

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

No.	Group and Kind of Business.	Total Sales.		
		1930.	1933.	1934.
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Apparel Group.				
28	Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings (includes custom tailors).....	72,111	44,435	49,901
29	Family clothing stores.....	42,144	31,582	35,575
30	Women's apparel and accessory stores.....	69,806	44,899	47,474
31	Shoe stores.....	35,908	25,939	27,002
Totals, Apparel Group.....		219,969	146,795	159,952
Building Materials Group.				
32	Hardware stores.....	70,891	42,732	47,917
33	Lumber and building materials.....	66,201	29,331	34,302
34	Other building materials (including roofing materials).....	9,597	3,417	4,054
25	Electrical shops (without radio).....			
	Heating and plumbing shops.....	15,548	7,765	8,657
	Paint and glass stores.....			
Totals, Building Materials Group.....		162,237	83,245	94,930
Furniture and Household Group.				
36	Furniture stores.....	41,017	23,073	26,765
37	Household appliance stores.....	17,798	9,208	10,742
38	Other home furnishings (including floor coverings, curtains, etc.).....	8,957	5,006	5,797
39	Radio and music stores.....	33,894	13,440	15,524
Totals, Furniture and Household Group.....		101,666	50,727	58,828
40	Restaurants, Cafeterias, and Eating Places.....	75,977	41,667	44,887
Other Retail Stores.				
41	Farmers' supplies.....	45,760	29,160	34,239
42	Book stores.....	8,837	5,405	5,022
43	Coal and wood yards.....	86,047	70,384	71,690
44	Drug stores.....	76,849	57,233	59,458
45	Florists.....	9,265	5,570	5,905
46	Jewellery stores.....	26,663	15,044	16,819
47	Office, school, and store supplies and equipment dealers.....	19,830	10,003	12,269
48	Tobacco stores and stands.....	30,703	21,586	22,551
49	Government liquor stores.....	100,694	54,869	56,207
50	Unclassified kinds of business.....	213,291	69,930	79,700
Totals, Other Retail Stores.....		517,939	339,204	364,460

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. As a minimum of four stores is required before a firm is classified as a chain, the