

Retail Trading Establishments.—The total number of retail trading stores reporting was 60,181, using a capital of \$914,990,830 or an average of \$15,204, making purchases to the amount of \$1,225,016,362 and selling goods to the amount of \$1,642,103,468. The difference between purchases and sales was therefore \$417,087,106, being the net takings in of 60,181 stores, except for changes which may have taken place in the values of inventories at the beginning and end of the year. Salaries and wages absorbed \$150,552,848, paid to 99,433 male and 56,554 female employees. The number of stores, capital, sales and purchases, salaries and wages, etc., for 41 leading kinds of retail stores are given in Table 29. The average sales of all retail stores come to \$27,286, as compared with average purchases of \$20,356.

While Montreal leads in the number of retail stores, reporting 6,460 to Toronto's 4,353, the capital invested in Montreal is only \$96,438,682, as compared with \$99,271,451 in Toronto. The sales of goods by Toronto retail stores totalled \$209,671,711, as compared with sales of \$193,326,994 by Montreal retail stores.

Wholesale Trading Establishments.—The 3,782 wholesale trading establishments reporting had a total capital of \$476,559,544 or an average of \$126,007 per establishment, purchased goods to the aggregate value of \$812,139,031 or \$214,738 per establishment, and made sales to the value of \$1,021,920,931, or \$270,206 per establishment. They paid a total of \$76,209,615 in wages and salaries to 45,650 male and 12,035 female employees. The number of stores reporting their capital, sales and purchases, salaries and wages, etc., are given by classes of commodities dealt in in Table 30.

Of these wholesale trading establishments, 967 with a capital of \$128,548,692 are located in Montreal, 552 with a capital of \$88,305,813 in Toronto, and 302 with a capital of \$53,876,793 in Winnipeg. Thus nearly one-half of the wholesale houses in Canada are situated in these three leading cities, these 1,821 houses possessing \$270,731,000 of capital or over 57 p.c. of the total.

Wholesale-Retail Trading Establishments.—The 2,851 trading establishments doing both a wholesale and a retail business had a total capital of \$188,573,349 or an average of \$66,143 per establishment. Their purchases amounted to \$283,922,904 and their sales to \$366,638,786. They paid \$34,278,095 in salaries and wages to 23,309 male and 4,879 female employees.

They were especially numerous in the city of Montreal, where 336 such stores were operating, with a capital of \$34,589,140.

Establishments doing both a wholesale and retail business were especially numerous in the selling of oils, gasoline, etc., in which 582 such stores were engaged. Details will be found in Table 31.