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## SUMMARY

## MONTHLY INDEXES

OF

## WHOLESALE SALES

IN

## CANADA

$1941-1945$

Average, $1935-1939=100$

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Introduction

Montrly index numbers reflecting the current trend in sales for nine different kinds of wholesale trading are now available covering the eleven-year period from 1935 to 1545 inclusive. These index numbers are now computed from monthly statements of sales sent to the Bureau monthly by some 415 firms representing the nine different trades. Sales of these 415 firms form approximately 68 per cent of the total volume of business of all wholesale merchants in the same nine kinds of business. Month-end inventory figures are secured from only part of the total number of firms reporting their volume of business. These are compiled and shown in the monthly bulletins in the form of percentage changes in inventory between the end of the month under review and the end of the corresponding month in the preceding year.

This bulletin forms a supplement to the monthly report entitled Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales" and brings together in convenient form for reference purposes the complete series of index numbers from 1941 to 1945 inclusive. Furthermore, the index numbers shown here have been revised slightly in some instances from those contained in the monthly series to provide for alterations caused by the inclusion of reports received from contributors too late to be included in the monthly series.

It should be pointed out that these indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers and commission houses are excluded. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly ir servicing the retail trades and includes in its scope only the following kinds of business; automotive supply and equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, tobacco and confectionery. Since manufac= turing firms are not included the indexes do not reflect the trend in business transacted directly between manufacturers and the retail trades.

## General Summary of Sales Trends, 1944-1945

The general level of wholesale trading, as measured by the composite index of sales for the nine lines of business for which figures are available, averaged 10.4 per cent higher in 1945 than in the preceding year and was almost 45 per cent higher than in 1941. The average of the twelve monthly indexes for 1945 stood at 205.3 in-
dicating that dollar sales in that year were more than twice the average annual volume of business transacted during the fiveryear period from 1935 to 1939.

Price increases accounted for but a minor proportion of the overall increase in wholesale trading between 1944 and 1945, the Bureau's wholesale price index for consumers goods advancing by only 0.7 per cent during this period.

Trends for the individual nine trades covered in the monthly survey deviated to a considerable degree from the average gain of 10.4 per cent between 1944 and 1945 as recorded by the movement of the general index. Results for the nine trades ranged from an increase of 24.5 per cent for the automotive supplies and equipment trade to a decline of 2.7 per cent for the wholesale dry goods trade. The dry goods trade was the only one to register a decrease; all other trades indicated an expansion in volume of business transacted.

Whilesaiur of automotive equipment and supplies experienced active demands for their merchandise throughout 1940 , suies for each month exceeding by a considerable volume the amount of business transacted in the corresponding periods of 1944. From September onwards to the end of the year the margin of increase over 1944 widened. The close of the war with Japan in August brought about the end of gasoline rationing and this resulted in increased motor travel which in turn stimulated repair work and the need for replacement parts. Postponement of new car purchases on account of strike conditions existing in the automotive industry in the autumn months was another factor which stimulated the wholesale trade in automotive parts.

The wholesale footwear trade and the wholesale fruits and vegetables trade reported average increases of 18.4 per cent and 18 . O per cent respectively over 1944 levels. Increases in the wholesale footwear trade may be attributed at least in part to the fact that as the demands on manufacturers for the armed forces became smaller greater supplios for civilian use became available. In this connection it might be noted that only a relatively small proportion of the sales of footwear to retailers is made by wholesale merchants. Retailers secure the major portion of their supplies of these commodities direct from the producers. The major increase in the wholesale fruit and vegetable trade may be attributed perhaps at least in part to poor domestin orops resulting in increased demand for imported fruits and vegetables at higher pricus

Reflecting the improvement in the supply of metals and their products, wholesalers specializing in the hardware trade transacted 15.1 per cent more dollar business in 1945 than in the immediately preceding year. The corresponding increase for the retail hardware trade was 16.4 per cent.

More moderate increases of 12.3 per cent and 10.6 per cent were recorded for the tobacco and confectionery trade and for the drug trade respectively. The wholesale grocery trade showed but slight variation from the preceding year, sales standing 6.3 per cent higher for the more recent period. The wholesale clothing trade was also practically unchanged with a gain of 3,0 per cent. Here again it should be noted that only a relatively small proportion of the sale of clothing is made through wholesalers specializing in this product. Ready-to-wear clothing is generally shipped direct from producer to retail outilet, Shartages still existing in many lines of textile products in 1945 are reflected in the annual sales volume for the wholasale dry gonds trade which averaged 2.7 per cent below the amount of business transacted in 1944.

Aggregate figures for the nine trades for each of the five economic areas of the country indicate that total wholesale sales averaged between 12 and 14 per
cent higher in 1945 than in 1944. Increases for the Maritime and the Prairie Provinces were somewhat lower at 7.9 per cent and 8.2 per cent respectively.

## Inventories

Inventories held by wholesalers in the dry goods trade were lower at the close of all months of 1945 compared with the corresponding dates in 1944. Lower stock holdings were also generally reported by the grocery trade and the fruit and vegetable trade. Stocks held by the other six trades for which figures are available were maintained at higher levels throughout 1945 than during 1944 , percentage increases as on December, 1945 compared with the end of 1944 amounting to 19.5 per cent for the automotive trade, 8.2 per cent for the drug trade, 18.0 per cent for the clothing trade, 33.5 per cent for the footwear trade, 10.8 per cent for the hardware trade and 33,7 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery trade.

Indexes of month-end stocks on the base, 1935-1939=100, have been computed for the wholesale grocery and dry goods trades and are shown in the tables which follow. A more striking indication of the inventory situation in the wholesale trade is afforded by the stock-sales ratio charts shown at the end of this bulletin for four trades.

Stocks on hand at the beginning of any month may be considered as heing a normal relationship to sales made in that month. The relationship will vary accordins to the normal seasonal distribution of sales and month-end inventories but over a period of years a normal relationship of stocks to sales for each month may be obtained. These normal relationships are plotted on the charts with the relationships for the months of 1939,1944 and 1945. It will be noted that in the case of the wholesale grocery trade the stock-sales ratios were lower at the close of all months of 1945 than on the corresponding dates of 1944 and were considerably below the normal position as measured by the average experience during the period, 1935-1942. Relationships between stocks and sales for the other three trades - hardware, dry goods and automotive equipment - were also below the normal relationship as measured, in these instances, by the average situation during the period 1937-1942.

