell increases varied from 7.2 per cent in the Maritime Provinces to 12.9 per cent in British Columbia. The value of stocks on hand in wholesale trading establishments was 10.2 per cent greater at the end of 1937 than at the end of 1936. The value of stocks on hand at the end of 1935 uses 9.2 per cent greater than at the end of 1935. Indexes for 1937 on the base 1930 equals 100 for the three series are 98.7 for sales, 93.3 for stocks on hand, and 85.7 for salaries and wages. Comparable indexes for 1936 were 86.2 for sales, 84.7 for value of stocks on hand, and 78.5 for salaries and wages.

II. Gross Margins for Wholosalo Doclers

The gross margin percentage of net sales for Canada as a whole and for all lines of trade covered in this survey averaged 16.5 in 1937 compared with 16.9 in 1936. With the exception of the Prairie Frevinces, decreases were recorded in each of the economic divisions. Even in the case of the Prairie Provinces, the slight increase in 1937 was not sufficient to overcome the decrease shown by that section in the previous year. Seventeen sub-groups of wholesale trade showed increases in gross

margin percentages of net sales, twenty-nine showed decreases, while five remained unchanged. Following the pattern of the previous year, figures for regular wholesalers ranged from 7.1 per cent for dealers in hay and food to 41.0 per cent for dealers in optical goods. Gross margin percentages for a number of other important lines of trade in the wholesale field for 1937 are as follows: (Comparative 1936 figures in brackets) Amusement and sperting goods, 29.3 (27.1) per cent; autometive equipment, 24.8 (25.1) per cent; tires, 12.3 (13.8) per cent; drugs, 17.7 (17.6) per cent; toilet articles and proparations, 35.1 (33.0) per cent; coal and coke (wholesale dealers), 11.3 (10.5) per cent; clothing, 15.5 (16.2) per cent; dry goods, 18.0 (17.6) per cent; millinery, 27.0 (21.9) per cent; footwear, 14.4 (15.9) per cent; grecories, 9.1 (9.4) per cent; fruits and vegetables, 11.3 (11.2) per cent; meats and meat products, 13.8 (16.0) per cent; house furnishings, 25.6 (25.8) per cent; hardware, 20.5 (20.2) per cent; jewellery, 26.4 (26.4) per cent; optical goods, 41.0 (40.9) per cent.

In order to compile the information contained in this report, each wholesale trading firm was asked to report the cost of merchandise purchased in 1937. This cost of merchandise purchased, when adjusted for changes in inventory value at the beginning and close of the year, gives the cost of goods sold. The cost of the goods sold when deducted from net sales gives the gross margin for the year. The value of merchandise purchased includes the invoice value plus duty, inward freight, express, truckage and other items contributing to the laid-down cost, loss all returns, allowances or discounts. Operating expenses are emitted from the cost of goods purchased. Gross margins expressed as percentages of sales are given in Table 3. Dominion averages as well as regional figures are shown.

III. Outstanding Accounts

Accounts outstanding on wholesalo morehants' books at the end of 1937 totalled \$169,176,000 compared with \$160,485,000 at the end of 1936, an increase of 5.4 per cent. Accounts outstanding at the end of 1936 were 6.0 per cent greater than at the end of 1935. These figures refer to the amounts outstanding in the form of bills or accounts receivable and do not include accounts written off. They do not represent the amount of credit business transacted during the year, but represent only the amounts outstanding on December 31. From the accompanying table it will be noted that the only economic section which showed a decrease in outstanding accounts was the Prairie Provinces division. This economic division was also the only one to show a decrease in outstanding accounts at the end of the previous year. Its ratio of outstanding accounts to sales, however, still remained higher than that of the other economic divisions of Canada.

The total amount of accounts outstanding at the end of 1937 formed 12.5 per cent of the total wholesale trade of the year. Distribution of this amount by economic divisions, together with ratios that these figures form of annual scles are as follows: Maritime Provinces, \$12,823,000 or 14.0 per cent of sales; Quebec, \$42,824,000 or 11.1 per cent of sales; Ontario, \$56,427,000 or 11.4 per cent of sales; Prairie Frovinces, \$41,929,000 or 16.8 per cent of sales; British Columbia, \$15,173,000 or 11.9 per cent of sales.

