

Total sales and indexes are shown in Table 29, by provinces and kinds of business; the 1930 figures are those of the census, while those for the other years are estimates based on the results of fairly extensive annual surveys. Wholesale trade during 1937 totalled \$1,352,212,000, up 14.4 p.c. from 1936 and only 1.3 p.c. below the \$1,370,066,000 recorded for 1930. Sales in Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan were practically unchanged in 1937 from the preceding year while all other provinces reported increases ranging from 9.2 p.c. for Alberta to 18.3 p.c. for Quebec. The largest increases in sales in 1937, as in the immediately preceding years, were reported by firms dealing in industrial or building equipment and which had suffered the most severe losses in trade between 1930 and 1933.

29.—Total Sales and Indexes of Sales made by Wholesalers Proper, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1930, 1933, 1936, and 1937.

Province or Kind of Business.	Total Net Sales.				Indexes of Sales. (1930=100.)				Per Cent Change in Net Sales, 1936-37.
	1930.	1933.	1936.	1937.	1930.	1933.	1936.	1937.	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000					
Prince Edward Island	7,518	4,662	6,297	6,308	100.0	62.0	83.8	83.9	+ 0.2
Nova Scotia	46,464	32,812	42,385	47,516	100.0	70.6	91.2	102.3	+12.1
New Brunswick	38,320	25,192	32,530	37,808	100.0	65.7	84.9	98.7	+16.2
Quebec	386,229	254,696	327,034	386,952	100.0	65.9	84.7	100.2	+18.3
Ontario	471,618	324,828	431,477	495,682	100.0	68.9	91.5	105.1	+14.9
Manitoba	98,960	64,461	87,473	100,367	100.0	65.1	88.3	101.4	+14.8
Saskatchewan	90,210	48,556	64,025	63,838	100.0	53.8	70.9	70.8	- 0.3
Alberta	99,333	61,872	78,790	86,023	100.0	62.3	79.3	86.6	+ 9.2
British Columbia	181,414	83,418	111,532	127,720	100.0	63.5	84.9	97.2	+14.5
Totals	1,370,066	966,496	1,181,543	1,352,212	100.0	65.7	86.2	98.7	+14.4
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods	4,278	2,464	3,354	3,865	100.0	57.6	78.4	90.3	+15.2
Automotive	20,990	13,473	18,875	21,256	100.0	64.2	89.9	101.3	+12.6
Chemicals and paints	8,387	7,743	10,702	11,695	100.0	92.3	127.6	139.4	+ 9.3
Drugs and drug sundries	27,973	22,139	26,644	29,554	100.0	79.1	95.2	105.7	+10.9
Coal and coke	50,252	42,881	55,748	59,836	100.0	85.3	110.9	119.1	+ 7.3
Dry goods and apparel	102,358	64,396	79,122	86,822	100.0	62.9	77.3	84.8	+ 9.7
Electrical	22,982	9,973	19,170	25,778	100.0	43.4	83.4	112.2	+34.5
Farm supplies	16,037	8,719	10,483	14,955	100.0	54.4	65.4	93.3	+42.7
Foods	540,820	377,670	482,819	533,948	100.0	69.8	89.3	98.7	+10.6
Groceries	223,838	184,456	217,718	256,618	100.0	82.4	97.5	106.8	+ 8.2
Dairy and poultry products	48,771	32,136	40,890	48,668	100.0	66.0	85.8	99.8	+19.1
Fruits and vegetables	89,109	63,176	83,236	91,916	100.0	68.7	84.0	92.7	+10.4
Meats and fish	162,109	97,873	141,010	157,865	100.0	67.9	85.4	99.3	+11.9
Furniture and house furnishings	13,632	7,293	10,163	12,255	100.0	53.5	74.6	89.9	+20.6
General merchandise	13,478	8,668	12,896	15,023	100.0	64.3	95.6	111.5	+16.6
Hardware	65,943	38,025	56,075	66,118	100.0	57.7	85.0	100.3	+17.9
Jewellery and optical goods	10,858	6,935	11,374	13,561	100.0	63.9	104.8	124.9	+19.2
Leather and leather goods	7,377	5,325	6,854	7,956	100.0	72.2	82.9	107.8	+16.1
Lumber and building materials	51,872	18,912	34,234	41,932	100.0	36.5	66.0	80.9	+22.6
Machinery, equipment and supplies	59,321	21,789	39,696	54,101	100.0	36.7	66.9	91.2	+36.3
Metals and metal work	14,059	6,817	12,821	17,861	100.0	48.5	91.2	127.0	+39.3
Paper and paper products	22,462	17,263	21,287	24,103	100.0	76.9	94.8	107.3	+13.2
Petroleum products	230,169	163,315	189,272	218,419	100.0	71.0	82.2	94.9	+15.4
Plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	14,512	5,508	9,978	11,704	100.0	38.0	62.6	80.7	+28.9
Tobacco and confectionery	45,870	52,165	41,403	47,167	100.0	70.1	90.3	102.8	+13.9
Waste materials	10,118	6,335	12,824	14,936	100.0	62.6	126.7	147.6	+16.5
All other	16,318	12,688	16,659	19,320	100.0	77.8	102.1	118.4	+16.0