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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

SALES DURING FEBRUARY AND STOCKS (at cost) FEBRUARY 1, 1956 and 1957

Trade	Sales		Change 1957/56 %	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1957/56 %
	February 1956 \$'000	February 1957 \$'000		Feb. 1 1956 \$'000	Feb. 1 1957 \$'000	
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	164,572	182,078	+ 10.6	262,670	285,978	+ 8.9
Grocery & Combination	78,438	89,507	+ 14.1	47,440	57,498	+ 21.2
Variety	11,723	12,922	+ 10.2	30,920	32,343	+ 4.6
Men's Clothing	1,460	1,502	+ 2.9	5,582	5,911	+ 5.9
Family Clothing	1,516	1,670	+ 10.2	7,805	8,039	+ 3.0
Women's Clothing	3,458	3,617	+ 4.6	9,695	10,674	+ 10.1
Shoe	2,259	2,486	+ 10.0	14,300	15,673	+ 9.6
Hardware	1,360	1,391	+ 2.3	5,127	6,532	+ 27.4
Lumber & Bldg. Material	4,763	4,551	- 4.5	27,161	26,808	- 1.3
Furniture, Radio & Appliance .	8,421	8,220	- 2.4	15,206	14,096	- 7.3
Drug	2,902	2,956	+ 1.9	7,739	7,978	+ 3.1
Jewellery	2,196	2,192	- 0.2	8,661	9,509	+ 9.8

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