

### 19.—Chain Store Sales, by Provinces and by Kinds of Business, 1943-45

NOTE.—Group totals may include kinds of business for which separate figures are not shown.

Province and Kind of Business	1943	1944	1945	P. C. Change 1945 from 1944
<b>Province</b>				
Maritime Provinces.....	\$60,810	\$67,091	\$73,198	+ 9.1
Quebec.....	146,585	156,298	175,826	+12.5
Ontario.....	310,228	336,042	384,405	+14.4
Manitoba.....	32,336	36,573	42,497	+16.2
Saskatchewan.....	38,028	43,698	49,703	+13.7
Alberta.....	46,989	51,347	57,675	+12.3
British Columbia.....	70,685	79,733	91,514	+14.8
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	2,590	3,306	3,078	-6.9
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>708,249</b>	<b>774,088</b>	<b>877,896</b>	<b>+13.4</b>
<b>Kind of Business</b>				
<b>Food Group—</b>				
Grocery, combination and meat markets.....	185,975	204,853	218,969	+ 6.9
<b>Totals, Food Group.....</b>	<b>196,737</b>	<b>215,419</b>	<b>230,043</b>	<b>+ 6.8</b>
<b>Country General Stores.....</b>	<b>9,289</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>11,264</b>	<b>+18.9</b>
<b>General Merchandise Group—<sup>1</sup></b>				
Variety Stores.....	84,366	88,569	95,998	+ 8.4
<b>Totals, General Merchandise Group<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>92,368</b>	<b>98,254</b>	<b>106,751</b>	<b>+ 8.6</b>
<b>Automotive Group.....</b>	<b>14,863</b>	<b>12,420</b>	<b>12,207</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>
<b>Apparel Group—</b>				
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishing stores.....	10,031	10,377	11,219	+ 8.1
Family clothing stores.....	16,513	17,561	20,018	+14.0
Women's apparel and accessories stores.....	15,134	16,608	19,456	+17.1
Shoe stores.....	19,648	20,664	23,745	+14.9
<b>Totals, Apparel Group.....</b>	<b>61,326</b>	<b>65,209</b>	<b>74,438</b>	<b>+14.2</b>
<b>Building Materials Group.....</b>	<b>37,123</b>	<b>44,477</b>	<b>46,958</b>	<b>+ 5.6</b>
<b>Furniture, Household and Radio Group—</b>				
Furniture stores.....	13,675	15,651	17,334	+10.8
Household appliance and radio dealers.....	9,774	9,482	11,534	+21.6
<b>Totals, Furniture, etc. Group.....</b>	<b>23,449</b>	<b>25,133</b>	<b>28,868</b>	<b>+14.9</b>
<b>Restaurant Group.....</b>	<b>19,494</b>	<b>20,337</b>	<b>20,053</b>	<b>- 1.4</b>
<b>Other Retail Stores—</b>				
Drug stores.....	21,512	23,005	24,127	+ 4.9
Jewellery stores.....	11,157	13,374	16,253	+21.5
Government liquor stores <sup>2</sup> .....	148,179	155,980	211,075	+35.3
<b>Totals, Other Retail Stores.....</b>	<b>253,600</b>	<b>283,362</b>	<b>347,314</b>	<b>+22.6</b>
<b>Totals, All Chain Stores.....</b>	<b>708,249</b>	<b>774,088</b>	<b>877,896</b>	<b>+13.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Department stores excluded.

<sup>2</sup> The slight disparity between figures for government liquor stores shown here and those appearing in Table 18 arises from minor variations in the processes used in developing the two series.

**Farm Implement Sales.**—Domestic sales of new farm implements and equipment, mainly at wholesale prices to dealers or agents, amounted to \$63,781,105 in 1945, 16.3 p.c. higher than the \$54,824,135 recorded for 1944. Supplementary information relating to average mark-up indicates that the total sales figure quoted for 1945 should be increased by 20 p.c. to bring it to a retail basis. Canadian farmers, therefore, spent an estimated \$76,600,000 for new machinery and equipment in 1945.