Sales coveraco in Wholesale Monthly Surveys
More than 400 wholesale firms are now reporting sales figures for the monthly survey of wholesale trade. The following table shows the numbers of firms reporting in the several trades sampled together with the total sales of these firms in 1941 and the ratios that the sales of the sample bear to the total sales of all similar firms as recorded in the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments for 1941.

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys of Wholesale Trade

|  | Number of firms reporting | Sales of firms reporting, 1941 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Amount | Per cent of total sales, all similar firns |
| Total, All Trades Sampled -- |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 415 | 529,549,500 | 68.3 |
| Maritime Provinces | 43 | 42,122,000 | 58.1 |
| Quebec | 122 | 120,468,600 | 57.3 |
| Ontario. | 142 | 175,075,700 | 68.3 |
| Prairie Provinces | 70 | 131,125,900 | 81.7 |
| British Columbia | 38 | 60,797,500 | 80.4 |
| Automotive Equipment Trade -- |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 43 | 24,642,930 | 44.9 |
| Maritime Provinces and Quebec | 12 | 4,624,952 | 32.6 |
| Ontario...... | 17 | 10,708,993 | 41.2 |
| Prairie Provinces and British Columbia | 14 | 9,308,985 | 63.4 |
| Wholesale Clothing Trade | 34 | 11,656,051 | 56.1 |
| Wholesale Footwear Trade | 16 | 8,771,956 | 66,4 |
| Wholesale Drug Trade -- |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 20 | 31,676,336 | 68.9 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario |  | $23,781,088$ |  |
| Prairio Provinces and British Columbia | $6$ | $7,895,248$ | $91.3$ |
| Wholesale Dry Goods Trude -- |  |  |  |
| CAIMADA | 50 | 47,456,609 | 58.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | 26 | 20,761,307 | 48.0 |
| Ontario....... | 12 | 16,220,637 | 65.0 |
| Prairie Provinces and British Columbia | 12 | 10,474,665 | 77.2 |
| Wholesale Grocery Trade -- |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 79 | 206,979,750 | 76.5 |
| Maritime Provinces | 17 | 24,383,549 | 62.2 |
| Quebec . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 22 | 34,975,596 | 66.2 |
| Ontario | 22 | 62,684,164 | 80.5 |
| Prairie Provinces | 12 | 60,209,500 | 84.9 |
| British Columbia | 6 | 24,726,841 | 84.7 |

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Nonthly Surveys of Wholesale Trade--(Concld.)


General Index

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Maritimes |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 106.2 | 1325 | 142.2 | 159,5 | 182.6 | 111.5 | 134.0 | 140.8 | 176.8 | 202.8 |
| February | 110.6 | 1364 | 148.5 | 168.7 | 178.3 | 112.6 | 133.7 | 145.5 | 174.3 | 187.4 |
| March | 125.1 | 156.2 | 175.9 | 190.7 | 201.4 | 132.7 | 163.0 | 186.1 | 214.2 | 219.6 |
| April | 141.6 | 1553 | 165.4 | 173.7 | 197.3 | 149.9 | 166.8 | 182.5 | 201.5 | 226.1 |
| May. | 148.6 | 159.3 | 165.4 | 195.2 | 205.9 | 156.2 | 178.7 | 191.2 | 237.9 | 253.6 |
| June | 140.6 | 167: 5 | 175.4 | 190.0 | 206.9 | 148.3 | 192.0 | 208.7 | 226.0 | 250.6 |
| July | 147.1 | 155.5 | 173.2 | 179.3 | 203.7 | 170.5 | 177.8 | 211.2 | 212.7 | 240.6 |
| August | 156.6 | 158.5 | 1734 | 199.2 | 216.3 | 163.1 | 171.7 | 197.6 | 220.3 | 250.0 |
| September | 171.2 | 178.9 | 1862 | 205.4 | 217.? | 184, ${ }^{1}$ | 194.3 | 211.2 | 243.3 | 237.9 |
| October. | 170.5 | 172.4 | 176.5 | 202.4 | 237.2. | 190.2 | 193.2 | 211.0 | 250.U | 277.3 |
| November | 147.4 | 153.9 | 172.2 | 2.95.3 | 221.5 | 168.1 | 178.9 | 212.7 | 245.9 | 257.5 |
| December | 137.4 | 147.4 | 164.1 | 171.5 | 194.7 | 144.9 | 152.3 | 189.9 | 201. 1 | 217.0 |
| Annual Average | 141.9 | 156.2 | 168.2 | 185.9 | 205.3 | 152.7 | 169.7 | 190.7 | 217.0 | 235.0 |


| Month | Quebec |  |  |  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1541 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 94,9 | 119.1 | 136.5 | 149.1 | 164.8 | 114.3 | 144.2 | 149.7 | 161.5 | 189.8 |
| February | 108.2 | 133.7 | 150.7 | 164.4 | 170.6 | 112.9 | 139.0 | 149.8 | 165.8 | 181.4 |
| March. | 122.6 | 164.7 | 176.7 | 185.7 | 195.2 | 131.0 | 158.0 | 175.2 | 191.0 | 202.7 |
| April | 140.5 | 160.0 | 166.4 | 165.2 | 194.4 | 146.8 | 158.4 | 167.0 | 172.8 | 202.2 |
| May | 148.4 | 164.4 | 161.9 | 183.1 | 187.1 | 156.6 | 164.4 | 169.8 | 198.2 | 215.4 |
| June | 141.8 | 170.4 | 162.2 | 180.0 | 184.0 | 147.1 | 174.5 | 176.1 | 190.5 | 210.5 |
| July | 134.8 | 139.5 | 150.0 | 153, 6 | 179.4 | 148.0 | 152.4 | 168.9 | 176.3 | 201.2 |
| August | 144,5 | 146 = 8 | 146.9 | 169.4 | 183.6 | 153.7 | 156.2 | 164.8 | 295.1 | 212.9 |
| September | 180.3 | 179.8 | 179.1 | 203. 5 | 210.8 | 169.6 | 176.0 | 177.6 | 193.8 | 208.1 |
| October. | 180.1 | 173.6 | 180.2 | 209.8 | 233.7 | 166.1 | 167.1 | 167.8 | 194.3 | 231.8 |
| November | 156.3 | 152.2 | 173.1 | 194.9 | 210.1 | 142.8 | 148.7 | 154.5 | 189.3 | 224.1 |
| December | 132.4 | 130.3 | 155.7 | 163.5 | 182.8 | 141.5 | 149.6 | 160.4 | 174.7 | 202.8 |
| Annual Average | 140.4 | 152.9 | 161.6 | 176.9 | 191.4 | 144.2 | 157,4 | 166.0 | 183.6 | 206.9 |


