

sumers' co-operative societies outside the Union than within it, the great majority of these being in the western provinces. In 1926, the Manitoba Co-operative League was organized to link up the co-operative societies in that province, and a similar organization was formed in Alberta in 1923. In Saskatchewan a conference of representatives of co-operative societies has been held annually since 1923.

The following table shows the number of co-operative societies in the Dominion, provincially arranged by groups, together with their respective memberships:—

## 26.—Number and Membership of Co-operative Associations in Canada, by Provinces and Types, 1932.

NOTE.—The figures for the Co-operative Union of Canada, which has 37 affiliated societies and a total membership of 8,404, have been included in the respective groups to which they belong.

Province.	Pro-ductive.	Market-ing.	Pro-ductive and Market-ing.	Distri-butive.	Marketing and Distri-butive.	Credit and Savings.	Com-munity Hall Societies.	Miscel-laneous.	Total.
NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS.									
Interprovincial.....	-	21	-	-	1	-	-	-	22
Prince Edward Is-land.....	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Nova Scotia.....	1	30	1	10	5	-	-	1	48
New Brunswick....	6	16	1	14	-	-	-	5	42
Quebec.....	26	86	19	1	6	6	-	18	162
Ontario.....	3	46	12	39	24	3	-	8	136
Manitoba.....	2	60	1	67	-	-	4	9	143
Saskatchewan.....	4	5	2	179	2	-	63	68	323
Alberta.....	7	28	2	44	5	4	-	12	102
British Columbia..	30	40	14	28	9	-	2	26	152
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,133</b>

## REPORTED MEMBERSHIP.

Interprovincial.....	-	238,458	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	268,458
Prince Edward Is-land.....	-	4,500	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	8,000
Nova Scotia.....	12	923	94	5,798	404	-	-	28	7,269
New Brunswick....	655	229	43	7,311	-	-	-	1,802	10,044
Quebec.....	18,754	6,412	974	101	321	41,000	-	872	63,435
Ontario.....	123	6,147	2,943	4,331	23,125	1,093	-	945	39,307
Manitoba.....	30	42,977	29	3,869	-	-	268	265	47,428
Saskatchewan.....	37,015	25,678	1,025	40,185	267	-	3,891	153,242	262,197
Alberta.....	3,876	10,161	1,940	5,926	2,454	143	-	441	24,941
British Columbia..	3,414	8,391	2,860	2,711	5,719	-	36	1,210	25,341
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>58,883</b>	<b>344,884</b>	<b>14,386</b>	<b>70,222</b>	<b>62,287</b>	<b>42,836</b>	<b>4,195</b>	<b>158,805</b>	<b>756,430</b>

## Subsection 2.—Co-operative Credit in Quebec.

A form of co-operation which has achieved great success is that which provides short-term credit for small farmers and industrial workers in the province of Quebec. In 1900, what are known as "Les Caisses Populaires", or People's Banks, were begun with the establishment, by the late Alphonse Desjardins, of La Caisse Populaire at Lévis. M. Desjardins adopted the principles of lending money only for approved purposes to carefully selected members in a restricted area, of limited liability, of withdrawable shares of small amount payable by instalments, and of distribution of profits. These banks are for the most part established in agricultural districts. Loans are made to purchase agricultural implements at cash prices, to increase farm