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## Highlights

of

## The Provincial Sales Tax

## Commodit.y Allocation Project, 1984

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This study established sources of data and methods of estimating pravincial sales taxes by commodity using the Inpul-Dutput structure of the Canadian economy. As a by-product of this study, the new database develaped will help to maintain consistency in allocating commodity taxes in the Input-Dutput Accounts.

A new database for 1984 was developed for each province with the use of a blueprint of taxability.

The analysis of the results indicate that $63 \%$ of provincial sales taxes were paid by the personal sector while the business sector paid $34 \%$ and the government sector the remaining 3\%

At the medium level of commodity aggregation, the top 15 commodities of the personal sector generated about $85 \%$ of the provincial sales taxes in that sector.

Of the total pravincial commodity taxes of $\$ 17.8$ billion, $9.5 \%$ relates to tobacco, $17.2 \%$ relates to alcoholic beverages, $17.9 \%$ pertains to gasoline and $55.4 \%$ to other goods and services. Together, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and gasoline contributed to $44.6 \%$ or $\$ 8.0$ billion of the commodity taxes collected by the provincial and territorial governments.

Total commodity taxes for all levels of government amounted to $\$ 35.6$ billion 1984 ce The balance of in 1984. Of this, $\$ 3.8$ billion relates to import duties. As the import I 31.8 billion relates to other commodity faxes and were $\$ 34.8$ billium. the top ten commodities of the Input-Dutput medium level generated $\$ 22.0$ bllion or $69.2 \%$ of this total. Tobacco and alcoholic beverages had the highest tax rates.

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## I. Introduction

This paper is the outcome of a special project to produce estimates of provincial sales taxes for 1984 by commodity for each province using the existing Input-Dutput accounting framework for the Canadian economy.

The conceptual framework, sources of data and methods of estimation are discussed in a separate document called Provincial Sales Tax Commodity Allocation Project, 1984 - Sources and Methods and it should be consulted for details. The main purpose of this paper is to highlight the results of the study.

The highlights presented in this paper cover only items of common interest. A great deal of data are now available on provincial sales taxes and a variety of analytical studies are possible depending on the purposes.

[^0]As this is the first study of its kind, and as many constraints did not permit us to solve all operational problems, the data should be used with caution.

This special study demonstrates that the Input-Dutput. Accounts provide a suitable framework that can be used to generate the data for tax analysis. A continuous program is needed not only to solve the existing operational problems, but also to develop time series for further analytical studies.

## II BACKGROUND

Although this study focusses on the allocation of provincial sales taxes by commodity, a brief description of total indirect taxes ( 1 ) is included here as background.

Table 1 shows that in 1984 the total indirect taxes collected by federal, provincial, and local governments amounted to $\$ 54.9$ billion. (See Appendix III for details). Of this, the provincial share was largest at $\$ 22.4$ billion ( $40.8 \%$ ); the federal portion was the second largest at $\$ 18.1$ billion or $33.0 \%$ and the remaining $\$ 14.4$ billion (26.2\%) was accounted for by local government taxes.

[^1]
## Table 1. Indirect Taxes, 1984

| Commodity $\left(^{2}\right)$ | Non-Commodity Total Dislribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\$$ Billion | $\%$ |


| Federal | 17.8 | 0.3 | 18.1 | 33.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provincial | 17.8 | 4.6 | 22.4 | 40.8 |
| Local ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | - | 14.4 | 14.4 | 26.2 |
| Total | 35.6 | 19.3 | 54.9 | 100.0 |
| Percentage | 64.8\% | 35.2\% | 100.0\% |  |

Commodity indirect taxes at all levels of government amounted to $\$ 35.6$ billion or $64.8 \%$ of the total. It is interesting to note that the commodity indirect taxes of both federal and provincial governments stood at the same level (\$17.8 billion).
(2) Commodity indirect taxes are those that are related to the quantities or values of cmmodities produced or sold. The non-commodity indirect taxes are those that cannot be identified with any particular commodity and, in fact, are payable even if no productive activity takes place. For further details, see the Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-81, op. cit. pp. 41-42.
(3) The commodity indirect taxes of local governments were $\$ 42.4$ million or $\$ 0.0424$ billion in 1984.


