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DEFINITIONS

CHAINS—A retail chain is an organization operating four or more retail stores in similar or related kinds of business under the same ownership.

CLASSIFICATION BY KIND OF BUSINESS—Some chains operated stores of several distinct types and for purposes of this report these were allocated to their proper trade.

CLASSIFICATION BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION—Local chains are those operating within one city or locality. Provincial chains, as the term implies, operate stores within one province only, but in more than one locality. Sectional chains cover more than one province, yet are confined to a region such as the Maritimes or Prairies. National chains operate stores in most provinces.

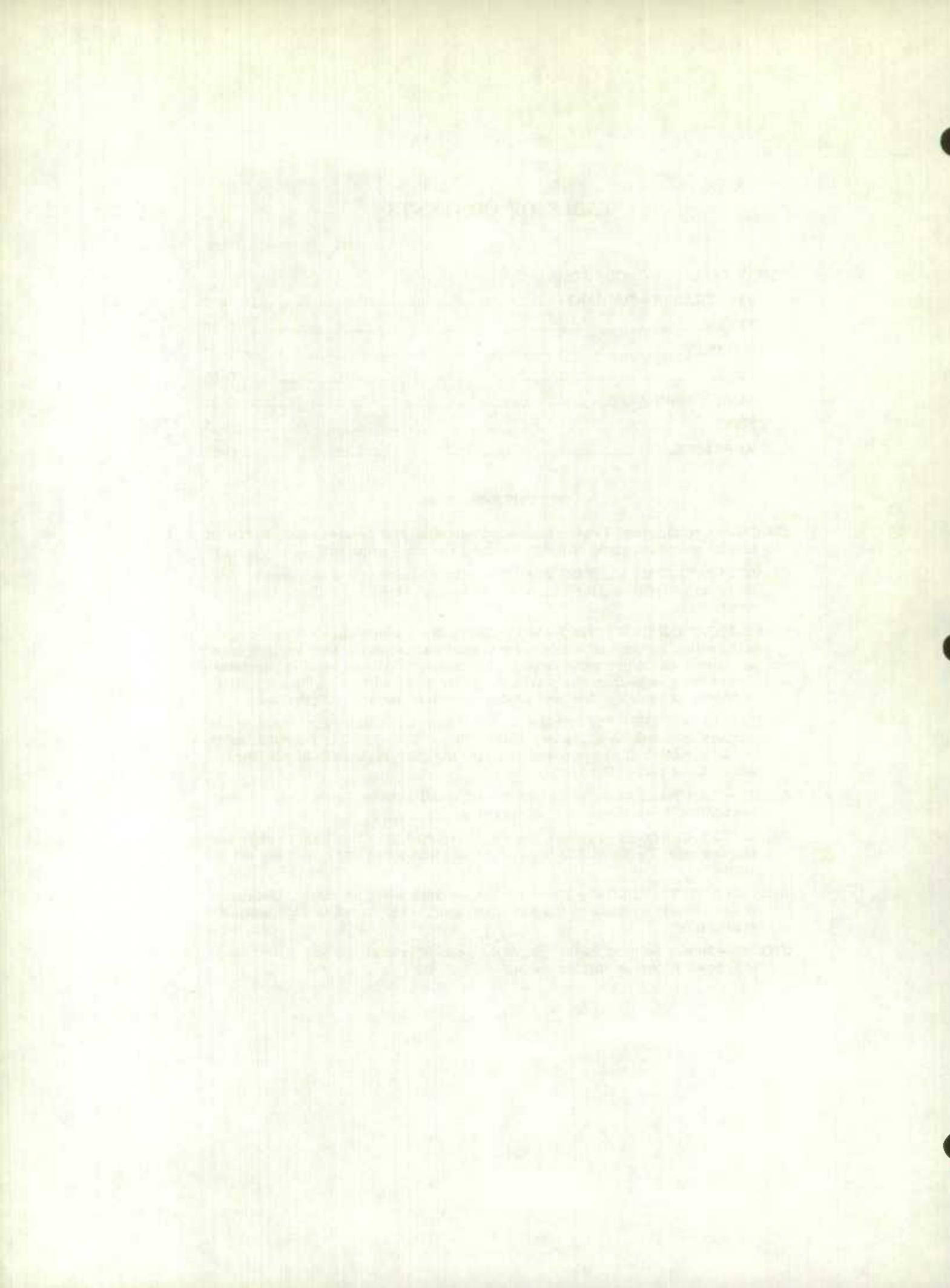
NUMBER OF STORES—The average number of stores is obtained by averaging the numbers in operation at January 1, June 30 and December 31. The maximum is the total number of stores operated during the year, regardless of whether operated all or part of the year.

SALES—Total retail sales made through all retail outlets. Sales made through head office or warehouse are not included.

SALARIES AND WAGES—Salaries and wages reported are those paid to store employees only. Those paid to head office and warehouse employees are not included.

ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING—These are the amounts owing on charge, instalment or open credit accounts at the end of the year. They do not include accounts written off.

STOCKS—Stocks on hand at the end of the year, in both stores and warehouses, are shown at cost or invoice value.



RETAIL CHAIN STORES 1956

There were 499 chain store firms in Canada during 1956 operating 9,046 stores and transacting over 2.6 billion dollars worth of business. The number of chain store companies increased by three during the year while there was an increase of 312 stores from 8,734 last year to 9,046 this year. Sales increased 12.5 percent to \$2,647,054,900 from \$2,353,955,400.

These and other statistics contained in this bulletin are the results of an annual census of known chain store organizations conducted in the Retail Trade Section of the Bureau's Industry and Merchandising Division. A retail chain store company for purposes of these statistics, must operate four or more retail stores in the same or related kinds of business and be under the same ownership. Department stores are not included even though more than four stores are operated. Independently owned stores which belong to a group or buying organization, although enjoying certain purchasing benefits, also are not included in this report. Some chains operated stores of several distinct types and for purposes of this publication these were allocated to their proper trade. Annual sales were distributed to the monthly components using a pattern of a majority of the firms in that trade who report monthly data.

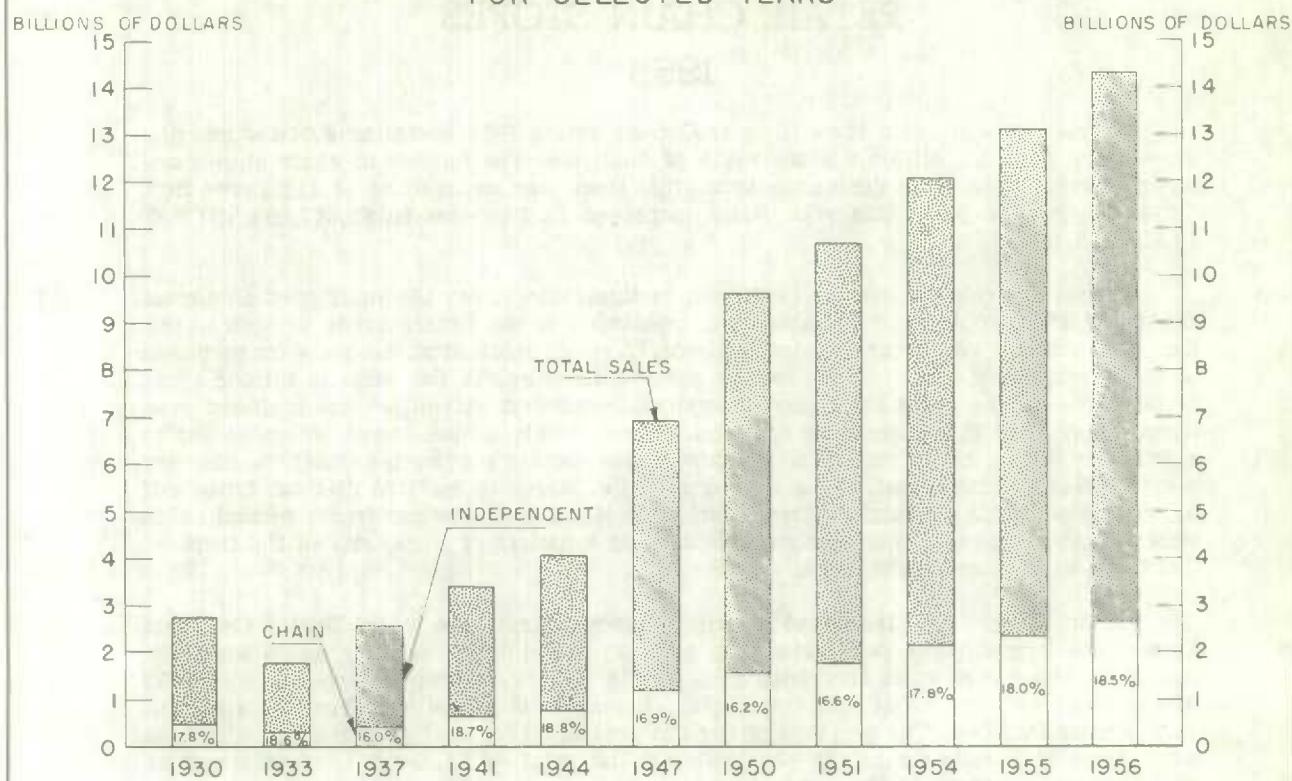
Chain store sales increased in all provinces during the year. British Columbia showed the largest percentage gain (21.9 percent) in the dollar value of sales while the number of chain companies increased by 3 to 101 and the number of stores by 22 to 932 Alberta with an increase of 6 in the number of companies operating registered a gain of 13.2 percent in sales. The province of Ontario accounted for over 46 percent of all chain store sales in Canada during the year with a dollar value of \$1,230,387,500 or a gain of 12.3 percent over those of the previous year.

Salaries paid to chain store employees during 1956 totalled \$221,136,400 or 10.8 percent higher than those in 1955 of \$199,611,200. Accounts outstanding at year's end had a value of \$143,357,200 up 12.6 percent during the year from \$127,362,300. Stocks on hand in both stores and warehouses of chain store firms at the end of 1956 had a cost value of \$304,575,200 or an increase of 13.2 percent from stocks at the same date a year earlier of \$268,952,800.

