

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 1937 when the value of sales was 11.1 p.c. greater than in the preceding year and 37 p.c. greater than in 1933. The index of retail sales for 1937 on the base 1930 equals 100 stands at 89.0. Sales in Saskatchewan were 2.1 p.c. lower in 1937 than in 1936. All other provinces reported increases; these ranged from 3.5 p.c. in Prince Edward Island to 14.5 p.c. in New Brunswick.

Trade, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1936, 1933-37.

Total Sales.			Index of Retail Sales. (1930=100.)						Per Cent Change, 1936-37.	No.
1935.	1936.	1937.	1930.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.		
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000							p.c.	
9,901	11,351	11,748	100.0	64.7	70.3	71.9	82.4	85.3	+ 3.5	1
31,257	88,249	99,336	100.0	69.2	77.2	81.6	88.7	99.8	+12.6	2
61,681	66,965	76,656	100.0	62.1	69.1	73.1	79.4	90.9	+14.5	3
484,109	498,143	565,921	100.0	64.9	69.0	71.3	76.5	86.9	+13.6	4
858,182	912,223	1,022,068	100.0	67.4	74.9	78.0	83.0	92.9	+11.9	5
138,947	148,541	161,253	100.0	64.5	69.4	73.4	78.5	85.2	+ 8.6	6
119,586	131,935	129,186	100.0	54.5	59.4	63.2	69.7	68.3	- 2.1	7
130,633	138,853	152,408	100.0	61.8	69.0	73.3	75.7	86.3	+ 9.8	8
188,424	208,913	232,740	100.0	62.6	69.6	74.0	84.0	93.6	+11.4	9
2,197	1,969	3,419	100.0	54.9	64.9	68.3	61.2	75.2	+22.9	10
2,961,897	2,298,142	2,453,715	100.0	64.8	71.1	74.6	80.1	89.0	+11.1	
8,883	9,219	9,967	100.0	70.1	75.7	80.6	83.6	90.4	+ 8.1	11
35,202	36,727	39,598	100.0	60.9	62.5	65.0	67.8	73.1	+ 7.8	12
31,027	32,915	35,844	100.0	71.2	77.0	83.5	88.5	96.4	+ 8.9	13
13,360	14,348	14,983	100.0	76.1	80.3	82.0	88.1	92.0	+ 4.4	14
312,197	328,261	347,752	100.0	73.3	75.8	77.0	80.2	85.8	+ 6.9	15
58,712	60,578	64,865	100.0	60.3	66.9	70.7	73.0	78.1	+ 7.1	16
6,580	6,952	6,345	100.0	60.2	62.6	66.6	71.1	75.8	+ 6.6	17
464,961	485,067	519,354	100.0	70.2	73.5	75.5	78.8	84.4	+ 7.1	
172,456	182,734	194,480	100.0	66.1	73.1	75.4	79.9	85.0	+ 6.4	18
258,653	273,358	288,096	100.0	68.1	71.5	72.8	76.9	81.1	+ 5.4	19
23,365	24,624	26,627	100.0	66.2	72.6	73.7	77.7	84.0	+ 8.1	20
15,433	16,566	18,263	100.0	64.9	72.3	75.8	81.3	89.7	+10.2	21
42,409	46,281	51,585	100.0	84.3	90.6	95.9	104.7	116.7	+11.5	22
339,860	360,829	384,571	100.0	69.4	73.5	75.3	79.9	85.2	+ 6.6	
217,507	257,151	332,742	100.0	51.2	70.6	85.8	101.4	131.2	+20.4	23
6,975	8,062	9,332	100.0	65.7	64.5	63.7	73.6	85.2	+15.8	24
66,869	67,141	77,132	100.0	87.9	98.3	100.6	101.0	116.1	+14.9	25
31,784	33,700	36,908	100.0	63.6	66.5	66.8	70.9	77.6	+ 9.5	26
2,382	2,545	2,825	100.0	56.1	63.2	70.3	75.2	83.4	+11.0	27
325,517	368,599	458,939	100.0	59.6	74.7	85.2	96.5	120.2	+24.5	