

to 1,914 in 1961, mostly through amalgamations. The number of places of business declined from 5,537 in 1960 to 5,473 in 1961. Total sales of farm products were recorded at \$1,019,819,000. Grain and seed sales were valued at \$427,190,000 and represented 42 p.c. of the total sales of farm products by co-operatives; next in importance were livestock sales valued at \$270,469,000 and dairy products sales valued at \$228,550,000. Sales of eggs and poultry and fruit and vegetables, which accounted for most of the remainder, were valued at \$44,640,000 and \$33,581,000, respectively.

On the provincial level, Saskatchewan recorded the greatest value of farm products marketed co-operatively. Sales in that province amounted to \$289,762,000 and grain and seed sales accounted for 66 p.c. of that amount. Other provinces sharing substantially in the sales of farm products by co-operatives were Ontario with \$173,046,000, Alberta with \$169,008,000, Quebec with \$119,976,000, Manitoba with \$105,173,000 and British Columbia with \$59,342,000. Leading provinces for co-operative sales of merchandise and supplies were: Quebec with \$90,050,000, Saskatchewan with \$82,750,000 and Ontario with \$73,880,000. Members' equity in marketing and purchasing co-operatives increased by \$14,800,000 in 1961; no change was recorded in liabilities to the public.

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 \$100,610,000 in 1961, of which members' equity represented 37 p.c. Total sales of supplies and farm products by these associations amounted to \$293,773,000 an increase of 11 p.c. over the 1960 total.

In addition to the above-mentioned associations, there were 882 service co-operatives in 1961 providing a wide range of functions such as housing, rural electrification, medical insurance, transportation, grazing, custom grinding, seed cleaning, operation of farm machinery and restaurant operation. These associations had a total membership of 294,249 and assets amounting to \$110,066,000.

Data for marketing and purchasing co-operatives do not include fishermen's co-operatives. Co-operatives in this category were found in all provinces except Manitoba in 1961. They reported a total membership of 9,593, sales of fish amounting to \$16,480,000 and sales of supplies amounting to \$3,982,000.

### 38.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1952-61

Year	Associations	Places of Business	Shareholders or Members	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business <sup>1</sup>
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
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.....	1,934	5,537	1,319,187	973,958	368,090	1,362,596
1961.....	1,914	5,473	1,324,270	1,019,819	391,761	1,430,197

<sup>1</sup> Includes other revenue.