Grocery and combination stores with 1956 sales of \$1,096,330,100 is the most important classification in the chain store field, accounting for 14.5 percent of all stores and 41.3 percent of all sales. In this category average sales per store increased from \$825,757 last year to \$891,325 this year.

Following the general statistics of all chains are detailed tabulations of certain major trades — i.e., food, variety, drug, women's apparel and shoes. These trades are presented in a manner similar to the first part of the report with city detail shown where possible.

**RETAIL CHAIN STORE SALES IN CANADA
IN PROPORTION TO TOTAL SALES
FOR SELECTED YEARS**



**RETAIL CHAIN STORE SALES
% CHANGE 1956 OVER 1955**

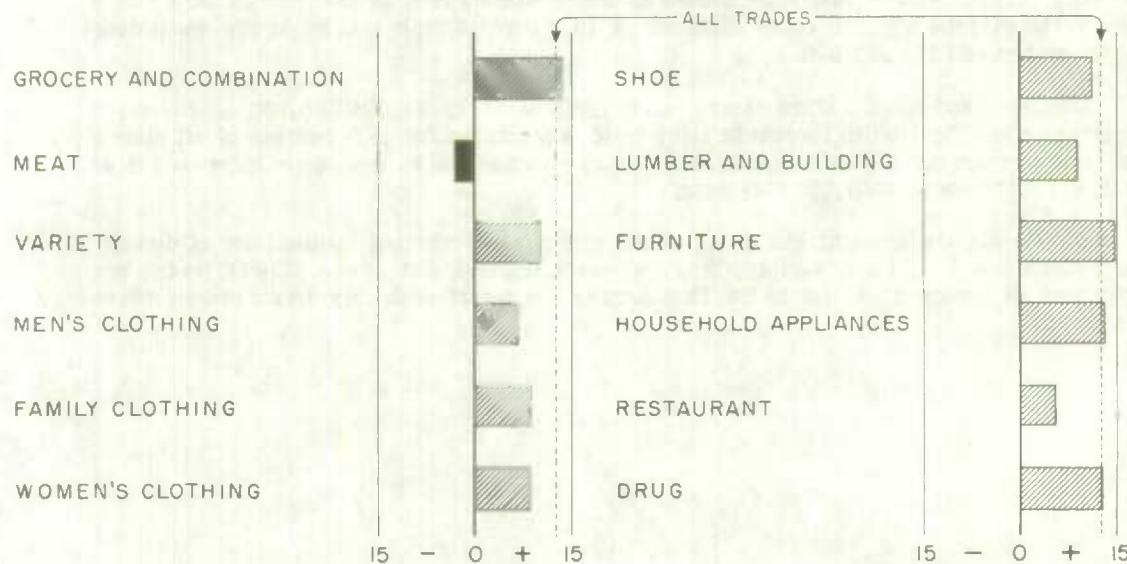


TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Retail Chain Stores in Canada, 1930-1956

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales		Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Accounts outstanding at year end	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age ¹	Maxi- mum	Amount	Average per store			Stores	Warehouses
1930	518	8,097	8,504	\$ 487,336,000	\$ 60,187	\$ 50,404,900	2	\$ 60,457,200	2
1931	506	8,188	8,557	434,199,700	53,029	2	2	2	2
1932	486	8,066	8,398	360,806,200	44,732	2	2	2	2
1933	461	9,900	8,230	328,902,600	41,633	34,820,600	2	43,995,100	2
1934	445	7,804	8,210	347,186,100	44,488	34,510,900	2	40,962,600	13,768,100
1935	445	7,666	8,022	364,129,800	47,499	36,382,000	30,188,700	42,796,200	12,265,900
1936	457	7,588	8,124	394,935,000	52,047	38,603,000	31,430,400	44,258,000	14,631,500
1937	447	7,346	7,815	414,133,300	56,375	39,289,500	33,526,200	48,550,700	12,280,000
1938	457	7,356	7,692	414,448,300	56,342	40,368,400	37,073,700	48,617,300	12,623,200
1939	446	7,215	7,595	432,026,100	59,879	41,427,800	35,942,800	53,167,700	15,915,600
1940	451	7,131	7,522	508,553,900	71,316	46,462,300	43,229,700	62,634,500	17,621,700
1941	529	7,622	7,969	639,210,400	83,864	57,777,200	38,376,100	68,619,200	20,975,600
1942	455	7,010	7,139	687,447,400	98,067	57,653,700	2	66,939,700	22,633,400
1943	444	6,780	7,021	703,950,000	103,827	58,804,000	15,526,900	67,628,000	22,602,500
1944	431	6,560	6,774	769,643,200	117,324	63,299,700	15,093,000	66,943,500	21,854,900
1945	429	6,580	6,705	876,209,000	133,162	68,196,400	16,368,500	68,246,800	29,013,100
1946	422	6,559	6,743	1,014,846,700	154,725	77,474,400	19,642,600	85,345,200	37,436,400
1947	422	6,716	6,962	1,177,322,700	175,301	91,265,800	31,492,500	105,040,500	43,546,000
1948	403	6,821	7,152	1,335,735,100	195,827	107,450,200	40,378,300	119,132,000	46,330,300
1949	381	6,839	7,123	1,420,080,800	207,645	115,902,900	50,001,200	123,696,400	46,755,400
1950	423	7,155	7,483	1,559,693,100	217,986	129,334,200	65,000,500	159,082,900	60,501,400
1951	488	7,846	8,094	1,775,744,100	226,296	153,598,600	53,816,500	186,562,000	60,489,800
1952	476	7,766	8,047	1,924,873,000	247,859	154,642,500	77,474,700	172,886,300	55,214,600
1953	466	7,835	8,153	2,048,228,000	261,420	171,167,100	91,537,900	179,704,300	52,095,700
1954	491	8,136	8,468	2,146,634,900	263,844	181,509,000	102,746,700	191,048,700	57,814,200
1955	496	8,274	8,734	2,353,955,400	284,500	199,611,200	127,362,300	205,833,200	63,119,600
1956	499	8,559	9,046	2,647,054,900	309,272	221,136,400	143,357,200	232,392,100	72,183,100

1. Obtained by averaging the number at the beginning, middle and end of the year.
 2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Principal Statistics of Retail Chain Stores in Canada, 1956, by Kinds of Business

No.		Number of chains	Number of stores	
			Average	Maximum
1	Total, all chains	499	8,559	9,046
Food and beverage group:				
2	Bakery products stores	13	176	191
3	Candy and confectionery stores	9	244	264
4	Grocery and combination stores	38	1,230	1,309
5	Meat markets	5	43	44
6	Restaurants	28	355	384
7	Alcoholic beverage stores	18	950	988
8	Miscellaneous	6	29	39
General merchandise group:				
9	General merchandise stores	15	135	142
10	General stores	25	349	366
11	Variety stores	18	681	701
Automotive group:				
12	Automobile dealers	4	31	34
13	Automotive accessory stores	5	65	74
14	Garages and filling stations	5	46	49
Apparel and accessories stores:				
15	Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	21	215	231
16	Women's clothing stores	39	592	634
17	Family clothing stores	25	161	181
18	Shoes	42	699	736
19	Miscellaneous	7	52	52
Building materials and hardware group:				
20	Lumber and building material dealers	25	742	754
21	Hardware	12	140	141
22	Miscellaneous	6	41	44
Furniture and household appliance group:				
23	Furniture stores	13	205	209
24	Household appliance stores	37	470	516
25	Miscellaneous	7	34	36
Other retail stores group:				
26	Drug stores	31	349	364
27	Tobacco stores	4	187	208
28	Jewellery stores	16	141	146
29	Miscellaneous	25	197	209

TABLE 2. Principal Statistics of Retail Chain Stores in Canada, 1956, by Kinds of Business

Sales (Retail)		Salaries and wages	Customer's accounts outstanding	Stocks on hand as at December 31, 1956		No.
Amount	% of total chain sales			Stores	Warehouses	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
2,647,054,900	100.0	221,136,400	143,357,200	232,392,100	72,183,100	1
7,649,100	0.3	1,273,500	27,500	85,600	63,200	2
7,416,300	0.3	1,306,500	46,100	247,600	98,900	3
1,096,330,100	41.3	64,461,100	703,900	38,466,700	22,044,900	4
7,729,800	0.3	701,300	22,400	155,100	—	5
36,374,500	1.4	9,670,800	45,100	643,900	73,900	6
527,952,500	19.8	22,400,300	—	28,298,100	30,434,600	7
1,942,200	0.1	376,200	1	28,500	—	8
43,524,900	1.6	5,143,800	3,685,800	7,893,200	141,000	9
41,144,000	1.6	3,566,200	2,608,000	12,198,600	1	10
229,306,900	8.7	35,633,300	1	26,260,900	4,504,800	11
21,425,000	0.8	2,093,400	4,596,500	3,132,500	—	12
15,843,200	0.6	1,944,800	3,332,900	2,126,900	1	13
4,775,200	0.2	719,100	102,900	282,600	—	14
28,866,400	1.1	3,389,600	2,133,900	6,562,200	331,600	15
67,269,300	2.5	7,301,100	2,393,800	8,454,900	1,512,000	16
36,347,100	1.4	4,939,200	3,497,200	8,747,100	277,500	17
53,432,600	2.0	7,090,600	127,400	13,941,700	2,396,400	18
4,758,200	0.2	644,800	768,900	1,069,900	2,600	19
99,861,800	3.8	8,024,600	15,329,400	26,491,800	356,200	20
37,018,800	1.4	3,442,900	3,938,200	7,161,500	1	21
4,435,900	0.2	492,800	811,300	681,900	—	22
54,665,300	2.1	5,848,900	52,191,300	7,037,000	887,100	23
77,747,200	2.9	11,792,300	29,058,600	9,898,100	2,139,200	24
4,646,800	0.2	581,600	744,000	1,343,700	—	25
41,298,600	1.6	6,608,400	399,000	6,807,800	1,192,200	26
15,869,800	0.6	1,787,600	1	1,242,500	337,300	27
46,301,100	1.7	6,829,600	11,809,800	9,412,800	876,300	28
33,122,300	1.3	3,072,100	4,551,600	3,719,000	754,100	29

