

36.—Native Wine Produced and Placed in Storage for Maturing 1951-55

Year	Ontario		Other Provinces		Total	
	gal.	\$	gal.	\$	gal.	\$
1951.....	4,182,767	2,729,147	494,288	407,849	4,677,055	3,136,996
1952.....	4,383,358	2,764,750	552,694	440,864	4,936,052	3,205,614
1953.....	3,562,498	2,237,316	572,692	430,574	4,135,190	2,667,890
1954.....	4,414,981	2,688,060	640,183	510,464	5,055,164	3,198,524
1955.....	5,059,418	3,059,868	624,670	480,491	5,684,088	3,540,359

Section 4.—Co-operative Organizations*

Co-operative enterprise has played and continues to play a considerable role in the marketing and service sectors of the Canadian economy. It is particularly important in the agricultural field where it has been prominent in the marketing of grain and is becoming increasingly so in the marketing of dairy products, livestock and tobacco and in the purchase of feeds, fertilizers and spray material, food products, petroleum products and automobile accessories, etc. It is estimated that co-operative associations marketed over 30 p.c. of all agricultural products entering commercial trade channels in the crop year ended July 31, 1954.

Altogether there were in operation in Canada at the end of July 1954, 2,590 marketing and purchasing, service, and fishermen's co-operatives (insurance co-operatives excluded). This was a decline of 182 in number as compared with the previous year but the membership reported at 1,366,002 in 1954 remained almost the same.

The total business of all marketing and purchasing co-operatives in 1954 amounted to \$986,300,000. The value of farm products marketed was \$733,000,000. Most of the decrease of \$141,700,000 as compared with 1953 may be traced to the lower volume of grain sold in western Canada and to a slightly reduced grain price. Sales value of farm products in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec did not vary greatly from 1953. Sales of farm supplies and merchandise in 1954 amounted to \$234,600,000. Decreases in Alberta, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were not quite offset by small increases in the other provinces.

Total assets of co-operative marketing and purchasing associations, including the four large western grain marketing organizations, at July 31, 1954 amounted to \$418,887,674. Members' equity was \$182,894,163, made up of liabilities to members in the form of loans and deferred patronage dividends amounting to \$73,572,237 and of the net worth of \$109,321,926 including share capital, reserves and unallocated surplus. Liabilities to the public amounting to \$236,000,000 consisted mainly of short term bank loans obtained by the western grain marketing co-operatives to finance grain inventories held for delivery to the Canadian Wheat Board at guaranteed prices. For all other marketing and purchasing co-operatives the members' equity in 1954 amounted to \$119,700,000, or 67 p.c. of the total assets of \$179,300,000.

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