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A redefinition of the "instalment" and "charge" terms used in the Retail Credit series was approved at the beginning of 1957 . Although budgeted charge acçounts and revolving credit had, in practice, been included in the "charge" category, these intermediate forms of credit lack the characteristics of the regular charge account and, in fact, closely resemble "instalment" credit (then defined as "credit granted under conditional-sale agreements providing for time-payments and containing a repossession clause"). Kegular charge accounts, for example, do not entail a specific finance charge (except on overdue accounts) and are not customarily paid off in a series of recular instalments. It was felt, therefore, that the trend of these deferred payment plans should be transferred to the "instalment" component of sales and receivables. As a result of this change, which affects Department Stores mainly and the Clothing trades, Jewellery Stores, and Furniture, Household Appliance and Radio Stores to a lesser extent, credit components for the revised second quarter of 1957 and the preliminary third quarter of 1957 are not comparable with the 1956 and earlier estimates. However, the comparability of total credit sales and total accounts receivable is not affected.

For Department Stores only, the "instalment" component is now shown sub-divided into "conditional-sale agreements" and "other deferred payment plans," resulting in a four-way breakdown for sales and a three-way breakdown for receivables.

This report contains final revisions to the sales' estimates for 1956 based on completed data covering establishment "births" and "deaths," and preliminary revisions for the first three quarters of 1957 necessitated by changes in the 1956 figures. (No adjustments are made for seasonal fluctuation, price changes and differences in number of shopping days.)

Retailers' sales and receivables both on consumer and commercial accounts are included in the estimates. The non-consumer content is fairly large in trades such as Lumber and Building Material Dealers, Farm Implement Dealers, Feed Stores and Farmers' Supply Stores, all of which are represented in the miscellaneous classification "hll Other Trades." Some of the specified trades also contain portions of non-consumer business. For example, builders' hardware is sold by Hardware Stores, commercial vehicles by Motor Vehicle Dealers, etc. In addition, many establishments classified as "retail" sell at wholesale to some extent.

Credit sales amounted to an estimated $\$ 1,312.5$ million in the third quarter of 1957, a decrease of 2.4 per cent from a year ago. This decline was reflected among the specified trades by Motor Vehicle Dealers ( -6.6 per cent), Hardware Stores ( -5.3 per cent) and Men's Clothing Stores ( -1.7 per cent) as well as by the omibus classifications All Other Trades ( -2.5 per cent). Cash sales, estimated residually from total sales, amounted to $\$ 2,365.6$ million compared with $\$ 2,296.8$ million in the corresponding period of last year.

The year-over-year drop in credit sales was not accompanied by a like change in total accounts receivable. Following a net increase of 1.7 per cent since June 30 , accounts receivable at September 30 were 3.7 per cent higher than those on the corresponding date a year ago.

Cuerall decreases compared with the second quarter of the year were recorded in both instalment sales ( -10.6 per cent) and charge sales ( -1.2 per cent). The decrease in charge sales was reflected in all the specified trades except Furniture, Appliance and kadio Stores (no change), and ranged from 2.5 per cent (Hardware Stores), to 27.2 per cent (Men's Clothing Stores). The decrease in instalment sales was reflected in most of the specified trades in a range between 3.0 per cent and 21.4 per cent; however, gains were registered by Fuel Dealers ( +50.0 per cent), Furniture, Appliance and Kadio Stores ( +8.0 per cent) and Department Stores ( +3.6 per cent), while Jewellery Stores showed no change.

The net increase in instalment and charge receivables between June 30 and September 30 amounted to 0.9 per cent and 2.4 per cent respectively.

Instalment Sales - credit sales made under conditional agreements. The cash down-payments, trade-in allowances and retailers' service charges are included in the value of sales' estimates. Effective the first quarter of 1957, sales made on other deferred payment plans, such as revolving credit and budgeted charge accounts, are also included.

Charge Account Sales - credit sales other than instalment sales. Effective the first quarter of 1957, deferred payment plans, such as revolving credit and bedgeted charge accounts, are excluded.

Cash SaIes

- cash and C.O.D. sales excluding cash receipts related to instalment and charge sales (e.g., payments on customers' accounts, cash down payments on credit sales and cash received from the sale of instalment paper).

Instalment Receivables exclude contingent liabilities on paper sold to finance companies and banks.