| Month | Prairies |  |  |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 98.1 | 122.3 | 127.1 | 152.4 | 171.8 | 120.4 | 148.1 | 168.4 | 179.3 | 208.2 |
| February | 100.6 | 124.2 | 134.3 | 161.8 | 167.6 | 126.6 | 159.6 | 170.6 | 191.4 | 197.0 |
| March | 112.1 | 138.9 | 162.0 | 180.8 | 191. 5 | 137,6 | 169.5 | 201.7 | 205.3 | 219.3 |
| April | 130.1 | 140.1 | 151.2 | 168.3 | 179.7 | 152.3 | 167.4 | 184.0 | 189.2 | 215.1 |
| May. | . 234.6 | 14.0.1 | 149.8 | 186.5 | 193.6 | 160.9 | 174.4 | 188.5 | 213.2 | 224.9 |
| June | 128.0 | 142.8 | 164.5 | 183.? | 194.1 | 148.0 | 188.3 | 209.2 | 209.8 | 236.7 |
| July | 146,0 | 156.5 | 177..? | 190.7 | 208. 2 | 161.7 | 185.6 | 206.6 | 199.0 | 233,6 |
| August | 162.0 | 3^1.2 | 189.1 | 220.7 | 230.6 | 166.0 | 167.3 | 195.1 | 202.5 | 231.7 |
| Soptember | 161.8 | 175.9 | 190.1 | 213.7 | 228.9 | 172.9 | 184.1 | 200.9 | 200.9 | 221.6 |
| Dctober | 1534 | 164.3 | 170.2 | 194.9 | 229.8 | 192.4 | 191.1 | 187.5 | 198.8 | 250.7 |
| November | 135.8 | 146.4 | 165.3 | 190.5 | 214.2 | 162.4 | 180,3 | 190.4 | 200.7 | 238.4 |
| December | 125.3 | 137.5 | 158.3 | 153.9 | 168.2 | 158.2 | 194.9 | 187.1 | 188.3 | 241.1 |
| Annual Averape | 132.3 | 145.9 | 161.6 | 183.1 | 198.2 | 155.0 | 175.9 | 190.8 | 199.0 | 226.5 |

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Wholessle Automotive Equipnent Trade

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Maritimes and Quebec |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1.942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 117.7 | 165.3 | 127.9 | 170.2 | 2036 | 109.4 | 131.3 | 112.5 | 149.0 | 187.9 |
| February | 111.1 | 164.0 | 130.2 | 183.7 | 210.2 | 98.4 | 180.8 | 134.3 | 199.4 | 255.8 |
| Narch | 124.3 | 163.3 | 137.5 | 183.3 | 235.4 | 130.4 | 204.6 | 138. 5 | 179.9 | 24: 5 |
| April | 161.6 | 151.4 | 142.3 | 180.0 | 238.0 | 166.0 | 151.6 | 130.1 | 182.3 | 260.1 |
| May | 160.8 | 135.7 | 151.3 | 195.2 | 213.5 | 181.4 | 174.9 | 184.5 | 262.7 | 296.9 |
| June | 160.2 | 124.3 | 167.9 | 202.3 | 235.3 | 165.1 | 142.2 | 171.5 | 235.0 | 280.4 |
| July | 172.0 | 127.1 | 162.2 | 194.5 | 228.3 | 184.6 | 148.8 | 165.6 | 210.0 | 281.8 |
| August ........ | 174.2 | 140.8 | 186.0 | 222.3 | 254.3 | 184.0 | 144.6 | 183.5 | 248.8 | 309.C |
| September | 196.4 | 169.1 | 199.2 | 237.0 | 293.5 | 193.1 | 168.2 | 201.2 | 264.8 | 300.3 |
| October | 189.1 | 157.5 | 182.04 | 222.0 | 308.6 | 208.4 | 181.3 | 209.9 | 266.6 | 399.4 |
| November | 161.8 | 146.3 | 169.4 | 208.9 | 290.8 | 172.8 | 155.2 | 190.0 | 229.9 | 355.9 |
| December | 163.9 | 126.9 | 141.1 | 166.8 | 202.0 | 190.4 | 139.0 | 184.0 | 175.0 | 289.1 |
| Annual Average | 157.8 | 147.6 | 158.1 | 197.2 | 242.8 | 165.3 | 160.2 | 167.1 | 217.C | 288.4 |


| Month | Ontario |  |  |  |  | Western Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 140.1 | 206.2 | 136.5 | 158.2 | 198.9 | 101.6 | 146.6 | 130.2 | 196.0 | 220.5 |
| February | 120.3 | 155.3 | 117.3 | 159.2 | 167.3 | 108.2 | 163.7 | 140.5 | 200.8 | 233.1 |
| March | 138.6 | 164.0 | 132.0 | 163.2 | 203.5 | 108,8 | 145.9 | 143.9 | 205.5 | 263.5 |
| April | 171.8 | 154.6 | 132.5 | 145.8 | 202.2 | 150.8 | 149.9 | 160.4 | 216.4 | 267.5 |
| May | 168.1 | 132.8 | 122.7 | 158.7 | 168.5 | 149.3 | 127.8 | 175.5 | 215.9 | 237.9 |
| June | 159.3 | 123.9 | 144.6 | 167.9 | 192.6 | 160.4 | 118.1 | 194.3 | 228.1 | 265.1 |
| July | 179.6 | 126.4 | 148.5 | 161.7 | 192.9 | 158.0 | 118.0 | 175.0 | 221.6 | 241.3 |
| August | 157.5 | 119.9 | 142.4 | 166.5 | 197.0 | 179.9 | 155.4 | 226.3 | 260.7 | 280.5 |
| September | 191.5 | 150.1 | 172.3 | 207.1 | 239.4 | 192.6 | 179.9 | 215.0 | 242.5 | 329.1 |
| October | 176.9 | 133.2 | 143.2 | 187.4 | 249.1 | 177.7 | 161.0 | 199.2 | 223.1 | 311.7 |
| November | 163.4 | 127.6 | 144.2 | 175.5 | 247.1 | 153.8 | 162.4 | 187.4 | 235.7 | 310.2 |
| December | 166.8 | 118.1 | 127.5 | 150.3 | 189.2 | 159.4 | 139.8 | 146.4 | 191.8 | 203.3 |
| Annual Average | 161.2 | 142.7 | 138.6 | 166.8 | 204.0 | 150.0 | 147.4 | 174.5 | $219 . \varepsilon$ | 263.6 |

