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April sales of Canadian wholesalers were estimated at \$712,914,000, up 13.7% from sales of \$627,023,000 in April 1958. Total sales for the first four months of the year amounted to \$2,629,241,000, an increase of 11.1% above the corresponding 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.

All but three of the 18 trade groups reported increases for the month of April ranging from 24.7% for industrial and transportation equipment and supplies, to 1.1% for newsprint, paper and paper products. Other trades recording substantial increases were: farm machinery (24.3%), the "all other" group (19.3%), commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies (19.2%), construction materials and supplies, including lumber (15.6%), automotive parts and accessories (13.7%), drugs and drug sundries (13.6%), groceries and food specialties (12.4%), household electrical appliances (12.3%), clothing and furnishings (10.0%). Decreases were registered for meat and dairy products (7.7%), other textile and clothing accessories (3.8%) and fresh fruits and vegetables (2.3%). However, when combined for the first four months of the year, sales of other textile and clothing accessories showed an increase of 3.1% while sales of newsprint, paper and paper products decreased by 0.9%.

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 Percentages Changes

	April			January - April		
	S a l e s		% Change 1959/1958	S a l e s		% Change 1959/1958
	1958	1959		1958	1959	
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	
TOTAL, All Trades .....	627,023	712,914	+ 13.7	2,366,365	2,629,241	+ 11.1
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables .....	19,634	19,192	- 2.3	71,578	69,262	- 3.2
Groceries and Food Specialties .....	101,277	113,853	+ 12.4	394,935	430,100	+ 8.9
Meat and Dairy Products .....	11,363	10,492	- 7.7	45,674	44,300	- 3.0
Clothing and Furnishings .....	6,777	7,455	+ 10.0	23,721	25,811	+ 8.8
Footwear .....	2,455	2,604	+ 6.1	8,381	9,262	+ 10.5
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	17,584	16,914	- 3.8	64,671	66,677	+ 3.1
Coal and Coke .....	8,648	9,254	+ 7.0	43,720	44,318	+ 1.4
Drugs and Drug Sundries .....	16,019	18,196	+ 13.6	63,204	69,498	+ 10.0
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products ...	21,760	21,997	+ 1.1	80,717	80,002	- 0.9
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	43,319	46,661	+ 7.7	176,921	184,114	+ 4.1
Automotive Parts and Accessories .....	32,520	36,969	+ 13.7	104,885	119,996	+ 14.4
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies .....	7,911	9,432	+ 19.2	32,098	36,159	+ 12.7
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber .....	56,759	65,638	+ 15.6	210,832	223,710	+ 6.1
Farm Machinery .....	10,302	12,802	+ 24.3	22,637	27,988	+ 23.6
Hardware .....	22,887	23,980	+ 4.8	80,449	83,812	+ 4.2
Household Electrical Appliances .....	11,997	13,470	+ 12.3	42,340	49,176	+ 1.7
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies .....	48,145	60,038	+ 24.7	192,755	218,990	+ 13.6
All Other Trades .....	187,666	223,967	+ 19.3	700,847	846,066	+ 20.7