

factor in the food and apparel groups. On the other hand, the prices of more durable goods have not declined so much as food prices, so that the greater reduction in sales of groups handling durable goods is, no doubt, due much more to reduced volume.

The improvement in retail trade, evident in Canada since the spring months of 1933, was continued in 1936 when the value of sales was 7.2 p.c. greater than in the preceding year and 23 p.c. greater than in 1933. The index of retail sales for 1936 on the base 1930 equals 100 stands at 79.9. Increases over 1935 were recorded in all provinces, these increases ranging from 5.5 p.c. in Alberta to 14.6 p.c. in Prince Edward Island.

Trade, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1930, 1932-36.

Total Sales.			Indexes of Retail Sales. (1930=100.)							Per Cent. Change, 1935-36.	No.
1934.	1935.	1936.	1930.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.			
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	100.0	67.4	64.7	70.3	71.9	82.4	p.c.		
9,684	9,901	11,351	100.0	75.1	69.2	77.2	81.6	87.5	+14.6	1	
76,818	81,257	87,099	100.0	67.6	62.1	69.1	73.1	79.4	+7.2	2	
58,333	61,681	66,965	100.0	71.5	64.9	69.0	71.3	76.5	+8.6	3	
449,327	464,109	498,143	100.0	71.8	67.4	74.9	78.0	83.0	+7.3	4	
824,024	858,162	913,223	100.0	69.6	64.5	69.4	73.4	78.5	+6.4	5	
131,390	138,947	148,541	100.0	59.2	54.5	59.4	63.2	68.0	+6.9	6	
112,314	119,586	130,621	100.0	65.6	61.8	69.0	73.3	77.3	+9.2	7	
121,839	129,435	136,522	100.0	65.9	62.6	69.6	75.8	83.6	+5.5	8	
172,927	188,424	207,768	100.0	68.3	54.9	64.9	68.3	61.2	+10.3	9	
2,088	2,197	1,969	100.0	69.8	64.8	71.1	74.5	79.9	-10.4	10	
1,958,754	2,053,699	2,202,202	100.0	69.8	64.8	71.1	74.5	79.9	+7.2		
8,343	8,883	9,219	100.0	72.6	70.1	75.7	80.6	83.6	+3.8	11	
33,880	35,202	36,727	100.0	67.7	60.9	62.5	68.0	67.8	+4.3	12	
28,607	31,027	32,915	100.0	76.2	71.2	77.0	83.5	88.5	+6.1	13	
13,076	13,360	14,348	100.0	81.9	76.1	80.3	82.0	88.1	+7.4	14	
307,478	312,197	325,261	100.0	77.9	73.3	75.8	77.0	80.2	+4.2	15	
55,578	58,712	60,579	100.0	64.6	60.3	66.9	70.7	73.0	+3.2	16	
5,233	5,580	5,952	100.0	65.4	60.2	62.5	66.6	71.1	+6.7	17	
452,195	464,961	485,001	100.0	71.9	70.2	73.5	75.5	78.8	+4.3		
167,216	172,456	182,734	100.0	69.3	66.1	73.1	75.4	79.9	+6.0	18	
284,001	258,653	273,358	100.0	71.4	68.1	71.5	72.8	76.9	+5.7	19	
23,006	23,365	24,624	100.0	72.5	66.2	72.6	73.7	77.7	+5.4	20	
14,729	15,433	16,566	100.0	69.1	64.9	72.3	75.8	81.3	+7.3	21	
40,041	42,409	46,281	100.0	89.6	84.3	90.6	95.9	104.7	+9.1	22	
331,777	339,860	360,829	100.0	73.2	69.4	73.5	75.3	79.9	+6.2		
179,139	216,309	251,211	100.0	53.8	51.2	70.6	85.3	99.1	+16.1	23	
7,068	6,975	8,062	100.0	70.6	65.7	64.5	63.7	73.6	+15.6	24	
65,321	66,869	67,141	100.0	93.0	87.9	98.3	100.6	101.0	+0.4	25	
31,640	31,784	33,700	100.0	71.9	63.6	66.5	66.8	70.9	+6.0	26	
2,141	2,382	2,545	100.0	59.6	56.1	63.2	70.3	75.2	+6.8	27	
285,389	324,319	362,659	100.0	63.4	59.6	74.7	84.9	94.9	+11.8		