The composition of the federal and provincial commodity taxes are shown in the following Table 2.

Table 2. Composition of Commodity Indirect Taxes, 1984

|  | $\frac{\text { Federal }}{\$}$ | $\frac{\text { Provincial }}{\text { ion }}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Customs imports duties | 3.8 |  |  |
| 2. Excise duties | 1.4 |  |  |
| 3. Excise taxes | 0.8 |  |  |
| 4. Gasoline taxes | 0.4 |  |  |
| 5. Oil export charge( ${ }^{4}$ ) | 0.7 |  |  |
| 6. Petroleum Compensation | 2.1 |  |  |
| 7. Canadian Ownership Charge | Q.9 |  |  |
| 8. Air transportation tax | 0.2 |  |  |
| 9. Federal sales tax | 7.4 |  |  |
| 10. Other | 0.1 |  |  |
| 11. Sub-total: federal | $\underline{17.8}$ |  | 17.8 |
| 12. Gasoline tax |  | 3.2 |  |
| 13. Profits of liquor |  |  |  |
| Commissions |  | 2.0 |  |
| 14. Liquor gallonage taxes |  | 0.4 |  |
| 15. Amusement taxes |  | 0.2 |  |
| 16. Sub total: provincial commodity indirect taxes excluding provincial sales taxes |  | 5.8 |  |
| 17. Provincial sales taxes (see Appendix IV for details) |  | $\underline{ }$ |  |
| 18. Sub-total: provincial |  | 17.8 | 17.8 |
| 19. Total commodity taxes |  |  |  |
| including |  |  |  |
| import duties | 17.8 | 17.8 | 35.6 |

(4) These taxes existed in 1984, but phased out in 1986.

When import duties are excluded, the balance of the commodity indirect taxes in 1984 is $\$ 31.8$ billion or $89.3 \%$ of the total.

Of the provincial commodity indirect taxes of $\$ 17.8$ billion, $\$ 5.8$ billion ( $32.6 \%$ ) is already allocated to commodities in the Input-Output Accounts. (5) The remaining $\$ 12.0$ billion or $67.4 \%$ represents sales taxes covered in this study.

Since all other commodity taxes are already distributed to the relevant commodities in the Input-Dutput Accounts, the goal of this study was to allocate provincial sales tax by commodity. The following steps were implemented:

1. Information from relevant legislative records on the tax status of each commodity by industry and final demand category for each province was assembled into a document called a blueprint of taxability. After verifying with other sources, this blueprint was discussed with the provincial government tax specialists and revisions were incorporated where necessary.
2. Uata for expenditures by commodity for each province were obtained from the 1984 Provincial Input-Dutput Accounts.
(5) Similarly, all federal commodity taxes shown in Table 2 are allocated to the relevant commodities. While the import duties of $\$ 3.8$ billion are included in the producer price values of the Input-Output Accounts, the balance of $\$ 14.0$ billion is already distributed to commodities. For details, see The Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-81 (Revised data), 0p. cit. pp. 41-42.
3. Information on tax rates (see Appendix I) by commodity for each province was compiled from relevant legislative documents and organized into a format necessary for the required calculations.
4. The following formula was applied to obtain provincial sales taxes by commodity for each province.


The total sales taxes thus obtained by the application of this formula were compared to control totals (See Appendix VI). The differences were reviewed and analyzed and adjustments made where necessary. For details of these steps, see the document on Sources and Methods mentioned earlier.

## III Summary Results

1. Sectoral Allocation of Provincial Sales Taxes

> In this project, the provincial sales taxes allocated to commodities have been grouped into three sectors of the economy; namely, personal sector, business sector and government sector. (See Table 3). These taxes do not include other provincial commodity taxes, such as gasoline taxes, liquor gallonage taxes, amusement taxes, and trading profits of Liquor Commissions since they are already allocated to commodities.

