

19,000. Volume of business in 1965 consisted of the following: marketing of farm products, \$1,240,500,000; sales of supplies, \$556,400,000; service revenue (trucking, grinding, seed cleaning, etc.), \$43,600,000, and miscellaneous income (rent, interest, dividends, etc.), \$11,300,000. As in previous years, marketing and purchasing co-operatives were the dominant group of co-operatives in 1965, accounting for 96 p.c. and 86 p.c., respectively, of total volume and total assets. Service and fishermen's co-operatives made up the remainder.

Marketing and purchasing co-operatives recorded a total volume of business of \$1,774,600,000, a decrease of \$6,000,000 from the previous year, but total assets increased from \$698,000,000 to \$762,000,000 in the same period. Business volume included: farm product marketings, \$1,201,700,000; sales of supplies, \$549,400,000; service revenue, \$13,100,000; and miscellaneous income, \$10,400,000. Farm product marketings were down \$32,000,000 during the year as a result of a decrease in grain sales which more than offset gains in other farm products. Grain sales at \$574,000,000 were down \$69,000,000, reflecting a drop-off in Canadian wheat exports from the peak levels of 1964. Grain and seeds continued to be the largest class of farm products handled by co-operatives, accounting for 48 p.c. of total marketings, followed by dairy products, 25 p.c., and livestock 18 p.c. On a provincial basis, the bulk of grains and seeds and livestock were handled by Prairie Province co-operatives, while those in Ontario and Quebec marketed 54 p.c. of the dairy products. Sales of supplies recorded an increase of \$26,000,000 or 5 p.c. over the preceding year. The increase was broadly based, being shared by all sales categories except seed, and all provinces except Nova Scotia. Food products represented 27 p.c. of supply sales, followed by feed, 23 p.c., and petroleum 16 p.c. Quebec led the provinces in value of supply sales with 22 p.c. of the total, followed by Saskatchewan with 21 p.c. and Ontario with 16 p.c. Alberta experienced the greatest sales growth during the year with a gain of 13 p.c. Total assets of marketing and purchasing co-operatives rose to \$762,000,000 at the end of 1965, an increase of \$65,000,000 or 9 p.c.

Service co-operatives perform such services as rural electrification, medical insurance, transportation, grazing, cold storage and seed cleaning for their members. For 1965, 1,029 of these co-operatives reported a total membership of 279,000 and a total business volume of \$45,973,000. Business volume in 1965 was composed of: service revenue, \$30,041,000; miscellaneous income, \$732,000; and sales of products and supplies, \$15,200,000. Total assets amounted to \$107,713,000 compared with \$105,145,000 in the preceding year. Fishermen's co-operatives reporting for 1965 numbered 91 with 11,000 members and total assets of \$17,819,000; business volume was \$31,247,000 as against \$27,264,000 in 1964 and consisted of fish marketings, \$24,981,000; fishing and other supplies, \$5,570,000; service revenue, \$505,000; and miscellaneous income, \$191,000.

Wholesale co-operatives are federations of local co-operatives which act as central marketing agencies and wholesalers for the farm products and supplies of the local co-operatives. The wholesales reported sales of \$413,000,000 in 1965, an increase of \$30,000,000 or 8 p.c. over the previous year. The largest sales items were: livestock, \$90,000,000; food products, \$66,000,000; feed, \$61,000,000; and petroleum, \$51,000,000. Total assets amounted to \$146,000,000 at the end of 1965, an increase of \$23,000,000 or 19 p.c. during the year.

Not included in the above and in the statistics of Tables 28 and 29 are the Arctic co-operatives started in the Canadian North under the Co-operative Development Program in 1959, which caught the interest of the local people and have continued to make steady progress. At the end of 1965 there were 22 co-operatives in operation in the Northwest Territories and northern Quebec and eight groups were in the formative stage. Total sales of these co-operatives at the time were in excess of \$1,000,000, some of the individual co-operatives reaching the \$100,000 level.