

15.—Bulk Merchandising (Wholesale and Other Non-Retail), by Type of Operation,
1941—concluded

Type of Operation	Estab- lish- ments	Total Sales		Employees		Salaries, Wages, and Com- missions	Stocks on Hand, End of Year	
		On Own Account	On Com- mission	Male	Female		Owued	Held on Consign- ment
	No.	\$'000	\$'000	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Agents and Brokers—								
Auction companies.....	15	12	13,518	73	19	235	2	1,281
Brokers.....	158	4,525	238,695	213	78	610	396	1,000
Commission merchants.....	396	8,227	137,063	929	186	1,916	719	5,139
Export agents and brokers.....	37	2,124	113,280	103	61	545	57	83
Import agents and brokers.....	422	9,128	110,675	671	338	1,817	1,484	2,467
Manufacturers' agents.....	1,031	13,365	203,651	1,031	468	2,912	751	1,072
Purchasing agents and resident buyers.....	30	662	33,287	70	24	197	7	92
Selling agents.....	17	945	18,362	111	48	446	47	48
Totals, Agents and Brokers....	2,106	38,989	868,531	3,201	1,222	8,677	3,461	11,183
Assemblers of Primary Pro- ducts—								
City buyers of primary pro- ducts.....	529	23,114	8,879	537	114	699	1,313	215
Co-operative marketing associa- tions.....	326	64,071	Nil	1,304	423	1,732	1,696	4
Co-operative sales agencies.....	33	59,862	"	560	115	952	1,640	360
Country buyers of primary pro- ducts.....	1,111	38,767	7,701	781	130	750	1,088	24
Elevators (independent).....	36	5,203	350	103	16	144	249	Nil
Elevators (line).....	5,275	238,807	Nil	5,631	55	8,440	118,002	"
Packers and shippers.....	56	4,236	2,312	526	204	639	446	60
Totals, Assemblers of Primary Products.....	7,366	434,059	19,242	9,442	1,057	13,356	124,434	663
Other Types of Operation—								
Distributing warehouses.....	200	38,144	4,409	1,030	67	1,598	489	54
Film exchanges.....	69	13,029	Nil	419	347	1,287	Nil	Nil
Government-owned companies.	5	92,586	"	76	60	218	25,613	"
Totals, Other Types of Operation.....	274	143,759	4,409	1,525	474	3,102	26,103	54
Totals, All Types.....	24,758	4,278,342	1,012,409	94,627	22,844	189,449	492,921	25,540

Wholesale Trade by Kind of Business.—In addition to the analysis by type of operation, the wholesale trade is divided into 149 kind-of-business classifications according to the main commodity or commodity groups handled. These 149 individual classes are summarized to form the 25 major groupings shown in Table 16. Among wholesalers proper, firms carrying either a general or specialized line of grocery products came first in point of view of annual sales followed by firms specializing in other food products such as fruits and vegetables, dairy and poultry produce, confectionery and soft drinks. Manufacturers' sales branches or offices transact a substantial volume of business for firms specializing in the metals and metal work trade, the dry goods and apparel trade and the electrical goods trade. They are also important in the distribution of petroleum and petroleum products, groceries and other food products, chemicals, drugs and allied products and machinery, equipment and supplies. Agents and brokers are most numerous in the dry goods and apparel field but transact their greatest volume of business in raw products from the farm.