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Wholesale Footwear Trade

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Canada |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | T. 4 | 101.8 | 186.0 | 225.2 | 231.5 | 55.2 | 93.2 | 159.7 | 201.1 | 221.0 |
| February | 100.0 | 139.9 | 205.1 | 222.5 | 209.6 | 104.9 | 149.8 | 194:0 | 186.8 | 215.6 |
| March | 118.4 | 170.0 | 199.9 | 209.7 | 223.3 | 137.1 | 191.3 | 190.5 | 184.2 | 226.0 |
| April | 138.7 | 170.6 | 195.2 | 172.6 | 182.8 | 177.4 | 197.3 | 188.0 | 178.4 | 246.0 |
| May | 134.9 | 169.4 | 161.6 | 165:8 | 148.7 | 139.4 | 161.8 | 147.9 | 195.2 | 202.6 |
| June | 113.7 | 154.6 | 161.4 | 145.3 | 144.7 | 114.7 | 130.6 | 157.6 | 191.0 | 210.7 |
| July | 103.7 | 134.2 | 146.1 | 140.1 | 146.7 | 84.8 | 122.8 | 130.7 | 126.4 | 155.9 |
| August | 185.3 | 202.7 | 194.8 | 194.4 | 193.2 | 14064 | 170.2 | 174.3 | 228.3 | 263.5 |
| September | 216.1 | 239,2 | 209.3 | 183.8 | 199.2 | 202.9 | 224.0 | 199.1 | 212.8 | 243.9 |
| October | 220.4 | 227.9 | 184.4 | 222.8 | 238,6 | 216.6 | 222.7 | 188.2 | 227.9 | 263.9 |
| November | 182.5 | 203. 5 | 173.2 | 194.9 | 200.2 | 153.0 | 144.9 | 174.2 | 189.4 | 219.3 |
| December | 128.4 | 136.5 | 1.13.0 | 120.0 | 116.9 | 1?2.2 | 123.5 | 173.4 | 143.7 | 219.0 |
| Annual Average | 142.8 | 170.9 | 177.5 | 183.1 | 186.3 | 141.6 | 161.0 | 173.1 | 188.8 | 224.0 |

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Tholesale Drug Trade

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 142.7 | 160.5 | 172.7 | 197.9 | 216.9 | 145.8 | 163.9 | 173.6 | 197.2 | 213.8 |
| February | 129.8 | 152.1 | 172.0 | 195,4 | 202.6 | 131.6 | 154.1 | 173.2 | 193.1 | 200.4 |
| March. | 131.3 | 155.5 | 186.1 | 200.4 | 209.4 | 132.5 | 154.5 | 181.2 | 196.2 | 206.0 |
| April | 141.9 | 174.3 | 185.6 | 193.0 | 220.0 | 143.7 | 174.6 | 184.2 | 191.6 | 217.5 |
| May | 140.6 | 155.4 | 173.4 | 205.0 | 222.0 | 141.1 | 155.9 | 172.9 | 207.8 | 225.0 |
| June | 133.2 | 158.8 | 174.0 | 184.8 | 210.5 | 134.4 | 159.5 | 171.0 | 181.1 | 205.4 |
| July | 140.5 | 156.4 | 178.0 | 181.7 | 208.0 | 140.1 | 155.4 | 174.4 | 174.7 | 203.0 |
| August | 147.3 | 161.6 | 173.1 | 202.4 | 223.2 | 148.2 | 161.4 | 170.3 | 200.8 | 222.7 |
| September | 160.8 | 182.2 | 197.9 | 207.0 | 227.1 | 162.9 | 186.5 | 199.2 | 217.9 | 236.6 |
| October | 170.8 | 196.4 | 207.8 | 236.7 | 268.2 | 174.0 | 197.3 | 207.0 | 236.0 | 264.1 |
| November | 154.9 | 178.4 | 200. 5 | 231.8 | 259.4 | 156.2 | 180.6 | 199.4 | 234.7 | 256.3 |
| December | 148.6 | 156.2 | 189.2 | 186.7 | 198.3 | 149.5 | 156.4 | 192.1 | 190.3 | 199.2 |
| Annual Average | 145.2 | 165.7 | 184.2 | 201.9 | 222.1 | 146.7 | 166.7 | 183.2 | 201.8 | 220.8 |


| Month | Western Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 945 |
| anua | 152.3 | 149.6 | 168.0 | 200. 1 | 225.7 |
| February | 126.0 | 147.9 | 170.2 | 204.4 | 211.6 |
| March | 127.4 | 158.1 | 200.3 | 212.3 | 218.9 |
| April | 134.0 | 169.5 | 185.4 | 192.4 | 222.0 |
| May | 138.6 | 153.2 | 174.3 | 196.8 | 212.9 |
| June | 128.5 | 155.0 | 180.9 | 193.7 | 223.3 |
| July | 140.9 | 158.1 | 187.3 | 201. 2 | 221.3 |
| August | 143.3 | 150.8 | 179.3 | 205.1 | 222.7 |
| September | 1.59 .6 | 175.1 | 200, 3 | 180.5 | 203.6 |
| October | 159.3 | 191.5 | 208.0 | 236.3 | 277.7 |
| November | 151.1 | 172.3 | 203.5 | 223.9 | 268.7 |
| Decomber | 145.8 | 156.0 | 180.5 | 176.8 | 196.2 |
| Annual Average | 140.6 | 162.3 | 186.5 | 202.0 | 225.4 |

