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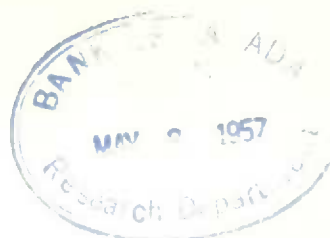
CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	Sales		Change 1957/56	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1957/56
	March 1956	March 1957		March 1, 1956	March 1, 1957	
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
TOTAL, ALL TRADES.....	202,870	209,738	+ 3.4	277,240	298,439	+ 7.6
Grocery & Combination ..	93,819	103,262	+ 10.1	48,850	61,502	+ 25.9
Variety	17,374	15,918	- 8.4	36,223	36,586	+ 1.0
Men's Clothing	2,036	1,855	- 8.9	5,373	5,620	+ 4.6
Family Clothing	2,442	2,238	- 8.4	8,580	8,786	+ 2.4
Women's Clothing	4,850	4,434	- 8.6	10,978	11,099	+ 1.1
Shoe	3,874	3,933	+ 1.5	15,962	17,494	+ 9.6
Hardware	1,520	1,566	+ 3.0	5,742	7,074	+ 23.2
Lumber & Bldg. Material ..	3,590	3,359	- 6.4	29,256	28,408	- 2.9
Furniture, Radio & Appliance	9,213	8,615	- 6.5	16,590	15,960	- 3.8
Drug	3,174	3,255	+ 2.6	7,371	7,710	+ 4.6
Jewellery	2,742	2,590	- 5.5	9,071	9,797	+ 8.0

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