Table 3. Provincial Sales Taxes by Sector, 1984.
Sector
Amount
$\%$
A. Personal Sector (includes churches and universities)
a) Personal expenditures
7,482.9
62.3
b) Capital expenditures (6)
c) Sub-total:personal sector
$\begin{array}{r}17.1 \\ \hline 7,500.0 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\frac{0.2}{62.5}$
B. Business sector (7)
a) Intermediate
(i) Repair construction industry
230.2
(ii) Other industries
(iii) Total expenditures
$\frac{1,873.4}{2,103.6}$ $\frac{15.6}{17.5}$
b) Capital expenditures:
(i) Construction

1,167.6
9.7
(ii) Machinery \& equipment
839.8
7.0
(iii) Total capital expenditures
c) Sub-total: business sector
$\overline{2,007.4}$
16.7
(Ba iii + Bb iii)
C. Government sector:
a) Current expenditures 142.2 1.2
b) Capital expenditures (machinery \& equipment and construction)
c) Sub-total: government sector
$393.8 \quad 3.3$
D. Total

12,004. 8
100.0
$======$
(6) The capital expenditures in the Personal Sector are the construction and machinery equipment categories for churches and universities.
(7) Taxes paid by the business sector on their intermediate purchases are embodied in the value of goods and services by the final demand categories.

As shown in Table 3, the personal sector accounted for about $63 \%$ of the total sales tax, while the shares of business and government $\left(^{8}\right.$ ), sectors were $34 \%$ and $3 \%$, respectively.

Table 4 shows the provincial distribution of the sales taxes by sector. These shares are similar to the national averages in most of the provinces. The variations in some provinces are attributable to factors such as differences in tax status of commodities used within each sector concerned.
(8) Payments made by federal government in lieu of provincial sales taxes to provincial governments are not included here as they are treated as transfer payments in the System of National Accounts.

Table 4. Provincial Sales Taxes by Sector, by Province, 1984

| Personal Sector | Business Sector |  | Government Sector | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \$ Million \% | \$Million \% Million \% | \$ Million \% |  |  |


| Nfid. | 231.1 | 62.0 | 119.4 | 32.1 | 21.8 | 5.9 | 372.3 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PEI | 48.7 | 67.4 | 20.8 | 28.8 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 72.3 | 100.0 |
| NS | 270.2 | 62.7 | 153.9 | 35.7 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 431.2 | 100.0 |
| NB | 244.6 | 62.6 | 124.0 | 31.8 | 21.9 | 5.6 | 390.5 | 100.0 |
| Que. | 2,055.6 | 61.5 | 1,144.9 | 34.2 | 142.2 | 4.3 | 3,342.7 | 100.0 |
| Ont. | 3,208.6 | 65.3 | 1,604.7 | 32.6 | 103.0 | 2.1 | 4,916.3 | 100.0 |
| Man. | 293.5 | 63.1 | 151.7 | 32.7 | 19.6 | 4.2 | 464.8 | 100.0 |
| Sask. | 218.3 | 55.5 | 157.3 | 39.9 | 18.3 | 4.6 | 393.9 | 100.0 |
| Alta. | 105.8 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | 105.8 | 100.0 |
| BC | 817.5 | 54.2 | 634.2 | 42.0 | 57.2 | 3.8 | 1,508.9 | 100.0 |
| Yukon | 2.6 | 97.9 | - | - | - | - | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| NWT | 3.5 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | 3.5 | 100.0 |

Canada
Total 7,500.0 $6 \underline{62.5} \quad \underline{4,110.9} \quad \underline{34.2} \quad \underline{393.9} \quad \underline{3.3} \quad 12,004.8 \quad 100.0$

2. Provincial Sales Taxes in the Personal Sector - Top 15 Commodities

Of the 94 "medium"(9) level commodities, the following lop 15
commodities generated more than $\$ 100$ million provincial sales taxes each at the national level in the personal sector (Table 5).