Percentage Changes
Total All Trades and Selected Trades

| Trade | $\begin{gathered} \text { Instalment } \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Charge Account } \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ | Total Credit Sales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{3 \text { rd }}{\text { 2nd }}$ gtr. 1957 | $\frac{3 \mathrm{rd} \text { atr. }{ }^{\text {2nd }} \mathrm{qtr} \cdot 1957}{}$ | $\frac{3 \mathrm{rd} \mathrm{gtr} \cdot 1957}{3 \mathrm{rd} \mathrm{gtr} \cdot 1956}$ |
| TOTAL, ALL TRADES | - 10.6 | - 1.2 | - 2.4 |
| Department Stores | + 3.6 | - 9.8 | + 5.3 |
| Motor Vehicle Dealers | - 17.0 | - 4.4 | - 6.6 |
| Men's Clothing Stores | - 21.4 | - 27.2 | - 1.7 |
| Family Clothing Stores ........ | - 15.4 | - 13.5 | + 1.5 |
| Women's Clothing Stores | - 15.8 | - 6.3 | + 15.4 |
| Hardware Stores . ...... | - 3.0 | - 2.5 | - 5.3 |
| Furniture, Appliance and Radio Stores ........ | + 8.0 | 0.0 | $+10$ |
| Jewellery Stores ............... | 0.0 | - 10.6 | + 10 |
| Grocery and Combination (Independent) Stores. | - | - 6.2 | - 1.1 |
| Fuel Dealers ................... | + 50.0 | - 4.0 | + 6.3 |

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Percentage Changes
Total All Trades and Selected Trades

| Trade | Ins talment Receivables | Charge Account Receivables | Total <br> Receivables |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{3 \text { rd atr. } 1957}{\text { 2nd qtr. } 1957}$ | $\frac{3 \mathrm{rd} \text { atr. } 1957}{\text { 2nd gtr. } 1957}$ | $\frac{3 \mathrm{rd} \text { gtr. } 1957}{3 \mathrm{rd} \text { qtr. } 1956}$ |
| total, all tradies ........ | + 0.9 | + 2.4 | + 3.7 |
| Department Stores | + 1.0 | - 1.7 | + 5.9 |
| Motor Vehicle Dealers | - 5.5 | - 2.9 | + 5.8 |
| Men's Clothing Stores | - 6.2 | - 10.8 | - 3.2 |
| Family Clothing Stores | - 4.5 | + 6.6 | + 1.1 |
| Women's Clothing Stores | 0.0 | + 8.0 | + 1.8 |
| Hardware Stores ....... | + 1.9 | + 0.8 | + 4.8 |
| Furniture, Appliance and Radio Stores. | + 2.6 | + 5.0 | + 7.5 |
| Jewellery Stores ............... | - 4.1 | - 3.8 | + 1.8 |
| Grocery and Combination <br> (Independent) Stores. | - | + 1.2 | + 4.9 |
| Fuel Dealers ................... | + 9.1 | - 2.5 | - 6.9 |


| Period | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalinent | Charge | Tota] |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 1,908.0 | 361.4 | 699.4 | 2,968.8 | 365.3 | 490.4 | 855.7 |
| Apr.-June ... | 2,361.8 | 554.9 | 852.6 | 3,769.3 | 372.6 | 535.9 | 908.5 |
| July-Sept. .. | 2,296.8 | 491.9 | 853.1 | 3,641.8 | 383.4 | 556.8 | 940.2 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 2,580.8 | 446.8 | 890.0 | 3,917.6 | 414.9 | 566.6 | 981.5 |
| TOTAL | 9,147.4 | 1,855.0 | 3,295.1 | 14,297.5 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1957-Jan.-Har. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \end{array}$ | 2,070.0 | 407.0 | 734.4 | 3,211.4 | 426.8 | 484.0 | 910.8 |
|  | 2,459.7 | 525.8 | 852.5 | 3,838.0 | 437.0 | 521.2 | 958.2 |
|  | 2,365.6 | 470.3 | 842.2 | 3,678.1 | 440.9 | 533.9 | 974.8 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1956-Jan.-Mar. } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \\ \text { Oct.-Dec. } \end{array}$AVERAGE | 64.4 | 12.7 | 22.9 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 100.0 |
|  | 62.7 | 14.7 | 22.6 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 59.0 | 100.0 |
|  | 63.1 | 13.5 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 59.2 | 100.0 |
|  | 65.9 | 11.4 | 22.7 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 57.7 | 100.0 |
|  | 64.0 | 13.1 | 22.9 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \end{array}$ | 64.5 | 12.5 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 46.2 | 53.8 | 100.0 |
|  | 64.1 | 13.7 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 45.6 | 54.4 | 100.0 |
|  | 64.3 | 12.8 | 22.9 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 54.8 | 100.0 |

