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## CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	SALES		Change 1956/55 %	STOCKS (at cost)		Change 1956/55 %
	March 1955 \$'000	March 1956 \$'000		March 1 1955 \$'000	March 1 1956 \$'000	
<b>TOTAL, ALL TRADES .....</b>	<b>163,418</b>	<b>198,445</b>	<b>+ 21.4</b>	<b>244,445</b>	<b>269,749</b>	<b>+ 10.4</b>
Grocery & Combination .....	77,249	92,473	+ 19.7	43,751	50,270	+ 14.9
Variety .....	12,558	17,320	+ 37.9	31,210	36,703	+ 17.6
Men's Clothing .....	1,915	1,885	- 1.6	6,395	5,078	- 20.6
Family Clothing .....	2,208	2,872	+ 30.1	7,453	8,780	+ 17.8
Women's Clothing .....	3,400	4,643	+ 36.6	7,673	9,967	+ 29.9
Shoe .....	2,643	3,582	+ 35.5	14,774	15,277	+ 3.4
Hardware .....	1,055	1,433	+ 35.8	4,667	6,300	+ 35.0
Lumber & Bldg. Material .....	3,003	3,333	+ 11.0	23,410	26,547	+ 13.4
Furniture, Radio & Appliance .....	7,315	8,482	+ 16.0	15,939	17,310	+ 8.6
Drug .....	2,944	3,145	+ 6.8	6,979	7,153	+ 2.5
Jewellery .....	2,498	2,613	+ 4.6	7,666	8,103	+ 5.7

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