

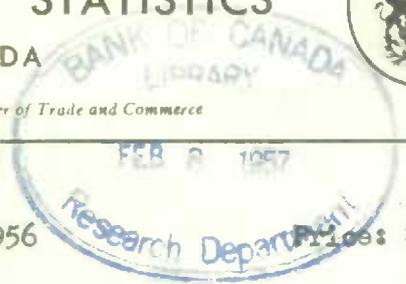
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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

SALES DURING DECEMBER AND STOCKS (at cost) DECEMBER 1, 1955 and 1956

Trade	Sales		Change 1956/55	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1956/55
	December 1955	December 1956		Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1956	
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
TOTAL, ALL TRADES...	302,289	328,307	+ 8.6	322,608	352,382	+ 9.2
Grocery & Combination.	98,466	109,094	+ 10.8	51,176	60,183	+ 17.6
Variety.....	37,641	40,815	+ 8.4	42,060	45,256	+ 7.6
Men's Clothing.....	4,115	4,322	+ 5.0	6,995	7,400	+ 5.8
Family Clothing.....	4,609	4,891	+ 6.1	9,729	10,148	+ 4.3
Women's Clothing.....	10,030	10,776	+ 7.4	13,061	14,394	+ 10.2
Shoe.....	6,704	7,007	+ 4.5	16,652	18,068	+ 8.5
Hardware.....	2,572	2,724	+ 5.9	4,577	6,444	+ 40.8
Lumber & Bldg. Material.....	5,833	6,078	+ 4.2	23,515	24,008	+ 2.1
Furniture, Radio & Appliances.....	12,569	12,816	+ 2.0	19,429	18,866	- 2.9
Drug.....	4,329	4,570	+ 5.6	8,101	8,296	+ 2.4
Jewellery.....	10,271	10,586	+ 3.1	11,607	13,104	+ 12.9

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