Table 2. - Department Stores Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Period | 5 a 1 e s |  |  |  |  | Accounts receivable (at end of period) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment |  | Charge | Total | Instalment |  | Charge | Total |
|  |  | C.S.A.LI | Other 2 |  |  | C.S.A.LI | Other $\frac{12}{}$ |  |  |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in mfllions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1957- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan.-Mar. | 158.0 | 39.5 | 12.3 | 39.5 | 249.3 | 149.3 | 27.0 | 38.2 | 214.5 |
| Apr.-June ... | 195.4 | 50.5 | 13.9 | 51.2 | 311.0 | 150.3 | 28.5 | 41.9 | 220.7 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 180.4 | 55.1 | 11.6 | 46.2 | 293.3 | 153.2 | 27.4 | 41.2 | 221.8 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1957- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. Mar. | 63.4 | 15.8 | 5.0 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 69.6 | 12.6 | 17.8 | 100.0 |
| Apr. -June ... | 62.8 | 16.2 | 4.5 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 68.1 | 12.9 | 19.0 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 61.5 | 18.8 | 4.0 | 15.7 | 100.0 | 69.1 | 12.3 | 18.6 | 100.0 |

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$\angle$ Conditional-sale agreements
$\angle 2$ Other deferred payment plans

Table 3. - Motor Vehicle Dealers
Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Period | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Keceivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instulment | Charge. | Total |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan. Mar. | 164.1 | 207.4 | 133.9 | 505.4 | 19.9 | 67.7 | 87.6 |
| Apr.-June ... | 288.1 | 366.8 | 180.6 | 835.5 | 24.1 | 82.4 | 106.5 |
| July-Sept. .. | 203.9 | 305.4 | 159.0 | 668.3 | 24.0 | 79.9 | 103.9 |
| Oct.-Dec. . | 162.7 | 231.9 | 137.8 | 532.4 | 22.2 | 74.5 | 96.7 |
| TOTAL | 818.8 | 1,111.5 | 611.3 | 2,541.6 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan. - Mar. | 207.5 | 250.7 | 147.3 | 605.5 | 24.5 | 80.5 | 105.0 |
| Apr. June ... | 276.4 | 340.9 | 157.9 | 775.2 | 27.2 | 86.7 | 113.9 |
| July-Sept.(p) | 166.4 | 282.9 | 150.9 | 600.2 | 25.7 | 84.2 | 109.9 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan. Mar. | 32.5 | 41.0 | 26.5 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 77.3 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 34.5 | 43.9 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 77.4 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 30.5 | 45.7 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 23.1 | 76.9 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec.... | 30.5 | 43.6 | 25.9 | 100.0 | 23.0 | 77.0 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan. Mar. ... | 34.3 | 41.4 | 24.3 | 100.0 |  | 76.6 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 35.6 | 44.0 | 20.4 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 76.1 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 27.7 | 47.2 | 25.1 | 100.0 | 23.4 | 76.6 | 100.0 |

