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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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OF CHICAGO

MARCH 1956

Seasonally adjusted department store stocks in March declined from the level of the preceding month. The adjusted index is estimated at 135 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 138 for February. The value of stocks at the end of the month was 9 per cent greater than a year ago.

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BANK OF CHICAGO

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change March 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	127	128	119	129	120	122	+ 7	+ 6
New York	122	124	113	125	116	116	+ 7	+ 8
Philadelphia	131	131	118	135	r126	122	+ 7	+10
Cleveland	122	124	113	126	119	117	+ 6	+ 8
Richmond	159	162	144	164	150	149	+ 9	+11
Atlanta	p162	164	150	p169	162	156	+ 4	+ 8
Chicago	128	131	r120	130	124	r122	+ 5	+ 7
St. Louis	132	137	117	140	130	124	+ 8	+13
Minneapolis	130	132	116	134	127	119	+ 5	+12
Kansas City	p148	148	r133	p153	143	r137	+ 6	+12
Dallas	p156	158	r142	p163	153	r147	+ 6	+10
San Francisco	p142	146	r130	p142	136	r130	+ 5	+ 9
United States	p135	138	124	p139	131	127	+ 6	+ 9

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes 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. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.