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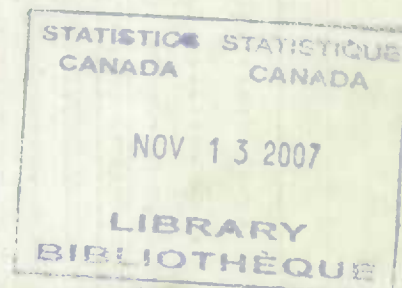
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WHOLESALE TRADE

January, 1959



January sales of Canadian wholesalers were estimated at \$592,942,000, up 8.4% from January 1958. 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.

Five of the eighteen trade groups covered in this report indicated declines. The largest decline was recorded in the household electrical appliances group (14.8%), followed by newsprint, paper and paper products (6.1%), fresh fruits and vegetables (3.4%), construction materials and supplies, including lumber (3.2%) and meat and dairy products (0.3%). The principal increases were registered in farm machinery (38.8%), "all other" trades (20.7%), clothing and furnishings (19.4%), footwear (13.5%) and automotive parts and accessories (13.1%).

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 1959/1958
	1958 \$'000	1959 \$'000	
Total, All Trades	547,199	592,942	+ 8.4
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	16,138	15,583	- 3.4
Groceries and Food Specialties	96,235	101,814	+ 5.8
Meat and Dairy Products	10,038	10,007	- 0.3
Clothing and Furnishings	4,042	4,825	+ 19.4
Footwear	1,127	1,279	+ 13.5
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	13,743	14,296	+ 4.0
Coal and Coke	12,234	12,950	+ 5.9
Drugs and Drug Sundries	15,805	16,287	+ 3.1
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	20,058	18,830	- 6.1
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	39,903	40,142	+ 0.6
Automotive Parts and Accessories	20,324	22,976	+ 13.1
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	7,475	8,086	+ 8.2
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	47,490	45,991	- 3.2
Farm Machinery	2,643	3,668	+ 38.8
Hardware	17,761	19,064	+ 7.3
Household Electrical Appliances	12,961	11,039	- 14.8
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	31,597	31,697	+ 0.3
All Other Trades	177,625	214,408	+ 20.7