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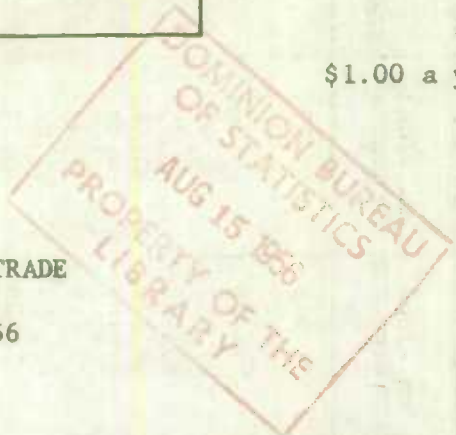
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WHOLESALE TRADE

JUNE 1956

Estimated sales for wholesale trade in Canada amounted to \$694,243,000 in June 1956, a gain of 9.4 per cent over the same month of 1955. These sales cover "wholesalers proper" and do not include the business transactions of manufacturers' sales branches or agents and brokers. They are not adjusted for price changes, seasonal variations or number of business days in the respective months.

Sales for the first six months of 1956 reached \$3,706,332,000, or 15.0 per cent above last year. The most significant gains occurred in durable goods. Automotive parts and accessories were up 104.2 per cent; industrial and transportation equipment and supplies, 49.8 per cent; farm machinery, 28.0 per cent; and construction materials and supplies, up 20.7 per cent.

Although the increase in June sales was substantially influenced by certain "durable goods" trades, notable gains were registered in fresh fruits and vegetables (16.7 per cent), tobacco and confectionery (12.8 per cent), and coal and coke (17.2 per cent). The textile and apparel trades and drug wholesalers showed little change in sales compared with June 1955.

Further detail on the sales of the various trade groups will be found on the reverse side of this page.

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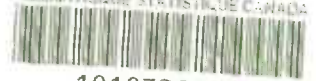
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Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes
from corresponding period one year previous.

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Kind of Business	June 1955	June 1956	% Change June 1956	Jan. -June 1955	Jan. -June 1956	% Change Jan. -June 1956
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	634,417	694,243	+ 9.4	3,221,549	3,706,332	+ 15.0
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	23,021	26,870	+ 16.7	109,105	114,381	+ 4.8
Groceries and Food Specialties	100,742	103,839	+ 3.1	527,717	570,992	+ 8.2
Meat and Dairy Products	16,716	15,450	- 7.6	73,745	73,357	- 0.5
Clothing and Furnishings	6,690	6,759	+ 1.0	38,272	40,563	+ 6.0
Footwear	1,992	2,038	+ 2.3	12,157	12,594	+ 3.6
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	13,781	13,498	- 2.1	81,559	90,433	+ 10.9
Drugs and Drug Sundries	14,288	14,394	+ 0.7	79,369	85,821	+ 8.1
Household Electrical Appliances	12,095	14,086	+ 16.5	67,926	73,715	+ 8.5
Farm Machinery	6,807	7,302	+ 7.3	28,177	36,056	+ 28.0
Coal and Coke	14,553	17,057	+ 17.2	81,442	92,381	+ 13.4
Hardware	26,479	28,981	+ 9.4	124,169	142,583	+ 14.8
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	64,375	69,239	+ 7.6	274,664	331,401	+ 20.7
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	58,942	73,295	+ 24.4	259,305	388,330	+ 49.8
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	9,617	10,347	+ 7.6	48,752	55,534	+ 13.9
Automotive Parts and Accessories	32,276	78,853	+ 144.3	162,228	331,274	+ 104.2
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	21,108	22,463	+ 6.4	126,858	139,369	+ 9.9
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	45,723	51,570	+ 12.8	241,558	268,203	+ 11.0
All Other	165,212	138,202	- 16.3	884,546	859,345	- 2.8