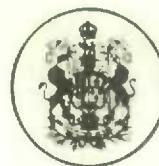


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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	Sales		Change 1956/55	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1956/55
	May 1955	May 1956		May 1, 1955	May 1, 1956	
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	183,861	206,178	+ 12.1	257,326	279,118	+ 8.5
Grocery & Combination ...	76,831	89,029	+ 15.9	44,608	51,344	+ 15.1
Variety	16,068	17,469	+ 8.7	35,246	39,017	+ 10.7
Men's Clothing	2,048	2,065	+ 0.8	6,755	5,377	- 20.4
Family Clothing	2,482	2,704	+ 8.9	9,029	9,525	+ 5.5
Women's Clothing	5,069	4,389	+ 6.3	9,303	10,717	+ 15.2
Shoe	4,158	4,439	+ 6.8	15,561	16,759	+ 7.7
Hardware	1,787	2,021	+ 13.1	5,135	7,102	+ 38.3
Lumber & Bldg. Material .	8,143	10,199	+ 25.2	25,014	29,492	+ 17.9
Furniture, Radio & Appliance	8,301	9,354	+ 12.7	15,961	16,520	+ 3.5
Drug	2,842	3,075	+ 8.2	6,896	7,358	+ 6.7
Jewellery	2,823	3,436	+ 21.7	8,248	9,090	+ 10.2

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