1. Indicates figures withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations, but are included in their totals.

TABLE 3. Chains, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Canada:			
Chains (number)	496	499	
Stores (maximum)	8,734	9,046	
Total sales	\$ 2,353,965,400	2,647,054,900	+ 12.5
Newfoundland:			
Chains (number)	18	20	
Stores (maximum)	100	109	
Total sales	\$ 12,981,900	15,267,100	+ 17.6
Prince Edward Island:			
Chains (number)	12	14	
Stores (maximum)	22	24	
Total sales	\$ 4,592,700	5,040,900	+ 9.8
Nova Scotia:			
Chains (number)	46	52	
Stores (maximum)	298	329	
Total sales	\$ 82,676,300	90,414,500	+ 9.4
New Brunswick:			
Chains (number)	41	39	
Stores (maximum)	204	201	
Total sales	\$ 68,458,700	74,490,400	+ 8.8
Quebec:			
Chains (number)	163	162	
Stores (maximum)	1,650	1,698	
Total sales	\$ 488,373,700	540,628,100	+ 10.7
Ontario:			
Chains (number)	251	247	
Stores (maximum)	3,740	3,919	
Total sales	\$ 1,096,030,300	1,230,387,500	+ 12.3
Manitoba:			
Chains (number)	67	68	
Stores (maximum)	393	399	
Total sales	\$ 94,235,300	100,590,900	+ 6.7
Saskatchewan:			
Chains (number)	66	69	
Stores (maximum)	685	681	
Total sales	\$ 102,129,000	111,353,300	+ 9.0
Alberta:			
Chains (number)	79	85	
Stores (maximum)	678	699	
Total sales	\$ 160,909,200	182,111,100	+ 13.2
British Columbia:			
Chains (number)	98	101	
Stores (maximum)	910	932	
Total sales	\$ 237,733,700	289,846,300	+ 21.9
Yukon and Northwest Territories:			
Chains (number)	4	5	
Stores (maximum)	54	55	
Total sales	\$ 5,834,600	6,924,800	+ 18.7

Note: The sum of provincial figures for chains (number) does not equal the total shown for Canada, since several chains operate in more than one province.

TABLE 4. Chains, Stores and Sales for Selected Kinds of Business, 1955 and 1956

Kind of business	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Total, all chains:			
Chains (number)	496	499	
Stores (maximum)	8,734	9,046	
Total sales	\$ 2,353,955,400	2,647,054,900	+ 12.5
Grocery and combination stores:			
Chains (number)	35	38	
Stores (maximum)	1,256	1,309	
Total sales	\$ 962,832,700	1,096,330,100	+ 13.9
Meat markets:			
Chains (number)	7	5	
Stores (maximum)	54	44	
Total sales	\$ 7,959,900	7,729,800	2.9
Variety stores:			
Chains (number)	19	18	
Stores (maximum)	679	701	
Total sales	\$ 207,831,400	229,306,900	+ 10.3
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings stores (including custom tailors):			
Chains (number)	21	21	
Stores (maximum)	226	231	
Total sales	\$ 27,036,700	28,866,400	+ 6.8
Family clothing stores:			
Chains (number)	23	25	
Stores (maximum)	162	181	
Total sales	\$ 33,417,800	36,347,100	+ 8.8
Women's apparel and accessories stores:			
Chains (number)	41	39	
Stores (maximum)	602	634	
Total sales	\$ 61,897,400	67,269,300	+ 8.7
Shoe stores:			
Chains (number)	43	42	
Stores (maximum)	705	736	
Total sales	\$ 48,054,300	53,432,600	+ 11.2
Hardware stores:			
Chains (number)	12	12	
Stores (maximum)	84	141	
Total sales	\$ 19,906,400	37,018,800	+ 86.0

TABLE 4 Chains, Stores and Sales for Selected Kinds of Business, 1955 and 1956 — Concluded

Kind of business	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956 / 1955
Lumber and building material dealers:			
Chains (number)	25	25	
Stores (maximum)	762	754	
Total sales	\$ 91,633,900	99,861,800	+ 9.0
Furniture stores:			
Chains (number)	16	13	
Stores (maximum)	199	209	
Total sales	\$ 47,624,900	54,665,300	+ 14.8
Household appliance, radio and music stores:			
Chains (number)	33	37	
Stores (maximum)	464	516	
Total sales	\$ 68,740,300	77,747,200	+ 13.1
Restaurants:			
Chains (number)	31	28	
Stores (maximum)	388	384	
Total sales	\$ 34,602,100	36,374,500	+ 5.1
Drug stores:			
Chains (number)	30	31	
Stores (maximum)	354	364	
Total sales	\$ 36,659,700	41,298,600	+ 12.7
Tobacco stores and stands:			
Chains (number)	4	4	
Stores (maximum)	213	208	
Total sales	\$ 15,411,400	15,869,800	+ 3.0

TABLE 5. Retail Chains by Type of Operation, 1955 and 1956

Type of operation	Number of chains	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	
			Amount	% of total
1955				
Total, all chains	496	8,734	2,353,955,400	100.0
Local chains	146	972	138,336,100	5.9
Provincial chains	223	3,527	1,032,826,100	43.9
Sectional and national chains	126	4,235	1,182,793,200	50.2
1956				
Total, all chains	499	9,046	2,647,054,900	100.0
Local chains	142	1,029	147,186,500	5.6
Provincial chains	231	3,566	1,161,666,400	43.9
Sectional and national chains	126	4,451	1,338,202,000	50.5

TABLE 6. Retail Chains by Number of Units Operated, 1955 and 1956

Number of units operated	Number of chains	Number of stores	Total sales	
			Amount	% of total
1955			\$	%
Total, all chains	496	8,134	2,353,955,400	100.0
4- 9 units	312	1,744	274,819,300	11.7
10-49 units	149	2,945	640,897,100	27.2
50-99 units	18	1,318	247,785,300	10.5
100 units and over	17	2,727	1,190,453,700	50.6
1956				
Total, all chains	499	9,046	2,647,054,900	100.0
4- 9 units	308	1,701	296,750,700	11.2
10-49 units	155	3,086	652,481,500	24.7
50-99 units	18	1,322	310,226,500	11.7
100 units and over	18	2,937	1,387,596,200	52.4

TABLE 7. Retail Chains by Amount of Annual Retail Sales, 1955 and 1956

Annual Sales Volume of Chains	Number of chains	Number of stores	Total sales	
			Amount	% of total
1955			\$	%
Total, all chains	496	8,134	2,353,955,400	100.0
\$5,000,000 and over	61	4,480	1,877,301,800	79.8
\$1,000,000-\$4,999,999	154	2,289	346,844,500	14.7
Under \$1,000,000	281	1,965	129,809,100	5.5
1956				
Total, all chains	499	9,046	2,647,054,900	100.0
\$5,000,000 and over	63	4,726	2,134,278,500	80.6
\$1,000,000-\$4,999,999	167	2,471	386,440,600	14.6
Under \$1,000,000	269	1,849	126,335,800	4.8

**TABLE 8. Retail Chain Store Sales in Canada — by Kinds of Business and Months
1955-1956**

Month	Total All Trades		Change 1956/55	Grocery and Combination Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	153,689,400	167,186,600	+ 8.8	71,438,200	78,314,200	+ 9.6
February	151,586,700	169,044,200	+ 11.5	70,574,200	80,358,500	+ 13.9
March	167,688,000	209,410,200	+ 24.9	78,401,900	95,738,000	+ 22.1
April	194,308,300	190,001,400	- 2.2	84,164,500	84,636,000	+ 0.6
May	187,391,500	217,336,300	+ 16.0	77,943,300	91,924,400	+ 17.9
June	199,398,900	236,790,800	+ 18.8	81,018,100	99,604,300	+ 22.9
July	198,367,100	214,090,800	+ 7.9	80,646,600	87,076,800	+ 8.0
August	190,097,700	223,841,300	+ 17.8	74,819,300	90,092,200	+ 20.4
September	200,563,100	223,395,700	+ 11.4	80,560,400	92,206,000	+ 14.5
October	208,339,200	227,988,400	+ 9.4	84,608,800	92,641,300	+ 9.5
November	200,228,900	236,536,000	+ 18.1	80,191,700	96,193,800	+ 20.0
December	302,296,600	331,433,200	+ 9.6	98,465,700	107,544,600	+ 9.2
Annual total	2,353,955,400	2,647,054,900	+ 12.5	962,832,700	1,096,330,100	+ 13.9
	Meat Stores		Change 1956/55	General Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	666,500	613,000	- 8.0	2,539,200	2,636,300	+ 3.8
February	674,000	643,200	- 4.6	2,252,600	2,388,700	+ 6.0
March	693,600	656,200	- 5.4	2,586,100	2,910,200	+ 12.1
April	680,300	607,400	- 10.7	2,961,400	2,911,200	- 1.7
May	614,000	617,800	+ 0.6	3,059,000	3,507,500	+ 14.7
June	614,800	610,500	- 0.7	3,421,900	3,637,300	+ 6.3
July	570,100	561,400	- 1.5	3,646,700	3,817,000	+ 4.7
August	602,200	607,800	+ 0.9	3,375,400	3,832,200	+ 13.5
September	652,600	628,200	- 3.7	3,497,300	3,673,900	+ 5.0
October	701,400	721,100	+ 2.8	3,214,800	3,883,900	+ 20.8
November	696,900	694,900	- 0.3	3,041,900	3,693,600	+ 21.4
December	793,500	768,300	- 3.2	3,853,400	4,252,200	+ 10.3
Annual total	7,959,900	7,729,800	- 2.9	37,449,700	41,144,000	+ 9.9
	Variety Stores		Change 1956/55	Motor Vehicle Dealers		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	10,720,200	11,702,300	+ 9.2	1,333,400	1,005,500	- 24.6
February	10,881,400	11,843,200	+ 8.8	1,329,300	961,300	- 27.7
March	12,599,200	17,583,800	+ 39.6	1,818,400	1,392,700	- 23.4
April	17,729,400	15,399,500	- 13.1	2,184,200	1,918,900	- 12.1
May	16,069,300	17,552,300	+ 9.2	2,580,300	2,652,700	+ 2.8
June	16,821,600	20,057,100	+ 19.2	2,606,100	2,611,800	+ 0.2
July	16,032,700	17,294,900	+ 7.9	2,312,000	2,451,800	+ 6.0
August	15,047,900	17,778,900	+ 18.1	2,461,200	2,088,600	- 15.1
September	17,086,700	18,306,100	+ 7.1	2,024,200	1,697,300	- 16.1
October	18,060,000	18,712,300	+ 3.6	1,726,100	1,706,800	- 1.1
November	19,141,800	21,944,600	+ 14.6	1,440,300	1,561,200	+ 8.4
December	37,641,200	41,131,900	+ 9.3	1,351,000	1,376,400	+ 1.9
Annual total	207,831,400	229,306,900	+ 10.3	23,166,500	21,425,000	- 7.5

