## DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND INVENTORIES BY SELECTED DEPARTMENTS

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May, 1947 and May, 1948

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These figures are derived from a sample of reporting companies and are not to be interpreted as totals for all department stores.

		SALES			INVENTORY(*)
	DEPARTMENT	May, 1947	May, 1948	% Change, 1948/1947	% Change, Apr. 30, 1948 Apr. 30, 1947
		\$	\$		
	TOTAL, ALL DEPARTMENTS	44,618,158	50,260,582	+12.6	+16.0
1.	Women's dresses, coats and suits .	5,104,222	6,093,795	+19.4	+ 9.2
2.	Girls' and infants' wear	1,498,269	1,741,440	+16.2	- 6.7
3.	Hosiery and gloves	1,486,412	1,655,138	+11.4	+11.9
4.	Lingerie and corsets	1,692,370	1,884,959	+11.4	+18.6
	Millinery	513,393	550,932	+ 7.3	- 8.9
	Women's and children's apparel - (Total, 1-5)  Men's and boys' clothing and	10,294,666	11,926,264	+15.8	+ 7.4
	furnishings	4,434,780	5,220,912	+17.7	+24.2
8.	Drugs and toilet articles and preparations	1,006,141	1,038,971	+ 3.3	- 3.3
9.	Piece goods	3,262,966	3,548,530	+ 8.8	+31.2
10.	Smallwares	1,396,428	1,364,747	- 2.3	+13.8
	Food and kindred products Furniture (including mattresses	3,469,863	3,888,780	+12.1	+21.4
160	and springs)	3,262,215	3,443,047	+ 5.5	+ 0.8
	Home furnishings	3,818,385	4,349,682	+13.9	+28.1
7.20	electrical supplies	1,596,367	1,924,377	+20.5	+31.4
	Hardware and kitchen utensils Radios, musical instruments and	2,500,827	3,040,654	+21.6	+12.3
	supplies	705,988	633,162	-10.3	+ 6.7
17.	Shoes and other footwear	3,136,780	3,717,442	+18.5	+25.5
18.	Stationery, books and magazines	648,510	579,280	-10.7	- 2.2
	All other departments, total Comparisons are based on inventoria				+13.0

