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ESTABLISHMENTS
IN CANADA
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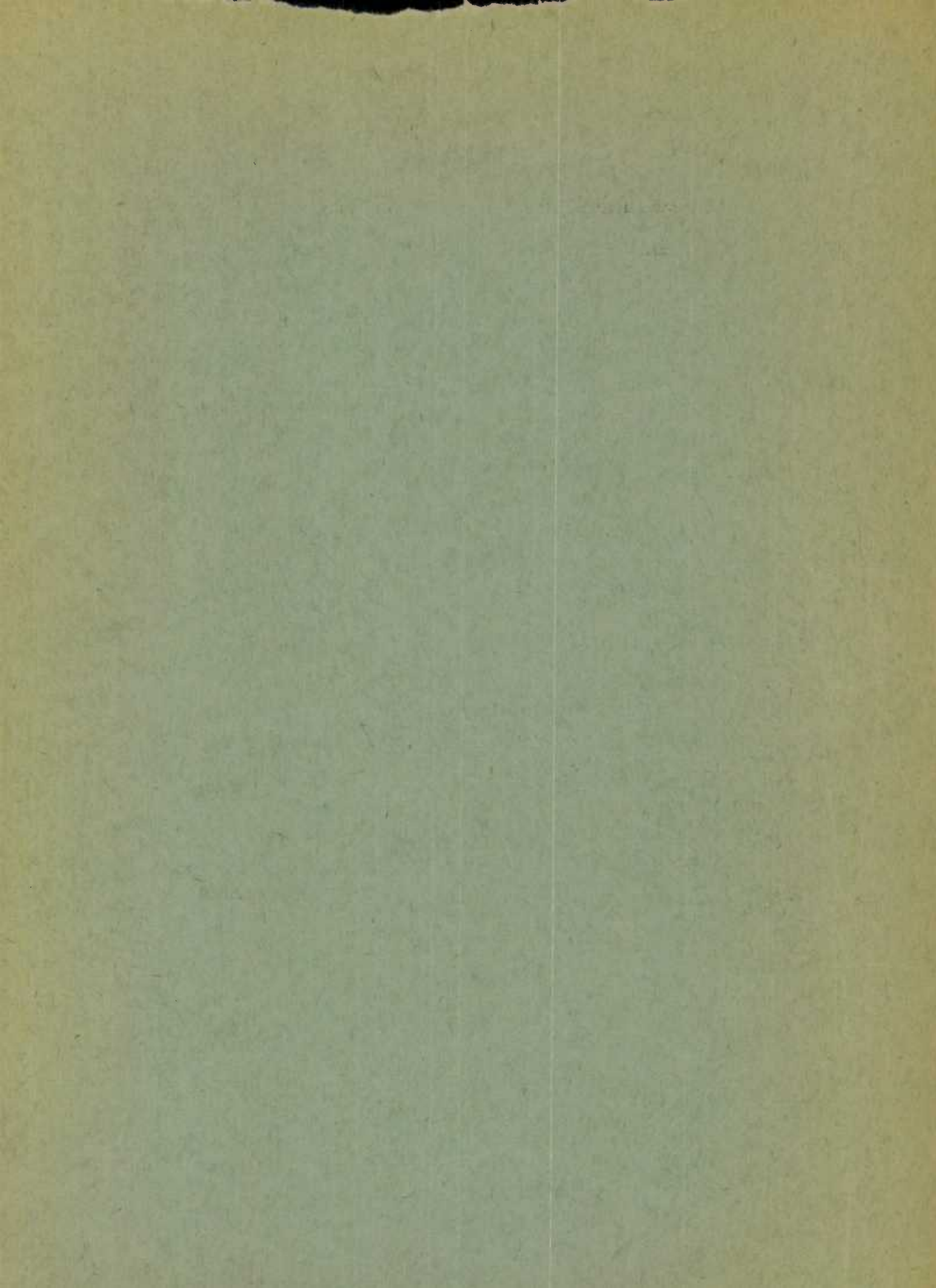


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POWER LAUNDRIES, CLEANING AND DYEING ESTABLISHMENTS, CANADA, 1947

Section I - All Plants Combined

Receipts of the 774 power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants reporting to the Bureau for the year 1947 amounted to \$59,043,678, a gain of 15% over the \$51,148,159 reported for the year 1946 by 690 plants.

For the purposes of this report, establishments have been classified as laundries or dry cleaners on the basis of the value of work performed. Establishments in which more than 50% of the receipts are from laundry work are classified as laundries; when receipts from dry cleaning or dyeing form more than 50% of the total, the establishment has been classified in that group. Establishments in which the major portion of the work performed was laundry accounted for 244 of the 774 plants included in the survey while the remaining 530 plants were primarily dry cleaners and dyers.

Reports were also received from distributors and establishments specializing in the rental of linens, i.e. coats, towels, overalls, etc. Some of these firms do their own ironing, pressing or packaging, but they have no facilities for washing, cleaning or dyeing on their premises. Statistics for these types are presented separately in Tables 26 and 27 of this report.

Of the total receipts of \$59,043,678, laundry work accounted for 41%; dry cleaning and dyeing, 51%; coat and towel rentals, 4%; and all other work, 4%.

All provinces registered increases in volume of business handled in 1947 compared with 1946, although the gain in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia combined amounted to only 3%. Percentage increases in the other provinces were as follows: New Brunswick, 11%; Ontario, 14%; Saskatchewan, 15%; Manitoba, 15%; Alberta, 16%; Quebec, 17%; and British Columbia, 20%.