**TABLE 8. Retail Chain Store Sales in Canada — by Kinds of Business and Months
1955-1956 — Continued**

Month	Garages and Filling Stations		Change 1956/55	Men's Clothing Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	300,400	381,400	+ 27.0	1,542,100	1,790,600	+ 16.1
February	287,900	375,100	+ 30.3	1,549,500	1,681,800	+ 8.5
March	312,500	400,500	+ 28.2	2,051,300	2,201,500	+ 7.3
April	349,700	396,700	+ 13.4	2,580,000	2,064,700	- 20.0
May	400,700	464,400	+ 15.9	2,190,800	2,317,600	+ 5.8
June	399,200	448,900	+ 12.4	2,280,300	2,746,600	+ 20.4
July	412,400	454,000	+ 10.1	1,882,100	1,940,500	+ 3.1
August	447,500	453,400	+ 1.3	1,448,500	1,722,100	+ 18.9
September	406,200	363,000	- 10.6	1,879,200	2,213,400	+ 17.8
October	386,800	360,400	- 6.8	2,650,300	2,550,400	- 3.8
November	373,400	325,600	- 12.8	2,867,400	3,201,300	+ 11.6
December	372,800	351,800	- 5.6	4,115,200	4,435,900	+ 7.8
Annual total	4,449,500	4,775,200	+ 7.3	27,036,700	28,866,400	+ 6.8
	Family Clothing Stores		Change 1956/55	Women's Clothing Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	2,373,900	2,484,100	+ 4.6	3,917,300	3,918,500	1
February	1,714,000	1,599,000	- 6.7	3,201,000	3,492,700	+ 9.1
March	1,967,000	2,623,300	+ 33.4	3,548,800	4,908,200	+ 38.3
April	2,929,400	2,624,000	- 10.4	5,272,100	4,637,600	- 12.0
May	2,572,400	2,866,000	+ 11.4	5,323,400	5,774,500	+ 8.5
June	2,766,700	3,275,100	+ 18.4	5,973,700	6,862,500	+ 14.9
July	2,405,100	2,559,200	+ 6.4	5,554,500	5,562,300	+ 0.1
August	2,582,700	2,956,800	+ 14.5	4,061,200	4,710,200	+ 16.0
September	2,959,000	3,349,600	+ 13.2	4,921,500	5,388,700	+ 9.5
October	3,263,800	3,312,700	+ 1.5	5,144,600	5,443,700	+ 5.8
November	3,274,900	3,724,000	+ 13.7	4,949,200	5,698,300	+ 15.1
December	4,608,900	4,973,300	+ 7.9	10,030,100	10,872,100	+ 8.4
Annual total	33,417,800	36,347,100	+ 8.8	61,897,400	67,269,300	+ 8.7
	Shoe Stores		Change 1956/55	Hardware Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	2,421,000	2,506,200	+ 3.5	1,073,800	1,980,500	+ 84.4
February	2,205,300	2,315,200	+ 5.0	1,096,200	1,940,300	+ 77.0
March	2,858,500	4,002,100	+ 40.0	1,185,300	2,553,200	+ 115.4
April	4,843,400	4,064,300	- 16.1	1,549,300	2,872,700	+ 85.4
May	4,205,600	4,535,600	+ 7.8	1,820,500	3,463,700	+ 90.3
June	4,779,900	5,833,700	+ 22.0	1,912,600	3,573,700	+ 86.9
July	3,941,600	4,307,600	+ 9.3	1,638,600	3,100,400	+ 89.2
August	3,350,700	4,233,100	+ 26.3	1,593,400	3,363,800	+ 111.1
September	4,176,900	4,707,800	+ 12.7	1,778,400	3,042,100	+ 71.1
October	4,061,100	4,154,200	+ 2.3	1,866,500	3,508,800	+ 88.0
November	4,506,600	5,623,200	+ 24.8	1,819,400	3,613,400	+ 98.6
December	6,703,700	7,149,600	+ 6.7	2,572,400	4,006,200	+ 55.7
Annual total	48,054,300	53,432,600	+ 11.2	19,906,400	37,018,800	+ 86.0

1. Change of less than 0.05 per cent.

**TABLE 8. Retail Chain Store Sales in Canada — by Kinds of Business and Months
1955-1956 — Continued**

Month	Lumber and Building Material Dealers		Change 1956/55	Furniture Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	4,092,500	4,548,600	+ 11.1	2,453,100	3,268,300	+ 33.2
February	3,990,700	4,650,600	+ 16.5	2,347,600	3,091,900	+ 31.7
March	3,315,800	3,800,000	+ 14.6	3,040,700	3,977,300	+ 30.8
April	4,383,600	5,081,200	+ 15.9	3,572,900	3,856,200	+ 7.9
May	8,725,500	10,301,700	+ 18.1	4,170,900	4,952,100	+ 18.7
June	9,139,300	9,874,400	+ 8.0	4,208,900	4,805,200	+ 14.2
July	9,519,100	10,627,100	+ 11.6	3,965,000	4,464,300	+ 12.6
August	11,554,800	12,516,000	+ 8.3	4,174,500	4,583,500	+ 9.8
September	11,126,100	11,048,600	- 0.7	4,905,600	5,153,400	+ 5.1
October	11,124,600	10,966,300	- 1.4	4,794,300	5,434,100	+ 13.3
November	8,829,300	10,713,900	+ 21.3	4,362,200	5,173,100	+ 18.6
December	5,832,600	5,733,400	- 1.7	5,629,200	5,905,900	+ 4.9
Annual total	91,633,900	99,861,800	+ 9.0	47,624,900	54,665,300	+ 14.8
	Appliance and Radio Stores		Change 1956/55	Restaurants		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	5,117,800	6,072,100	+ 18.6	2,688,100	2,749,500	+ 2.3
February	5,005,600	5,270,400	+ 5.3	2,440,400	2,603,300	+ 6.7
March	5,226,700	5,969,000	+ 14.2	2,756,200	2,901,900	+ 5.3
April	5,504,400	5,766,200	+ 4.8	2,653,700	2,868,300	+ 8.1
May	5,105,300	6,402,800	+ 25.4	2,822,400	3,062,100	+ 8.5
June	5,321,600	5,998,400	+ 12.7	2,964,900	3,063,000	+ 3.3
July	5,257,300	5,952,500	+ 13.2	3,219,200	3,531,300	+ 9.7
August	5,550,500	5,875,300	+ 5.9	3,364,600	3,494,900	+ 3.9
September	6,486,300	7,384,800	+ 13.9	3,090,000	3,183,600	+ 3.0
October	6,928,200	8,053,000	+ 16.2	2,881,300	3,042,600	+ 5.6
November	6,296,800	6,712,700	+ 6.6	2,797,300	2,910,900	+ 4.1
December	6,939,800	8,290,000	+ 19.5	2,924,000	2,963,100	+ 1.3
Annual total	68,740,300	77,747,200	+ 13.1	34,602,100	36,374,500	+ 5.1
	Drug Stores		Change 1956/55	Jewellery Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
January	2,833,400	3,045,600	+ 7.5	2,104,500	2,370,800	+ 12.7
February	2,660,600	3,077,300	+ 15.7	2,028,000	2,457,000	+ 21.2
March	2,964,400	3,372,500	+ 13.8	2,620,600	2,801,100	+ 6.9
April	3,093,500	3,258,400	+ 5.3	2,491,900	2,691,600	+ 8.0
May	2,895,000	3,310,600	+ 14.4	2,960,900	3,680,200	+ 24.3
June	2,943,800	3,434,400	+ 16.7	3,510,500	3,597,300	+ 2.5
July	2,917,700	3,321,700	+ 13.8	2,688,400	2,919,300	+ 8.6
August	2,904,400	3,343,400	+ 15.1	3,139,000	3,402,600	+ 8.4
September	2,975,600	3,312,300	+ 11.3	3,447,000	3,515,600	+ 2.0
October	3,256,800	3,642,100	+ 11.8	3,481,500	3,549,100	+ 1.9
November	2,885,600	3,304,900	+ 14.5	4,272,800	4,521,400	+ 5.3
December	4,328,900	4,875,400	+ 12.6	10,271,100	10,795,100	+ 5.1
Annual total	36,659,700	41,298,600	+ 12.7	43,016,200	46,301,100	+ 7.6

TABLE 8. Retail Chain Stores Sales in Canada — by Kinds of Business and Months
1955-1956 — Concluded

	All Other Stores		Change 1956/55
	1955	1956	
	\$	\$	%
January	36,074,000	37,799,100	+ 4.8
February	37,348,400	40,294,700	+ 7.9
March	39,741,000	51,618,700	+ 29.9
April	47,364,600	44,346,500	- 6.4
May	43,932,200	49,950,300	+ 13.7
June	48,715,000	56,756,600	+ 16.5
July	51,758,000	54,148,700	+ 4.6
August	49,619,900	58,786,500	+ 18.5
September	48,590,100	54,221,300	+ 11.6
October	50,188,300	56,305,600	+ 12.2
November	48,481,400	56,925,200	+ 17.4
December	95,863,100	106,008,000	+ 10.6
Annual total	597,676,000	667,161,200	+ 11.6

CHAIN FOOD STORES

**TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Chain Food Stores in Canada, 1930-1956
(Grocery and Combination Stores)**

