

Wholesaling.—In 1948-49, 11 co-operatives mainly engaged in wholesaling farm supplies and consumer goods reported 24 places of business which were owned, through federation, by 1,829 local co-operatives. Total assets amounted to \$20,354,250. Plant value or fixed assets less allowance for depreciation amounted to \$5,010,973, an increase of \$1,000,000 over 1948. Liabilities to members increased by \$2,750,000 in 1949 over 1948, liabilities to the public by \$1,700,000, and members' equity in the wholesales by over \$1,000,000.

Total sales of farm products through the wholesales during 1948-49 amounted to \$63,282,375 most of which was live-stock and dairy products. This volume increased by \$11,000,000 over reported sales in 1947-48. Total sales of merchandise in the later year amounted to \$50,142,277, an increase of \$8,000,000 over 1947-48. Feed and fertilizer sales by wholesales in 1948-49 amounted to \$24,144,293, petroleum products sales to \$9,295,063, and food products \$4,498,758.

Interprovincial Co-operatives, Limited, a federation owned by the provincial wholesales, owns and operates a bag factory at Montreal, Que., which supplies the requirements of regional members. Hardware and groceries are also handled by this federation. Flour produced in the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool mill at Saskatoon is sold by Interprovincial Co-operatives, Limited, to the regionals and eventually to the local associations and the consumer. It is also responsible for export sales of the products of this mill and is entering into the import business in a small way by buying jute, tea and paint brushes from the United Kingdom, jute from India, and engines, water systems, oil filters and tools from the United States.

Retailing.—Sales of food products in 769 co-operative retail stores amounted to \$48,900,000 during 1948-49; clothing and home furnishings amounting to \$8,271,503 were handled by 532 outlets; and feed and fertilizer sales of over \$15,000,000 through 317 stores. Saskatchewan had the largest number of retail outlets followed by Quebec and Alberta.

31.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1943-49

Year	Associa- tions	Places of Business	Patrons	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1943.....	1,650	4,406	608,680	295,499,274	55,689,141	352,785,598
1944.....	1,792	4,534	719,080	459,798,798	65,508,771	527,855,540
1945.....	1,824	4,441	738,345	500,481,627	81,360,855	585,650,066
1946.....	1,953	4,488	922,928	454,564,927	95,603,311	554,329,652
1947.....	2,095	5,084	1,035,498	578,638,214	127,001,488	712,583,246
1948.....	2,249	5,423	1,195,372	616,347,477	157,874,045	780,084,955
1949.....	2,378	5,667	1,209,520	753,293,225	191,804,630	982,232,002
	Value of Plant	Total Assets	Liabilities to the Public	Share- holders or Members	Members' Equity	
	\$	\$	\$	No.	\$	
1943.....	36,866,861	186,634,839	124,264,085	585,826	62,370,754	
1944.....	40,664,827	203,047,911	130,556,373	690,967	72,491,538	
1945.....	43,048,326	171,128,184	87,354,033	739,804	83,774,151	
1946.....	46,775,158	163,467,434	71,012,260	926,863	92,455,174	
1947.....	53,027,212	168,195,387	71,403,750	982,990	96,791,637	
1948.....	75,009,655	201,603,705	89,381,360	1,127,229	112,222,345	
1949.....	89,832,908	236,962,924	106,599,688	1,144,698	130,363,236	

¹ Includes other revenue.