Wholesale Dry Goods Trade

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  |  | Maritimes and Quebec |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 91.8 | 131.4 | 174.9 | 188.0 | 182.2 | 82.1 | 123.2 | 169.5 | 165.8 | 165.0 |
| February | 112.2 | 151.9 | 173.6 | 174.3 | 173.1 | 103.8 | 139.3 | 171.5 | 175.3 | 171.8 |
| March . | 130.9 | 191.8 | 180.3 | 187.9 | 186.2 | 132.2 | 198.7 | 181.6 | 190.5 | 182.3 |
| April | 139.0 | 179.9 | 152.7 | 165.4 | 167.9 | 149.1 | 200.2 | 157.6 | 167.4 | 172.8 |
| May. | 142.9 | 169.2 | 150.4 | 165.1 | 147.4 | 149.9 | 171.5 | 148.2 | 161.4 | 150.3 |
| June | 129.1 | 162.3 | 141.7 | 156.0 | 143.5 | 140.6 | 175.2 | 148.9 | 170.2 | 153.2 |
| July | 103.9 | 124.7 | 124.8 | 133.8 | 121.8 | 86.0 | 100.4 | 101.0 | 103.8 | 103.2 |
| August | 169.5 | 167.0 | 148.5 | 174.5 | 168.9 | 149.6 | 151.5 | 127.6 | 136.1 | 131.9 |
| September | 220.0 | 205.9 | 166.4 | 189.2 | 191.3 | 227.9 | 204.9 | 168.8 | 188.2 | 192.2 |
| October | 195.0 | 182.7 | 154.4 | 186.1 | 184.6 | 199.2 | 168.3 | 151.3 | 185.6 | 178.4 |
| November | 166.8 | 148.5 | 138.6 | 158.7 | 162.0 | 179.0 | 137.3 | 135.1 | 152.9 | 156.7 |
| December | 100.6 | 107.0 | 105.0 | 111.8 | 113.4 | 100.8 | 86.9 | 91.8 | 103.6 | 98.4 |
| Annual Average | 141.8 | 160.2 | 150.9 | 165.9 | 161.9 | 141.7 | 154.8 | 146.1 | 158.4 | 154.7 |


| Month | Ontario |  |  |  |  | Western Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1342 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 111.0 | 163.5 | 195.2 | 204.5 | 204.0 | 85.0 | 106.4 | 161.1 | 209.8 | 187.8 |
| February | 127.8 | 180.5 | 190.2 | 175.9 | 180.6 | 104.7 | 135.4 | 153.5 | 168.1 | 162.9 |
| March | 136.1 | 196.1 | 173.7 | 182.4 | 189.7 | 121.1 | 173.1 | 187.3 | 209.0 | 205.7 |
| April | 139.2 | 179.3 | 142.5 | 148.6 | 163.3 | 117.3 | 140.6 | 153.4 | 179.3 | 160.1 |
| May | 153.1 | 187.4 | 159.9 | 170.6 | 150.3 | 114.0 | 138.2 | 139.7 | 162.2 | 136.4 |
| June | 136.2 | 168.1 | 130.8 | 137.1 | 148.9 | 97.3 | 129.0 | 141.5 | 154.5 | 116.8 |
| July | 122.0 | 133.1 | 116.6 | 143.3 | 129.7 | 116.3 | 164.8 | 187.9 | 185.1 | 149.2 |
| August | 188.8 | 173.5 | 153.9 | 186.2 | 192.2 | 177.2 | 183.4 | 177.9 | 229.5 | 205.6 |
| September | 231.3 | 209.3 | 163.3 | 183.1 | 187.9 | 186.7 | 198.8 | 162.6 | 194.8 | 189.9 |
| October | 201.0 | 188.1 | 154.2 | 179.5 | 184.0 | 180.4 | 203.1 | 162.1 | 197.8 | 199.0 |
| November | 178.1 | 154.6 | 140.7 | 165.7 | 166.4 | 149.5 | 175.2 | 156.3 | 175.8 | 181.8 |
| Decomber | 94.9 | 121.5 | 109.0 | 124.4 | 130.2 | 106.5 | 120.3 | 121.3 | $1 \mathrm{C4.8}$ | 113.7 |
| Annual Average | 151.6 | 171.3 | 152.5 | 166.8 | 168.9 | 129.7 | 155.7 | 158.7 | 180.9 | 167.4 |


| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Maritime Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 106.7 | 127.2 | 124.8 | 135.9 | 165.4 | 117.9 | 140.2 | 145.9 | 180.3 | 210.8 |
| February | 106.4 | 125.6 | 129.5 | 148.9 | 155.9 | 121.2 | 136.4 | 145.9 | 173.0 | 187.4 |
| March | 117.4 | 141.2 | 153.3 | 171.4 | 170.5 | 136.9 | 159.8 | 182.3 | 218.2 | 215.8 |
| Apri | 132.4 | 135.0 | 143.4 | 151.6 | 166.6 | 143.9 | 153.0 | 174.6 | 184.7 | 209.5 |
| May | 137.1 | 142.2 | 143.1 | 172.9 | 187.4 | 149.7 | 176.0 | 182.2 | 217.2 | 236.5 |
| June | 132.3 | 163.3 | 162.0 | 177.9 | 188.8 | 142.3 | 189.8 | 195.7 | 217.8 | 246.8 |
| July | 151.0 | 155.1 | 158.4 | 166.7 | 186.6 | 178.0 | 173.4 | 194.6 | 206.7 | 231.1 |
| August | 153.8 | 153.2 | 155.8 | 184.6 | 191.1 | 163.3 | 167.9 | 189.7 | 211.5 | 236.9 |
| September | 157.0 | 165.5 | 1681 | 188.3 | 179.6 | 167,0 | 176,5 | 200.9 | 228.6 | 207.3 |
| Octooer | 160.9 | 163.0 | 152.4 | 183.0 | 203.1 | 186,2 | 183.6 | 201.4 | 239.9 | 255.0 |
| November | 137.0 | 143.7 | 156.6 | 185.6 | 195.8 | 163.4 | 173.2 | 211.3 | 242.8 | 243.3 |
| December | 124.6 | 143.3 | 155.6 | 163.1 | 171.6 | 141.1 | 154.9 | 193.5 | 203.8 | 216.8 |
| Annual Average | 134.7 | 1465 | 150.3 | 169.3 | 180.2 | 150.9 | 165.4 | 184.8 | 210.4 | 224.8 |


