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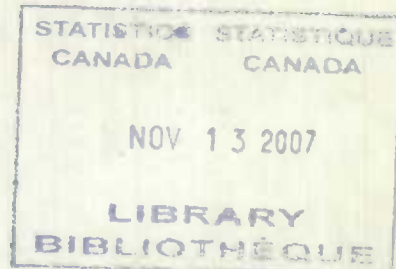
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WHOLESALE TRADE

July, 1959



Sales of Canadian wholesalers for the month of July were estimated at \$718,632,000, up 10.9% from sales of \$647,797,000 reported for the same month in 1958. Total sales for the first seven months of the year increased by 10.3% to \$4,870,573,000 from sales of \$4,414,766,000 for the corresponding period in 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.

All but four of the 18 trade groups comprising this report recorded increases for the month of July ranging from 35.1% for farm machinery to 1.3% for footwear. Other trades reporting substantial increases were: the "all other" trade group (19.3%), commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies (16.7%), industrial and transportation equipment and supplies (13.8%), household electrical appliances (11.9%), groceries and food specialties (11.4%), construction materials and supplies, including lumber (9.8%). Decreases were registered for meat and dairy products (11.6%), clothing and furnishings (7.4%), other textile and clothing accessories (6.0%), coal and coke (0.6%). However, when combined for the first seven months of the year, sales of clothing and furnishings and of other textile and clothing accessories show increases of 8.4% and 1.6% 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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## Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

	July			January - July		
	Sales		% Change 1959/1958	Sales		% Change 1959/1958
	1958 \$'000	1959 \$'000		1958 \$'000	1959 \$'000	
TOTAL, All Trades .....	647,797	718,632	+ 10.9	4,414,766	4,870,573	+ 10.3
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables .....	24,198	25,483	+ 5.3	144,629	145,557	+ 0.6
Groceries and Food Specialties .....	113,898	126,868	+ 11.4	730,126	798,313	+ 9.3
Meat and Dairy Products .....	16,596	14,677	- 11.6	88,501	85,760	- 3.1
Clothing and Furnishings .....	5,005	4,635	- 7.4	40,687	44,119	+ 8.4
Footwear .....	1,855	1,879	+ 1.3	14,403	15,387	+ 6.8
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	15,066	14,165	- 6.0	108,588	110,357	+ 1.6
Coal and Coke .....	8,662	8,606	- 0.6	71,542	70,010	- 2.1
Drugs and Drug Sundries .....	15,479	16,137	+ 4.3	109,839	120,692	+ 9.9
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products ...	21,286	22,269	+ 4.6	146,611	149,210	+ 1.8
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	49,616	54,025	+ 8.9	323,425	344,817	+ 6.6
Automotive Parts and Accessories .....	32,139	33,785	+ 5.1	201,938	227,011	+ 12.4
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies .....	8,958	10,450	+ 16.7	58,894	68,167	+ 15.7
Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber .....	76,286	83,751	+ 9.8	438,393	469,344	+ 7.1
Farm Machinery .....	9,817	13,262	+ 35.1	48,289	59,419	+ 23.0
Hardware .....	25,711	26,455	+ 2.9	159,860	167,449	+ 4.7
Household Electrical Appliances .....	11,029	12,340	+ 11.9	82,214	88,456	+ 7.6
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies .....	61,597	70,125	+ 13.8	389,835	439,766	+ 12.8
All Other Trades .....	150,599	179,720	+ 19.3	1,256,992	1,466,739	+ 16.7

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