

General Merchandise Stores in Canada

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High interest rates and inflation causing change in shopping habits that boosts variety store sales

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