

sale and retail trading. This list was subsequently checked over with local directories, gazetteers and other sources of information, and made the basis of a special questionnaire addressed by post to each concern in 1924. Among the matters enquired into were the capitalization of joint stock companies, the actual capital invested in operating the business, the purchases and sales, the expenses for various items, and the number of employees of each sex.

Investigations such as the census of trading establishments depend for their completeness upon the co-operation of an enormous number of people. In a pioneer investigation that co-operation is naturally much more difficult to secure, either because those who are asked to assist are somewhat suspicious of a new departure or because they are unaccustomed to the particular form of the questionnaire or are generally inexperienced in the keeping of accounts. For various reasons, many of those invited to send in schedules did not do so, though most of those in this category were carrying on operations only on a very small scale. While the 66,814 firms which answered the questionnaire represent probably two-thirds of the total number of such establishments in 1924, it is thought that their capital, purchases and sales, etc., were far more than two-thirds of the totals for the Dominion.

Again, the census did not include what are known as "service establishments", such as tailors, restaurants, photographers, dyers, etc., numbering in the aggregate at least 25,000 and representing a considerable capital investment.

Summarized results of the census of trading establishments are presented in the following tables. Those who desire more detailed information are invited to apply to the Dominion Statistician for the "Census of Trading Establishments, 1924".

Grand Total of Capital, Purchases and Sales.—The grand total amount of the capital invested in the 66,814 reporting stores was shown by their inventories to be \$1,580,123,723, including \$914,990,830 in 60,181 retail stores, \$476,559,544 in 3,782 wholesale stores and \$188,573,349 in 2,851 stores doing both a wholesale and retail business. The total purchases of merchandise were \$2,321,078,297, including \$1,225,016,362 by retail stores, \$812,139,031 by wholesale stores and \$283,922,904 by wholesale-retail stores. The aggregate of sales was \$3,030,663,185, including \$1,642,103,468 by retail stores, \$1,021,920,931 by wholesale stores and \$366,638,786 by wholesale-retail stores. Details by provinces and classes of stores are given in Table 28.

28.—Census of Trading Establishments, 1924: Stores Reporting, Capital, Employees, Salaries and Wages, Sales and Purchases, by Provinces and Types of Business Transacted, 1924.

Province and kind of stores.	Stores reporting.	Capital.	Employees.		Salaries and wages.	Sales.	Purchases.
			Male.	Female.			
	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island—							
Wholesale.....	14	709,037	83	23	105,425	2,341,895	2,046,239
Retail.....	374	4,337,852	450	375	489,226	6,626,694	5,133,606
Wholesale and retail	12	1,472,730	159	74	216,036	2,280,040	1,794,476
Total.....	400	6,519,619	692	372	810,687	11,248,629	8,934,321
Nova Scotia—							
Wholesale.....	129	12,712,461	1,134	198	1,734,321	29,312,557	24,630,044
Retail.....	3,114	36,049,609	3,243	2,375	4,375,588	59,912,740	45,901,321
Wholesale and retail	181	9,780,695	943	237	1,313,521	17,808,494	14,735,320
Total.....	3,424	58,542,766	5,320	2,810	7,423,430	107,033,791	85,266,686