

**21.—Estimated Retail Merchandise Sales, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1944-46**

NOTE.—Group totals may include kinds of business for which separate figures are not shown. Chain-store figures are included in this table, but are also given in detail in Table 23.

Province and Kind of Business	1944	1945	1946	P.C. Change 1946 from 1945
Province	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Maritime Provinces.....	359,566	394,297	464,157	+17.7
Quebec.....	1,001,963	1,121,145 <sup>1</sup>	1,315,485	+17.3
Ontario.....	1,558,510	1,742,409	2,113,916	+21.3
Manitoba.....	264,982	292,735	362,189	+23.7
Saskatchewan.....	248,031	277,466	328,254	+18.3
Alberta.....	292,622	321,250	383,806	+19.5
British Columbia.....	390,584	438,838	529,213	+20.6
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	6,893	7,527	9,266	+23.1
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>4,123,151</b>	<b>4,595,667<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>5,506,286</b>	<b>+19.8</b>
<b>Kind of Business</b>				
<b>Food Group—</b>				
Grocery, combination and meat markets.....	842,336	918,744	1,018,232	+10.8
<b>Totals, Food Group.....</b>	<b>1,017,541</b>	<b>1,110,314</b>	<b>1,230,492</b>	<b>+10.8</b>
<b>Country General Stores.....</b>	<b>321,308</b>	<b>354,684</b>	<b>395,214</b>	<b>+11.4</b>
<b>General Merchandise Group—</b>				
Department stores.....	464,880	516,141	613,611	+18.9
Variety stores.....	102,857	111,573	124,897	+11.9
<b>Totals, General Merchandise Group.....</b>	<b>654,954</b>	<b>722,804</b>	<b>849,095</b>	<b>+17.5</b>
<b>Automotive Group.....</b>	<b>351,942</b>	<b>424,301</b>	<b>720,064</b>	<b>+69.7</b>
<b>Apparel Group—</b>				
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings stores.....	102,814	112,711	129,409	+14.8
Family clothing stores.....	98,760	108,987	126,579	+16.1
Women's apparel and accessories stores.....	136,253	147,766	164,093	+11.0
Shoe stores.....	59,631	66,430	70,621	+ 6.3
<b>Totals, Apparel Group.....</b>	<b>397,458</b>	<b>435,894</b>	<b>490,702</b>	<b>+12.6</b>
<b>Building Materials Group.....</b>	<b>247,723</b>	<b>281,418</b>	<b>367,659</b>	<b>+30.6</b>
<b>Furniture, Household and Radio Group—</b>				
Furniture stores.....	65,766	74,500	100,473	+34.9
Household appliance or radio dealers.....	33,965	40,487	68,981	+70.4
<b>Totals, Furniture, etc. Group.....</b>	<b>107,056</b>	<b>123,520</b>	<b>182,242</b>	<b>+47.5</b>
<b>Restaurant Group.....</b>	<b>202,463</b>	<b>210,465</b>	<b>222,885</b>	<b>+ 5.9</b>
<b>Other Retail Stores (including second-hand)—</b>				
Coal and wood yards (ice dealers).....	122,765	126,819	124,661	- 1.7
Drug stores.....	139,104	194,928	166,564	-14.6
Jewellery stores.....	56,228	64,850	72,885	+12.4
Government liquor stores <sup>2</sup> .....	165,677	221,157 <sup>1</sup>	258,973	+17.1
<b>Totals, Other Retail Stores.....</b>	<b>822,706</b>	<b>932,267<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,047,933</b>	<b>+12.4</b>
<b>Totals, All Establishments.....</b>	<b>4,123,151</b>	<b>4,595,667<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>5,506,286</b>	<b>+19.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1947 Year Book. <sup>2</sup> The disparity between figures for government liquor stores shown here and those appearing in Table 23 arises from variations in the processes used in developing the two series.