Table 4. - Men's Clothing Stores Sales and Accounts Receivable

| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1956-Jan.-Mar. } . . . \\ \text { Apr. -June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \\ \text { Oct.-Dec. } \end{array}$ | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 33.7 | 1.5 | 11.9 | 47.1 | 1.8 | 11.3 | 13.1 |
|  | 39.9 | 1.6 | 13.2 | 54.7 | 1.7 | 11.6 | 13.3 |
|  | 37.6 | 1.4 | 10.1 | 49.1 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 12.5 |
|  | 61.6 | 1.8 | 15.7 | 79.1 | 1.9 | 14.2 | 16.1 |
| TOTAL | 172.8 | 6.3 | 50.9 | 230.0 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan. Mar. ... | 36.2 | 2.1 | 10.3 | 48.6 | 3.0 | 9.8 | 12.8 |
| Apr.-June ... | 41.2 | 2.8 | 12.5 | 56.5 | 3.2 | 10.2 | 13.4 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 36.7 | 2.2 | 9.1 | 48.0 | 3.0 | 9.1 | 12.1 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Kar. ... | 71.5 | 3.3 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 86.3 | 100.0 |
| Apr. -June ... | 72.9 | 3.0 | 24.1 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 87.2 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 76.8 | 2.8 | 20.4 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 87.8 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec.... | 77.8 | 2.3 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 88.1 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... | 74.5 | 4.2 | 21.3 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 76.3 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 72.9 | 5.0 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 76.4 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 76.3 | 4.6 | 19.1 | 100.0 | 24.8 | 75.2 | 100.0 |

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Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Period | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Heceivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instulment | Charge | Total |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Kar. | 27.4 | 2.8 | 8.7 | 38.9 | 5.1 | 11.9 | 17.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 37.0 | 4.1 | 11.1 | 52.2 | 6.3 | 11.9 | 18.2 |
| July-Sept. .. | 35.9 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 48.9 | 6.1 | 11.8 | 17.9 |
| Oct.-Dec.... | 50.3 | 7.0 | 17.3 | 74.6 | 7.0 | 14.7 | 21.7 |
| TOTAL .... | 150.6 | 17.6 | 46.4 | 214.6 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 26.9 | 4.7 | 7.2 | 38.8 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 17.8 |
| Apr.-June | 38.5 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 53.9 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 17.9 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 35.4 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 48.6 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 18.1 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 70.3 | 7.2 | 22.5 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 70.9 | 7.9 | 21.2 | 100.0 | 34.6 | 65.4 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept... | 73.2 | 7.6 | 19.2 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 66.1 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec. | 67.3 | 9.4 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 32.2 | 67.8 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar.... | 69.4 | 11.9 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 51.1 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 71.4 | 12.1 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 51.0 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 72.8 | 11.4 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 46.6 | 53.4 | 100.0 |

Table 6. - Women's Clothing Stores
Sales and Accounts Receivable

| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1956-Jan.-Mar. } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \\ \text { Oct.-Dec. } \end{array}$ | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 36.2 | 0.7 | 12.1 | 49.0 | 1.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 |
|  | 48.5 | 0.9 | 13.9 | 63.3 | 0.9 | 9.6 | 10.5 |
|  | 43.4 | 0.8 | 12.2 | 56.4 | 0.9 | 10.1 | 11.0 |
|  | 60.5 | 1.0 | 17.1 | 78.6 | 1.0 | 11.8 | 12.8 |
| total | 188.6 | 3.4 | 55.3 | 247.3 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 36.7 | 1.6 | 11.9 | 50.2 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| Apr.-June | 50.6 | 1.9 | 14.3 | 66.8 | 1.7 | 8.8 | 10.5 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 43.3 | 1.6 | 13.4 | 58.3 | 1.7 | 9.5 | 11.2 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 73.8 | 1.4 | 24.8 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 91.1 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 76.5 | 1.5 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 91.3 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 77.0 | 1.4 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 91.9 | 100.6 |
| Oct.-Dec.... | 76.9 | 1.3 | 21.8 | 10 c .0 | 8.2 | 91.8 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 73.0 | 3.2 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 84.8 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June | 75.7 | 2.9 | 21.4 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 84.0 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 74.2 | 2.8 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 85.0 | 100.0 |

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Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Periox | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalnient | Charge | Total |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 28.6 | 1.9 | 18.4 | 48.9 | 3.3 | 20.4 | 23.7 |
| Apr.-June ... | 46.5 | 2.8 | 26.7 | 76.0 | 3.6 | 23.9 | 27.5 |
| July-Sept. .. | 48.0 | 3.0 | 28.8 | 79.8 | 3.8 | 25.1 | 28.9 |
| Cct.-Dec.... | 56.4 | 2.4 | 27.2 | 86.0 | 4.0 | 24.0 | 28.0 |
| TOTAL ... | 179.5 | 10.1 | 101.1 | 290.7 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 30.4 | 2.5 | 17.6 | 50.5 | 5.2 | 21.3 | 26.5 |
| Apr. -June | 46.9 | 3.3 | 27.6 | 77.8 | 5.4 | 24.6 | 30.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 50.4 | 3.2 | 26.9 | 80.5 | 5.5 | 24.8 | 30.3 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 58.6 | 3.9 | 37.5 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 86.0 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 61.3 | 3.6 | 35.1 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 86.8 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 60.2 | 3.7 | 36.1 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 86.7 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 65.5 | 2.9 | 31.6 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 85.6 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 60.3 | 4.8 | 34.9 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 85.2 | 100.0 |
| Apr.June | 60.3 | 4.2 | 35.5 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 82.1 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 62.6 | 4.0 | 33.4 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 81.8 | 100.0 |

