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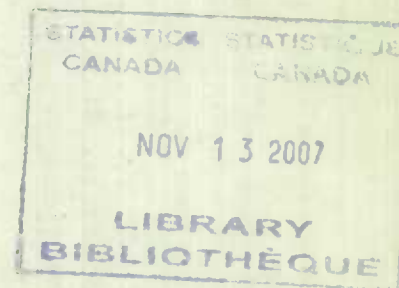
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February sales of Canadian wholesalers were estimated at \$616,919,000, 10.1% above sales of \$560,117,000 in February 1958. January and February sales combined amounted to \$1,209,861,000, up 9.3% from sales of \$1,107,316,000 for the same period last year. 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.

Fifteen of the 18 trade groups reported increases for the month of February ranging from 30.7% for farm machinery to 0.6% for newsprint, paper and paper products. Other trades recording substantial increases were: commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies (20.8%), footwear (18.8%), "all other" trades (18.1%), automotive parts and accessories (13.2%), construction materials and supplies (12.3%), household electrical appliances (10.9%) and drugs and drug sundries (10.1%). The largest decrease was recorded for coal and coke (9.6%), followed by meat and dairy products (1.0%) and fresh fruits and vegetables (0.7%). Sales of newsprint, paper and paper products and of household electrical appliances, when combined for January and February, show decreases of 2.9% and 2.8% respectively.

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

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WHOLESALE TRADE

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Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

Kind of Business	February			January and February		
	S a l e s		% Change	S a l e s		% Change
	1958	1959	1959/1958	1958	1959	1959/1958
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	
TOTAL, ALL Trades	560,117	616,919	+ 10.1	1,107,316	1,209,861	+ 9.3
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	16,428	16,306	- 0.7	32,566	31,889	- 2.1
Groceries and Food Specialties	97,186	103,670	+ 6.7	193,421	205,484	+ 6.2
Meat and Dairy Products	9,582	9,482	- 1.0	19,620	19,489	- 0.7
Clothing and Furnishings	5,610	5,782	+ 3.1	9,652	10,607	+ 9.9
Footwear	2,095	2,489	+ 18.8	3,222	3,768	+ 16.9
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	15,743	16,368	+ 4.0	29,486	30,664	+ 4.0
Coal and Coke	13,161	11,897	- 9.6	25,395	24,847	- 2.2
Drugs and Drug Sundries	15,068	16,592	+ 10.1	30,873	32,879	+ 6.5
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products ..	19,019	19,133	+ 0.6	39,077	37,963	- 2.9
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	39,058	39,812	+ 1.9	78,961	79,954	+ 1.3
Automotive Parts and Accessories	22,213	25,153	+ 13.2	42,537	48,129	+ 13.1
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	7,864	9,503	+ 20.8	15,339	17,589	+ 14.7
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber	43,070	48,371	+ 12.3	90,560	94,362	+ 4.2
Farm Machinery	3,857	5,041	+ 30.7	6,500	8,709	+ 34.0
Hardware	18,431	18,823	+ 2.1	36,192	37,887	+ 4.7
Household Electrical Appliances	11,460	12,704	+ 10.9	24,421	23,743	- 2.8
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	49,404	53,984	+ 9.3	81,001	85,681	+ 5.8
All Other Trades	170,868	201,809	+ 18.1	348,493	416,217	+ 19.4