There is a considerable variation in the ratio of the value of outstanding accounts to annual sales according to kinds of business, ranging in 1937 from 4.1 per cent for dairy and poultry products to 38.3 per cent for machinery, equipment and supplies. At the end of the year there was \$42,585,000 ewing to food wholesalers (greeries, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vogetables, meats and fish) compared with \$30,867,000 at the end of 1936, this amount formed 8.0 per cent of their annual sales compared with 8.1 per cent at the end of 1936. In the same way \$16,479,000 or 19.0 per cent of their annual sales was owing to wholesalers of dry goods and appared compared with \$16,191,000 or 20.5 per cent the provious year. There was \$26,677,000 or 12.2 per cent of their annual sales owing to wholesale dealers in petroleum products compared with \$23,619,000 or 12.5 per cent of sales the previous year.

IV. Distribution of Sales of Marketers of Petroloum Products

The channels through which marketers of petroleum products distribute their goods are shown in Table 5. From this table it will be seen that 53.4 per cont of the total sales of marketers of petroleum products were made to retailers (including company-owned filling stations) in 1937; 17.2 per cent of total sales were made to jobbers; 13.6 per cent to other wholesalers.

Table 1.--WHOLESALERS PROPER - Indexes of Sales and Payrolls, by Economic Divisions and Kinds of Business, for Firms Furnishing Information for 1930, 1933, 1936 and 1937

	li .		exes o		Pe	r cer	t	Inde	xes of		Pe	r cent
	T	otal	Net Sa		ch	ange,	Sal	aries	and Wa	ages	ch	anga.
	1930	1193	1936	1937	119	37/36	1930	1933	1936	1937	19	37/36
Maritime Provinces	100.0	67.9	88.0	99-3	4	12.8	100.0	71.7	78.9	84.6	+	7.2
Quebec	100.0	65.9	84.7	100.2	+	18.3	100.0	63.4	73.1	79.5	+	8.8
Ontario	100.0	68.9	91.5	105.1	+	14.9	100.0	74.2	85.2	93.6	+	9.9
Prairie Provinces	100.0	60.6	79.8	86.7	+	8.7	100.0	63.8	73.6	79.0	+	7.3
British Columbia	100.0	63.5	84.9	97.2	+	14.5	100.0	66.0	85.5	96.5	+	12.9
CANADA	100.0	65.7	86.2	98.7	+	14.4	100.0	57.7	78.5	85.7	+	9.2
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods Automotive	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	64.2 92.3 79.1 85.3 62.9 43.4 69.8 53.5 64.3 57.7	127.6 95.2 110.9 77.3 83.4 65.4 89.3	101.3 139.4 105.7 119.1 84.8 112.2 93.3 98.7 89.9 111.5 100.3	+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	12.6 9.3 10.9 7.3 9.7 34.5 42.7 10.6 20.6 16.6 17.9	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	71.2 86.4 73.3 92.8 63.7 55.2 82.3 75.8 53.7 64.6 64.2	111.6 80.3 105.1 66.2 71.5 79.7 85.2 60.0 80.5 78.4	90.9 100.6 117.5 88.0 99.6 71.5 85.0 86.7 91.2 67.8 82.2 87.4	+++-++++++++++++	16.7 12.8 5.3 9.6 5.2 8.0 18.9 8.8 7.0
Lumber and building Materials	100.0		66.0	80.9			100.0		91.5	99.2		8.4
Machinery, equipment and supplies	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	48.5 76.9 71.0	91.2 94.8 82.2 62.6	107.3 94.9 80.7	+++ +	39.3 13.2 15.4 28.9	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	54.9 74.4 78.8	51.2 79.6 86.4 88.4	58.3 93.0 93.6 95.7 67.2	++++++	13.9 16.8 8.3 8.3
Waste materialAll other	100.0	62.6		147.6	+ ;	16.5	100.0	75.1	89.8 95.8 89.0	98.1 126.7 96.7	+ ;	9.2 32.3 8.7

Table 2.--WHOLESALERS FROPER - Indexes of Sales and Stocks on Hand, by Economic Divisions
and Kinds of Business, for Firms Furnishing Information for 1930,

