

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.

29.—Total Sales and Indexes of Sales made by Wholesalers Proper, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1930, 1933, 1935, and 1936.

Province or Kind of Business.	Total Net Sales.				Indexes of Sales. (1930=100.)						Per Cent Change, 1935-36.
	1930.	1933.	1935.	1936.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1935.	1936.	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000							
Prince Edward Island...	7,518	4,662	5,309	6,297	100.0	83.5	57.2	62.0	70.6	83.8	+18.6
Nova Scotia.....	46,464	32,812	39,031	42,385	100.0	85.6	73.5	70.6	84.0	91.2	+ 8.6
New Brunswick.....	38,320	25,192	29,761	32,530	100.0	85.9	68.9	65.7	77.7	84.9	+ 9.3
Quebec.....	386,229	254,696	299,999	327,034	100.0	83.7	69.4	65.9	77.7	84.7	+ 9.0
Ontario.....	471,615	324,828	392,730	431,477	100.0	84.4	70.9	68.9	83.3	91.5	+ 9.9
Manitoba.....	98,960	64,461	80,099	87,473	100.0	77.7	68.5	65.1	80.9	88.3	+ 9.2
Saskatchewan.....	90,210	48,555	59,206	64,025	100.0	66.2	59.5	53.8	65.6	70.9	+ 8.1
Alberta.....	99,333	61,872	72,436	78,790	100.0	74.6	67.2	62.3	72.9	79.3	+ 8.8
British Columbia.....	131,414	83,418	102,171	111,532	100.0	81.9	64.8	63.5	77.7	84.9	+ 9.2
Totals.....	1,370,066¹	900,496	1,080,742	1,181,543	100.0	81.6	68.7	65.7	78.9	86.2	+ 9.3
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods..	4,278	2,464	2,933	3,354	100.0	82.9	67.7	57.6	68.6	78.4	+14.4
Automotive.....	20,990	13,473	16,913	18,875	100.0	84.3	65.3	64.2	80.6	89.9	+11.6
Chemicals and paints....	8,387	7,743	9,852	10,702	100.0	84.1	74.7	92.3	117.5	127.6	+ 8.6
Drugs and drug sundries..	27,973	22,139	24,814	26,644	100.0	96.3	85.2	79.1	88.7	95.2	+ 7.4
Coal and coke.....	50,252	42,881	52,227	55,748	100.0	87.9	83.9	85.3	103.9	110.9	+ 6.7
Dry goods and apparel..	102,358	64,396	75,450	79,122	100.0	79.0	65.3	62.9	73.7	77.3	+ 4.9
Electrical.....	22,982	9,973	14,940	19,170	100.0	78.4	52.2	43.4	65.0	83.4	+28.3
Farm supplies.....	16,037	8,719	11,153	10,483	100.0	87.2	64.8	54.4	69.5	65.4	- 6.0
Foods.....	540,820	377,670	444,529	482,819	100.0	83.4	70.6	69.8	82.2	89.3	+ 8.6
Groceries.....	223,838	184,436	203,245	217,713	100.0	87.7	79.4	82.4	90.8	97.3	+ 7.1
Dairy and poultry products.....	48,771	32,185	36,273	40,860	100.0	81.4	69.4	66.0	74.4	83.8	+12.6
Fruits and vegetables..	99,102	63,176	75,480	83,236	100.0	83.5	70.1	63.7	76.2	84.0	+10.3
Meats and fish.....	169,109	97,873	129,631	141,010	100.0	78.4	59.6	57.9	76.6	83.4	+ 8.9
Furniture and house furnishings.....	13,632	7,293	9,404	10,163	100.0	76.7	58.0	53.5	69.0	74.6	+ 8.1
General merchandise....	13,478	8,668	11,097	12,886	100.0	78.1	69.0	64.3	82.3	95.6	+16.1
Hardware.....	65,943	38,025	49,260	56,075	100.0	76.5	59.4	57.7	74.7	85.0	+13.8
Jewellery and optical goods.....	10,858	6,935	9,711	11,374	100.0	85.8	67.8	63.9	89.4	104.8	+17.1
Leather and leather goods.....	7,377	5,325	6,512	6,854	100.0	76.8	67.2	72.2	88.3	92.9	+ 5.3
Lumber and building materials.....	51,872	18,912	27,584	34,234	100.0	73.8	44.1	36.5	53.2	66.0	+24.1
Machinery, equipment and supplies.....	59,321	21,789	33,757	39,696	100.0	55.1	40.7	36.7	56.9	66.9	+17.6
Metals and metal work..	14,059	6,817	11,122	12,821	100.0	71.2	52.0	48.5	79.1	91.2	+15.3
Paper and paper products	22,462	17,263	20,103	21,287	100.0	92.7	82.3	76.9	89.5	94.8	+ 5.9
Petroleum products.....	230,169	163,315	178,367	189,272	100.0	83.8	78.0	71.0	77.5	82.2	+ 6.1
Plumbing and heating equipment and supplies..	14,512	5,508	7,554	9,078	100.0	75.5	44.1	38.0	52.1	62.6	+20.2
Tobacco and confectionery.....	45,870	32,165	38,568	41,403	100.0	89.1	76.5	70.1	84.1	90.3	+ 7.4
Waste materials.....	10,118	6,335	9,721	12,824	100.0	78.7	52.3	62.6	96.1	126.7	+31.9
All other.....	16,318	12,688	15,171	16,659	100.0	86.2	79.6	77.8	93.0	102.1	+ 9.8

¹ 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.

Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales.—Commencing with January, 1935, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has published monthly indexes of wholesale sales based on returns submitted by approximately 200 wholesale firms comprising a representative sample of nine different lines of business. The base on which these indexes were first computed was that of average monthly sales in 1935 equalling 100; the results of the annual surveys of wholesale trade were then utilized in reducing the monthly indexes to the 1930 base in order that they should conform