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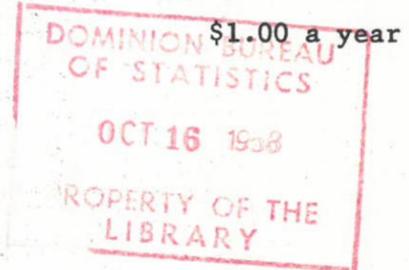
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WHOLESALE TRADE

August, 1958

Estimates of sales of Canadian wholesalers in August were valued at \$612,812,000, a decrease of 6.1 per cent from the 1956 August total of \$652,628,000. January to August sales were down 1.4 per cent to \$5,161,526,000 from the 1956 total of \$5,234,760,000. 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.

In August, sales decreased in ten of the seventeen specified trades covered in this report and the decreases ranged from 3.2 per cent in the case of footwear wholesalers to 33.7 per cent in the case of coal and coke wholesalers. Increases ranged from 2.4 per cent in the case of tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks wholesalers to 20.9 per cent in the case of meat and dairy products wholesalers. The "all other" category showed a decrease of 20.3 per cent.

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	August			January - August		
	Sales		% Change 1958/1957	Sales		% Change 1958/1957
	1957	1958		1957	1958	
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	
TOTAL, ALL TRADES	652,628	612,812	- 6.1	5,234,760	5,161,526	- 1.4
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	20,704	21,249	+ 2.6	158,156	168,103	+ 6.3
Groceries and Food Specialties	120,200	126,973	+ 5.6	884,197	941,669	+ 6.5
Meat and Dairy Products	15,792	19,096	+ 20.9	107,045	123,053	+ 15.0
Clothing and Furnishings	8,275	7,865	- 5.0	54,096	51,346	- 5.1
Footwear	3,659	3,544	- 3.2	18,913	19,682	+ 4.1
Other Textile and Clothing Accessories ...	20,144	18,871	- 6.3	128,795	130,853	+ 1.6
Coal and Coke	18,419	12,211	- 33.7	125,145	98,708	- 21.1
Drugs and Drug Sundries	14,975	16,052	+ 7.2	117,206	126,737	+ 8.1
Newsprint, Paper and Paper Products	23,732	22,270	- 6.2	195,566	187,726	- 4.0
Tobacco, Confectionery and Soft Drinks ...	50,109	51,332	+ 2.4	395,827	409,947	+ 3.6
Automotive Parts and Accessories	38,231	39,263	+ 2.7	263,577	274,655	+ 4.2
Commercial, Institutional and Service Equipment and Supplies	10,045	8,919	- 11.2	76,390	71,939	- 5.8
Construction Materials and Supplies, in- cluding Lumber	60,584	63,064	+ 4.1	447,568	465,886	+ 4.1
Farm Machinery	5,561	4,753	- 14.5	46,899	52,476	+ 11.9
Hardware	29,066	26,271	- 9.6	199,812	188,061	- 5.9
Household Electrical Appliances	12,740	10,222	- 19.8	99,532	95,737	- 3.8
Industrial and Transportation Equipment and Supplies	64,680	52,751	- 18.4	537,446	455,778	- 15.2
All Other Trades	135,712	108,106	- 20.3	1,378,590	1,299,170	- 5.8