

23.—Chain-Store Sales, by Provinces and Kinds of Business, 1946-48—concluded

Kind of Business	1946	1947 ¹	1948 ¹	P.C. Change 1948 from 1947
Kind of Business	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Food Group—				
Grocery, combination and meat markets.....	245,278	309,689	393,618	+27.1
Totals, Food Group².....	258,579	324,303	408,430	+25.9
Country General Stores.....	14,145	12,542	15,123	+20.6
General Merchandise Group³—				
Variety stores.....	107,586	117,925	133,907	+13.6
Totals, General Merchandise Group².....	119,582	130,339	146,546	+12.4
Automotive Group.....	16,828	23,005	23,283	+ 1.2
Apparel Group—				
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishing stores.....	13,037	16,504	17,919	+ 8.6
Family clothing stores.....	23,570	30,454	32,811	+ 7.7
Women's apparel and accessories stores.....	23,076	29,024	34,698	+19.5
Shoe stores.....	26,107	28,731	31,378	+ 9.2
Totals, Apparel Group.....	85,790	104,713	116,806	+11.5
Building Materials Group.....	51,474	59,973	68,114	+13.6
Furniture, Household and Radio Group—				
Furniture stores.....	22,245	32,891	35,679	+ 8.5
Household appliance and radio dealers.....	16,960	22,658	27,342	+20.7
Totals, Furniture Group.....	39,205	55,549	63,021	+13.5
Restaurant Group.....	20,565	20,726	21,948	+ 5.9
Other Retail Stores—				
Drug stores.....	26,484	26,868	27,458	+ 2.2
Jewellery stores.....	18,709	18,851	21,392	+13.5
Government liquor stores.....	249,023	264,490	267,492	+ 1.1
Totals, Other Retail Stores².....	408,679	446,173	471,903	+ 5.8
Totals, All Chain Stores.....	1,014,847	1,177,323	1,335,174	+13.4

¹ Subject to revision.
stores excluded.

² Includes other kinds of business within the group.

³ Department

New Motor-Vehicle Sales.—Fewer new motor-vehicles were sold in Canada in 1948 than in 1947. The reduction in sales of new vehicles between 1947 and 1948 resulted from the decline in sales of new passenger cars. Sales of commercial vehicles did not fall off, but continued the gain of the previous year. In 1948 a total of 221,300 new passenger and commercial vehicles sold for \$439,216,988; in 1947, 230,255 units retailed for \$416,237,495. Total passenger car sales in 1948 numbered 145,655 units with a retail value of \$282,903,958 compared with the 1947 sales of 159,205 vehicles having a value of \$283,190,390. There were 75,645 new trucks and buses sold for \$156,313,030 in 1948, while 1947 volume was 71,050 units valued at \$133,047,105. Values used are prices actually paid by purchasers at point of manufacture, including sales and excise taxes, charges for standard accessories and dealers commissions, but excluding freight charges from factory to point of purchase.