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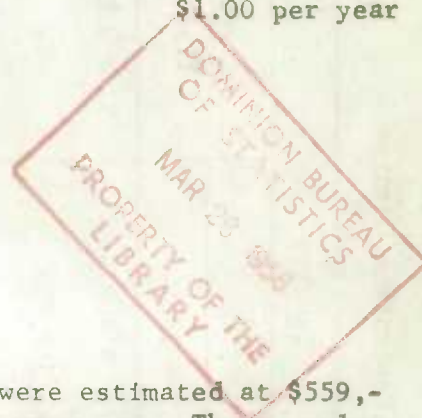
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WHOLESALE TRADE

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January sales of Canadian wholesalers were estimated at \$559,-250,000, a decrease of 3 per cent from January a year ago. 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.

Nine of the eighteen trade groups covered in this report indicated declines from January 1957. Clothing and furnishings indicated the largest decline (17 per cent). Important declines were also registered for industrial and transportation equipment and supplies (13 per cent), coal and coke (12 per cent) and "all other" trades (12 per cent). The principal increases were registered for fresh fruits and vegetables (12 per cent), drugs and drug sundries (11 per cent) and construction materials and supplies (9 per cent).

Further detail on the sales of the various trade groups 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		
	Sales		% Change 1958/1957
	1957	1958	
	\$'000	\$'000	%
Total, All Trades	577,732	559,250	- 3.2
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	14,696	16,385	+ 11.5
Groceries and Food Specialties	102,489	107,479	+ 4.9
Meat and Dairy Products	11,357	11,850	+ 4.3
Clothing and Furnishings	5,224	4,313	- 17.4
Footwear	1,258	1,267	+ 0.7
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories .	15,545	14,213	+ 4.9
Coal and Coke	16,902	14,941	- 11.6
Drugs and Drug Sundries	14,393	15,922	+ 10.6
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	23,574	22,416	- 4.9
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks .	41,184	44,455	+ 7.9
Automotive Parts and Accessories	24,010	21,581	- 10.1
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	9,026	8,003	- 11.3
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	39,529	42,096	+ 9.0
Farm Machinery	2,708	2,576	- 4.9
Hardware	18,699	17,970	- 3.9
Household Electrical Appliances	13,245	13,479	+ 1.8
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	38,643	33,785	- 12.6
All Other Trades	187,250	165,519	- 11.6