| Month | Quebec |  |  |  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 86.7 | 99.9 | 108 ? | 110.5 | 134.3 | 104.9 | 127.3 | 128.1 | 136.2 | 174.1 |
| February | 95.6 | 108.5 | 128.7 | 133.2 | 129n]. | 102.4 | 120.5 | 129.7 | 149.7 | 166.9 |
| March. | 99.8 | 133.4. | 140.9 | 150.3 | 143.7 | 119.5 | 138.7 | 156.0 | 175.8 | 175.8 |
| April | 120.2 | 123.7 | 143.1 | 135.9 | 150.4 | 129.6 | 129.9 | 148.6 | 157.2 | 171.3 |
| May | 135.5 | 141.2 | 144.9 | 157,5 | 169.3 | 134.4 | 135.6 | 146.7 | 173.5 | 197.8 |
| June | 126.8 | 161.9 | 144.6 | 157.5 | 169.8 | 135.6 | 170.0 | 165.1 | 184.7 | 190.6 |
| July | 155.0 | 149.0 | 146.0 | 150.4 | 167.1 | 144,2 | 148.7 | 163.7 | 172.2 | 187.0 |
| August | 149.1 | 148.5 | 142.6 | 166,7 | 171.4 | 144,0 | 154.2 | 156.2 | 191.7 | 191.7 |
| September | 161.3 | 169.7 | 157.5 | 181.0 | 165.4 | 154.3 | 167,6 | 165.8 | 181.9 | 171.7 |
| October | 177.7 | 173.8 | 158.9 | 197.? | 204.1 | 149.5 | 158.8 | 154,4 | 180.3 | 204.3 |
| November | 153.3 | 153.6 | 162.4 | 201.1 | 193.9 | 126.0 | 139.1 | 154.8 | 187.2 | 202.7 |
| December | 117.3 | 126.1 | 145.6 | 157.0 | 161.4 | 124.1 | 143.6 | 158.2 | 172.3 | 186.8 |
| Annual Average | 131.5 | 140.8 | 142.8 | 158.2 | 163,3 | 130.7 | 144.5 | 152.3 | 171.9 | 185.1 |


| Month | Prairie Provinces |  |  |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1345 |
| January | 105.2 | 127.0 | 114.7 | 124.9 | 146.4 | 125.5 | 144.7 | 135.6 | 148.9 | 183.1 |
| February | 103.5 | 122.3 | 119.6 | 140.1 | 140.0 | 121.4 | 155.6 | 147.4 | 162.1 | 170.0 |
| March.. | 112.0 | 130.8 | 142.7 | 157.0 | 153.9 | 129.5 | 163.3 | 160.2 | 180.4 | 192.3 |
| April | 129.6 | 131.7 | 123.4 | 136.5 | 146.3 | 147.2 | 150.1 | 147.2 | 151.0 | 181.1 |
| May. | 130.8 | 132.9 | 1261 | 161.0 | 171.1 | 157.1 | 161.0 | 147.3 | 190.3 | 192.0 |
| June | 123.6 | 139.1 | 148.0 | 163.7 | 166.2 | 141.7 | 179.0 | 179.0 | 185.1 | 209.5 |
| July | 147.9 | 154.9 | 146.2 | 163.5 | 177.1 | 144.4 | 160.1 | 156.9 | 161.0 | 192.1 |
| Aurust | 157.3 | 147.9 | 148.8 | 180.6 | 180.2 | 161.9 | 151.2 | 154.8 | 172.3 | 195.6 |
| September | 154.1 | 158.6 | 163.5 | 182.3 | 177.2 | 157.9 | 163.3 | 174.1 | 196.2 | 204.8 |
| October . | 149.8 | 154.6 | 131.9 | 163.6 | 182.3 | 1.77 .4 | 166.2 | 153.2 | 175.7 | 214.9 |
| November | 127.4 | 129.8 | 136.2 | 159.5 | 172.3 | 147.8 | 155.5 | 163.3 | 183.2 | 208.1 |
| December | 119.7 | 134.3 | 144.9 | 134.0 | 136.7 | 132.6 | 177.4 | 155.8 | 184.2 | 196.0 |
| Annual Average | 130.1 | 138.7 | 1370 | 155.6 | 162.5 | 14.5 .4 | 160,6 | 156.2 | 175.0 | 195.0 |

## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for $1935-1939=100$ )

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables

| Month | cenate |  |  |  |  | Maritimes and Quebec |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 94.0 | 117.6 | 141.5 | 172.1 | 189.1 | 82.4 | 104.4 | 127.6 | 162.3 | 170.7 |
| February | 99.0 | 119.3 | 159.3 | 181.6 | 193.6 | 116.6 | 144.1 | 175.9 | 198.9 | 209.2 |
| March | 117.7 | 147.8 | 206.2 | 220.0 | 238.3 | 127.1 | 167.5 | 218.4 | 214.5 | 240.5 |
| April | 134.6 | 157.6 | 209.9 | 218.9 | 256.1 | 128.9 | 168.9 | 209.3 | 213.5 | 266.4 |
| May | 160.5 | 188.4 | 215.5 | 261.4 | 271.1 | 165.9 | 211.0 | 237.8 | 278.0 | 274.9 |
| June | 148.6 | 182.5 | 224.1 | 232.4 | 281.2 | 165.7 | 213.1 | 245.5 | 244.0 | 300.9 |
| July | 143.7 | 164.1 | 233.5 | 230.2 | 288.0 | 119.3 | 141.1 | 202.8 | 197.7 | 262.0 |
| August | 136.2 | 151.7 | 215.7 | 238.8 | 278.7 | 103.1 | 115.7 | 141.8 | 158.0 | 184.1 |
| September | 150.2 | 185.6 | 221.2 | 249.5 | 296.4 | 163.9 | 180.0 | 202.0 | 242.0 | 288.7 |
| October. | 130.3 | 157.5 | 209.8 | 218.2 | 288. 5 | 114.7 | 140.3 | 181.8 | 182.9 | 250.9 |
| November | 119.0 | 148.9 | 201.6 | 206.0 | 269.4 | 121.4 | 150.3 | 207.1 | 189.3 | 241.9 |
| December | 141.2 | 182.3 | 234.] | 234.6 | 298.2 | 135.9 | 162.1 | 208.1 | 216.2 | 270.3 |
| Annual Average | 131.3 | 158.6 | 206.0 | 222.0 | 262.4 | 128.7 | 158.2 | 196.5 | 208.1 | 246.7 |


