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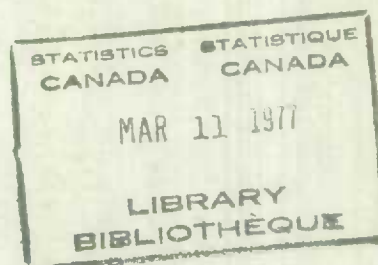
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WHOLESALE TRADE

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Sales of Canadian wholesalers for February are estimated at \$767,793,000, an increase of 6.4% compared with the same month for 1962. Sales are those of "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.

Twelve trades indicated an increased volume of business. Increases ranged from 12.6% in the case of Groceries and Food Specialties to 1.4% for Other Construction Materials and Supplies, including Lumber. Five trades showed a decreased volume of business for the month. Decreases ranged from 15.3% in the case of Meat and Dairy Products to 0.5% in the case of Farm Machinery. The Footwear trade remained unchanged. The residual group showed an increase of 8.2% when compared with the previous period.

For the two months of 1963, sales are estimated at \$1,520,085,000, an increase of 5.9% when compared with the same period for 1962. All except three trades showed an increased volume of business, increases ranging from 9.2% in the case of Farm Machinery to 0.3% in the case of Automotive Parts and Accessories. Three trades showed a decreased volume of business, decreases ranging from 6.2% in the case of Meat and Dairy Products to 3.0% in the case of Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks. The residual group indicated an increase of 10.6%.

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

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Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

	February			January - February		
	Sales		% Change 1963/1962	Sales		% Change 1963/1962
	1962	1963		1962	1963	
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	
Total, All Trades	721,904	767,793	+ 6.4	1,435,177	1,520,085	+ 5.9
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	20,455	22,069	+ 7.9	40,407	44,101	+ 9.1
Groceries and Food Specialties	144,424	162,553	+12.6	282,656	300,577	+ 6.3
Meat and Dairy Products	10,679	9,047	-15.3	21,581	20,240	- 6.2
Clothing and Furnishings	7,585	8,221	+ 8.4	14,945	14,354	- 4.0
Footwear	3,004	3,005	(1)	4,876	5,232	+ 7.3
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories	15,067	15,762	+ 4.6	29,667	31,383	+ 5.8
Coal and Coke	12,319	12,647	+ 2.7	24,861	26,351	+ 6.0
Drugs and Drug Sundries	19,364	20,272	+ 4.7	38,994	40,361	+ 3.5
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	21,841	22,357	+ 2.4	43,473	44,382	+ 2.1
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks	56,407	55,693	- 1.3	112,556	109,230	- 3.0
Automotive Parts and Accessories	29,876	28,951	- 3.1	55,379	55,543	+ 0.3
Commercial, Institutional and Service						
Equipment and Supplies	11,265	11,094	- 1.5	23,369	24,627	+ 5.4
Electrical Wiring Supplies, Construction						
Materials, Apparatus and Equipment	12,285	13,012	+ 5.9	25,533	27,261	+ 6.8
Other Construction Materials and Supplies,						
including Lumber	47,076	47,750	+ 1.4	100,740	101,501	+ 0.8
Farm Machinery	4,573	4,551	- 0.5	6,975	7,616	+ 9.2
Hardware	21,902	22,945	+ 4.8	44,942	48,049	+ 6.9
Household Electrical Appliances	15,949	17,078	+ 7.1	33,105	34,335	+ 3.7
Industrial and Transportation Equipment						
and Supplies	53,636	58,966	+ 9.9	90,165	97,151	+ 7.7
All Other Trades	214,197	231,820	+ 8.2	440,953	487,791	+10.6

(1) No change.



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