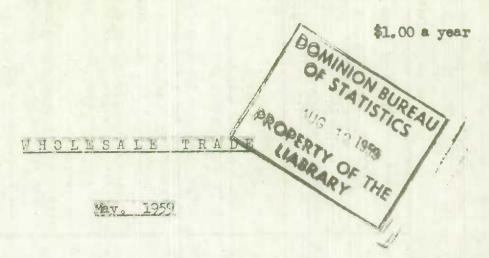
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Sales of Canadian wholesalers for the month of May were estimated at \$753,549,000, up 5.% from sales of \$711,842,000 for May 1958. Total sales for the first five months of the year amounted to \$3,382,790,000, an increase of 9.% above the corresponding 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 May ranging from 26.4% for household electrical appliances to 1.0% for other textile and clothing accessories. Other trades recording substantial increases were: industrial and transportation equipment and supplies (14.0%), clothing and furnishings (12.3%), automotive parts and accessories (10.8%), commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies (10.4%), tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks (9.1%). Decreases were registered for coal and coke (8.3%), fresh fruits and vegetables (5.1%) and farm machinery (1.5%). However, when combined for the first five months of the year, sales of farm machinery showed an increase of 16.7% while sales of fresh fruits and vegetables and coal and coke decreased by 3.7% and 0.4% 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

May 1959

Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

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|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| | Sales | | % Change | Sales | | % Change |
| | 1958 | 1959 | 1959/1958 | 1958 | 1959 | 1959/1958 |
| | \$1000 | \$1000 | | \$1000 | \$1000 | |
| TOTAL, All Trades | 711,842 | 753,549 | + 5.9 | 3,078,207 | 3,382,790 | + 9.9 |
| Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | 25,256 109,794 11,744 | 23,968 115,964 12,626 | - 5.1 + 5.6 + 7.5 | 96,834 504,729 57,418 | 93,230 546,064 56,926 | - 3.7 + 8.2 - 0.9 |
| Clothing and Furnishings Footwear Other Textile and Clothing Accessories | 6,320 2,255 14,845 | 7,099 2,350 14,998 | + 12.3 + 4.2 + 1.0 | 30,041 10,636 79,516 | 32,910 11,612 81,675 | + 9.6 + 9.2 + 2.7 |
| Coal and Coke | 9,610 15,133 22,696 45,995 | 8,817 16,174 23,378 50,175 | - 8.3 + 6.9 + 3.0 + 9.1 | 53,330 78,337 103,413 222,916 | 53,135 85,672 103,380 234,289 | - 0.4 + 9.4 (1) + 5.1 |
| Automotive Parts and Accessories Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies Construction Materials and Supplies, | 32,076 8,881 | 35,545 9,807 | + 10.8 | 136,961 | 155,541 45,966 | + 13.6 + 12.2 |
| including Lumber Farm Machinery Hardware Household Electrical Appliances Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies | 75,142 8,638 27,507 11,167 | 79,317 8,507 28,264 14,114 81,611 | + 5.6 = 1.5 + 2.8 + 26.4 + 14.0 | 285,974 31,275 107,956 59,507 | 303,027 36,495 112,076 63,290 300,601 | + 6.0 + 16.7 + 3.8 + 6.4 + 13.7 |
| All Other Trades | 213,222 | 220,835 | + 3.6 | 914,069 | 1,066,901 | + 16.7 |

⁽¹⁾ No change.