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WHOLESALE TRADE

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Sales of Canadian wholesalers for the month of December, estimated at \$989,174,000, were 12.4% greater than the \$880,054,000 reported for the same month in 1963. 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 specified trade groups reported increased sales. Increases ranged from 54.3% for Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies to 1.1% for Meat and Dairy Products. Footwear showed a decrease of 1.7%, and Coal and Coke of 2.8%. The All Other Trades group showed a decrease of 5.3%.

Sales for the year are estimated at \$11,130,725,000, an increase of 9.3% over the year 1963. All specified trades showed increases in business volume ranging from 22.4% for Electrical Wiring Supplies, Construction Materials, Apparatus and Equipment, to the negligible percentage increase in Coal and Coke represented by a \$42,000 increase in dollar volume. The All Other Trades group indicated an increase of 10.%.

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

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WHOLESALE TRADE

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Preliminary Estimates of Wholesale Sales and Percentage Changes

	December			January-December		
	Sales		% Change	Sales		% Change
	1963	1964	1964/1963	1963	1964	1964/1963
	\$1000	\$1000		\$1000	\$1000	Berling .
Total, All Trades Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Groceries and Food Specialties Meat and Dairy Products Clothing and Furnishings Footwear Other Textile and Clothing Accessories Coal and Coke Drugs and Drug Sundries Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks Automotive Parts and Accessories	880,054 28,485 178,307 17,467 7,999 3,352 18,559 15,011 21,391 26,861 78,553 36,437	989,174 33,406 205,284 17,664 8,187 3,295 21,677 14,586 24,138 28,640 88,086 37,840	+12.4 +17.3 +15.1 + 1.1 + 2.3 - 1.7 +16.8 - 2.8 +12.8 + 6.6 +12.1 + 3.8	10,180,500 323,015 1,987,001 172,554 105,044 41,680 212,726 149,882 258,245 325,001 800,240 457,031	11,130,725 349,920 2,110,932 187,836 111,295 43,277 232,421 149,924 279,512 353,061 828,516 462,262	+ 9.3 + 8.3 + 6.2 + 8.9 + 6.0 + 3.8 + 9.3 (1) + 8.2 + 8.6 + 3.5 + 1.1
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	12,335	12,053	- 2.3	140,916	148,310	+ 5.2
Electrical Wiring Supplies, Construction Materials, Apparatus and Equipment Other Construction Materials and Supplies,	17,118	21,316	+24.5	190,576	233,323	+22.4
including Lumber	59,207 7,543 31,474 27,973	80,036 9,592 34,149 34,956	+35.2 +27.2 + 8.5 +25.0	830,755 84,933 355,647 218,484	951,039 102,684 370,324 239,374	+14.5 +20.9 + 4.1 + 9.6
and Supplies	63,185	97,519 216,750	+54.3	827,964 2,698,806	982,745 2,993,970	+18.7

(1) No change.