

The records for 57 live-stock shipping and marketing associations show a combined membership of 40,877. Financing of these associations is mainly by membership fees and commissions. Assets are comparatively low with value of plant and equipment amounting to \$567,451. This accommodated a business of \$9,044,302. The live-stock co-operatives undertake very little processing of their product. Their main activity is the assembling of live stock in cars at producing points for shipment to central markets.

A large part of the fruit and vegetable crop is marketed through 114 co-operative agencies with a combined membership of 10,875 fruit growers. Assets for all companies total \$3,129,724, which are supported by reserves of \$700,873. Sales of fruits and vegetables during the year amounted to \$6,098,283 which, together with supplies purchased and other receipts, gave a total business of \$7,241,931.

Poultry producers have organized in each of the provinces to sell their products co-operatively. There were 25 associations with 196 places of business which reported a membership of 33,479 members. Assets amount to \$408,528 with reserves of \$165,088. Sales for the year amounted to \$2,041,452.

Practically all the wool marketed co-operatively in Canada is handled by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Ltd. The company operates in each province through the medium of 18 sheep-breeders' and wool-growers' associations. The co-operative stores, grades and markets the wool received from its 6,500 patrons. In addition, it carries on advertising and educational work and handles materials and supplies for its members. The quantity of wool handled by the co-operative during the year amounted to 4,240,000 pounds.

In Ontario and Quebec, the honey producers are organized co-operatively with a combined membership of approximately 1,600 members. The Ontario Honey Producers Co-operative Ltd. markets approximately 4 million pounds of honey annually. Three tobacco co-operatives in Ontario, two in the province of Quebec and one in British Columbia report a total membership of 1,009 and sales of approximately a quarter of a million dollars for 1933. The *Producteurs de Sucre et Sirop d'Erable de Québec*, with a membership of 1,982, is organized on a co-operative basis. During the year under review the sales value of maple products marketed by this association amounted to \$287,260.

Available statistics show 327 associations are organized for the purpose of purchasing farm supplies and merchandise on the co-operative plan. These consumer associations, of which over one-half are established in the province of Saskatchewan, have a combined membership of 28,266. The sales value of supplies purchased during the year, by associations organized exclusively for the handling of supplies, amounted to \$5,584,675. In five of the provinces co-operative wholesale buying societies purchase goods for their shareholder associations.

For further information see Table 29.