Table 5: Personal Sector Medium Level Top 15 Commodities, 1984
Medium Level
Commodity No.

| 1. | 26 | Cigarettes and manufactured tobacco | 1,661.3 | 26.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | 88 | Accommodation and food services | 873.9 | 13.8 |
| 3. | 55 | Motor vehicles | 764.5 | 12.0 |
| 4. | 24 | Alcoholic beverages | 640.9 | 13.1 |
| 5. | 58 | Appliances and receivers, household | 396.8 | 5.2 |
| 6. | 69 | Other manufactured products | 349.8 | 5.5 |
| 7. | 35 | Clothing and accessories | 312.9 | 4.9 |
| 8. | 76 | Telephone and telegraph | 238.6 | 3.8 |
| 9. | 67 | Other chemical products | 231.7 | 3.6 |
| 10. | 89 | Other personal and miscellaneous services | 225.3 | 3.5 |
| 11. | 39 | Furniture and fixtures | 154.0 | 2.4 |
| 12. | 78 | Electric power | 143.5 | 2.3 |
| 13. | 42 | Paper products | 132.2 | 2.1 |
| 14. | 68 | Scientific equipment | 121.0 | 1.9 |
| 15. | 34 | Hosiery and knitted wear | 105.8 | 1.7 |
|  |  | TUTAL | 6,352.2 | 100.0 |

(9) For further details, see the Input-Dutput Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-81 (Revised data) op. cit. pp. 115-123.

These commodities account for about $85 \%$ of the total provincial sales taxes generated in the personal sector. The provincial distribution of these taxes is shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Personal Sector - Provincial Distribution of Sales Taxes, 1984
Total Provincial
Sales Taxes of Top 15 Commodities in Distribution Personal Sector
Top 15 Commodities in
\$ Million Personal Sector

| Newfoundland | 231.1 | 190.8 | 82.6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| P.E.I. | 48.7 | 42.2 | 86.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 270.2 | 223.1 | 82.6 |
| New Brunswick | 244.6 | 201.6 | 82.4 |
| Uuébec | $2,055.6$ | $1,723.0$ | 83.8 |
| Ontario | $3,208.5$ | $2,709.2$ | 84.4 |
| Manitoba | 293.5 | 256.8 | 87.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 218.4 | 191.3 | 87.6 |
| Alberta(10) | 105.8 | 105.8 | 100.0 |
| B.C. | 817.5 | 702.2 | 85.9 |
| Yukon (10) | 2.6 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| N.W.T. (10) | 3.5 | 3.5 | 100.0 |
| Canada | $\underline{7,500.0}$ | $\underline{6,352.2}$ | 84.7 |

(10) The taxes applicable to Alberta, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories are: a tobacco tax in Alberta, the Yukon and NWT; and a special liquor tax in the Yukon.

3. Composition of Provincial Commodity Taxes

Although this study relates to provincial sales taxes which are part of all provincial taxes on commodities, it is considered relevant to highlight some conclusions that can be reached when the total provincial commodity taxes are taken into account. The provincial commodity taxes can also be grouped into the main categories shown in Table 7.

## Table 7. Commodity Provincial Taxes, 1984

(See also Appendices II A and II B)

## Sales

Taxes $\frac{\text { Other }}{\text { \$Billion }}$

| (a) Tobacco | 1.7 |  | 1.7 | 9.5 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| (b) Alcoholic beverages | 0.7 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 17.2 |
| (c) Gasoline |  | 3.2 | 3.2 | 17.9 |
| (d) Amusement |  | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| (e) Provincial sales taxes |  |  |  |  |
|  | on other commodities | 9.6 | - | 9.6 |

Of the $\$ 17.8$ billion total provincial commodity taxes generated in all provinces and territories, 9.5\% relates to tobacco, 17.2\% relates to alcoholic beverages, 17.9 pertains to gasoline, $1 \%$ to amusement and $54.4 \%$ to all other goods and services. (See also Appendix IIB for details.) Thus three commodities, namely tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and gasoline accounted for $44.6 \%$ or $\$ 8.0$ billion of the total commodity taxes collected by the provincial and territorial governments.

