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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	Sales		Change 1957/56 %	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1957/56 %
	May 1956 \$'000	May 1957 \$'000		May 1, 1956 \$'000	May 1, 1957 \$'000	
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	209,907	229,442	+ 9.3	286,690	313,569	+ 9.4
Grocery & Combination	90,409	103,821	+ 14.8	49,894	63,764	+ 27.8
Variety	17,469	18,756	+ 7.4	38,507	39,855	+ 3.5
Men's Clothing	2,193	2,096	- 4.4	5,690	6,128	+ 7.7
Family Clothing	2,817	2,813	- 0.1	9,309	9,318	+ 0.1
Women's Clothing	5,644	5,866	+ 3.9	11,804	11,970	+ 1.4
Shoe	4,496	5,044	+ 12.2	17,511	18,859	+ 7.7
Hardware	2,065	2,153	+ 4.3	6,473	7,502	+ 15.9
Lumber & Bldg. Material ...	10,915	10,257	- 6.0	32,502	32,340	- 0.5
Furniture, Radio & Appliance	10,091	9,330	- 7.5	15,833	16,561	+ 4.6
Drug	3,142	3,541	+ 12.7	7,582	8,098	+ 6.8
Jewellery	3,604	3,412	- 5.3	10,176	10,298	+ 1.2

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