

31.—Total Sales and Indexes of Sales of Retail Merchandise

No.	Province or Kind of Business.	Total Sales.		
		1930.	1931.	1932.
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Other Retail Stores.				
1	Farmers' supplies.....	45,760	35,810	30,423
2	Book stores.....	8,837	7,426	6,070
3	Coal and wood yards.....	86,047	76,296	70,675
4	Drug stores.....	76,849	70,610	63,989
5	Florists.....	9,265	7,699	6,405
6	Jewellery stores.....	26,663	20,960	16,396
7	Office, school, and store supplies and equipment dealers.....	19,830	15,373	11,463
8	Tobacco stores and stands.....	30,703	27,183	23,879
9	Government liquor stores.....	100,694	86,375	67,106
10	Unclassified kinds of business.....	113,291	90,548	74,930
Totals, Other Retail Stores.....		517,939	438,250	371,336

Chain Stores.—During the past decade the chain store has come to occupy an important place in the field of distribution. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics classifies as chains all retail organizations operating four or more branches, excepting departmental concerns. The number of chains reported in any year thus depends not only on the rise or disappearance of firms but also on the number of units operated.