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales		Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Accounts outstanding at year end	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age ¹	Max- imum	Amount	Average per store			Stores	Warehouses
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1930	67	2,004	2,127	119,498,600	59,630	8,889,200	2	6,250,200	2
1931	69	2,098	2,193	117,284,000	55,903	2	2	2	2
1932	71	2,151	2,232	104,618,700	48,637	2	2	2	2
1933	75	2,132	2,221	98,862,100	46,371	7,448,400	2	6,125,000	2
1934	74	2,159	2,239	100,874,900	46,723	7,516,900	2	5,818,300	4,000,200
1935	73	2,090	2,151	101,418,400	48,526	7,638,700	1,041,200	5,938,100	3,521,100
1936	75	2,079	2,172	107,345,900	51,633	7,980,800	1,106,900	6,395,900	4,526,100
1937	75	2,024	2,125	116,389,700	57,505	8,642,500	1,198,000	6,345,400	3,661,600
1938	77	1,938	2,054	116,849,800	60,294	8,584,100	1,452,900	6,129,300	3,344,700
1939	73	1,718	1,887	123,826,200	72,076	8,601,400	1,326,000	6,500,800	4,467,200
1940	66	1,534	1,650	140,805,700	91,790	9,049,700	1,206,500	7,191,100	5,264,200
1941	62	1,526	1,541	172,317,400	112,921	10,565,500	936,400	7,270,800	5,755,700
1942	56	1,284	1,293	188,116,300	146,508	11,075,200	2	7,085,200	7,591,200
1943	56	1,258	1,269	179,833,500	142,952	11,222,000	639,600	7,589,200	7,837,100
1944	55	1,228	1,245	198,811,100	161,898	12,527,700	659,800	7,322,700	7,394,400
1945	52	1,194	1,211	212,891,600	178,301	13,472,900	649,800	7,526,100	7,730,800
1946	52	1,154	1,177	237,677,300	205,960	15,340,000	698,100	8,902,600	9,661,300
1947	51	1,192	1,204	301,796,300	253,185	18,653,600	823,000	11,207,000	13,064,400
1948	48	1,175	1,226	387,136,600	329,478	22,822,500	1,047,900	11,157,000	13,128,300
1949	44	1,131	1,191	433,950,300	383,687	26,322,100	1,403,900	12,355,600	11,138,400
1950	39	1,109	1,191	504,578,900	454,985	30,018,200	1,421,900	15,442,800	14,157,700
1951	43	1,141	1,205	612,730,800	537,012	36,731,100	1,081,800	19,638,100	15,788,900
1952	37	1,123	1,174	702,104,600	625,204	42,252,600	962,000	20,688,100	14,602,200
1953	35	1,112	1,166	773,220,100	695,342	47,433,000	914,300	23,228,800	16,652,500
1954	35	1,123	1,182	863,422,100	768,853	50,306,000	985,000	28,348,800	18,855,300
1955	35	1,166	1,256	962,832,700	825,757	56,495,000	1,056,400	32,041,100	19,058,500
1956	38	1,230	1,309	1,096,330,100	891,325	64,461,100	703,900	38,466,700	22,044,900

1. Obtained by averaging the number at the beginning, middle and end of the year.
 2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Food Chains, Stores and Sales by Province, 1955 and 1956
 (Grocery stores and combination stores)

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Canada:			
Chains (number)	35	38	
Stores (maximum)	1,256	1,309	
Total sales	\$ 962,832,700	1,096,330,100	+13.9
Atlantic Provinces:			
Chains (number)	8	13	
Stores (maximum)	84	100	
Total sales	\$ 38,970,700	48,926,200	+25.5
Quebec:			
Chains (number)	6	7	
Stores (maximum)	212	220	
Total sales	\$ 205,681,000	232,050,200	+12.8
Ontario:			
Chains (number)	16	14	
Stores (maximum)	555	575	
Total sales	\$ 514,839,900	585,135,400	+13.7
Manitoba:			
Chains (number)	3	4	
Stores (maximum)	75	82	
Total sales	\$ 38,580,700	42,273,100	+ 9.6
Saskatchewan:			
Chains (number)	5	5	
Stores (maximum)	72	70	
Total sales	\$ 27,279,100	28,708,700	+ 5.2
Alberta:			
Chains (number)	4	6	
Stores (maximum)	99	103	
Total sales	\$ 50,846,400	62,940,500	+23.8
British Columbia:			
Chains (number)	6	6	
Stores (maximum)	159	159	
Total sales	\$ 86,634,900	96,296,000	+11.2

Note: The sum of provincial figures for "chains (numbers)" does not equal the total shown for Canada, since several chains operate in more than one province.

**TABLE 3. Chain Food Store Sales for Specified Cities 1955 and 1956
(Grocery stores and combination stores)**

City	Number of stores (maximum)		Total sales		
	1955	1956	1955	1956	% change 1956/1955
Halifax ²	26	36	16,253,400	21,778,900	+ 34.0
Montreal ²	122	130	152,732,100	169,300,800	+ 10.8
Quebec ²	15	14	13,592,100	15,757,200	+ 15.9
Sherbrooke	5	5	3,090,700	4,682,000	+ 51.5
Brantford	6	6	6,879,800	7,938,100	+ 15.4
Fort William	3	7	3	4,010,000	3
Hamilton ²	51	52	38,331,300	44,054,300	+ 14.9
Kingston	4	5	7,394,900	8,118,800	+ 9.8
Kitchener	8	10	8,348,500	9,085,500	+ 8.8
London ²	19	18	20,188,400	23,280,200	+ 15.3
Ottawa ²	37	36	32,921,800	34,029,100	+ 3.4
Peterborough	5	6	7,226,900	8,545,600	+ 18.2
St. Catherines	7	9	10,342,200	13,161,400	+ 27.3
Oshawa	5	6	7,216,400	8,301,800	+ 15.0
Port Arthur	3	5	3	5,178,800	3
Sudbury	5	5	14,606,600	16,067,500	+ 10.0
Sarnia	5	5	6,889,900	8,001,300	+ 16.1
Sault St. Marie	7	5	6,207,000	6,425,800	+ 3.5
Toronto ²	161	174	184,489,100	208,750,900	+ 13.2
Windsor ²	16	16	20,747,900	22,494,600	+ 8.4
Winnipeg ²	68	75	33,307,800	37,023,100	+ 11.9
Regina	21	22	8,727,700	9,758,400	+ 11.8
Calgary ²	41	41	22,255,300	29,252,500	+ 31.4
Edmonton	3	24	3	20,924,900	3
Vancouver ²	80	77	53,158,000	58,523,700	+ 10.1
Victoria ²	13	13	9,105,900	10,043,000	+ 10.3
Places 30,000 population and over	786	832	729,164,400	826,943,300	+ 13.4
Places under 30,000 population	470	477	233,668,300	269,386,800	+ 15.3

1. Other cities with 30,000 or over population cannot be shown without disclosing individual operations but are in their total.

2. Metropolitan areas.

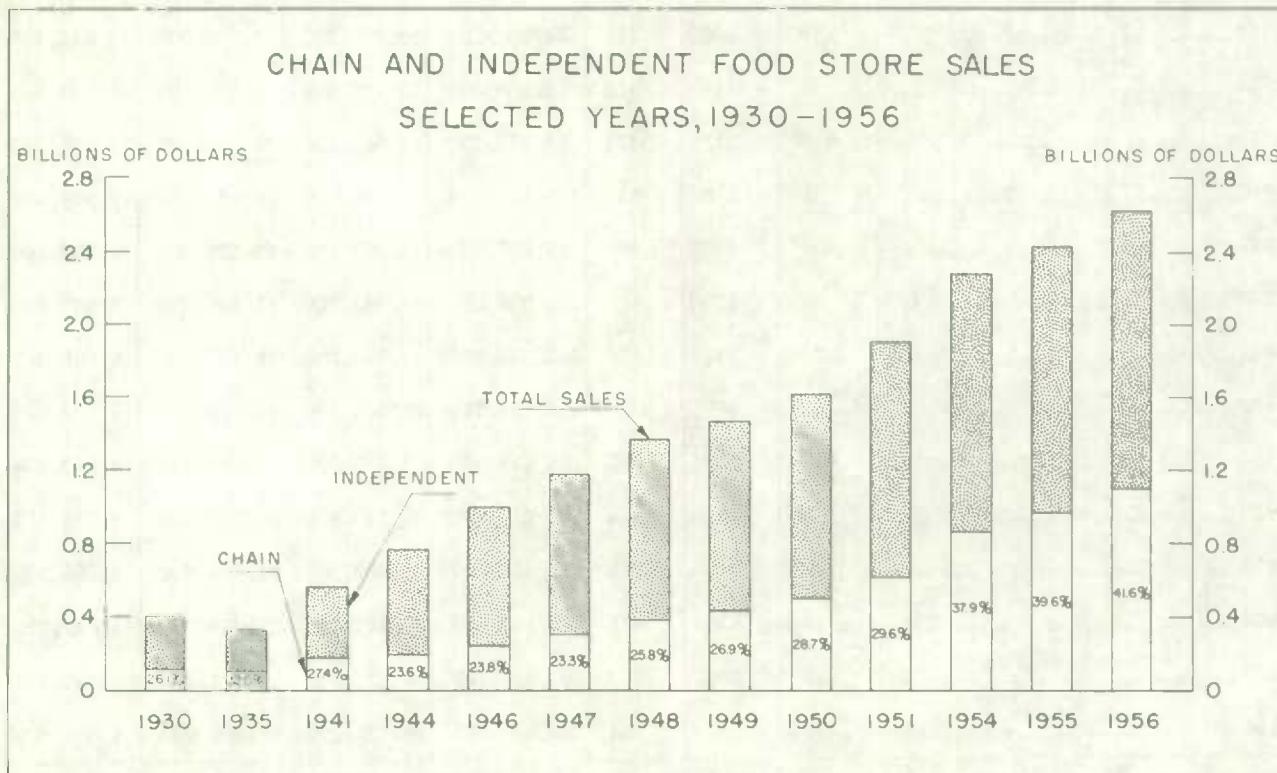
3. Indicates figures withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but are included in their total.