4. Provincial Commodity Taxes and the Population Pattern, 1984

When provincial commodity taxes are compared to population patterns (Table 8), the relationship is close. Exceptions are Alberta, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories where there is no general sales tax.(11) (See Appendices II A for details).

Table 8: Provincial Pattern of Provincial Commodity Taxes, 1984
$\frac{\text { Total Provincial }}{\text { \$ Million }} \frac{\text { Commodity Taxes }}{\%} \frac{\text { Population }}{\%}$

| Newfound land | 510.4 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| P.E.I. | 102.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 657.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| New Brunswick | 569.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Quebec | $4,774.8$ | 26.9 | 26.0 |
| Ontario | $7,042.0$ | 39.6 | 35.6 |
| Manitoba | 738.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 534.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| Alberta | 419.3 | 2.4 | 9.4 |
| British Columbia | $2,362.6$ | 11.3 | 0.1 |
| Yukon | 23.0 | 10.1 | 11.4 |
| N.W.T. | $\underline{17,743.8}$ | 0.1 |  |
| Canada |  |  | 0.2 |

(11) There is however a tobacco tax in Alberta, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and a special liquor tax in the Yukon.
5. Total Commodity Taxes of Federal, Provincial, and Local Governments.

As already stated, the total commodity taxes for all levels of governments -- federal, provincial and local -- amounted to $\$ 35,6$ duties an $d$ billion (Appendix III). L Now, with the completion of this study, a the balance of new database of all commodity taxes by individual commodity has been
$\$ 31.8$ billion generated for 1984. This development will help to maintain relates to other consistency in allocating commodity taxes in the Input-Output commodity taxes. Accounts.

Table 9, showing selected major commodities, illustrates many facets of commodity taxes that can be analyzed. The top ten commodities, ranked according to tax revenue, generated about $\$ 22.0$ mentioned earlier. billion tax revenue or $69.2 \%$ of the $\$ 31.8$ billion total $\mathcal{L}$ The $\$ 31.8$ billion relates to domestic production when $\$ 3.8$ billion of import

Table 9: Relationship of Producer-Price Values and Tatal Commodity Taxes for Top Ten "Medium" Level Commodities, 1984

Medium Level Commodity
No. Description

Producer Price Total Percentage Values(12) Commodity of Taxes Taxes to Producer excluding Price Values import duties
\$ Billion \$ Billion
$\%$

1. 62 Gasoline \& Fuel Dil
19.0
4.8
25.3
2. 24 Alcoholic Beverages(13)
2.9
4.4
151.7
3. 10 Crude mineral oils (14)
19.0
3.2
16.8
4. 26 Cigarettes \& tobacco
1.3
3.1
238.5
5. 55 Motor Vehicles
21.6
2.1
9.7
6. 88 Accommodation \& Food
17.2
1.0
5.8 Services
7. 54 Other industrial machinery
8. 59 Other electrical products
9. 58 Appliances \& receivers
2.1
0.8
38.0 household
10. 52 Other metal fabricated products

Total
108.7
0.7
8.8
8.0
$\qquad$
22.0
20.2
(12) By definition, producer price values in the Input-Output Accounts include import duties. See Ibid. p. 42.
(13) Includes, among others, profits of Liquor Commissions which are considered as commodity indirect taxes in the System of National Accounts.
(14) The commodity taxes on crude mineral oils relate to Petroleum Compensation Fund levy, Dil export charge, and Canadian Ownership Charge which existed in 1984, but phased out in 1986.

When these taxes are related to the produer-price values of the Input-Output Accounts, the two highly taxed commodities were tobacco and alcoholic beverages. These commodities generated $\$ 7.5$ billion tax revenue for both federal and provincial governments combined in 1984.


