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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

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

May 1, 1953.

Department store stocks rose slightly less than seasonally from the end of February to the end of March but were 6 per cent above a year ago. The adjusted index for March is 121 compared with 122 for February and 114 for March 1952.

Federal Reserve district	Indexes (1947-49 = 100)						Percentage change from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1953		1952	1953		1952		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	p114	114	109	p118	108	112	+ 9	+ 5
New York	110	110	108	115	107	r112	+ 7	+ 2
Philadelphia	113	115	r112	120	112	119	+ 7	+ 1
Cleveland	113	114	110	119	113	116	+ 6	+ 3
Richmond	134	r135	r125	143	r131	r134	+ 9	+ 7
Atlanta	p138	141	126	p145	139	132	+ 4	+10
Chicago	117	118	113	122	115	118	+ 5	+ 3
St. Louis	128	125	111	135	122	118	+11	+15
Minneapolis	p112	112	103	p117	109	107	+ 7	+ 9
Kansas City	p127	128	120	p134	127	126	+ 5	+ 6
Dallas	p134	133	124	p142	132	131	+ 8	+ 8
San Francisco	131	131	119	134	125	122	+ 7	+10
United States	p121	122	r114	p127	119	120	+ 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.