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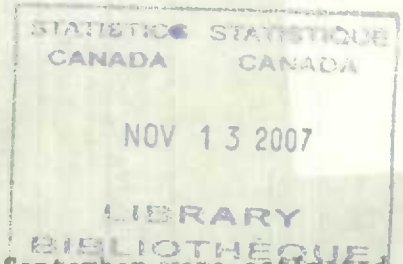
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WHOLESALE TRADE

September, 1959



Sales of Canadian wholesalers for the month of September were estimated at \$704,485,000, an increase of 8.9% from sales of \$647,122,000 reported for the same month in 1958. Total sales for the first nine months of the year, valued at \$6,199,323,000, were 9.9% above sales of \$5,642,184,000, for the corresponding period last year.

September sales were larger than a year earlier for 15 of the 17 specified trades, with increases ranging from 29.0% for farm machinery to 1.7% for construction materials and supplies, including lumber. Other trades recording substantial gains were: commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies (18.7%), household electrical appliances (18.3%), footwear (13.1%), clothing and furnishings (13.0%), fresh fruits and vegetables (12.0%), tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks (11.5%), automotive parts and accessories (11.3%). Decreases were: coal and coke (14.7%) and meat and dairy products (12.2%).

January-September sales were higher for all trades except coal and coke and meat and dairy products with declines of 6.1% and 5.4% respectively. Increases in the period were between 24.9% for farm machinery and 1.8% for fresh fruits and vegetables.

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	September			January - September		
	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	647,122.	704,485.	+ 8.9.	5,642,184.	6,199,323.	+ 9.9.
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	19,304.	21,628.	+12.0.	184,858.	188,247.	+ 1.8.
Groceries and Food Specialties	111,033.	119,524.	+ 7.6.	953,583.	1,040,653.	+ 9.1.
Meat and Dairy Products	15,561.	13,663.	-12.2.	120,240.	113,786.	- 5.4.
Clothing and Furnishings	8,868.	10,025.	+13.0.	56,914.	61,381.	+ 7.8.
Footwear	3,591.	4,059.	+13.1.	21,153.	22,747.	+ 7.5.
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories ...	21,437.	22,983.	+ 7.2.	148,356.	152,025.	+ 2.5.
Coal and Coke	13,736.	11,719.	-14.7.	95,112.	89,353.	- 6.1.
Drugs and Drug Sundries	19,762.	21,212.	+ 7.3.	145,535.	159,770.	+ 9.8.
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	22,833.	24,618.	+ 7.8.	189,544.	196,419.	+ 3.6.
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks ...	49,339.	55,003.	+11.5.	418,781.	449,863.	+ 7.4.
Automotive Parts and Accessories	31,553.	35,123.	+11.3.	266,101.	298,516.	+12.2.
Commercial, Institutional and Service						
Equipment and Supplies	7,408.	8,791.	+18.7.	74,646.	86,849.	+16.3.
Construction Materials and Supplies,						
including Lumber	74,822.	76,077.	+ 1.7.	581,827.	615,602.	+ 5.8.
Farm Machinery	4,909.	6,331.	+29.0.	57,921.	72,339.	+24.9.
Hardware	30,073.	31,369.	+ 4.3.	215,900.	225,247.	+ 4.3.
Household Electrical Appliances	15,499.	18,329.	+18.3.	107,558.	116,768.	+ 8.6.
Industrial and Transportation						
Equipment and Supplies	57,228.	59,288.	+ 3.6.	498,762.	554,728.	+11.2.
All Other Trades	140,166.	164,743.	+17.5.	1,505,393.	1,755,030.	+16.6.