

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 with other series. Since the monthly indexes are based upon a smaller coverage of sales than that secured for the annual census, these results cannot be expected to have the accuracy of the more exhaustive survey. The monthly indexes do, however, give a fair indication of current trends in wholesale trade.

* See "Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales" published at the end of each month and obtainable on application to the Dominion Statistician, price \$1 per year or 10 cents per copy.

28.—Total Sales 1930, 1933, 1937, and 1938 and Indexes of Sales of Retail

No.	Province or Group and Kind of Business.	Total Sales.			
		1930.	1933.	1937.	1938.
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1	Prince Edward Island.....	13,774	8,905	11,748	11,122
2	Nova Scotia.....	99,520	68,839	99,336	95,819
3	New Brunswick.....	84,372	52,375	76,656	71,637
4	Quebec.....	651,138	422,297	565,921	561,192
5	Ontario.....	1,099,990	741,630	1,022,068	988,696
6	Manitoba.....	189,244	122,045	161,253	160,690
7	Saskatchewan.....	189,181	103,091	129,166	129,309
8	Alberta.....	176,537	109,074	152,408	161,491
9	British Columbia.....	248,598	155,747	232,740	222,386
10	Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	3,216	1,765	2,419	2,414
	Canada.....	2,755,570	1,785,768	2,453,715	2,404,756
	Food Group.				
11	Bakery product stores (manufacturing bakeries not included).....	11,028	7,727	9,967	9,759
12	Candy and confectionery stores.....	54,176	33,010	39,598	38,863
13	Dairy product dealers (other than manufacturing dairies).....	37,174	26,451	35,844	37,062
14	Fruit and vegetable stores.....	16,293	12,394	14,983	14,690
15	Grocery and combination stores.....	405,403	297,307	347,752	346,397
16	Meat markets (including sea foods).....	83,026	50,090	64,865	65,895
17	Other food stores.....	8,376	5,039	6,345	6,227
	Totals, Food Group.....	615,476	432,018	519,354	518,893
18	Country General Stores.....	228,804	151,233	198,480	195,866
	General Merchandise Group.				
19	Department stores.....	355,259	241,850	288,096	278,539
20	Dry goods stores.....	31,706	21,000	26,627	25,928
21	General merchandise stores.....	20,366	13,217	18,263	16,930
22	Variety stores.....	44,212	37,256	51,585	52,556
	Totals, General Merchandise Group.....	451,543	313,323	384,571	373,953
	Automotive Group.				
23	Motor vehicle dealers.....	253,608	129,889	332,742	311,026
24	Accessories, tires, and batteries.....	10,956	7,200	9,332	9,785
25	Filling stations.....	66,449	58,428	77,132	80,310
26	Garages.....	47,560	30,230	36,908	37,807
27	Other automotive establishments (including motorcycles, bicycles, and supplies).....	3,386	1,899	2,825	3,049
	Totals, Automotive Group.....	381,959	227,646	458,339	441,977

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1939 Year Book.