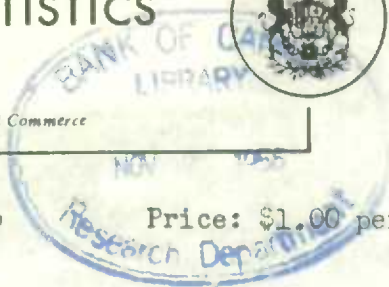


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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS

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

Trade	Sales		Change 1956/55 %	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1956/55 %
	September 1955 \$'000	September 1956 \$'000		Sept. 1 1955 \$'000	Sept. 1 1956 \$'000	
TOTAL, ALL TRADES.....	196,817	212,681	+ 8.1	260,708	302,410	+ 16.0
Grocery & Combination....	80,270	90,648	+ 12.9	46,609	56,164	+ 20.5
Variety.....	17,131	18,414	+ 7.5	34,004	36,554	+ 7.5
Men's Clothing.....	1,848	1,941	+ 5.0	5,752	5,643	- 1.9
Family Clothing.....	2,918	3,153	+ 8.1	9,441	9,819	+ 4.0
Women's Clothing.....	4,690	5,071	+ 8.1	8,570	9,290	+ 8.4
Shoe.....	4,280	4,766	+ 11.4	15,291	15,842	+ 3.6
Hardware.....	1,709	1,815	+ 6.2	5,404	7,738	+ 43.2
Lumber & Bldg. Material..	10,128	10,566	+ 4.3	23,323	24,839	+ 6.5
Furniture, Radio & Appliance	9,703	9,469	- 2.4	17,272	16,184	- 6.3
Drug.....	2,923	3,080	+ 5.4	6,797	7,544	+ 11.0
Jewellery.....	3,263	3,241	- 0.7	8,730	9,813	+ 12.4

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