1933, 1936 and 1937

Quebec	36 193° 3.0 99.3 3.0 99.3 3.7 100.2 3.8 86.3 3.9 97.2 3.2 98.7 3.105.7 3.9 101.3 3.139.4 3.12.2 4.93.3 3.3 98.7	7 : 33 : 22 : -1 : 1 : + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	change 1937/36 + 12.8 + 18.3 + 14.9 + 8.7 + 14.5 - 14.4 - 15.2 12.6 9.3 10.9 7.3 9.7 34.5 42.7 10.6 8.2		73.4 74.9 71.6 82.0 74.9 78.0 81.4 118.3 78.9 76.1 63.9 74.1 76.8 79.7	92.9 84.8 87.8 75.9 93.6 84.7 85.3 89.5 140.1 83.2 91.9 72.2 94.2 124.4 102.4	94.1 100.4 77.3 105.0 93.3 98.5 97.4 160.6 85.8 117.0 82.0 103.9 125.6	+++++++	change, 1937/36 + 8.2 + 11.0 + 14.4 + 1.8 - 12.2 - 10.2 - 10.2 - 10.2 - 10.3 - 1.0 - 1.0 - 1.0
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Form supplies	.4 93.3 .3 98.7 .3 105.2	++	42.7	100.0	76.8	124.4	125.6	++	1.0
Foods	·3 98.7 ·3 105.2	+	10.6	100.0	79.7	102.4	107.5	+	5.0
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products	.8 99.8				03.0	99.7	102.0	4	2.3
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Furniture and house furnishings	0 92.7	+	10.4	100.0	83.4	119.8	121 2	+	1.2
General merchandise. Hardware	4 93.3	+	11.9	100.0		100.7		+	
Hardware			20.6	100.0	53.2	71.2	85.4	+	19.9
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Leather and leather goods	0 100.3	+	17.9	100.0	74.0	84.8	95.8		13.0
Lumber and building materials	8 124.9		19.2	100.0	81.9	78.1	89.3	+	14.3
Machinery, equipment and supplies 100.0 36.7 66. Metals and metal work 100.0 48.5 91	9 107.8		16.1	100.0	74.6	74.6	93.1	+	24.8
Metals and metal work	0 80,9	+	22.6	100.0	59.3	66.9	85.9	+	28.4
work	9 91.2	+	36.3	100.0	76.5	61.9	64.9	+	4.8
	2 127.0		39.3	100.0	78.2	84.6	112.7	+	33.2
products 100.0 76.9 94.	8 107.3	+	13.2	100.0	79.1	78.7	85.2	+	8.3
Potroleum products 100.0 71.0 82 Plumbing and heating equipment and	2 94.9		15.4	100.0	77.9	84.8	90.3	+	
supplies 100.0 38.0 62.	6 80.7	+	28.9	100.0	75.9	74.9	86.9	+	16.0
tionery 100.0 70.1 90		+	13.9	300 0	De al	00	0.0		
Waste materials 100.0 62.6 126.	3 102 8		16.5	100.0	74.5	83.9	89.2		6.3
All other 100.0 77.8 102.	3 102.8	- de	40.0	100.0	15.1	80.7	99.4	++	6.0

Table 3. -- WHOLESALERS PROPER - Percentage of Gross Margin to Net Sales
for Selected Kinds of Business, 1936 and 1937

Kind of Business	1936			19	3.7		
Aline of pusiness	CANADA	CANADA	Mari- times	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	Britis
TOTAL	16.9	16.5	17.5	15.3	17.8	16.4	14.7
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods: Amusement and sporting							
goods Photographic goods Automotive:	27.1 29.4	29.3	-	27.5	31.0	-	-
Automotive equipment Tires Chemicals and paints:	25.1	24.8	21.2	26.9	26.7	23.5	23.5
Chemicals	17.4	16.7		-		-	-
enamels, etc Drugs and drug sundries:	23.8	27.4		-			-
Drugs and allied pro-	17.6	17.7	16.9	19.4	17.4	15.5	-
ducts Toilet articles and	16.2	15.2					-
preparations	33.0	35.1		-	-	-	
Wholesale dealers Bulk shippers Dry goods and apparel:	10.5	7.5		9.7 6.8	12.2	11.9	-
Clothing	16.2	15.5	-	14.7	11.2	-	-
Dry goods	17.6	18.0	19.8	18.1	17.1	17.9	19.9
Notions Piece goods Footwear	25.5 17.7 15.9	25.4 16.5 14.4	3.	-	-	-	-
Electrical:	21.9	19.3	-	15.9	12.8	18.1	14.6
Seeds and bulbs	26.6	20.0	-	-		-	-
Hay and feed	8.0	7.1	-	- 1	-	-	
Groceries	9.4	9.1	10.9	9.2	9.2	9.4	10.4
products	8.7	10.1	9.3	9.1 10.8(1)	13.4	9.8	14.9
Meats and meat products Fish and sea foods Furniture and house furnishings:	16.0	13.8	19.7	12.2	13.7	14.5	12.8
Furniture	25.8	25.6		24.3	28.6	1	-
General merchandise	17.7	17.7	20.5	18.1	18.0	21.3	21.7
Jewellery and optical goods:						+	
Jewellery Optical goods Leather and leather	26.4	26.4	-	28.0	25.8	25.3	-
goods	19.5	17.3	-	14.7	15.2	22.	1.0

⁽¹⁾ and (2): See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. -- WHOLESALERS PROPER - Percentage of Gross Margin to Net Sales for Selected Kinds of Business, 1936 and 1937 (Contd.)

