

**Chain Stores.**—Chain stores sales in 1947 amounted to \$1,170,029,000, a gain of 15 p.c. over 1946, when sales volume was \$1,014,847,000. Sales in the average of 6,653 chain store units made up 18.7 p.c. of all retail sales in Canada. Chain-store statistics are summarized in Tables 22 and 23.

### 22.—Chain-Store Statistics, 1930 and 1941-47

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1941-45 have been revised since the publication of the 1947 Year Book.

Year	Average Number of Stores	Net Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages Paid to Store Employees	Stocks on Hand, End of Year		Accounts Outstanding, End of Year
				Stores	Warehouses	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1930.....	8,097	487,336	50,405	60,457	1	1
1941.....	7,622	639,210	57,777	68,619	20,976	38,376
1942.....	7,010	687,447	57,654	66,940	22,633	1
1943.....	6,780	703,950	58,804	67,628	22,603	15,527
1944.....	6,560	769,643	63,300	66,944	21,855	15,093
1945.....	6,580	876,209	68,196	68,247	29,013	16,369
1946.....	6,559	1,014,847	77,474	85,345	37,436	19,643
1947.....	6,653	1,170,029	90,072	102,974	43,495	30,796

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

### 23.—Chain Store Sales, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1945-47

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

Province and Kind of Business	1945 <sup>1</sup>	1946	1947 <sup>2</sup>	P.C. Change 1947 from 1946
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Maritime Provinces.....	73,039	88,125	93,408	+ 6.0
Quebec.....	173,920	202,105	245,898	+21.7
Ontario.....	382,463	435,194	506,050	+16.3
Manitoba.....	42,735	50,009	54,564	+ 9.1
Saskatchewan.....	49,879	59,760	62,575	+ 4.7
Alberta.....	58,743	65,608	72,333	+10.3
British Columbia.....	92,351	109,839	130,094	+18.4
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	3,079	4,207	5,107	+21.4
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>876,209</b>	<b>1,014,847</b>	<b>1,170,029</b>	<b>+15.3</b>
<b>Kind of Business</b>				
<b>Food Group—</b>				
Grocery, combination and meat markets.....	220,285	245,278	308,198	+25.7
<b>Totals, Food Group.....</b>	<b>231,579</b>	<b>258,579</b>	<b>322,763</b>	<b>+24.8</b>
<b>Country General Stores.....</b>	<b>12,432</b>	<b>14,145</b>	<b>12,282</b>	<b>-13.2</b>
<b>General Merchandise Group<sup>3</sup>—</b>				
Variety stores.....	95,998	107,536	117,925	+ 9.6
<b>Totals, General Merchandise Group.....</b>	<b>106,751</b>	<b>119,582</b>	<b>130,339</b>	<b>+ 9.0</b>
<b>Automotive Group.....</b>	<b>12,207</b>	<b>16,828</b>	<b>22,975</b>	<b>+36.5</b>

For footnotes, see end of table.