

Provincial Distribution of Wholesale Trade.—The proportion of the total trade transacted in each province varies for the different major types into which the wholesale field is divided. For wholesalers proper, Quebec came first in 1941 with 36.0 p.c. of the total trade followed closely by Ontario with 34.7 p.c. The Prairie Provinces accounted for 15.4 p.c., British Columbia for 8.1 p.c. and the Maritime Provinces for the remaining 5.8 p.c. Apart from a slightly greater concentration in Quebec and Ontario, the distribution of sales for manufacturers' sales branches was similar to that for wholesalers proper. On the other hand, the Prairie Provinces occupied a much more important role in the other categories. They accounted for 29.3 p.c. of the total sales of all petroleum bulk tank stations, 34.2 p.c. of the sales of all agents and brokers and 66.4 p.c. of the total business done by all assemblers of farm products. The wholesale trade of each province analysed by major type of operation is shown in Table 17.

17.—Wholesale Trade by Major Type of Operation, by Provinces, 1941

NOTE.—Due to differences in classification and coverage, the figures of this table are not strictly comparable with those for 1930 appearing at pp. 670-672 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

Province and 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
Prince Edward Island—								
Wholesalers proper.....	33	4,994	28	209	39	259	740	1
Petroleum bulk tank stations..	19	1,227	201	26	3	36	235	16
Assemblers of primary pro- ducts.....	40	4,737	99	117	22	115	142	2
Other types of operation.....	8	1,437	471	19	6	31	124	30
Totals, Prince Edward Island	100	12,394	799	371	70	441	1,242	50
Nova Scotia—								
Wholesalers proper.....	345	81,477	1,438	2,160	504	3,732	8,530	230
Manufacturers' sales branches and offices.....	61	42,568	Nil	533	182	1,238	1,688	38
Petroleum bulk tank stations..	112	8,624	1,386	176	7	276	977	121
Agents and brokers.....	60	902	11,355	78	35	172	76	220
Assemblers of primary pro- ducts.....	103	4,532	320	298	40	243	433	5
Totals, Nova Scotia.....	681	138,103	14,498	3,245	768	5,660	11,704	614
New Brunswick—								
Wholesalers proper.....	222	49,147	680	1,631	413	2,877	6,102	30
Manufacturers' sales branches and offices.....	59	18,130	Nil	408	110	841	1,205	Nil
Petroleum bulk tank stations..	81	6,852	952	170	14	258	784	103
Agents and brokers.....	36	481	6,757	62	36	140	58	78
Assemblers of primary pro- ducts.....	100	3,957	152	157	20	145	139	1
Other types of operation.....	9	1,084	Nil	33	30	95	Nil	Nil
Totals, New Brunswick.....	507	79,650	8,540	2,461	623	4,355	8,287	213
Quebec—								
Wholesalers proper.....	3,291	835,745	13,315	19,012	4,459	37,556	84,961	1,698
Manufacturers' sales branches and offices.....	403	441,941	10,428	4,532	1,278	11,634	14,036	300
Petroleum bulk tank stations..	240	18,993	8,254	594	28	879	1,761	582
Agents and brokers.....	628	12,538	279,347	1,028	394	3,018	1,153	2,618
Assemblers of primary pro- ducts.....	411	32,768	852	651	68	788	1,602	4
Other types of operation.....	104	72,338	Nil	465	125	822	489	17
Totals, Quebec.....	5,075	1,414,324	312,197	26,282	6,352	54,696	104,002	5,219