

on the results of the annual surveys. The wholesale trade in Canada during the year 1934 amounted to \$1,023,296,000 compared with \$1,370,066,000 in 1930. While the sales were thus 25.3 p.c. below the 1930 level, there was an advance in 1934 of 13.6 p.c. over the value of wholesale trade in 1933. This brought the total for 1934 above the 1932 figures and only 10 p.c. below that for 1931. The largest increases in sales in 1934 were reported by firms dealing in industrial equipment and supplies which had suffered the most severe losses in trade between 1930 and 1933. To what extent movements in the value of wholesale sales are due to changes in prices or to variations in the physical volume of goods handled cannot be determined accurately.

**31.—Total Sales and Indexes of Sales of Wholesalers Proper, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1930-34.**

Province or Kind of Business.	Total Net Sales.				Indexes of Sales. (1930=100.0)				Per cent In-crease 1933-34.		
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1930.	1931.	1932.		1933.	1934.
	000 \$	000 \$	000 \$	000 \$	000 \$						
Prince Edward Island	7,518	6,281	4,304	4,662	5,315	100.0	83.5	57.2	62.0	70.7	+14.0
Nova Scotia	46,464	39,777	34,155	32,812	37,425	100.0	85.6	73.5	70.6	80.5	+14.1
New Brunswick	38,320	32,910	26,421	25,192	28,304	100.0	85.9	68.9	65.7	73.9	+12.4
Quebec	386,229	323,269	267,905	254,696	288,417	100.0	83.7	69.4	65.9	74.7	+13.2
Ontario	471,618	397,832	334,559	324,628	374,288	100.0	84.4	70.9	68.9	79.4	+15.2
Manitoba	98,960	76,925	67,748	64,461	72,992	100.0	77.7	68.5	65.1	73.8	+13.2
Saskatchewan	90,210	59,702	53,673	48,555	53,580	100.0	66.2	59.5	53.8	59.4	+10.3
Alberta	99,333	74,056	66,791	61,872	68,844	100.0	74.6	67.2	62.3	69.3	+11.3
British Columbia	131,414	107,612	85,102	83,418	94,131	100.0	81.9	64.8	63.5	71.6	+12.8
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,370,066</b>	<b>1,118,364</b>	<b>940,658</b>	<b>900,496</b>	<b>1,023,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>+13.6</b>
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods	4,278	3,545	2,897	2,464	2,739	100.0	82.9	67.7	57.6	64.0	+11.2
Automotive	20,990	17,691	13,715	13,473	15,618	100.0	84.3	65.3	64.2	74.4	+15.9
Chemicals and paints	8,387	7,052	6,265	7,743	9,061	100.0	84.1	74.7	92.3	108.0	+17.0
Drugs and drug sundries	27,973	26,941	23,831	22,139	23,340	100.0	96.3	85.2	79.1	83.4	+5.4
Coal and coke	50,252	44,154	42,142	42,881	51,047	100.0	87.9	83.9	85.3	101.6	+19.0
Dry goods and apparel	102,358	80,908	66,823	64,396	73,283	100.0	79.0	65.3	62.9	71.6	+13.8
Electrical	22,982	18,013	11,993	9,973	12,997	100.0	78.4	52.2	43.4	56.6	+30.3
Farm supplies	16,037	13,977	10,386	8,719	10,849	100.0	87.2	64.8	54.4	67.6	+24.4
Foodstuffs	540,820	451,227	381,745	377,670	422,162	100.0	83.4	70.6	69.8	87.1	+11.8
Groceries	233,838	196,208	177,738	184,436	196,503	100.0	87.7	79.4	82.4	87.8	+6.5
Dairy and poultry products	48,771	39,696	33,256	32,185	32,436	100.0	81.4	69.4	66.0	66.6	+0.8
Fruits and vegetables	99,102	82,739	69,437	63,176	72,266	100.0	83.5	70.1	63.7	72.9	+14.4
Meats and fish	169,109	132,584	100,714	97,873	120,967	100.0	78.4	69.6	67.9	71.3	+23.6
Furniture and household furnishings	13,632	10,458	7,908	7,293	8,751	100.0	76.7	58.0	53.5	64.2	+20.0
General merchandise	13,478	10,523	9,302	8,683	10,256	100.0	78.1	69.0	64.3	76.1	+18.3
Hardware	65,943	50,450	39,195	38,025	46,209	100.0	76.5	59.4	57.7	70.1	+21.5
Jewellery and optical goods	10,858	9,313	7,358	6,935	8,397	100.0	85.8	67.8	63.9	77.3	+21.1
Leather and leather goods	7,377	5,668	4,961	5,325	5,965	100.0	76.8	67.2	72.2	80.9	+12.0
Lumber and building materials	51,872	38,261	22,885	18,912	24,869	100.0	73.8	44.1	36.5	47.9	+31.5
Machinery equipment and supplies	59,321	32,681	24,141	21,789	28,121	100.0	55.1	40.7	36.7	47.4	+29.1
Metals and metal work	14,059	10,010	7,314	6,817	9,761	100.0	71.2	52.0	48.5	69.4	+43.2
Paper and paper products	22,462	20,832	18,488	17,263	19,140	100.0	92.7	82.3	76.9	85.2	+10.9
Petroleum products	230,169	192,821	179,546	163,315	176,097	100.0	83.8	78.0	71.0	76.5	+7.8
Plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	14,512	10,953	6,400	5,508	6,803	100.0	75.5	44.1	38.0	46.9	+23.5
Tobacco and confectionery	45,870	40,862	35,091	32,165	35,447	100.0	89.1	76.5	70.1	77.3	+10.2
Waste materials	10,118	7,964	5,290	6,355	8,404	100.0	78.7	52.3	62.6	83.1	+32.7
All other	16,318	14,060	12,982	12,688	13,980	100.0	86.2	79.6	77.8	85.7	+10.2

<sup>1</sup>The difference between this total and that shown under the heading of wholesalers proper on pp. 671-672 of the 1934-35 Year Book is due to a reclassification of some firms as between wholesalers proper and other bulk distributors.