Table 8. - Fumiture, Appliance and Radio Stores Sales and Accounts Receivable

| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1956-Jan.-Mar. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \\ \text { Oct.-Dec. } \end{array}$ | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 38.8 | 60.7 | 24.8 | 124.3 | 144.6 | 22.0 | 166.6 |
|  | 43.4 | 72.5 | 26.7 | 142.6 | 145.1 | 22.9 | 168.0 |
|  | 44.4 | 72.7 | 29.3 | 146.4 | 152.4 | 24.2 | 176.6 |
|  | 55.2 | 81.7 | 34.0 | 170.9 | 162.9 | 26.4 | 189.3 |
| TOTAL . | 181.8 | 287.6 | 114.8 | 584.2 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. }(\mathrm{p}) \end{array}$ | 41.9 | 58.9 | 26.0 | 126.8 | 156.4 | 22.8 | 179.2 |
|  | 42.6 | 68.9 | 28.6 | 140.1 | 160.2 | 24.2 | 184.4 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 37.7 | 74.4 | 28.6 | 140.7 | 164.4 | 25.4 | 189.8 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. ... | 31.2 | 48.9 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 86.8 | 13.2 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 30.5 | 50.8 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 13.6 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 30.4 | 49.6 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 86.3 | 13.7 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 32.3 | 47.8 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 86.0 | 14.0 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. | 33.0 | 46.5 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 12.8 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 30.4 | 49.2 | 20.4 | 100.0 | 86.9 | 13.1 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 26.8 | 52.9 | 20.3 | 100.0 | 86.6 | 13.4 | 100.0 |

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Table 9. - Jewellery Stores
Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Perlod | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalment | Charge | Tota] |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. ... | 13.7 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 22.4 | 11.3 | 5.5 |  |
| Apr.-June ... | 16.5 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 28.0 | 11.0 | 5.6 | 16.6 |
| July-Sept. .. | 17.3 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 27.8 | 11.1 | 5.4 | 16.5 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 31.2 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 52.3 | 15.0 | 8.8 | 23.8 |
| TOTAL | 78.7 | 27.8 | 24.0 | 130.5 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan. - ${ }^{\text {asar. }}$ | 13.7 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 22.4 | 12.8 | 5.6 | 18.4 |
| Apr.-June | 16.5 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 27.6 | 12.3 | 5.2 | 17.5 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 16.9 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 27.5 | 11.8 | 5.0 | 16.8 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1950-Jan. Har. ... | 60.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr.-June ... | 59.0 | 21.0 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 66.4 | 33.6 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 62.3 | 21.4 | 16.3 | 100.0 | 67.2 63.0 | 32.8 37.0 | 100.0 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 59.6 | 21.7 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 63.0 | 37.0 |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar.... | 61.2 | 21.3 | 17.5 | 100.0 | 69.8 | 30.2 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 59.8 | 23.3 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 70.2 | 29.8 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept.(p) | 61.4 | 23.2 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 70.5 | 29.5 |  |

