

Wholesale co-operatives are federations of local co-operatives that act as central marketing agencies for farm products and as wholesalers of farm supplies, machinery and consumer goods. These associations reported sales of farm products and supplies of \$382,300,000 in 1964, an increase of 7 p.c. over the previous year, and total assets of \$122,800,000 of which members' equity represented 36 p.c.

Service co-operatives, which provide such services as rural electrification, medical insurance, transportation, grazing, cold storage and seed cleaning, numbered 1,017 in 1964 with a membership of 281,000, a decrease of 23 and 18,000, respectively, from 1963; these decreases were mainly attributable to the nationalization of rural electrification associations in Quebec. Total volume of business amounted to \$46,839,000 compared with \$39,060,000 in 1963 and consisted of: service revenue, \$28,468,000; miscellaneous income, \$1,056,000; and sales of products and supplies, \$17,315,000. Total assets were \$105,145,000, against \$112,652,000 in 1963. Fishermen's co-operatives reported a membership of 10,000, fish sales of \$21,744,000 and supply sales of \$5,065,000 in 1964; comparable figures for 1963 were 10,000, \$19,525,000 and \$4,741,000, respectively.

Arctic co-operatives operating in the Canadian North have continued to progress steadily; at the end of 1964 they numbered 20, with sales totalling approximately \$1,000,000, share capital of over \$130,000, and reserves and undistributed savings of well over \$200,000. Two new co-operatives were incorporated in 1965.

25.—Summary Statistics of Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, 1959-64 and by Province 1963 and 1964

Year and Province	Associations	Shareholders or Members	Sales of Products	Sales of Merchandise	Total Business ¹
	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1959 (crop year ended July 31)	1,062	1,200,462	963,330	332,943	1,315,167
1960	1,034	1,319,137	973,958	368,000	1,382,596
1961	1,014	1,324,270	1,019,819	391,761	1,430,197
1962	1,877	1,267,562	928,502	423,302	1,372,605
1963 (calendar year)	1,583	1,339,000	1,100,209	489,000	1,617,900
1964	1,546	1,305,000	1,234,000	522,800	1,780,600
Province					
Newfoundland	1963	42	9,000	100	5,900
	1964	40	8,000	300	6,300
Prince Edward Island	1963	21	10,000	4,900	5,000
	1964	15	9,000	5,700	5,300
Nova Scotia	1963	82	27,000	21,700	20,000
	1964	80	27,000	21,400	21,000
New Brunswick	1963	56	16,000	11,200	12,800
	1964	54	16,000	10,800	13,200
Quebec	1963	466	88,000	187,100	110,500
	1964	464	86,000	150,000	117,000
Ontario	1963	236	144,000	98,700	86,800
	1964	234	110,000	111,600	89,200
Manitoba	1963	111	182,000	121,200	35,500
	1964	112	185,000	122,500	38,500
Saskatchewan	1963	333	449,000	355,200	90,100
	1964	313	442,000	412,500	107,300
Alberta	1963	141	235,000	180,000	53,500
	1964	137	246,000	214,000	58,300
British Columbia	1963	89	53,000	66,500	31,000
	1964	91	51,000	70,300	37,500
Interprovincial	1963	6	126,000	103,600	26,000
	1964	6	125,000	114,900	29,500

¹ Includes other revenues.