| Month | Ontario |  |  |  |  | Western Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 108.7 | 135.4 | 164.6 | 176.0 | 193.6 | 82.4 | 102.7 | 121.0 | 163.1 | 185.1 |
| February | 104.7 | 129.9 | 168.2 | 178.3 | 192.9 | 83.8 | 96.5 | 141.2 | 173.1 | 180.2 |
| March | 130.4 | 162.5 | 209.5 | 226.1 | 244.4 | 97.8 | 119.1 | 187.6 | 208.0 | 220.3 |
| April | 150.3 | 170.6 | 212.2 | 216.2 | 252.1 | 114.1 | 126.9 | 189.6 | 204.4 | 233.8 |
| May. | 184.9 | 211.3 | 212.8 | 256.0 | 272.6 | 130.8 | 148.1 | 193.3 | 242.2 | 252.4 |
| June | 155.5 | 187.4 | 227.7 | 223.8 | 273.3 | 132.8 | 160.8 | 207.6 | 232.7 | 275.1 |
| July | 156.6 | 164.6 | 223.7 | 219.0 | 279.2 | 151.2 | 179.2 | 261.6 | 261.3 | 308.3 |
| August ........ | 137.5 | 138.2 | 189.9 | 218.2 | 264.0 | 158.2 | 187.2 | 293.3 | 316.2 | 358.9 |
| September | 133.0 | 147.2 | 179.6 | 201.7 | 256.6 | 163.3 | 225.4 | 272.3 | 301.2 | 340.7 |
| October | 135.5 | 147.6 | 181.7 | 202.8 | 272.4 | 135.6 | 175.9 | 250.0 | 250.8 | 318.8 |
| November | 122.5 | 144.8 | 192.1 | 193.8 | 286.0 | 121.5 | 159.9 | 217.3 | 238.2 | 278.7 |
| December | 155.9 | 187.9 | 218.0 | 230.9 | 302.9 | 130.6 | 187.1 | 258.4 | 242.6 | 301.8 |
| Annual Average | 139.6 | 160.6 | 198.3 | 211.9 | 257.5 | 125.2 | 155.7 | 216.1 | 236.2 | 271.2 |

Wholesale Hardware Trade

| Month | Canada |  |  |  |  | Maritime Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | -1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 108.0 | 147.1 | 149.2 | 153.1 | 173.0 | 100.8 | 135.8 | 108.5 | 135.7 | 145.3 |
| February | 118.3 | 156.0 | 155.5 | 176.6 | 188.3 | 91.4 | 119.2 | 118.6 | 135.1 | 146.3 |
| March | 142.2 | 178.7 | 188.2 | 195.9 | 217.8 | 117.0 | 165.4 | 146.9 | 194.5 | 195.1 |
| April | 166.0 | 183.8 | 184.0 | 178.5 | 212.8 | 159.4 | 189.8 | 174.0 | 201.3 | 222.4 |
| May. | 175.9 | 179.1 | 182.5 | 196.2 | 205.4 | 164.9 | 171.5 | 184.9 | 213.9 | 200.0 |
| June | 166.5 | 181.0 | 184.6 | 192.5 | 211.2 | 156.0 | 181.4 | 190.8 | 204.5 | 208.0 |
| July | 175.9 | 181.4 | 179.9 | 175.6 | 203.5 | 146.9 | 162.0 | 167.0 | 167.8 | 192.8 |
| August | 177.2 | 167.1 | 174.6 | 191.2 | 218.9 | 160.6 | 157.2 | 174.5 | 176.8 | 208.8 |
| September | 196.2 | 177.8 | 181.0 | 198.6 | 228.6 | 210.1 | 188.5 | 186.8 | 237.4 | 242.4 |
| October | 200.2 | 173.2 | 173.5 | 193.1 | 246.6 | 193.6 | 176.2 | 198.6 | 245.1 | 259.8 |
| November | 181.3 | 167.5 | 176.5 | 197.9 | 236.5 | 172.0 | 152.2 | 166.4 | 214.3 | 222.9 |
| December | 175.0 | 147.2 | 147.6 | 156.5 | 201.6 | 145.3 | 113.0 | 131.5 | 134.5 | 163.4 |
| Annual Average | 165.2 | 170.0 | 173.1 | 183.8 | 212.0 | 151.5 | 159.4 | 162.4 | 188.4 | 200.6 |


| Month | Quebeg |  |  |  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 110.2 | 151.1 | 153.4 | 159.1 | 183.8 | 129.0 | 171.4 | 127.2 | 129.5 | 138.8 |
| February | 101.7 | 131.1 | 140.4 | 149.0 | 167.6 | 121.3 | 160.7 | 129.0 | 146.8 | 156.9 |
| March .. | 133.6 | 170.7 | 173.9 | 175.3 | 204.9 | 154.2 | 183.2 | 164.0 | 186.0 | 196.2 |
| April | 163.5 | 180.2 | 168.7 | 155.4 | 203.3 | 180.8 | 188.8 | 174.3 | 159.1 | 205.2 |
| May. | 174.6 | 177.7 | 163.1 | 181.2 | 187.9 | 195.1 | 187.7 | 166.7 | 185.4 | 192.4 |
| June | 171.6 | 184.1 | 167.0 | 193.1 | 201.8 | 189.2 | 188.3 | 166.8 | 186.0 | 209.4 |
| July | 176.7 | 181.8 | 158.9 | 156.4 | 190.0 | 171.0 | 165.0 | 138.6 | 147.1 | 166.2 |
| August | 181.3 | 168.2 | 162.0 | 190.8 | 218.5 | 157.3 | 136.9 | 125.7 | 150.5 | 172.6 |
| September | 215.0 | 190.1 | 177.6 | 215.1 | 235.7 | 208.8 | 170.8 | 168.4 | 179.7 | 217.1 |
| October. | 204.6 | 183.3 | 169.2 | 203.2 | 247.7 | 204.7 | 147.0 | 153.5 | 173.9 | 227.1 |
| November | 191.0 | 170.6 | 181.5 | 209.6 | 233.5 | 183.4 | 145.3 | 153.4 | 175.9 | 224.4 |
| December | 163.2 | 127.8 | 143.9 | 147.9 | 186.1 | 198.0 | 140.6 | 132.7 | 149.6 | 203.3 |
| Annual Average | 165.6 | 168.1 | 163.3 | 178.0 | 205.1 | 174.3 | 165.5 | 150.0 | 164.1 | 192.5 |


| Lionth | Western Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1945 | 1944 | 1945 |
| January | 99.6 | 137.6 | 171.9 | 172.6 | 198.8 |
| February | 124.1 | 165.2 | 174.6 | 204.1 | 212.3 |
| March | 139.2 | 17.5 .9 | 204.7 | 204.1 | 229.2 |
| April | 159.9 | 181.0 | 196.2 | 196.0 | 218.5 |
| May | 172.1 | 180.2 | 205.6 | 212.6 | 227.5 |
| June | 158.7 | 180.9 | 208.2 | 200.1 | 224.7 |
| July | 180.1 | 190.5 | 215.1 | 202.0 | 231.5 |
| August | 178.9 | 175.7 | 199.6 | 206.0 | 235.0 |
| September | 185.5 | 179.4 | 194.3 | 202.3 | 237.3 |
| October . | 195.4 | 180.2 | 182.2 | 190.4 | 252.5 |
| November | 175.9 | 178.5 | 186.2 | 200.4 | 244.7 |
| December | 171.2 | 161.8 | 155.7 | 164.0 | 209.9 |
| Annual Average | 161.7 | 173.9 | 191.2 | 196.2 | 226.8 |

