

Wholesale co-operatives are federations of local co-operatives which act as central marketing agencies for farm products and as wholesalers of farm supplies, machinery and consumer goods. The wholesale associations had assets amounting to \$86,473,000 in 1960, of which members' equity represented 40 p.c. Total sales of supplies and farm products by these associations amounted to \$295,081,000, an increase of 4 p.c. over the 1959 total.

In addition to the above-mentioned associations, there were 865 service co-operatives in 1960 which provided a wide range of functions such as housing, rural electrification, medical insurance, transportation, recreation facilities, custom grinding, seed cleaning, operation of farm machinery and restaurant operation. These associations had a total membership of 281,427 and assets amounting to \$106,417,000.

Data for marketing and purchasing co-operatives do not include fishermen's co-operatives. Co-operatives in this category were found in all provinces in 1960, with the exception of Manitoba and Alberta, and reported a total membership of 10,297, sales of fish amounting to \$20,630,000 and sales of fish supplies amounting to \$2,164,000, the latter constituting about 10 p.c. of all fish and fish supplies marketed in Canada. The proportions of sales of fish for the different areas across the country were: the Atlantic Provinces 42 p.c. (including the business of United Maritime Fishermen, an interprovincial co-operative), British Columbia 30 p.c., Quebec 17 p.c., Ontario 9 p.c., and Saskatchewan 2 p.c.

40.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1951-60

Year	Associations	Places of Business	Shareholders or Members	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1951.....	2,348	5,830	1,184,235	769,265	209,986	988,460
1952.....	2,194	5,470	1,163,803	840,114	234,848	1,085,855
1953.....	2,221	4,987	1,195,985	874,698	245,630	1,147,590
1954.....	2,086	4,510	1,196,426	733,012	234,583	986,298
1955.....	1,949	5,016	1,199,808	704,047	228,446	941,378
1956.....	2,041	5,171	1,255,788	823,389	258,752	1,092,516
1957.....	2,022	5,023	1,363,470	817,601	283,730	1,116,002
1958.....	2,002	5,135	1,321,304	898,168	296,743	1,209,805
1959.....	1,982	5,267	1,290,462	963,330	332,943	1,315,167
1960.....	1,936	5,469	1,316,484	972,333	362,911	1,363,986

¹ Includes other revenue.

41.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, by Province, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1959 and 1960

Province and Year	Associations	Shareholders or Members	Sales of Products	Sales of Merchandise	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Newfoundland.....1959	45	7,324	25	4,421	4,463
.....1960	48	7,257	2	5,075	5,107
Prince Edward Island.....1959	20	6,012	2,278	4,166	6,537
.....1960	21	6,194	3,557	4,019	7,663
Nova Scotia.....1959	100	24,219	6,371	15,592	22,274
.....1960	90	29,885	7,395	16,577	24,552
New Brunswick.....1959	57	13,987	9,033	7,919	17,143
.....1960	55	14,029	9,327	9,066	18,559

¹ Includes other revenue.