

totalled \$275,209,000 in 1962 and of that amount grain and seed sales accounted for 60 p.c. Of the total sales for Canada, grain and seed sales accounted for 42 p.c., dairy product sales for 26 p.c., livestock sales for 22 p.c., and sales of eggs and poultry and fruits and vegetables for most of the remainder. Members' equity in marketing and purchasing co-operatives decreased by \$7,370,000 in 1962 and a decrease of \$41,404,000 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. Such associations had assets amounting to \$106,981,000 in 1962, of which members' equity represented 34 p.c., and reported sales of supplies and farm products amounting to \$337,791,000, an increase of 7 p.c. over 1961.

In addition to the above-mentioned associations, there were 869 service co-operatives in 1962 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 297,616 and assets amounting to \$106,668,000, compared with a membership of 294,249 and assets of \$110,066,000 in 1961. Fishermen's co-operatives operate in all provinces except Manitoba and in 1962 reported a membership of 9,239, sales of fish amounting to \$18,428,000 and sales of supplies amounting to \$1,545,000; comparable figures for 1961 were 9,593, \$16,480,000 and \$1,739,000, respectively.

An important development in this field is the growth of co-operatives among the Eskimo population in the Canadian North. Fourteen co-operatives were reported in 1962 with a membership of 500, which means that many families were participating in co-operative activities. Thirteen of these organizations are of a multi-purpose nature, engaged in a great variety of activities, and one is a housing co-operative. Nine of the co-operatives reported sales of \$457,631, share capital of \$52,178, statutory reserve of \$55,768 and undistributed savings of \$74,216.

**28.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations,
Crop Years Ended July 31, 1953-62**

Crop Year Ended July 31—	Associations	Places of Business	Share- holders or Members	Sales of Farm Products	Sales of Supplies	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
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
1962.....	1,877	5,165	1,358,962	928,502	423,302	1,372,605

¹ Includes other revenue.