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Wholesale Tobacco and Conectionery

| Lonth | Canaca |  |  |  |  | Naritimes and Quebec |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1345 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| Junuary | 125.4 | 144.3 | 159.9 | 187.1 | 224.5 | 138.9 | 155.8 | 153.9 | 185.3 | 214.0 |
| Fetruar | 124.0 | 140.0 | 159.9 | 190.0 | 213.2 | 134.4 | 150.8 | 153.8 | 183.5 | 206.6 |
| March | 135.5 | 155.0 | 221.3 | 224.6 | 249.3 | 140.0 | 167.6 | 243.9 | 252.2 | 263.8 |
| April | 151.6 | 164.9 | 189.8 | 214.5 | 243.5 | 166.6 | 177.9 | 218.5 | 237.5 | 281.4 |
| N | 161.5 | 179.6 | 208.9 | 258.0 | 286.4 | 177.5 | 203.1 | 213.7 | 254.7 | 275.6 |
| June | 159.5 | 205.0 | 213.5 | 245.7 | 267.4 | 185.4 | 218.0 | 238.3 | 273.3 | 260.5 |
| July | 158.5 | 166.9 | 215.8 | 225.9 | 258.4 | 166.6 | 160.4 | 223.0 | 230.6 | 236.8 |
| August | 154.8 | 171.1 | 209.3 | 236.7 | 265.1 | 154.1 | 178.8 | 213.7 | 233.4 | 264.0 |
| September | 151.9 | 182.9 | 226.6 | 237.0 | 250.5 | 150.8 | 179.3 | 24.8 | 250.5 | 248.0 |
| October | 163.4 | 186.4 | 231.7 | 251.4 | 290.6 | 159.5 | 169.2 | 252.3 | 259.9 | 286.9 |
| Hovember | 152.1 | 179.3 | 222.9 | 243.2 | 275.5 | 148.6 | 169.3 | 233.3 | 262.9 | 256.6 |
| Decenter | 163.8 | 193.6 | 222.8 | 242.9 | 272.8 | 170.5 | 181.1 | 236.3 | 270.3 | 275.2 |
| Anmal Average | 150.6 | 172.4 | 207.3 | 230.1 | 258.1 | 157.7 | 175.9 | 219.0 | 241.2 | 255.8 |


| Lionth | Ontaric |  |  |  |  | irestern Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 941 | 1942 | 1943 | 134.4 | 1945 | 1.34 | 1942 | 1543 | 1944 | 1945 |
| Ja | 118.5 | 137.9 | 161.3 | 182.9 | 235. $\overline{\text { c }}$ | 111.2 | 130.0 | 149.4 | 181.7 | 203.7 |
| Februa | 120.1 | 136.0 | 162.2 | 189.6 | 221.5 | 112.5 | 127.5 | 153.9 | 187.8 | 200.9 |
| Rarch | 137.0 | 152.6 | 209.7 | 210.7 | 246.7 | 123.4 | 140.1 | 209.9 | 213.7 | 229.7 |
| April | 149.5 | 161.3 | 174.7 | 199.2 | 238.2 | 128.5 | 146.C | 171.3 | 196.3 | 205.5 |
| Way | 159.8 | 173.7 | 225.5 | 267.0 | 308.9 | 138.7 | 155.1 | 163.9 | 227.8 | 244.7 |
| - | 151.5 | 205.6 | 212.6 | 239.4 | 266.7 | 137.9 | 178.9 | 196.6 | 230.6 | 250.0 |
| July | 156.8 | 163.0 | 211.7 | 221.4 | 260.6 | 141.1 | 170.9 | 199.8 | 212.2 | 246.6 |
| August | 162.6 | 179.3 | 210.1 | 242.0 | 276.8 | 141.3 | 145.7 | 200.8 | 226.1 | 246.7 |
| September | 158.3 | 196.9 | 220.1 | 232.0 | 251.3 | 142.9 | 164.0 | 211.4 | 224.5 | 238.2 |
| October | 161.9 | 193.3 | 213.8 | 237.7 | 274.3 | 156.6 | 179.3 | 217.0 | 235.0 | 277.5 |
| Noveraber | 154.5 | 186.2 | 213.9 | 232.3 | 279.5 | 152.8 | 180.8 | 225.8 | 242.1 | 274.8 |
| December | 169.7 | 198.4 | 212.1 | 235.4 | 262.9 | 164.7 | 200.4 | 225.9 | 227. | 269.6 |
| Annual Average | 150.0 | 173.7 | 202.3 | 224.1 | 260.3 | 137.6 | 159.9 | 193.8 | 217.1 | 240.7 |

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Wholesale Grocery Trade


Wholesale Dry Goods Trade

| Month | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January ...... | 119.8 | 127.3 | 113.2 | 97.7 | 93.2 |
| February | 124.2 | 130.7 | 112.0 | 100.5 | 95.2 |
| March.. | 130.9 | 135.9 | 108.6 | 100.8 | 95.5 |
| April $\ldots \ldots . . .0$. | 121.5 | 127.6 | 102.6 | 96.1 | 93.7 |
| May ............. | 117.3 | 125.6 | 99.2 | 103.1 | 96.3 |
| June .......... | 113..0 | 124.4 | 100.4 | 105.9 | 96.7 |
| July $0 \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 132.1 | 132.4 | 104.2 | 110.6 | 102.4 |
| August $\ldots . . .0 .$. | 126.5 | 121.9 | 95.9 | 97.7 | 88.4 |
| Septamber ...... | 120.1 | 112.5 | 94.3 | 93.0 | 88.1 |
| October ....... | 125.0 | 119.5 | 102.3 | 99.9 | 83.7 |
| November | 106.1 | 109.7 | 95.9 | 94.7 | 80.1 |
| December | 113.3 | 115.7 | 100.9 | 94.3 | 87.3 |

## STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 1


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Chart 3


Chart 4


Ratios that stocks on hand at beginning of month bear to sales in that month.

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