**TABLE 4. Chain Food Stores by Number of Units Operated, 1955 and 1956
(Grocery stores and combination stores)**

Number of units operated	Number of chains	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	
			Amount	% of total
1955				
Total, all food chains	35	1,256	962,832,700	100.0
4- 9 units	17	84	21,697,300	2.3
10-99 units	14	469	265,420,300	27.6
100 units and over	4	703	675,715,100	70.1
1956				
Total, all food chains	38	1,309	1,096,330,100	100.0
4- 9 units	20	101	34,528,200	3.1
10-99 units	14	458	294,954,200	26.9
100 units and over	4	750	766,847,700	70.0

TABLE 5. Chain Food Stores by Annual Sales Volume, 1955 and 1956
(Grocery stores and combination stores)

Annual sales range	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	% of total sales
		\$	%
1955			
Total, all stores.....	1,256	962,832,700	100.0
\$2,000,000 and over.....	94	266,711,400	27.7
\$1,500,000-\$1,999,999.....	92	161,034,100	16.7
\$1,000,000-\$1,499,999.....	137	168,386,600	17.5
\$750,000- \$999,999.....	133	115,987,700	12.0
\$500,000- \$749,999.....	158	99,010,100	10.3
\$300,000- \$499,999.....	211	82,494,200	8.6
Under \$300,000.....	431	69,208,600	7.2
1956			
Total, all stores.....	1,309	1,096,330,100	100.0
\$2,000,000 and over.....	127	351,998,300	32.0
\$1,500,000-\$1,999,999.....	101	175,266,500	16.0
\$1,000,000-\$1,499,999.....	162	196,985,900	18.0
\$750,000- \$999,999.....	127	109,767,600	10.0
\$500,000- \$749,999.....	190	117,254,500	10.7
\$300,000- \$499,999.....	206	80,807,800	7.4
Under \$300,000.....	396	64,249,500	5.9



CHAIN VARIETY STORES

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Chain Variety Stores in Canada, 1930-1956

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales	Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age ¹	Max- imum			Stores	Warehouses
1930	15	313	327	\$ 39,383,600	\$ 4,179,300	\$ 5,274,900	\$ 2
1931	14	329	340	\$ 38,906,700	2	2	2
1932	14	339	348	\$ 35,474,800	2	2	2
1933	14	248	356	\$ 33,348,600	\$ 4,032,400	\$ 4,796,600	\$ 2
1934	14	360	372	\$ 35,646,500	\$ 3,908,100	\$ 4,507,800	\$ 317,100
1935	14	377	390	\$ 37,914,000	\$ 4,889,300	\$ 5,184,800	\$ 861,300
1936	14	396	414	\$ 41,422,100	\$ 5,331,300	\$ 5,880,900	\$ 898,800
1937	14	422	437	\$ 46,323,400	\$ 5,832,000	\$ 6,234,100	\$ 946,900
1938	16	446	468	\$ 47,256,700	\$ 6,170,100	\$ 6,243,600	\$ 922,900
1939	16	474	489	\$ 51,416,000	\$ 6,594,500	\$ 7,285,400	\$ 1,130,900
1940	16	491	504	\$ 60,718,600	\$ 7,453,900	\$ 8,354,100	\$ 1,425,500
1941	20	525	532	\$ 74,179,100	\$ 8,568,700	\$ 9,334,600	\$ 1,806,100
1942	19	521	523	\$ 84,319,200	\$ 9,859,800	\$ 9,584,900	\$ 2,027,200
1943	19	520	521	\$ 84,366,200	\$ 10,275,700	\$ 9,836,500	\$ 1,919,400
1944	18	514	515	\$ 88,568,800	\$ 10,737,600	\$ 8,885,500	\$ 1,511,500
1945	19	515	521	\$ 95,998,200	\$ 11,505,200	\$ 9,008,400	\$ 1,756,200
1946	19	515	523	\$ 107,586,200	\$ 12,745,500	\$ 10,984,100	\$ 2,344,300
1947	18	517	536	\$ 117,925,300	\$ 14,069,300	\$ 12,528,200	\$ 2,302,800
1948	16	527	540	\$ 133,906,900	\$ 17,162,700	\$ 15,096,200	\$ 3,407,200
1949	15	541	550	\$ 142,060,500	\$ 19,790,800	\$ 15,153,000	\$ 3,686,100
1950	16	560	579	\$ 147,731,700	\$ 21,157,700	\$ 17,635,400	\$ 3,993,300
1951	16	587	597	\$ 164,474,800	\$ 25,510,200	\$ 17,969,800	\$ 4,882,100
1952	17	601	614	\$ 179,618,300	\$ 26,115,400	\$ 21,075,200	\$ 4,718,200
1953	17	610	623	\$ 188,474,600	\$ 28,803,200	\$ 21,709,400	\$ 4,565,800
1954	18	636	653	\$ 194,248,000	\$ 30,671,500	\$ 22,633,300	\$ 4,620,700
1955	19	660	679	\$ 207,831,400	\$ 33,257,900	\$ 25,245,600	\$ 5,122,100
1956	18	681	701	\$ 229,306,900	\$ 35,633,300	\$ 26,260,900	\$ 4,504,800

1. Obtained by averaging the number at beginning, middle and end of the year.
 2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Variety Chains, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Canada:			
Chains (number)	19	18	
Stores (maximum)	679	701	
Total sales	\$ 207,831,400	229,306,900	+ 10.3
Prince Edward Island¹:			
Chains (number)	3	5	
Stores (maximum)	5	6	
Total sales	\$ 1,384,800	1,825,700	+ 31.8
Nova Scotia:			
Chains (number)	5	5	
Stores (maximum)	45	47	
Total sales	\$ 12,141,700	13,364,300	+ 10.1
New Brunswick:			
Chains (number)	6	5	
Stores (maximum)	27	27	
Total sales	\$ 8,914,400	9,784,800	+ 9.8
Quebec:			
Chains (number)	14	13	
Stores (maximum)	169	175	
Total sales	\$ 54,535,000	59,470,800	+ 9.0
Ontario:			
Chains (number)	14	13	
Stores (maximum)	340	352	
Total sales	\$ 97,440,800	107,396,300	+ 10.2
Manitoba:			
Chains (number)	5	5	
Stores (maximum)	15	15	
Total sales	\$ 5,747,200	6,340,600	+ 10.3
Saskatchewan:			
Chains (number)	4	4	
Stores (maximum)	23	23	
Total sales	\$ 7,209,100	8,125,900	+ 12.7
Alberta:			
Chains (number)	5	5	
Stores (maximum)	18	18	
Total sales	\$ 10,817,400	12,368,800	+ 14.3
British Columbia:			
Chains (number)	6	6	
Stores (maximum)	37	38	
Total sales	\$ 9,641,000	10,629,700	+ 10.3

Note: The sum of provincial figures for "chains (number)" does not equal the total shown for Canada, since several chains operate in more than one province.

1. Newfoundland figures are included with Prince Edward Island to avoid disclosing individual operations.

TABLE 3. Chain Variety Store Sales for Specified Cities¹ 1955 and 1956

City	Number of stores (maximum)		Total sales		
	1955	1956	1955	1956	% Change 1956/55
		\$	\$	%	
Sydney	5	5	1,421,100	1,544,700	+ 8.7
Halifax ²	7	8	4,714,900	5,251,900	+ 11.4
Saint John	4	4	2,689,200	2,722,200	+ 1.2
Montreal ²	75	77	24,586,600	27,599,000	+ 12.3
Quebec ²	14	14	9,266,000	9,669,800	+ 4.4
Sherbrooke	4	4	2,357,100	2,449,300	+ 3.9
Three Rivers	5	5	2,710,400	2,916,300	+ 7.6
Brantford	4	4	1,321,000	1,316,000	- 0.4
Fort William	4	4	1,005,000	1,024,400	+ 1.9
Port Arthur	5	6	1,202,200	1,428,900	+ 18.9
Hamilton ²	10	10	7,250,400	7,989,900	+ 10.2
Kingston	5	5	2,092,500	2,577,800	+ 23.2
Kitchener	9	9	2,394,900	2,596,800	+ 8.4
London ²	5	5	4,074,300	4,379,900	+ 7.5
Ottawa ²	21	22	8,821,200	9,300,400	+ 5.4
Peterborough	4	4	1,933,300	2,096,800	+ 8.5
St. Catharines	4	4	2,628,900	2,804,700	+ 6.7
Oshawa	4	4	2,087,300	2,190,500	+ 4.9
Sudbury	3	3	3,182,200	3,341,900	+ 5.0
Sarnia	6	6	1,385,300	1,508,100	+ 8.9
Sault St. Marie	4	4	1,268,500	1,414,800	+ 11.5
Toronto ²	69	73	23,856,500	26,537,000	+ 11.2
Windsor ²	7	8	4,174,800	4,543,700	+ 8.8
Winnipeg ²	7	7	4,292,100	4,705,900	+ 9.6
Saskatoon	4	4	1,522,700	1,627,600	+ 6.9
Calgary ²	4	4	4,114,200	4,781,600	+ 16.2
Edmonton ²	5	5	4,250,200	4,788,900	+ 12.7
Vancouver ²	20	20	5,630,300	6,073,500	+ 7.9
Victoria ²	3	3	1,443,600	1,504,600	+ 4.2
Places 30,000 population and over	324	334	140,023,900	153,204,800	+ 9.4
Places under 30,000 population	355	367	67,807,500	76,102,100	+ 12.2

1. Other cities with 30,000 or more population cannot be shown without disclosing individual operations but are included in their total.

