

**Retail Credit.**—The estimated amount of credit granted by retail stores during 1958 was slightly below the 1957 total. At the same time, accounts outstanding at Dec. 31, 1958 were slightly higher than at the end of 1957 and thus remained over the billion-dollar mark. This figure is the amount of accounts receivable on the books of retail establishments at the end of the year and does not include the instalment credit extended by retailers but sold to sales finance companies.

#### 14.—Retail Credit 1952-58, and by Quarter and Kind of Business, 1958

Period and Kind of Business	Sales				Accounts Receivable (at end of period)		
	Cash	Instalment	Charge	Total	Instalment	Charge	Total
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000
1952.....	7,418.4	1,421.5	2,692.2	11,532.1	246.2	451.3	697.5
1953.....	7,808.2	1,585.5	2,734.2	12,127.9	287.8	483.6	771.4
1954.....	7,887.9	1,431.5	2,746.4	12,065.8	326.6	492.7	819.3
1955.....	8,348.3	1,705.6	3,058.0	13,111.9	381.8	542.8	924.6
1956.....	9,147.4	1,855.0	3,295.1	14,297.5	414.9	566.6	981.5
1957.....	9,547.3	1,882.1	3,396.8	14,826.4	485.1	529.1	1,014.2
1958 <sup>a</sup> .....	10,038.9	1,704.4	3,508.7	15,252.0	495.5	566.4	1,061.9
<b>1958</b>							
January-March.....	2,177.0	369.8	765.2	3,312.0	450.5	483.2	933.7
April-June.....	2,592.6	481.6	884.3	3,958.5	452.8	523.5	976.3
July-September.....	2,467.0	423.9	886.5	3,777.4	458.8	547.9	1,006.7
October-December.....	2,802.3	429.1	972.7	4,204.1	495.5	566.4	1,061.9
Department stores.....	826.3	294.0	221.2	1,341.5	223.5	58.3	281.8
Motor vehicle dealers.....	864.3	950.8	575.7	2,390.8	17.6	76.8	94.4
Men's clothing stores.....	175.9	12.7	47.1	235.7	4.4	11.1	15.5
Family clothing stores.....	146.6	29.2	46.0	221.8	11.8	10.0	21.8
Women's clothing stores.....	202.3	9.1	54.9	266.3	2.6	10.3	12.9
Hardware stores.....	197.0	14.0	105.6	316.6	6.8	24.6	31.4
Furniture, appliance and radio stores.....	190.6	263.1	110.1	563.8	167.8	27.0	194.8
Jewellery stores.....	77.7	30.8	23.8	132.3	16.0	8.0	24.0
Grocery and combination stores (independent).....	1,351.9	—	379.3	1,731.2	—	35.2	35.2
General stores.....	448.6	—	176.8 <sup>1</sup>	625.4	—	29.0 <sup>1</sup>	29.0
Fuel dealers.....	46.0	4.0	264.2	314.2	1.7	47.8	49.5
Garages and filling stations.....	644.2	—	326.6 <sup>1</sup>	970.8	—	28.8 <sup>1</sup>	28.8
All other trades.....	4,867.5	91.5	1,182.6	6,141.6	43.0	199.8	242.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes instalment.

#### Subsection 3.—Service Establishments

Service establishments as defined in the Census of Distribution included all those places of business where the major part of gross income (annual turnover) was derived from the rendering of services as opposed to the sale of merchandise. The following types of service were covered: amusement and recreation such as motion picture theatres and producers, and bowling alleys; personal services such as laundries and dry-cleaning plants, barber shops and shoe repair shops; certain business services such as advertising agencies and window display services; repair services such as automobile repair, radio repair and watch repair; burial services; photography, commercial and portrait; hotels and tourist camps; and other services such as cold storage locker rentals and taxis.