

Farm Implement Sales.—All regions registered an increase in farm implement and equipment sales in 1956 over 1955. Sales of repair parts, which are not recorded in Tables 10 and 11, amounted to \$28,451,964 in 1955 and \$31,824,672 in 1956—a slight increase in each year over the 1954 figure of \$27,335,796. Sales by province are shown for 1955 and 1956 in Table 10 and by type of equipment in Table 11.

10.—Sales of Farm Implements and Equipment by Province 1955 and 1956

(Values at wholesale prices)

Province or Region	1955		1956		Percentage Change 1955-56
	Amount	P.C. of Total	Amount	P.C. of Total	
	\$		\$		
Newfoundland.....	343,876	0.2	439,871	0.3	+27.9
Maritime Provinces.....	6,485,628	4.2	6,984,186	4.1	+ 7.7
Quebec.....	21,713,939	14.2	23,325,374	13.6	+ 7.4
Ontario.....	43,819,906	28.6	42,902,342	25.1	- 2.1
Manitoba.....	15,074,611	9.9	18,588,098	10.9	+23.3
Saskatchewan.....	32,435,199	21.2	40,748,641	23.9	+25.6
Alberta.....	28,065,645	18.3	32,680,198	19.1	+16.5
British Columbia.....	5,185,630	3.4	5,092,745	3.0	- 1.8
Totals.....	153,124,434	100.0	170,767,455	100.0	+11.5

11.—Farm Implement and Equipment Sales by Major Group 1955 and 1956

(Values at wholesale prices)

Group	Canada			Prairie Provinces			
	1955	1956	P.C. Change 1955-56	1955	1956	P.C. Change 1955-56	P.C. of Canada Total 1956
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000		
Planting, seeding, and fertilizing machinery.....	5,341	6,094	+14.1	1,720	2,213	+28.7	36.3
Ploughs.....	8,225	8,019	- 2.5	5,414	5,332	- 1.5	66.5
Tilling, cultivating, and weeding machinery.....	7,016	7,071	+ 0.8	4,004	4,262	+ 6.4	60.3
Haying machinery.....	19,820	27,245	+37.5	7,748	11,931	+54.0	43.8
Harvesting machinery.....	27,564	34,753	+26.1	21,727	28,528	+31.3	82.1
Machines for preparing crops for market or use.....	4,933	4,768	- 3.3	2,792	2,948	+ 5.6	61.8
Tractors and engines.....	58,760	63,262	+ 7.7	27,157	31,398	+15.6	49.6
Spraying and dusting equipment.....	1,996	1,770	-11.3	492	550	+11.8	31.1
Farm wagons, trucks and sleighs.....	1,433	1,805	+26.0	396	507	+28.0	28.1
Dairy machinery and equipment.....	3,953	4,787	+21.1	847	1,078	+27.3	22.5
Barn equipment.....	2,671	2,637	- 1.3	567	558	- 1.6	21.2
Poultry farm equipment.....	631	948	+50.2	134	171	+27.6	18.0
Miscellaneous farm equipment.....	10,781	7,608	-29.4	157	2,547	- 1.2	33.5
Totals, All Groups.....	153,124	170,767	+11.5	75,575	92,023	+21.8	53.8

Sales Financing.—Financing of retail instalment sales reached a record high in 1956 when it was in excess of \$1,000,000,000. Both consumer and commercial and industrial sectors contributed to the gain. Balances outstanding at the close of the year were also