

40.—Products Handled by Marketing and Purchasing Co-operatives, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1955 and 1956—concluded

| Product | 1955 | | 1956 | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Associa- tions ¹ | Value of Sales | Associa- tions ¹ | Value of Sales |
| | No. | \$ | No. | \$ |
| Merchandising | 1,664 | 228,446,485 | 1,602 | 258,751,870 |
| Food products..... | 923 | 61,462,672 | 798 | 68,172,755 |
| Clothing and home furnishings..... | 538 | 9,320,715 | 592 | 9,888,878 |
| Petroleum products and auto accessories..... | 606 | 38,450,953 | 608 | 43,777,255 |
| Feed, fertilizer and spray material..... | 839 | 75,070,507 | 864 | 88,986,254 |
| Machinery and equipment..... | 330 | 8,256,808 | 421 | 10,615,777 |
| Coal, wood and building material..... | 650 | 17,949,866 | 605 | 17,122,552 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 979 | 17,934,964 | 1,003 | 20,188,399 |
| Totals | 2,694 | 932,493,552 | 2,612 | 1,009,374,779 |

¹ Duplication exists in this column as some associations market produce as well as handle supplies. Some associations market more than one product and some handle many of the supplies listed.

Fishermen's co-operatives, while small in number, are an important factor in the lives of Canadian fishermen. They had a membership of over 9,500 in 1956.

Service co-operatives reported revenues of \$13,000,000. This revenue was obtained by 552 organizations providing housing, medical insurance, transportation and other services. Fire and life insurance associations are not included in these figures.

The financial structure of marketing and purchasing co-operatives includes assets of \$464,000,000 and members' equity of \$205,000,000.

The ten co-operative wholesalers in operation reported a business volume of nearly \$188,000,000 and assets of \$55,000,000.

Section 5.—Interprovincial Freight Movements*

Statistics on interprovincial trade are difficult to collect because there are no controls or barriers to it. The only comprehensive statistics available are the loadings and unloadings of freight carried by the railways. Railway freight traffic is segregated into 99 classes and the differences between loadings and unloadings are the imports and exports *by rail* for the respective provinces. However, freight can be imported by rail and exported by water, as with western grain which may be moved to the Ontario ports of Fort William and Port Arthur. Consequently, the statistics of Table 41 must not be taken as a measure of total interprovincial trade; these figures indicate interprovincial movement of railway freight which is one aspect only of that trade.

* Revised in the Transportation Section, Public Finance and Transportation Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

41.—Railway Revenue Freight Movement by Province 1954 and 1955

| Province | Loaded | | Received from Foreign Connections | | Totals Originated ¹ | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 1954 | 1955 | 1954 | 1955 | 1954 | 1955 |
| | tons | tons | tons | tons | tons | tons |
| Newfoundland..... | 1,148,093 | 1,334,374 | 95 | 30 | 1,148,188 | 1,334,404 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 296,338 | 305,773 | 26 | — | 296,364 | 305,773 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 9,401,113 | 10,761,398 | 141,076 | 150,779 | 9,542,189 | 10,912,177 |
| New Brunswick..... | 4,105,558 | 4,445,986 | 619,937 | 620,182 | 4,725,495 | 5,066,168 |
| Quebec..... | 20,705,415 | 30,469,062 | 7,770,050 | 8,056,108 | 28,475,465 | 38,525,170 |
| Ontario..... | 34,637,419 | 40,619,626 | 22,495,868 | 25,125,212 | 57,133,287 | 65,744,838 |
| Manitoba..... | 7,043,262 | 7,227,710 | 586,493 | 532,790 | 7,629,755 | 7,760,500 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 12,759,920 | 12,142,281 | 283,275 | 247,958 | 13,043,195 | 12,390,239 |
| Alberta..... | 11,014,527 | 11,347,667 | 49,645 | 74,766 | 11,064,172 | 11,422,433 |
| British Columbia..... | 11,186,822 | 12,802,992 | 1,173,123 | 1,391,848 | 12,359,945 | 14,194,840 |
| Totals | 112,298,467 | 131,456,869 | 33,119,588 | 36,199,673 | 145,418,055 | 167,656,542 |

For footnote, see end of table, page 970.