

On Mar. 23, 1949 the excise tax on passenger vehicles was reduced to 10 p.c. over and above sales taxes. In the first seven months of 1949, total sales of passenger vehicles were 52 p.c. over sales volume in the same period in 1948; sales of trucks gained 15 p.c. for a total increase of 37 p.c. Despite the lowering of the excise tax, the average sales value of new passenger cars in 1949 from January to July reached \$2,078 compared with \$1,942 in 1948 and \$1,779 in 1947.

**24.—Retail Sales of New Motor-Vehicles, 1936-48**

Year	Passenger Cars		Trucks and Buses		Totals	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
1936.....	92,287	95,403,199	21,027	22,179,507	113,314	117,582,796
1937.....	114,275	116,886,334	30,166	32,284,193	144,441	149,170,527
1938.....	95,751	105,006,462	25,414	30,005,446	121,165	135,011,908
1939.....	90,054	97,131,128	24,693	28,836,393	114,747	125,967,521
1940.....	101,789	114,928,833	28,763	33,916,445	130,552	148,845,278
1941.....	83,650	108,907,312	34,432	43,008,207	118,082	151,915,519
1942-45.....						
1946.....	77,742	120,325,496	42,302	73,003,509	120,044	193,329,005
1947.....	159,205	283,190,390	71,050	133,047,105	230,255	416,237,495
1948.....	145,655	282,903,958	75,645	156,313,030	221,300	439,216,988

**Farm Implement Sales.**—Sales of farm implements and equipment in Canada in 1948, as reported by manufacturers and importers mainly at wholesale prices, amounted to \$170,666,070, an increase of 39 p.c. over the 1947 volume of \$122,394,742. These figures do not include sales of parts, binder twine, motor trucks and machinery. Supplementary information indicated that the sales figures quoted at wholesale prices should be increased by 20 p.c. to bring them to a retail value. The estimated amounts spent by Canadian farmers, therefore, on new machinery and implements during 1948 was approximately \$204,000,000 compared with \$148,700,000 in 1947.

The volume of sales of repair parts at wholesale prices in 1948 was \$26,996,844, 16 p.c. above the \$23,276,162 reported for the year 1947. Applying an average mark-up of 31.6 p.c. to bring the figure to retail prices, the estimated retail value of repair parts sold in 1948 was approximately \$35,000,000 compared with \$30,562,000 in 1947.

**25.—Farm Implement and Equipment Sales, by Provinces, 1948**

NOTE.—Values are mainly at wholesale prices.

Region	1947		1948		P.C. Increase 1948 over 1947
	Amount	P.C. of Total	Amount	P.C. of Total	
	\$		\$		
Maritime Provinces.....	4,286,830	3.5	5,461,031	3.2	+27.4
Quebec.....	11,361,856	9.3	14,906,555	8.7	+31.2
Ontario.....	28,036,903	22.9	38,453,369	22.5	+37.2
Manitoba.....	15,583,121	12.7	23,369,284	13.7	+50.0
Saskatchewan.....	33,382,699	27.3	46,505,877	27.3	+39.3
Alberta.....	25,953,168	21.2	36,748,138	21.5	+41.6
British Columbia.....	3,790,165	3.1	5,221,816	3.1	+37.8
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>122,394,742</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>170,666,070</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>+39.4</b>