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WHOLESALE TRADEJuly, 1958

Wholesale sales in July were estimated at \$672,456,000, only fractionally higher (0.2 per cent) than sales in the same month of 1957. Sales in the first seven months of this year were almost on a par with sales in the corresponding period of last year, the former being only 0.7 per cent smaller at \$4,548,714,000. 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.

Outstanding increases were registered in the month for farm machinery (29.6 per cent) and meat and dairy products (25.3 per cent). The largest decrease (28.2 per cent) was noted for coal and coke. The percentage changes in the other trades covered in this report varied up or down within a range of 1.1 per cent to 13.0 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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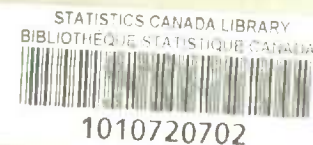
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WHOLESALE TRADE

July - 1958

Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes



Kind of Business	July			January - July		
	S a l e s		% Change 1958/1957	S a l e s		% Change 1958/1957
	1957	1958		1957	1958	
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	671,257	672,456	+ 0.2	4,582,132	4,548,714	- 0.7
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	24,134	24,567	+ 1.8	137,452	146,854	+ 6.8
Groceries and Food Specialties	118,544	125,655	+ 6.0	763,997	814,696	+ 6.6
Meat and Dairy Products	15,572	19,504	+ 25.3	91,253	103,957	+ 13.9
Clothing and Furnishings	5,406	5,345	- 1.1	45,821	43,481	- 5.1
Footwear	2,128	2,087	- 1.9	15,254	16,138	+ 5.8
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	13,759	15,548	+ 13.0	108,651	111,982	+ 3.1
Coal and Coke	14,258	10,236	- 28.2	106,726	86,497	- 19.0
Drugs and Drug Sundries	14,389	15,596	+ 8.4	102,231	110,685	+ 8.3
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products ...	25,628	24,015	- 6.3	171,834	165,456	- 3.7
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	51,955	55,267	+ 6.4	345,718	358,615	+ 3.7
Automotive Parts and Accessories	34,347	37,923	+ 10.4	225,346	235,392	+ 4.5
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	9,525	9,633	+ 1.1	66,345	63,020	- 5.0
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	65,956	71,895	+ 9.0	386,984	402,822	+ 4.1
Farm Machinery	7,405	9,595	+ 29.6	41,338	47,723	+ 15.4
Hardware	26,740	25,993	- 2.8	170,746	161,790	- 5.2
Household Electrical Appliances	11,361	11,481	+ 1.1	86,792	85,515	- 1.5
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	70,665	63,349	- 10.4	472,766	403,027	- 14.8
All Other Trades	159,485	144,767	- 9.2	1,242,878	1,191,064	- 4.2