2. Metropolitan areas.

TABLE 4. Chain Variety Stores by Annual Sales Volume, 1955 and 1956

Annual sales range	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	% of total sales
		\$	%
1955			
Total, all stores	679	207,831,400	100.0
\$1,000,000 and over	30	49,609,600	24.0
\$500,000-\$999,999	77	50,800,600	24.4
\$300,000-\$499,999	106	40,560,200	19.5
\$200,000-\$299,999	123	29,795,800	14.3
\$100,000-\$199,999	176	26,596,500	12.8
Under \$100,000	167	10,468,700	5.0
1956			
Total, all stores	701	229,306,900	100.0
\$1,000,000 and over	33	55,731,000	24.3
\$500,000-\$999,999	91	59,813,400	26.1
\$300,000-\$499,999	122	46,339,200	20.2
\$200,000-\$299,999	128	31,131,700	13.6
\$100,000-\$199,999	180	27,078,000	11.8
Under \$100,000	147	9,213,600	4.0

CHAIN DRUG STORES

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Chain Drug Stores in Canada, 1930-1956

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales		Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Accounts outstanding at year end	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age ¹	Max- imum	Amount	Average per store			Stores	Warehouses
1930	31	284	292	\$13,971,300	\$49,195	\$1,880,800	2	\$2,510,900	\$2
1931	32	299	306	\$13,584,600	\$45,433	\$2	2	2	2
1932	32	305	313	\$12,520,000	\$41,049	\$2	2	2	2
1933	29	297	301	\$11,001,300	\$37,041	\$1,497,700	2	\$2,021,500	\$2
1934	29	298	306	\$11,594,000	\$38,906	\$1,542,800	2	\$2,102,000	\$27,000
1935	29	307	311	\$12,164,100	\$39,622	\$1,494,800	118,700	\$2,152,500	\$501,100
1936	30	314	320	\$12,871,600	\$40,992	\$1,719,500	129,700	\$2,357,700	\$529,300
1937	31	320	332	\$14,163,300	\$44,260	\$1,909,100	150,800	\$2,582,300	\$551,900
1938	33	340	347	\$14,127,100	\$41,550	\$2,019,100	157,900	\$2,525,600	\$687,500
1939	31	336	345	\$14,251,800	\$42,416	\$2,048,900	163,000	\$2,461,900	\$613,800
1940	32	345	354	\$15,613,000	\$45,255	\$2,154,100	163,900	\$2,708,300	\$654,400
1941	35	361	363	\$18,944,500	\$52,478	\$2,567,800	159,800	\$2,936,100	\$792,000
1942	31	342	343	\$19,711,700	\$57,637	\$2,579,700	2	\$2,732,900	\$699,400
1943	31	330	334	\$21,511,600	\$65,137	\$2,849,900	93,300	\$2,873,800	\$734,100
1944	29	319	323	\$23,004,500	\$72,114	\$3,096,100	93,600	\$2,743,000	\$733,700
1945	27	306	309	\$24,126,500	\$78,845	\$3,225,900	103,000	\$3,083,100	\$673,400
1946	27	310	318	\$26,483,700	\$85,431	\$3,620,300	140,800	\$3,553,200	\$751,800
1947	26	307	314	\$26,868,800	\$87,520	\$3,667,900	153,600	\$3,716,400	\$966,100
1948	25	301	316	\$27,458,100	\$91,223	\$3,929,600	160,700	\$3,859,600	\$966,300
1949	23	301	309	\$27,430,100	\$91,130	\$4,234,900	183,200	\$4,129,500	\$979,600
1950	27	320	327	\$28,958,200	\$90,494	\$4,478,600	221,900	\$4,703,000	\$1,056,300
1951	28	325	346	\$31,266,900	\$96,205	\$5,170,400	220,100	\$4,835,300	\$1,054,100
1952	28	325	338	\$33,476,300	\$103,004	\$5,043,700	252,100	\$5,241,800	\$1,039,000
1953	28	332	345	\$34,805,200	\$104,835	\$5,450,800	267,200	\$5,519,700	\$1,018,000
1954	29	339	354	\$35,908,100	\$105,924	\$5,778,400	306,100	\$5,880,200	\$1,008,200
1955	30	335	354	\$36,659,700	\$109,432	\$6,165,400	344,500	\$6,349,900	\$1,159,700
1956	31	349	364	\$41,298,600	\$118,334	\$6,608,400	399,000	\$6,807,800	\$1,192,200

1. Obtained by averaging the number at beginning, middle and end of the year.

2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Drug Chains, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Canada:			
Chains (number)	30	31	
Stores (maximum)	354	364	
Total sales \$	\$36,659,700	\$41,298,600	+ 12.7
Atlantic Provinces:			
Chains (number)	3	5	
Stores (maximum)	23	27	
Total sales	\$1,736,700	\$2,221,000	+ 27.9

TABLE 2. Drug Chains, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956 - Concluded

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Quebec:			
Chains (number)	7	7	
Stores (maximum)	44	43	
Total sales	\$ 5,341,100	5,419,500	+ 1.5
Ontario:			
Chains (number)	8	8	
Stores (maximum)	165	168	
Total sales	\$ 16,573,800	19,195,500	+ 15.8
Prairie Provinces:			
Chains (number)	6	5	
Stores (maximum)	46	46	
Total sales	\$ 5,128,200	5,501,900	+ 7.3
British Columbia:			
Chains (number)	6	6	
Stores (maximum)	76	80	
Total sales	\$ 7,879,900	8,960,700	+ 13.7

Note: The sum of provincial figures for "chains (number)" does not equal the total shown for Canada, since several chains operate in more than one province.

TABLE 3. Chain Drug Stores by Annual Sales Volume, 1955 and 1956

Annual sales range	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	% of total sales
		\$	%
1955			
Total, all stores	354	36,659,700	100.0
\$200,000 and over	22	6,002,700	16.4
\$100,000-\$199,999	126	16,861,700	46.0
\$ 50,000-\$ 99,999	159	12,245,500	33.4
\$ 30,000-\$ 49,999	29	1,211,700	3.3
Under \$30,000	18	338,100	0.9
1956			
Total, all stores	364	41,298,600	100.0
\$200,000 and over	31	8,656,600	21.0
\$100,000-\$199,999	151	20,360,100	49.3
\$ 50,000-\$ 99,999	140	10,955,100	26.5
\$ 30,000-\$ 49,999	26	1,049,600	2.5
Under \$30,000	16	277,200	0.7

CHAIN WOMEN'S APPAREL STORES

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Chain Women's Apparel Stores in Canada, 1930-1956

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales		Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Accounts outstand- ing at year end	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age ¹	Max- imum	Amount	Average per store			Stores	Warehouses
1930	28	183	203	8,584,800	46,911	976,900	2	1,422,500	2
1931	25	186	213	6,828,100	36,710	2	2	2	2
1932	19	164	185	5,093,700	31,059	2	2	2	2
1933	15	144	148	4,029,400	27,982	359,100	2	590,000	2
1934	15	153	171	4,506,300	29,456	385,800	2	587,700	141,600
1935	13	133	138	4,594,600	34,546	404,400	2	786,900	94,200
1936	21	172	190	5,512,200	32,048	481,100	48,800	828,600	128,100
1937	19	176	194	6,216,600	35,322	541,900	2	887,500	119,700
1938	20	200	213	6,198,700	30,994	548,800	46,400	924,900	281,600
1939	19	204	215	6,037,400	29,595	513,000	29,700	905,900	205,500
1940	24	236	248	8,265,600	35,024	701,100	119,100	1,074,600	211,800
1941	38	318	327	12,899,400	40,564	1,088,200	253,700	1,668,800	379,100
1942	31	277	281	14,186,900	51,215	1,187,900	2	1,351,400	526,400
1943	31	272	277	15,134,400	55,641	1,291,800	123,600	1,182,300	560,400
1944	32	281	293	16,607,700	59,102	1,362,200	134,800	1,073,900	332,100
1945	33	289	301	19,456,400	67,323	1,559,300	194,100	1,539,600	395,500
1946	35	307	325	23,076,000	75,166	1,803,700	219,300	2,613,800	902,900
1947	38	345	374	29,023,700	84,127	2,326,300	561,700	2,976,300	763,100
1948	37	380	424	34,834,400	91,669	2,725,500	780,500	3,875,100	846,700
1949	35	401	426	37,381,800	93,221	3,061,500	713,400	4,084,100	1,162,100
1950	40	458	485	38,603,700	84,288	3,444,400	592,000	4,890,100	1,090,200
1951	34	432	476	41,901,500	101,244	4,202,700	436,000	4,746,500	1,037,000
1952	37	456	493	45,167,700	101,245	3,918,600	846,400	5,339,900	1,212,700
1953	37	484	511	49,256,800	101,770	4,439,400	1,015,500	5,710,600	1,296,100
1954	40	525	552	54,843,400	104,454	5,681,800	2,259,400	6,250,900	1,153,000
1955	41	564	602	61,897,400	109,747	6,715,900	2,470,400	7,022,300	1,173,200
1956	39	592	634	67,269,300	113,631	7,301,100	2,393,800	8,454,900	1,512,000

1. Obtained by averaging the number at the beginning, middle and end of the year.

2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Chain Women's Apparel, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956/1955
Canada:			
Chains (number).....	41	39	
Stores (maximum).....	602	634	
Total sales..... \$	81,897,400	67,269,300	+ 8.7
Atlantic Provinces:			
Chains (number).....	3	3	
Stores (maximum).....	20	21	
Total sales..... \$	1,945,700	2,191,900	+ 12.7
Quebec:			
Chains (number).....	18	19	
Stores (maximum).....	162	170	
Total sales..... \$	14,721,500	16,483,400	+ 12.0
Ontario:			
Chains (number).....	25	24	
Stores (maximum).....	295	320	
Total sales..... \$	30,136,200	34,272,400	+ 13.7

TABLE 2. Chain Women's Apparel, Stores and Sales by Provinces, 1955 and 1956 - Concluded

Province	1955	1956	% change in sales 1956 / 1955
Manitoba:			
Chains (number)	6	6	
Stores (maximum)	17	16	
Total sales	\$ 2,148,800	2,065,800	- 3.9
Saskatchewan:			
Chains (number)	6	6	
Stores (maximum)	18	19	
Total sales	\$ 2,031,200	2,143,500	+ 5.5
Alberta:			
Chains (number)	7	6	
Stores (maximum)	23	19	
Total sales	\$ 4,727,900	2,953,600	- 37.5
British Columbia:			
Chains (number)	8	8	
Stores (maximum)	67	69	
Total sales	\$ 6,186,100	7,158,700	+ 15.7

Note: The sum of provincial figures for "chains (number)" does not equal the total shown for Canada, since several chains operate in more than one province.

