

38.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Business Organizations by Provinces, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1947 and 1948

| Province | Associa- tions | Shareholders or Members | Sales of Products | Sales of Merchandise | Total Business ¹ | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | No. | No. | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Prince Edward Island . . . | 1947 | 20 | 6,254 | 2,425,352 | 963,278 | 3,460,836 |
| | 1948 | 24 | 7,293 | 2,896,603 | 1,653,304 | 4,571,223 |
| Nova Scotia | 1947 | 96 | 13,122 | 8,548,552 | 10,052,728 | 18,685,973 |
| | 1948 | 116 | 23,215 | 6,428,159 | 12,418,411 | 18,995,070 |
| New Brunswick | 1947 | 57 | 12,203 | 2,543,210 | 5,219,960 | 7,802,231 |
| | 1948 | 71 | 13,286 | 5,477,864 | 6,432,559 | 12,004,483 |
| Quebec | 1947 | 590 | 56,604 | 50,493,314 | 25,208,856 | 75,712,503 |
| | 1948 | 707 | 80,620 | 56,355,458 | 40,210,158 | 96,596,847 |
| Ontario | 1947 | 402 | 74,920 | 92,509,241 | 32,555,933 | 128,122,831 |
| | 1948 | 369 | 75,334 | 87,710,067 | 29,678,240 | 118,647,838 |
| Manitoba | 1947 | 108 | 157,822 | 51,765,141 | 9,820,607 | 62,190,862 |
| | 1948 | 141 | 174,541 | 58,702,872 | 12,470,716 | 71,508,373 |
| Saskatchewan | 1947 | 545 | 370,937 | 172,544,516 | 21,723,140 | 195,121,578 |
| | 1948 | 540 | 401,863 | 176,464,361 | 25,710,178 | 203,935,776 |
| Alberta | 1947 | 169 | 218,217 | 116,529,637 | 10,257,756 | 127,685,241 |
| | 1948 | 162 | 208,991 | 113,803,328 | 13,772,031 | 128,425,429 |
| British Columbia | 1947 | 102 | 33,255 | 37,041,213 | 8,491,384 | 46,641,954 |
| | 1948 | 112 | 40,101 | 42,585,761 | 10,396,532 | 54,220,516 |
| Interprovincial | 1947 | 6 | 39,566 | 44,238,038 | 2,707,846 | 47,159,237 |
| | 1948 | 7 | 101,985 | 65,923,005 | 5,131,916 | 71,179,400 |
| Totals | 1947 | 2,095 | 982,990 | 578,638,214 | 127,001,488 | 712,583,246 |
| | 1948 | 2,249 | 1,127,229 | 616,347,477 | 157,874,045 | 780,084,955 |

¹ Includes other revenue.

Co-operative Insurance.—Farmers' mutual fire insurance companies are the oldest form of co-operative insurance in Canada. Net admitted assets for 1947 were \$22,300,000, net amount of insurance carried was \$1,835,000,000 and net claims paid in 1947 amounted to \$5,284,544.

The Co-operative Life Insurance Company obtained a Federal charter in 1947 and extended its operations into Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and has applied for a licence to operate in New Brunswick. As at Dec. 31, 1948, insurance in force totalled \$17,327,351.

Fishermen's Co-operatives.—Co-operative marketing of fish was reported by 87 associations during 1947-48. These associations are located mainly in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec but there are indications of interest in co-operative organization among fishermen who operate on inland waters in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Total membership in the reporting fishermen's co-operatives was 12,766 and the value of fish sold was \$14,940,017. Most fishermen's co-operatives also handle gear, bait, etc., but on the Pacific coast the provision of consumer goods to members is a considerable item. Reported sales value of supplies sold during 1947-48 amounted to \$1,979,379.

The Co-operative Union of Canada.—Organized for the protection and promotion of the co-operative movement, the Co-operative Union of Canada celebrated its 40th anniversary in March, 1949.

It is organized on a basis of local unions in each province and its statistical summary for the year 1947-48 reported a membership of 922 associations representing a total individual membership of 628,745 and business amounting to \$472,954,035.