

CHAPTER XXI.—DOMESTIC TRADE

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

PART I.—THE MOVEMENT AND MARKETING OF COMMODITIES

Domestic trade is broad and complicated: it encompasses all values added to commodities traded, provincially and interprovincially, by agencies and services connected with the storage, distribution and sale of goods, such as railways, steamships, warehouses, wholesale and retail stores, financial institutions, etc. Taken in a wide sense, it embraces various professional and personal services including those directed to the amusement of the people, such as theatres and sports. However, not all phases of this broad field are covered here, though, wherever possible, cross references are given to related material appearing in other Chapters. The arrangement of material in a volume such as the Year Book is governed by the necessity of interpretation from various angles. The Index will be found useful in this respect.

Section 1.—Merchandising and Service Establishments

Subsection 1.—Statistics of the 1951 Census of Distribution*

The 1951 Census of Distribution is the third of its kind taken in Canada. The first complete survey of trading establishments was taken as part of the Census of 1931, and related to business transacted during the calendar year 1930. The

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