TABLE 3. Chain Women's Apparel Stores by Annual Sales Volume, 1955 and 1956

Annual sales range	Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	% of total sales
		\$	%
1955			
Total, all stores	602	61,897,400	100.0
\$200,000 and over	55	21,296,900	34.4
\$100,000-\$199,999	140	19,010,700	30.7
\$ 50,000- 99,999	209	15,354,600	24.8
\$ 30,000- 49,999	119	4,783,300	7.7
Under \$30,000	79	1,451,900	2.4
1956			
Total, all stores	634	67,269,300	100.0
\$200,000 and over	62	23,129,200	34.3
\$100,000-\$199,999	155	21,244,500	31.6
\$ 50,000- 99,999	235	17,193,400	25.6
\$ 30,000- 49,999	100	4,102,200	6.1
Under \$30,000	82	1,600,000	2.4

CHAIN SHOE STORES

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics of Chain Shoe Stores in Canada, 1930-1956

Year	Number of chains	Number of stores		Total sales		Salaries and wages paid to store employees	Accounts outstand- ing at year end	Stocks on hand at year end	
		Aver- age	Max- imum	Amount	Average per store			Stores	Warehouses
1930	18	198	208	7,574,600	38,256	892,500	2	1,998,300	2
1931	18	212	221	7,687,500	36,262	2	2	2	2
1932	19	230	237	7,094,800	30,847	2	2	2	2
1933	22	257	274	7,114,800	27,584	747,100	2	2,156,300	2
1934	22	278	303	8,037,400	28,912	818,700	2	2,190,400	362,900
1935	24	303	313	8,447,200	27,879	967,000	2	2,485,700	255,500
1936	25	320	334	9,331,600	29,162	1,028,000	52,900	2,029,700	787,500
1937	25	337	355	10,093,700	29,952	1,109,900	2	2,623,300	375,400
1938	25	356	368	10,017,000	28,138	1,152,900	46,900	2,778,300	433,500
1939	29	383	399	10,664,500	27,845	1,200,900	48,700	3,288,200	476,200
1940	31	402	420	12,408,500	30,867	1,336,900	45,400	3,229,800	541,800
1941	35	452	457	16,397,900	36,279	1,830,400	19,000	4,306,500	945,700
1942	31	423	428	18,880,700	44,635	2,178,400	2	3,943,100	779,300
1943	29	421	426	19,647,700	46,669	2,318,600	19,300	3,596,600	975,200
1944	29	423	432	20,563,900	48,851	2,368,800	22,000	3,656,400	1,007,100
1945	30	444	461	23,744,500	53,479	2,650,800	60,400	4,121,300	1,182,900
1946	30	463	481	26,106,900	56,386	2,841,200	31,600	5,062,200	1,564,600
1947	30	489	515	28,731,500	58,756	3,211,000	34,200	6,349,700	1,642,200
1948	29	518	543	31,377,800	60,575	3,805,800	31,000	7,292,600	1,823,700
1949	27	527	546	31,925,900	60,580	3,821,200	46,300	7,703,800	1,782,500
1950	32	549	574	33,013,200	60,133	3,962,700	105,800	8,739,600	2,265,900
1951	35	581	605	38,322,700	65,959	4,862,600	139,100	10,498,200	1,823,700
1952	34	603	628	41,544,400	68,896	5,026,500	121,600	10,234,400	1,788,900
1953	34	604	627	43,470,100	71,970	5,468,000	108,500	11,501,200	2,197,600
1954	41	648	682	45,384,500	70,038	5,914,700	114,500	12,001,900	1,926,000
1955	43	580	705	48,054,300	70,688	6,310,000	123,200	12,436,200	2,290,800
1956	42	699	736	53,432,600	76,441	7,090,600	127,400	13,941,700	2,396,400

1. Obtained by averaging the number at the beginning, middle and end of the year.
 2. Not available.

TABLE 2. Chain Shoe Stores by Annual Sales Volume, 1955 and 1956

Annual sale range		Number of stores (maximum)	Total sales	% of total sales
1955			\$	\$
Total, all stores.....		705	48,054,300	100.0
\$200,000 and over		9	2,684,800	5.6
\$100,000-\$199,999		100	13,227,900	27.5
\$50,000- 99,999		355	24,165,900	50.3
\$30,000- 49,999		164	6,437,400	13.4
Under \$30,000.....		77	1,538,300	3.2
1956				
Total, all stores.....		736	53,432,600	100.0
\$200,000 and over		19	5,279,300	9.9
\$100,000-\$199,999		131	17,107,300	32.0
\$50,000- 99,999		297	21,046,900	39.4
\$30,000- 49,999		205	8,324,300	15.6
Under \$30,000.....		84	1,674,800	3.1

APPENDIX

For this report, certain census kind-of-business classifications have been combined and, for reference purposes, the business classifications of these combined groups are listed below. Classifications not combined are not listed.

Grocery and Combination Stores include grocery stores with and without beer and combination stores with and without beer.

Restaurants include eating places with or without other merchandise and fish and chips shops.

Alcoholic beverages include Government liquor stores, wine stores and brewers' warehousing stores.

Miscellaneous Food and Beverage Stores include dairy products stores, fish markets, caterers and refreshment booths and stands.

General Stores include former country general stores selling more than one-third food.

Men's and Boys' clothing and furnishings include custom tailors and hat shops.

Women's Clothing Stores include lingerie and hosiery, women's apparel and accessories.

Family Clothing Stores include furnishings for the family.

Miscellaneous Apparel and Accessories Stores include millinery, fur, and children's and infants' wear stores.

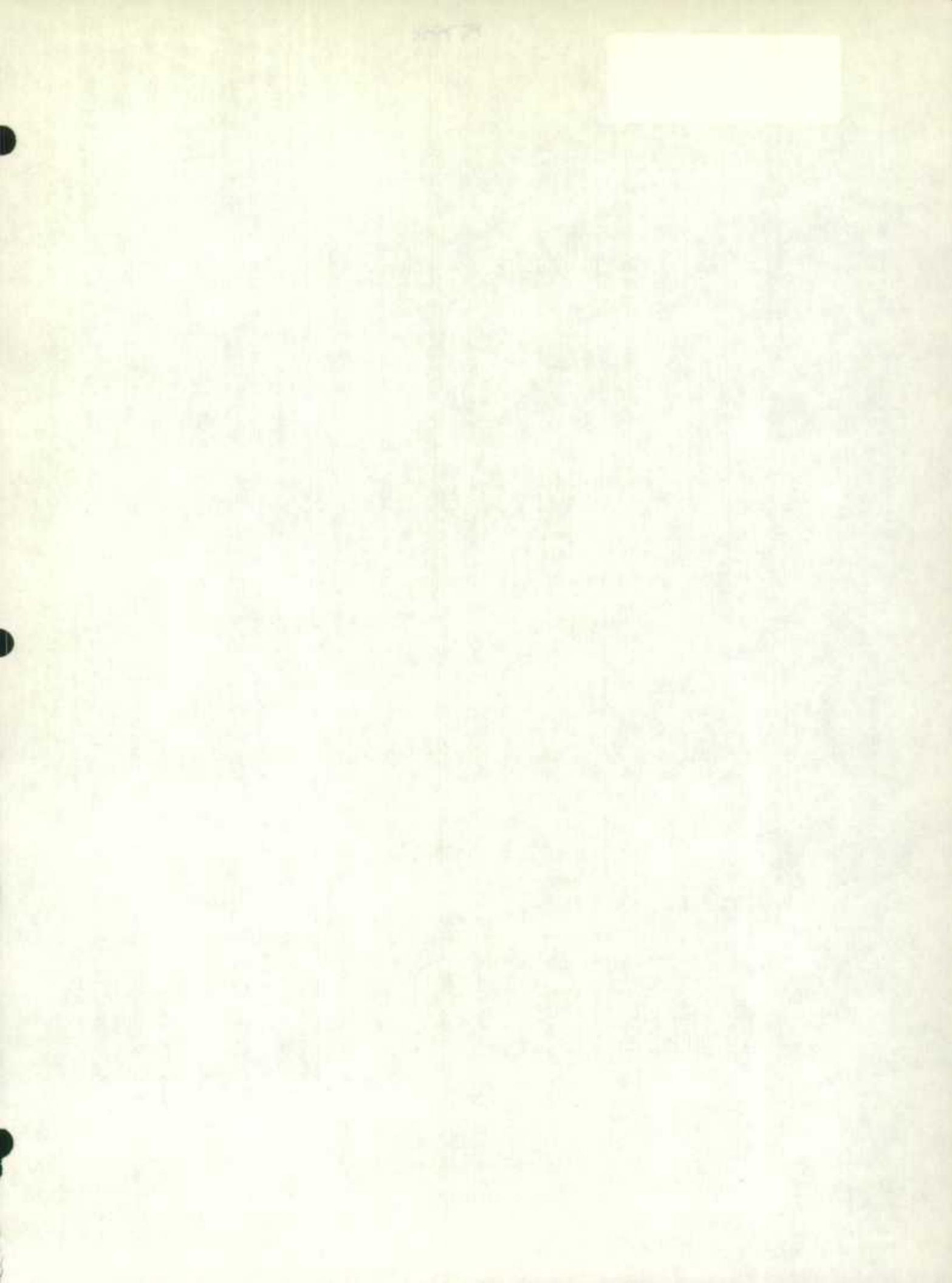
Lumber and Building Material Dealers include lumber and building material dealers with coal and wood yards.

Miscellaneous Building Material and Hardware Stores include electrical supply, heating and plumbing equipment, paint, glass and wallpaper stores.

Miscellaneous Household Appliance and Furniture Stores include other home furnishing stores.

Drug Stores include drug stores with and without soda fountains.

Other Miscellaneous Stores include fuel dealers; feed stores; farmers supply stores; used car dealers; china, glassware, and kitchenware stores; opticians; second-hand stores; farm implement dealers; florists; luggage and leather goods; news dealers; music stores; gift, novelty, and souvenir shops; sporting goods; and stores not elsewhere classified.



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