

A large part of the fruit and vegetable crop is marketed through 129 co-operative agencies with a combined membership of 12,170 fruit growers. Assets for all companies total \$3,904,030; reserves and surplus amount to \$896,538. Sales of fruits and vegetables during the year amounted to \$8,192,975 which, together with supplies and other revenue, gave a total business of \$9,709,738.

Poultry producers have organized in each of the provinces to sell their products co-operatively. There were 57 associations with 280 places of business which reported a membership of 34,868. Assets amounted to \$533,193 with reserves of \$209,241. Sales for the year amounted to \$3,282,693.

Practically all the wool marketed co-operatively in Canada is handled by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited. 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 8,000 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 4,000,000 pounds.

In Ontario and Quebec, the honey producers are organized co-operatively with a combined membership of approximately 1,800. Two tobacco co-operatives in Ontario, and three in the province of Quebec report a total membership of 1,382 and sales of approximately \$500,000 for 1936. The Producteurs de Sucre et Sirop d'Erable de Québec, with a membership of 1,988, is organized on a co-operative basis. During the year under review the sales value of maple products marketed by this association amounted to \$456,048.

For years the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association has been engaged in the inspection of silver foxes for registration and the marketing of silver fox pelts in all the provinces of Canada. Sales of silver fox and other furs by this Company amounted to about \$1,500,000 in 1936. Operating within the province of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Silver Fox Breeders' Association grades, warehouses, and markets fox pelts for its members in addition to carrying on valuable educational and field service work. Sales for the year under review amounted to approximately \$250,000.

Available statistics show 515 associations are organized for the purpose of purchasing farm supplies and merchandise on the co-operative plan. These consumer associations, of which nearly one-half are established in the province of Saskatchewan, have a combined membership of 38,167. The sales value of supplies handled during the year, by associations organized exclusively for the handling of supplies, amounted to \$12,304,994. In five of the provinces co-operative wholesale buying societies purchase goods for their member associations.

Within the miscellaneous group is included the Consumers' Refineries Co-operative Association Limited, Regina, Saskatchewan, which was incorporated in 1935 for the purpose of manufacturing petroleum products and selling them on a wholesale basis to local co-operative organizations throughout Saskatchewan. The co-operative completed its second year of operation successfully with sales amounting to approximately \$500,000.

For further information see Table 30, p. 786.