	1936			1	937	The second	
Kind of Business	CANADA	CANADA	Mari- times	Quebec	Ontario	Prai-	British Columbia
Lumber and building materials: Construction and building materials (other than metal and							
wood)	22.9	24.0	-	22.0	29.5		=
Commercial equipment and supplies	37-7	35.4	-	-			
and supplies	16.6	17.0	-	-	10	-	10-8
equipment	20.0	29.9	-			-	
ling machinery Professional equipment	21.8	20.8	-	21.5	21.0	19.0	18.5
and supplies	31.0	30.6	-	- 1	-	-	- 1
supplies Transportation equip-	29.2	27.0		<u> </u>	-	-	-
ment and supplies Metals and metal work Paper and paper	15.1 20.0	13.5	-		-	-	
products Petroleum products Plumbing and heating	20.8 27.1(3)	20.8 25.8(3)	19.4 27.4	22.3 25.0	18.9	22.7	23.8
equipment and supplies. Tobacco and confectionery: Tobacco and tobacco	21.1	21.0		15.4	29.2	21.4	
products	9.5	9-7	-	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.7
drinks	17.3	16.6 15.4	-	15.8	15.8	11.2	- :
Books and periodicals	20.3	21.3	-	-	_		

⁽¹⁾ A considerable part of the trade in Quebec consists of bulk selling to other wholesalers.

⁽²⁾ Includes a considerable amount of export business.

⁽³⁾ Not including sales by head offices of large companies.

Table 4.--WHOLESALERS PROPER - Accounts Outstanding at End of 1937.

by Economic Divisions and by Kinds of Business

Economic Division and	Net Sales,	Accounts C	utstanding of Year
Kind of Business	1937.	Amount	Per Cent
	\$	Ş	
Maritime Provinces	91,629,000	12,823,000	14.0
uebec	386,953,000	42,824,000	11.1
ntario	495,682,000	56,427,000	11.4
Prairie Provinces	250,228,000	41,929,000	16.8
British Columbia	127,720,000	15,173,000	11:9
CANADA	1,352,212,000	169,176,000	12.5
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods. Automotive	3,865,000 21,256,000 11,695,000 29,554,000 59,836,000 86,822,000 25,775,000 14,955,000 14,955,000 48,658,000 91,916,000 157,859,000 12,255,000 15,023,000 66,118,000 13,561,000 7,956,000 41,982,000 54,101,000 17,861,000 24,103,000 24,103,000 218,419,000 11,704,000 47,167,000 14,936,000	628,000 3,009,000 938,000 3,290,000 8,158,000 16,479,000 4,094,000 977,000 42,585,000 25,093,000 2,011,000 5,328,000 10,153,000 2,074,000 1,929,000 12,004,000 3,660,000 1,301,000 5,903,000 20,743,000 2,219,000 3,014,000 26,677,000 1,877,000 4,419,000 850,000	16.2 14.2 8.0 11.1 13.6 19.0 15.9 6.5 8.0 10.7 4.1 5.8 6.4 16.9 12.8 18.2 27.0 16.4 14.1 38.3 12.4 12.5 12.2 16.0 9.4 5.7

Table 5 .-- Distribution of Sales of Marketers(1) of Fetroloum Products, 1937

Selection of the select		5/1.31=9/1		Percentage	of Sales to			
Economic Division	Sales of firms reporting,	Sales to jobbers	Sales(2) to retailers	Sales to farmers and other primary producers	other whole- sale sales	Sales at retail prices	Export(3) Sales	Other
	\$	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Canada, Total	216,986,500	17.2	53.4	9.0	13.6	4.2	2.1	0.5
Laritime Provinces	18,937,700	17.3	58.5	9.2	7.4	4.4	2.4	0.8
Quebec	39,569,400	20.5	51.8	2.8	16.0	6.3	2.1	0.5
Ontario	86,893,600	16.6	58.7	3.6	13.7	4.0	3.0	0.4
Prairie Provinces	48,790,700	14.8	52.2	25.9	5.5	0.5	0.8	0.3
British Columbia	22,795,100	18.9	34-3	4.1	31.3	9-3	1.1	1.0

Includes marketing organizations of refining companies as well as jobbers.
 Includes company-owned filling stations.
 Export sales are attributed to offices reporting such sales.

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