

found to be necessary to make certain alterations in the classifications used in presenting the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments, 1931. These alterations are referred to at p. 612 of the 1937 Year Book.

The 1930 figures shown in Table 21 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 1939 averaged 6.1 p.c. greater than in 1938 and was approximately on a level with the dollar volume of business transacted in 1930. The increase extended to all provinces and to practically every line of wholesale trade. The greatest increases were reported by dealers in waste materials, metals and metal work, chemicals and paints, and leather and leather goods, lines of business in which major price movements were anticipated.

21.—Total Sales and Indexes of Sales Made by Wholesalers Proper, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1930, 1933, 1938 and 1939

Province or Kind of Business	Total Net Sales				P.C. Change in Net Sales, 1938-39	Indexes of Sales (1930=100)			
	1930	1933	1938	1939		1930	1933	1938	1939
PROVINCE	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000					
Prince Edward Island.....	7,518	4,662	5,614	6,629	+16.3	100.0	62.0	74.7	86.8
Nova Scotia.....	46,464	32,812	45,010	51,263	+13.9	100.0	70.6	96.9	110.3
New Brunswick.....	38,320	25,192	36,067	37,832	+4.9	100.0	65.7	94.1	98.7
Quebec.....	386,229	254,696	359,637	381,767	+6.2	100.0	65.9	93.1	98.8
Ontario.....	471,618	324,828	468,781	492,124	+5.0	100.0	68.9	99.4	104.3
Manitoba.....	98,960	64,461	101,729	106,781	+5.0	100.0	65.1	102.8	107.9
Saskatchewan.....	90,210	48,555	67,459	74,563	+10.5	100.0	53.8	74.8	82.7
Alberta.....	99,333	61,872	88,433	92,843	+5.0	100.0	62.3	89.0	93.5
British Columbia.....	131,414	83,418	123,239	131,748	+6.9	100.0	63.5	93.8	100.3
Totals.....	1,370,666	906,496	1,295,969	1,375,550	+6.1	100.0	65.7	94.6	100.4
KIND OF BUSINESS									
Amusement, photographic and sporting goods.....	4,278	2,464	4,251	4,221	-0.7	100.0	57.6	99.4	98.7
Automotive.....	20,990	13,473	22,426	24,368	+8.7	100.0	64.2	106.8	116.1
Chemicals and paints.....	8,387	7,743	10,554	12,984	+23.0	100.0	92.3	125.8	154.8
Coal and coke.....	50,252	42,831	54,449	59,313	+8.9	100.0	85.3	108.4	118.0
Drugs and drug sundries.....	27,973	22,139	29,645	31,363	+5.8	100.0	79.1	106.0	112.1
Dry goods and apparel.....	102,358	64,396	77,793	86,650	+11.4	100.0	62.9	76.0	84.7
Electrical.....	22,982	9,973	25,001	25,728	+2.9	100.0	43.4	108.8	112.0
Farm supplies.....	16,037	8,719	13,207	12,054	-8.7	100.0	54.4	82.4	75.2
Foods.....	540,820	377,670	515,146	545,021	+5.8	100.0	69.8	95.3	100.8
Dairy and poultry products.....	48,771	32,135	45,928	46,939	+4.6	100.0	66.0	90.1	94.2
Fruits and vegetables.....	99,102	63,176	87,723	94,626	+7.9	100.0	63.7	88.5	95.5
Groceries.....	225,838	184,436	230,748	247,966	+7.5	100.0	82.4	103.1	110.8
Meats and fish.....	169,109	97,873	152,747	156,490	+2.5	100.0	57.9	90.3	92.5
Furniture and house furnishings.....	13,632	7,293	11,319	11,933	+5.4	100.0	53.5	83.0	87.5
General merchandise.....	13,478	8,668	14,801	16,463	+11.2	100.0	64.3	109.8	122.1
Hardware.....	65,943	38,025	61,852	66,149	+6.9	100.0	57.7	93.8	100.3
Jewellery and optical goods.....	10,858	6,935	12,782	14,502	+13.5	100.0	63.9	117.7	133.6
Leather and leather goods.....	7,377	5,325	6,620	7,701	+16.3	100.0	72.2	89.7	104.4
Lumber and building materials.....	51,872	18,912	36,114	39,170	+8.5	100.0	36.5	69.6	75.5
Machinery, equipment and supplies.....	59,321	21,789	51,678	53,879	+4.3	100.0	36.7	87.1	90.8
Metals and metal work.....	14,059	6,817	13,728	16,841	+22.7	100.0	48.5	97.6	119.8
Paper and paper products.....	22,462	17,263	23,715	25,323	+6.8	100.0	76.9	105.6	112.7
Petroleum products.....	230,169	163,315	223,711	227,493	+1.7	100.0	71.0	97.2	98.8
Plumbing and heating equipment and supplies.....	14,512	5,508	10,638	11,767	+10.6	100.0	38.0	73.3	81.1
Tobacco and confectionery.....	45,870	32,165	49,247	52,274	+6.1	100.0	70.1	107.4	114.0
Waste materials.....	10,118	6,335	8,758	10,951	+25.0	100.0	62.6	86.6	108.2
All other.....	16,318	12,688	18,534	19,392	+4.6	100.0	77.8	113.6	118.8

Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales.*—Commencing with January, 1935, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has published monthly indexes of wholesale sales for nine different lines of business. They are based on returns submitted by a

* 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 cts. per copy.