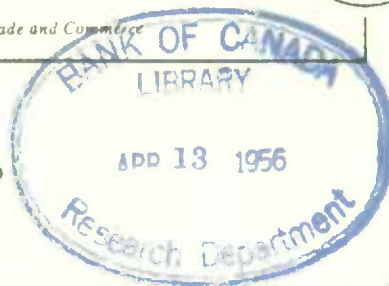


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## CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	SALES		Change 1956/55 %	STOCKS (at cost)		Change 1956/55 %
	February 1955 \$'000	February 1956 \$'000		Feb. 1 1955 \$'000	Feb. 1 1956 \$'000	
<b>TOTAL, ALL TRADES .....</b>	<b>147,574</b>	<b>160,312</b>	<b>+ 8.6</b>	<b>237,891</b>	<b>255,545</b>	<b>+ 7.4</b>
Grocery & Combination .....	69,069	76,769	+ 11.1	43,126	48,819	+ 13.2
Variety .....	10,835	11,675	+ 7.8	27,775	31,330	+ 12.8
Men's Clothing .....	1,533	1,445	- 5.7	6,170	5,275	- 14.5
Family Clothing .....	1,777	1,571	- 11.6	7,195	7,987	+ 11.0
Women's Clothing .....	3,035	3,273	+ 7.8	6,925	8,802	+ 27.1
Shoe .....	2,150	2,198	+ 2.2	13,185	13,686	+ 3.8
Hardware .....	1,054	1,372	+ 30.2	4,430	5,626	+ 27.0
Lumber & Bldg. Material .....	3,841	4,591	+ 19.5	24,162	24,645	+ 2.0
Furniture, Radio & Appliance .....	6,676	7,896	+ 18.3	15,818	15,866	+ 0.3
Drug .....	2,628	2,858	+ 8.8	6,658	7,510	+ 12.8
Jewellery .....	1,944	2,103	+ 8.2	7,790	7,736	- 0.7

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