

Farm Implement Sales.—Sales of new farm implements and equipment in Canada reached \$172,014,000 in 1958, a record level 15 p.c. above the previous year and 0.7 p.c. above the previous peak of 1956. Gains were evident in all major groups in 1958 and in all provinces. In addition to the above total, repair parts sold for \$33,978,663.

10.—Sales of Farm Implements and Equipment, by Major Group, 1954-58

(Values at Wholesale Prices)

Major Group	1954	1955	1956	1957 ^c	1958	Percentage Change 1957-58
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Tractors and engines.....	55,168	58,760	63,262	56,651	63,171	+11.5
Ploughs.....	10,201	8,225	8,019	8,952	9,790	+ 9.4
Tilling, cultivating and weeding machinery.....	7,644	7,016	7,071	7,845	9,656	+23.1
Planting, seeding and fertilizing machinery.....	5,707	5,341	6,094	6,793	7,104	+ 6.0
Haying machinery.....	17,730	19,820	27,245	23,566	26,257	+11.4
Harvesting machinery.....	26,195	27,564	34,753	23,984	29,851	+24.5
Machines for preparing crops for market or for use.	4,582	4,933	4,768	5,556	6,102	+ 9.8
Farm wagons, wagon trucks and sleighs.....	1,643	1,433	1,805	1,527	1,900	+24.4
Barn equipment.....	2,524	2,671	2,637	2,863	3,521	+23.0
Dairy machinery and equipment.....	3,414	3,953	4,787	5,468	6,488	+18.7
Spraying and dusting equipment.....	1,851	1,996	1,770	1,269	1,558	+22.8
Miscellaneous farm equipment.....	10,044	11,412	8,556	5,518	6,616	+19.9
Totals.....	146,763	153,124	170,767	149,902	172,014	+14.8

11.—Sales of Farm Implements and Equipment, by Province, 1957 and 1958

(Values at Wholesale Prices)

Province or Region	1957		1958		Percentage Change 1957-58
	Amount	P.C. of Total	Amount	P.C. of Total	
	\$		\$		
Atlantic Provinces.....	5,295,899	3.5	5,797,262	3.4	+ 9.5
Quebec.....	23,841,645	16.0	26,468,820	15.4	+11.0
Ontario.....	39,173,706 ^c	25.8	43,058,467	25.0	+ 9.9
Manitoba.....	14,713,559	9.9	17,694,803	10.3	+20.3
Saskatchewan.....	32,137,391	21.5	36,905,208	21.5	+14.8
Alberta.....	30,934,663	20.7	37,943,736	22.0	+22.7
British Columbia.....	3,804,730	2.6	4,146,080	2.4	+ 9.0
Totals.....	149,901,593^c	100.0	172,014,376	100.0	+14.8

Sales Financing.—Instalment financing undertaken by sales finance companies in 1958 continued the decline shown in the previous year from the record high of 1956. The decrease was evident in both the consumer and commercial sectors and was attributable mainly to the lower amount of paper purchased covering the sales of new passenger and commercial vehicles. It is noteworthy that balances outstanding at the end of 1958 were at their lowest level since 1955.