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 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
 OF CHICAGO

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS IN FEBRUARY
 (Based on retail value figures)

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At the end of February, department store stocks were six per cent higher than a year ago but were little changed from the end of January on a seasonally adjusted basis. The adjusted index for February is 122, compared with 115 for January and 115 for February 1952.

Federal Reserve district	Indexes (1947-49 = 100)						Percentage change from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1953		1952	1953		1952		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	p114	113	112	p108	103	107	+ 5	+ 1
New York	110	114	r106	107	101	r103	+ 6	+ 4
Philadelphia	115	116	113	112	101	111	+12	+ 1
Cleveland	p113	114	110	p112	104	109	+ 8	+ 2
Richmond	136	144	r125	133	127	r122	+ 5	+ 9
Atlanta	p140	140	129	p139	126	128	+10	+ 9
Chicago	118	117	113	115	109	111	+ 6	+ 4
St. Louis	125	130	112	122	113	109	+ 8	+12
Minneapolis	p114	111	102	p111	105	99	+ 6	+11
Kansas City	p129	127	122	p128	118	121	+ 8	+ 6
Dallas	p133	135	122	p131	122	r121	+ 8	+ 9
San Francisco	131	132	123	125	119	117	+ 5	+ 7
United States	p122	123	r115	p119	111	r112	+ 7	+ 6

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes and percentage changes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description and monthly indexes for the period January 1919 to October 1951 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1951, pp. 1463-1515. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin.