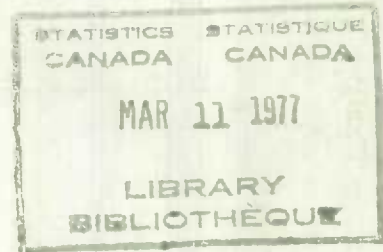


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Wholesale sales in the first month of this year were estimated at \$577,732,000, slightly more than 22 per cent above the \$472,994,000 estimated for January a year ago. The "all other trades" group, the largest in dollar volume, contributed largely to this advance in sales with an increase of 69 per cent. Gains were also registered in thirteen of the seventeen specified trade groups covered in this report, the three largest being recorded for automotive parts and accessories (27 per cent), groceries and food specialties (21 per cent) and household electrical appliances (16 per cent). The four groups which had decreased sales were: construction materials and supplies (including lumber) down 12 per cent; farm machinery down 10 per cent; clothing and furnishings down 7 per cent; industrial and transportation equipment and supplies down 4 per cent. 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.

Further detail on the sales of the various trade groups, the listing of which has been rearranged separately for non-durable goods and durable goods, will be found on the reverse side of this page.

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Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

Kind of Business	January		% Change 1957/1956
	Sales		
	1956 \$'000	1957 \$'000	
Total, All Trades	472,994	577,732	+ 22.1
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	13,394	14,696	+ 9.7
Groceries and Food Specialties	84,938	102,489	+ 20.7
Meat and Dairy Products	10,021	11,357	+ 13.3
Clothing and Furnishings	5,626	5,224	- 7.1
Footwear	1,115	1,258	+ 12.8
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories ..	12,852	13,545	+ 5.4
Coal and Coke	16,427	16,902	+ 2.9
Drugs and Drug Sundries	13,749	14,393	+ 4.7
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	22,557	23,574	+ 4.5
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks ..	37,097	41,184	+ 11.0
Automotive Parts and Accessories	18,839	24,010	+ 27.4
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	7,901	9,026	+ 14.2
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	44,937	39,529	- 12.0
Farm Machinery	3,004	2,708	- 9.8
Hardware	17,983	18,699	+ 4.0
Household Electrical Appliances	11,395	13,245	+ 16.2
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	40,203	38,643	- 3.9
All Other Trades	110,956	187,250	+ 68.2

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