Table 10. - Grocery and Combination Stores (Independent)
Sales and Accounts Receivable
(in millions of dollars)

| Period | Sales |  |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (Charge) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash |  | Charge |  | Total |  |
|  | Amount | $\%$ | Amount | \% | Amount |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1956-Jan. Mar. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. } \\ \text { Oct.-Dec. } \\ \text { TOTAL .... } \end{array}$ | 272.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 77.0 \\ & 77.1 \\ & 76.3 \\ & 76.8 \end{aligned}$ | 81.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 23.0 \\ & 22.9 \\ & 23.7 \\ & 23.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 353.5 \\ & 383.7 \\ & 392.8 \\ & 412.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33.1 \\ & 32.6 \\ & 32.9 \\ & 35.5 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 296.0 |  | 87.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 299.6 |  | 93.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 316.6 |  | 95.9 |  |  |  |
|  | 1,184.5 |  | 358.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 23.3 \\ & 24.1 \\ & 21.9 \end{aligned}$ | 1,542.5 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \\ \text { July-Sept. }(\underset{p}{ }) \end{array}$ | 291.4 | $\begin{aligned} & 76.7 \\ & 75.9 \\ & 78.1 \end{aligned}$ | 88.5 |  | 379.9 | 32.5 |
|  | 309.3 |  | 98.3 |  | 407.6 | 34.1 |
|  | 328.2 |  | 92.2 |  | 420.4 | 34.5 |

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Table 11. - Fuel Dealers
Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Period | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalnient | Charge | Total |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. | 27.1 | 0.6 | 85.1 | 112.8 | 1.9 | 41.1 | 43.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 11.3 | 0.8 | 43.5 | 55.6 | 2.1 | 27.8 | 29.9 |
| July-Sept. .. | 12.2 | 1.4 | 38.2 | 51.8 | 2.3 | 28.0 | 30.3 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 20.3 | 1.3 | 70.3 | 91.9 | 2.4 | 40.2 | 42.6 |
| TOTAL .... | 70.9 | 4.1 | 237.1 | 312.1 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... | 27.0 | 1.7 | 95.4 | 124.1 | 2.6 | 41.9 | 44.5 |
| Apr.-June ... | 11.9 | 0.6 | 42.9 | 55.4 | 1.1 | 27.7 | 28.8 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 7.6 | 0.9 | 41.2 | 49.7 | 1.2 | 27.0 | 28.2 |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. ... | 24.0 | 0.6 | 75.4 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 95.5 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 20.3 | 1.4 | 78.3 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 93.0 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. .. | 23.5 | 2.7 | 73.8 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 92.3 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec.... | 22.2 | 1.3 | 76.5 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 94.4 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan,-Kar. ... | 21.8 | 1.3 | 76.9 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 94.1 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June ... | 21.5 | 1.1 | 77.4 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 96.2 | $100.0$ |
| July-Sept. (p) | 15.3 | 1.9 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 95.6 | 100.0 |

Table 12. - General Stores
Sales and Accounts Receivable
(in millions of dollars)

| Period | Sales |  |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash |  | Credit |  | Total |  |
|  | Amount | \% | Amount | \% | Amount |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. ... | 73.7 | 67.1 | 36.2 | 32.9 | 109.9 | 25.6 |
| Apr --June ... | 96.2 | 67.5 | 46.2 | 32.5 | 142.4 | 27.5 |
| July-Sept. .. | 103.3 | 67.8 | 48.9 | 32.2 | 152.2 | 27.4 |
| Oct.-Dec. ... | 111.9 | 68.4 | 51.9 | 31.6 | 163.8 | 26.8 |
| TOTAL .... | 385.1 |  | 183.2 |  | 568.3 |  |
| 1957-Jan.-Mar. ... |  |  |  |  | 115.0 | 25.9 |
| Apr.-June ... | 102.0 | 68.7 | 46.3 | 31.3 | 148.3 | 27.3 |
| July-Sept. (p) |  | 69.6 | 46.7 | 30.4 | 153.8 | 28.2 |

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Sales and Accounts Receivable
(in millions of dollars)

| Period | Sales |  |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash |  | Credit |  | Total |  |
|  | Amount | \% | Amount | \% | Amount |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1956-Jan.-Mar. . . } \\ & \text { Apr.-June } \\ & \text { July-Sept. } \\ & \text { Oct.-Dec. .. } \end{aligned}$ | 121.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 68.4 \\ & 71.5 \\ & 70.8 \\ & 69.7 \end{aligned}$ | 56.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 31.6 \\ & 28.5 \\ & 29.2 \\ & 30.3 \end{aligned}$ | 177.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 25.7 \\ & 28.2 \\ & 30.2 \\ & 28.9 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 152.2 |  | 60.6 |  | 212.8 |  |
|  | 156.4 |  | 64.6 |  | 221.0 |  |
|  | 146.4 |  | 63.6 |  | 210.0 |  |
| TOTAL ... | 576.6 |  | 245.0 | 31.2 | 821.6 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 1957-Jan.-Mar. .. } \\ \text { Apr.-June } \quad \ddot{\text { a }} \text {. } \end{array}$ | 134.0 | 68.8 | 60.7 |  | 194.7 | 27.9 |
|  | 155.7 | 68.6 | 71.3 | 31.4 | 227.0 | 29.4 |
|  | 158.7 | 68.9 | 71.6 | 31.1 | 230.3 | 29.5 |

