More than one-quarter of the total sales in 1930 were made by stores in the general merchandise group. The most important kinds of stores in this group were the department stores and the general stores with groceries. The sales of food stores, of which the most numerous and important are the grocery stores, formed 21·72 p.c. of the total, while those of the automotive group accounted for 13·61 p.c. While such proportions are indicative of the sales of commodities, they do not furnish an accurate guide to commodity sales. Few stores restrict their sales to one line of goods and some kinds of stores handle a wide variety of merchandise. Department and general stores, as is well known, deal in many commodities, but there are other stores which also carry many lines of goods. The figures that are given in Table 33 show the retail merchandise trade by group and kind of business.

23.—Retail Merchandise Trade in Canada, by Group and Kind of Business, 1939.
NOTE,—Figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

Stores				-	
Department stores and general stores doing over \$100,000 of business. 373 50,537 53,959,900 399,407,900 63, Dry goods stores 1,800 3,093 2,601,300 26,782,100 12, Other general stores with grocery departments. 12,146 16,281 12,905,700 228,986,800 78, Other general stores without grocery departments. 584 2,253 2,238,400 18,916,100 7, Variety, 5 and 10 cent and to-a-dollar stores. 428 7,959 4,280,800 39,672,500 5, Army and navy stores. 13,242 89,159 76,827,990 714,056,000 167, 17,242 17,242 18,243 18,244 18,244 18,245				Stores.	Group and Kind of Business.
Department stores and general stores doing over \$100,000 of business	; ; ;	*	No.	No.	
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Variety, 5 and 10 cent and to-a-dollar stores. 428 7,959 4,280,800 39,672,500 5, Army and navy stores. 11 27 41,800 230,600 5, Army and navy stores. 15,342 89,159 76,927,900 714,056,000 167,			· 1	•	Other general stores without grocery
CLOTHING AND APPAREL. Men's and boys' clothing stores 227 548 783, 400 8,576,100 1, Men's furnishing stores 564 824 903,900 8,820,300 3, Men's clothing and furnishing stores 1,380 49,640,400 16, Hat and cap stores (men's and boys') 58 109 170,200 1,443,500 Chitdren's specialty shops 47 92 77,100 513,000 Women's ready-to-wear stores 1,428 5,435 5,369,100 44,410,100 9, Clothing stores (men's, women's and chitdren's) 960 3,140 3,280,700 29,469,500 11, Millinery shops 1,334 1,585 1,042,400 6,791,900 Shoe stores (men's) 34 96 156,900 1,024,000 Shoe stores (men's) 32 146 228,000 1,024,000 Shoe stores (women's and chit dren's) 346 1,795 2,183,400 12,068,000 3, Castom tailors 1,678 3,395 3,391,300 14,588,100 2, Dressmakers and ladies' tailors 188 472 420,100 1,387,700	4,280,800 39,672,500 5,618,600	4,280,800	7,959	428	Variety, 5 and 10 cent and to-a-dollar stores
Men's and boys' clothing stores 227 548 783, 400 8,576, 100 1,	76,027,980 714,056,000 167,729,000	76,027,980	80,150	15,842	Totals
Knit goods stores	903, 900 8, 820, 300 16, 790, 500 170, 220 1, 443, 500 77, 100 513, 000 212, 300 3, 631, 100, 400, 100, 77, 100 513, 000 212, 300 212, 300 3, 260, 700 29, 469, 500 1, 170, 400 166, 900 1, 624, 000 228, 200 288, 000 1, 685, 700 290, 490, 000 3, 202, 200, 203, 391, 300 14, 558, 100 2, 824, 700 240, 100 161, 800 1, 377, 200 281, 100 161, 800 1, 315, 100 100, 200, 200, 441, 200 3, 396, 500 1, 015, 300 101, 358, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 201, 305, 200 2015, 300	903,900 4,819,809 170,220 77,190 5,369,100 3,260,700 1,042,409 155,900 228,000 2,183,400 3,391,300 401,180 151,800 151,800 141,200	824 3,608 109 92 5,435 3,140 1,585 146 3,456 1,795 3,395 1,58 1,795 1,79	564 1,380 58 47 1,428 960 1,334 34 32 1.578 1,678 1,678 198 73 88 238	Men's and boys' clothing stores. Men's furnishing stores. Men's clothing and furnishing stores. Men's clothing and furnishing stores. Men's clothing and furnishing stores. Hat and cap stores (men's and boys'). Chitdren's specialty shops. Women's ready-to-wear stores. Clothing stores (men's, women's and chitdren's). Millinery shops. Shoe stores (men's). Shoe stores (men's, women's and chitdren's). Purriers—fur shops. Custom tailors. Dresmakers and ladies' tailors. Hoslery shops. Knit goods stores. Corsets and lingerie shops.
		27,500,300	25,753	10,312	Totals