

**3.—Wholesale Sales, by Kind of Business, 1957-61**

NOTE.—Includes only wholesalers proper, i.e., firms performing the function of buying merchandise on their own account for resale.

Kind of Business	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	237.2	263.5	279.5	288.4	294.0
Groceries and food specialties.....	1,263.8	1,385.1	1,544.5	1,649.7	1,736.0
Meat and dairy products.....	152.0	175.0	171.3	165.0	176.5
Clothing and furnishings.....	116.9	123.6	120.0	116.1	114.7
Footwear.....	30.9	33.5	37.1	38.0	39.3
Other textile and clothing accessories.....	186.3	198.2	211.5	204.6	206.6
Drugs and drug sundries.....	184.7	198.5	216.6	221.9	235.0
Household electrical appliances.....	161.3	166.4	181.4	182.7	209.3
Farm machinery.....	56.1	68.5	84.9	73.0	71.4
Coal and coke.....	183.0	163.6	155.9	153.3	136.9
Hardware.....	315.2	308.8	317.6	327.1	341.9
Construction materials and supplies including lumber.....	779.6	825.2	964.4	877.6	902.2
Industrial and transportation equipment and supplies.....	796.4	709.0	779.7	748.1	757.1
Commercial, institutional and service equipment and supplies.....	105.1	109.3	130.2	137.4	143.3
Automotive parts and accessories.....	342.1	363.9	407.9	414.8	412.6
Newsprint, paper and paper products.....	251.8	241.9	262.8	276.4	290.5
Tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks.....	635.8	679.2	723.4	741.1	761.0
Other.....	1,893.3	1,892.5	2,163.9	2,149.3	2,068.8
<b>Totals, All Trades.....</b>	<b>7,691.5</b>	<b>7,905.7</b>	<b>8,752.6</b>	<b>8,764.5</b>	<b>8,897.1</b>

**Subsection 3.—Retail Trade**

The trend of retail trade is one of the best general indicators of the economic condition of the country. It is through retail stores that most goods are ultimately sold and such sales reflect the financial strength of the consumer except in times of short supply. The estimated value of retail sales increased by 105.9 p.c. during the period 1949-62. Estimates, not adjusted for price changes, are shown by province in Table 4 for 1930, 1941 and 1951-62 and by kind of business for the latest five years in Table 5.

**4.—Retail Trade, by Province, 1930, 1941 and 1951-62**

NOTE.—Figures for 1931-40 are given in the 1957-58 Year Book, p. 938 and those for 1942-50 in the 1962 edition, p. 870.

Year	Atlantic Provinces <sup>1</sup>	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	Canada <sup>3</sup>
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000
1930.....	197	646	1,091	188	188	175	251	2,736
1941.....	279	820	1,388	193	189	228	318	3,415
1951.....	899	2,443	4,130	610	659	854	1,100	10,693
1952.....	982	2,635	4,383	651	764	939	1,177	11,532
1953.....	1,018	2,756	4,616	677	845	987	1,228	12,128
1954.....	1,025	2,798	4,634	637	758	964	1,249	12,066
1955.....	1,127	3,006	5,115	669	748	1,035	1,412	13,112
1956.....	1,211	3,322	5,499	700	812	1,159	1,594	14,298
1957.....	1,234	3,521	5,663	726	855	1,211	1,616	14,826
1958.....	1,290	3,647	5,934	754	914	1,275	1,631	15,444
1959.....	1,362	3,878	6,218	813	951	1,355	1,707	16,284
1960.....	1,430	3,944	6,313	843	938	1,366	1,668	16,502
1961.....	1,465	4,183	6,340	817	905	1,401	1,665	16,777
1962 <sup>p</sup> .....	1,501	4,444	6,551	858	963	1,471	1,784	17,571

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland included from 1949.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

<sup>3</sup> Totals

are not the exact addition of the components because of rounding of the figures.