Table 14. - All Other Trades
Sales and Accounts Receivable

| Perlod | Sales |  |  |  | Accounts Receivable (at end of period) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalment | Charge | Total |
|  | Dollar Estimates (in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar... | 916.7 | 37.0 | 182.2 | 1,135.9 | 36.8 | 155.7 | 192.5 |
| Apr.-June .. | 1,104.6 | 41.9 | 278.8 | 1,425.3 | 35.5 | 188.2 | 223.7 |
| July-Sept. | 1,131.7 | 38.0 | 300.6 | 1,470.3 | 37.0 | 205.6 | 242.6 |
| Oct.-Dec. .. | 1,246.9 | 30.9 | 261.9 | 1,539.7 | 36.9 | 178.0 | 214.9 |
| TOTAL | 4,399.9 | 147.8 | 1,023.5 | 5,571.2 |  |  |  |
| 1957-Jan. Mar. | 985.5 | 22.4 | 197.5 | 1,205.4 | 35.8 | 159.6 | 195.4 |
| Apr.-June .. | 1,172.7 | 29.3 | 288.8 | 1,490.8 | 38.0 | 192.1 | 230.1 |
| July-Sept.(p) | 1,196.8 | 25.8 | 304.2 | 1,526.8 | 38.3 |  |  |
|  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956-Jan.-Mar. |  | 3.3 | 16.0 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 80.9 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June .. | 77.5 | 2.9 | 19.6 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 84.1 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. | 77.0 | 2.6 | 20.4 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 84.7 | 100.0 |
| Oct.-Dec... | 81.0 | 2.0 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 82.8 | 100.0 |
| 1957-Jan. Har... | 81.9 | 2.0 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 81.7 | 100.0 |
| Apr.-June .. | 78.6 | 2.0 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 83.5 | 100.0 |
| July-Sept. (p) | 78.4 | 1.7 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 84.3 | 100.0 |

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| Specified Trade | Kind of Business by Census Classificatio |
| :---: | :---: |
| Department Stores .............. | 1. Department stores |
|  | 2. Mail-order offices of department stores |
| Motor Vehicle Dealers .......... | 1. Automobile dealers |
|  | 2. Automobile dealers with wholesale car departments |
|  | 3. Automobile dealers with farm implements |
| Men's Clothing Stores .......... | 1. Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings stores |
|  | 2. Men's and boys' furnishings stores |
|  | 3. Men's and boys' hat stores |
|  | 4. Custom tailors |
| Family Clothing Stores ......... | 1. Family clothing and furnishings stores |
| Women's Clothing Stores ........ | 1. Women's ready-to-wear stores |
|  | 2. Lingerie and hosiery stores |
|  | 3. Accessories and other apparel stores |
| Jewellery Stores ............... | 1. Jewellery stores |
| Grocery and Combination Stores. | 1. Grocery stores without fresh meat |
|  | 2. Grocery stores without fresh meat, with beer |
|  | 3. Combination stores (grocery stores with fresh meat) |
|  | 4. Combination stores, with beer |
| Hardware Stores ................. | 1. Hardware stores |
|  | 2. Hardware and farm implement stores |
| Furniture, Appliance and iladio |  |
|  |  |
| Stores ......................... | 2. Furniture and undertaker stores |
|  | 3. Household appliance stores |
|  | 4. Radio stores |
|  | 5. Furniture, radio and appliance stores <br> 6. Kadio, piano and music stores |
| Fuel Dealers .................... | 1. Fuel dealers (other than oil) |
|  | 2. Fuel oil dealers |
| General Stores .................. | 1. General Stores (more than one-third food) |
| Garages and Fillir ${ }_{\text {E }}^{\text {S }}$ Stations ... | 1. Garages |
|  | 2. Filling stations |



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