APPENDIX IIA: PROVINCIAL COMMODITY TAXES ON TOBACCO. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES \& OTHER COMMDDITIES, 1984
(\$ MILLIONS)



APPENDIX IIB: PROVINCIAL COMMODITY TAXES ON TOBACCO. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES \& OTHER COMMODITIES. 1984 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION




APPENOIX IV:PROVINCIAL INOIRECT TAXES FOR THE PROVINCIAL SALES TAX

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## 1. PROVINCIAL

2. AOJUSTMENTS FOR THE FINANCE PROJECT
A) 039 NATURAL GAS
B) 544 TELEPHONE
C) 546 ELECTRICITV
D) SUB-TOTAL
3. AOJUSTED TOTAL FOR FINANCE PROJECT (1-2.D)

COMMODITY ALLOCATION PROJECT. 1984
(s MILLIONS)

| INPUT/OUTPUT ACCOUNTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COMMODITY TAXES |  |  |  |  |  |
| TAX | PROV | SUB-TOTAL | NON- | TOTAL |  |
| MARGINS | SALES | COMmOOITY | COMMODITY | INDIRECT |  |
|  | TAXES | TAXES | TAXES | TAXES | ROUNDED |
| 6617.3 | 11126.4 | 17743.7 | 4624.1 | 22367.8 | 22368 |
| -24. 5 | 24.5 |  |  |  |  |
| -535.4 | 535.4 |  |  |  |  |
| -318.5 | 318.5 |  |  |  |  |
| -878.4 | 878.4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5738.9 | 12004.8 | 17743.7 | 4624.1 | 22367.8 | 22368 |



APPENDIX YI:CONTROL TOTAL CALCULATION FDR PRDVINCAIL SALES TAX FROJECT, 1984

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CALENDAR YEAR BASIC DATA A)PROVINCIAL (INCL ONTARIO AMUSEMENT TAX)
B) TOBACCO
C) SPECIAL LIQUOR TAX IN
P.E.I. \& YUKON (\$000)

| NFLD | PEI | NS | NB | OUE | ONT | MAN | SASK | ALTA | BC | YUK | NWT | TOTAL |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 331083 | 60015 | 364858 | 343339 | 2520164 | 4397371 | 392127 | 337675 | 0 | 1320922 | 0 | 0 | 10067554 |
| 41223 | 5372 | 41188 | 47157 | 440980 | 580598 | 57695 | 56229 | 105802 | 161411 | 1304 | 3537 | 1542496 |
| 0 | 8864 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1344 | 0 | 10208 |
| 372306 | 74251 | 406046 | 390496 | 2961144 | 4977969 | 449822 | 393904 | 105802 | 1482333 | 2648 | 3537 | 11620258 |

2. NEW ITEMS TRANSFERRED FROM PROVINCIAL MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY
A)OUE MEALS \& HOTEL TAX
C)BC MOTEL MOTEL ROOM TAX
C)BTHER AOJUSTMENTS

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 294743 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101839 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26555 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | -2000 | 25129 | 0 | -15000 | -61729 | 15000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | -2000 | 25129 | 0 | 381582 | -61729 | 15000 | 0 | 0 | -386595 |  |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 06555 | 0 | 0 | 384537 |  |  |

3. CONTROL TOTAL - PROVINCIAL $372306 \quad 7225143117539049633427264916240464822 \quad 3939041058021508888 \quad 2648353712004795$ RETAIL SALES TAXES
(1) QUEBEC TELECOMMUNICATIDNS TAX INCLUDES TAX ON CABLE, LONG DISTANCE ANO OTHER COMMUNICATIONS (COMPUTER LINES, TELEGRAPH LINES): NOTE
THAT THE TAX DN LOCAL TELEPHONE IS PART OF RETAIL SALES TAX

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[^1]:    (1) See Table 52 in National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Annual estimates, 1976-87, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Nov. 1988, Catalogue 13-201, Annual pp. 58-59. Also see the Input-Dutput Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1961-81, (Revised data), Statistics Canada, Ottawa, September 1987, Catalogue 15-510, pp. 41-42. In the classification of taxes for use in the System of National Accounts, the first distinction made relates to "direct" and "indirect" taxes. In essence, taxes levied on income are regarded as "direct", while sales taxes and other taxes deductible as expenses by business are "indirect" taxes.

