

earlier part of 1948 than in the later part of the year. In all other trades surveyed, there was a continuation of the lowering of the rate of increase that has been evident over the past several years.

19.—Annual Indexes of Wholesale Sales, by Kinds of Business and by Provinces, 1941-48

(1935-39=100)

Kind of Business and Province	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	P.C. Change 1947 from 1946	1948	P.C. Change 1948 from 1947
Automotive equipment...	157.8	147.6	158.1	197.2	242.8	334.0	369.8	+10.7	379.9	+ 2.7
Drugs.....	145.2	165.7	184.2	201.9	222.1	245.2	254.6	+ 3.8	281.8	+10.7
Clothing.....	142.8	170.9	177.5	183.1	186.3	229.3	255.4	+11.4	265.1	+ 3.8
Footwear.....	141.6	161.0	173.1	188.8	224.0	279.4	300.8	+ 7.7	286.8	- 4.7
Dry goods.....	141.8	160.2	150.9	165.9	161.9	197.5	244.5	+23.8	264.7	+ 8.3
Fruits and vegetables.....	131.2	158.5	206.1	222.0	262.4	291.2	274.7	- 5.7	237.2	-13.7
Groceries.....	134.7	146.5	150.3	169.3	180.2	208.9	244.2	+16.9	254.0	+ 4.0
Hardware.....	165.2	170.0	173.1	183.8	212.0	277.4	325.0	+17.2	359.7	+10.7
Tobacco and confectionery	150.6	172.4	207.3	230.1	258.1	296.9	317.1	+ 6.8	354.8	+11.9
Totals, Wholesale Trade.	142.0	156.2	168.3	186.0	205.4	244.0	272.0	+11.5	283.2	+ 4.1
Maritime Provinces.....	152.7	169.7	190.7	217.0	235.0	257.6	282.3	+ 9.6	290.4	+ 2.9
Quebec.....	140.4	152.9	161.7	176.9	191.5	223.4	255.5	+14.4	263.1	+ 3.0
Ontario.....	144.2	157.4	166.0	183.6	206.9	245.9	275.8	+12.2	287.7	+ 4.3
Prairie Provinces.....	132.3	145.9	161.6	183.1	198.2	243.6	261.1	+ 7.2	273.5	+ 4.7
British Columbia.....	155.0	175.9	190.8	199.0	226.5	271.9	314.6	+15.7	333.8	+ 6.1

Operating Results of Wholesalers.—A study on the operations of wholesalers was carried out for a few trades in 1938, but until 1947 no other survey on this subject had been undertaken by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Wholesalers proper—performing the functions of warehousing and delivery and holding title to goods sold—for the major consumer commodity trades were canvassed as to details on their 1947 operations.