The average number of persons employed in power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1947 was 24,856, and these persons received \$30,501,536 in salaries and wages. In addition, 741 proprietors or partners were actively engaged in the operation of their businesses. Of these, 405 indicated that they received no regular amount in salaries or withdrawals while the remaining 336 reported salaries amounting to \$705,278.

The cost of fuel used in power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1947 amounted to \$2,257,423, an increase of 17% over the 1946 cost. Of this amount, about 60% or \$1,344,581 was expended by laundries and the remaining 40% or \$912,842 by dry cleaning and dyeing establishments. Electricity costs for laundries in 1947 amounted to \$302,512 while dry cleaners and dyers paid out \$295,752 making the total cost to the industry as a whole \$598,264.

Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants

Table 1. - Historical Summary Statistics, 1930 - 1947

Year and province	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Value of work performed
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1930	368	11,885	11,249,945	2,196,139	22,695,880
1931	407	11,772	10,671,615	1,968,029	21,024,684
1932	409	11,170	9,020,441	1,587,586	17,302,779
1933	411	10,528	7,882,389	1,399,646	15,239,981
1934	411	10,376	7,914,089	1,463,432	15,602,612
1935	416	10,752	8,339,134	1,738,936	16,311,261
1936	420	11,568	9,109,548	1,984,734	18,328,345
1937	418	12,551	10,171,710	2,259,265	20,343,152
1938	462	13,302	10,919,398	2,542,215	21,728,830
1939	502	14,212	11,749,858	2,652,329	22,926,474
1940	530	15,508	13,112,465	2,965,125	26,775,841
1941	600	18,398	16,246,296	3,782,530	32,495,470
1942	603	19,839	18,631,692	3,986,450	36,747,368
1943	587	20,597	20,204,624	4,049,361	38,654,761
1944	626	20,991	20,993,502	4,185,542	41,445,857
1945	602	21,379	22,499,459	4,668,779	44,081,170
<u>1946</u>					
CANADA	690	23,554	26,260,679	5,577,433	51,148,159
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	41	874	926,205	181,621	1,874,319
New Brunswick	24	576	589,507	144,992	1,256,475
Quebec	108	6,011	7,037,657	1,489,941	13,599,857
Ontario	318	9,405	10,253,011	2,099,718	20,262,277
Manitoba	31	1,721	1,860,684	460,171	3,400,721
Saskatchewan	32	701	760,230	241,699	1,614,221
Alberta	47	1,344	1,480,974	289,450	2,803,137
British Columbia (1) ..	89	2,922	3,352,411	669,841	6,337,152
<u>1947</u>					
CANADA	774	24,856	30,501,536	6,601,626	59,043,678
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	41	898	972,534	189,832	1,924,424
New Brunswick	30	647	669,199	161,605	1,399,715
Quebec	124	6,468	8,127,129	1,838,603	15,942,271
Ontario	348	9,787	11,992,539	2,486,312	23,152,339
Manitoba	38	1,789	2,133,057	492,505	3,918,686
Saskatchewan	41	787	945,760	207,986	1,848,725
Alberta	57	1,391	1,652,774	362,710	3,256,436
British Columbia (1) ..	95	3,089	4,008,544	862,073	7,601,082

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Figures from 1941 onward exclude distributors and linen supply houses not engaged in washing, cleaning or dyeing. Separate figures for these types are presented in Tables 26 and 27.

Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants

Table 2, - Consumption of Fuel and Electricity, Canada, 1945 - 1947

Kind of fuel	Unit of measure	1945		1946		1947	
		Quantity	Cost value at plant	Quantity	Cost value at plant	Quantity	Cost value at plant
Power Laundries							
Bituminous coal	Ton (2,000 lb.)	73,770	745,726	70,952	698,161	73,314	791,378
Anthracite coal	"	7,592	81,122	10,454	103,519	7,324	85,880
Lignite coal	"	13,759	69,928	13,759	70,338	9,174	49,446
Coke	"	641	8,530	1,478	16,770	642	8,559
Fuel or diesel oil	Imp. Gal.	1,200,543	86,114	2,386,436	173,611	1,897,598	205,530
Wood	Cord	6,684	31,673	4,770	28,554	4,695	25,095
Gas, manufactured	M. cu. ft.	20,893	7,242	16,846	6,948	26,027	10,209
Gas, natural	M. cu. ft.	144,433	32,934	145,464	33,617	108,755	27,222
Other fuel	-	-	104,502	-	114,356	-	141,262
Total Cost of Fuel	-	-	1,167,771	-	1,245,874	-	1,344,581
Electricity Purchased (including service charges)	-	-	272,020	-	288,806	-	302,512
Cleaners and Dyers							
Bituminous coal	Ton (2,000 lb.)	35,478	386,365	43,157	426,634	46,308	495,168
Anthracite coal	"	2,191	25,260	3,185	33,391	2,490	37,258
Lignite coal	"	2,758	14,792	3,827	22,212	3,329	20,422
Coke	"	2,125	25,133	2,198	28,108	1,903	26,873
Fuel or diesel oil	Imp. Gal.	475,799	35,603	1,357,784	98,617	2,096,177	245,487
Wood	Cord	1,846	8,564	1,113	7,053	1,141	7,327
Gas, manufactured	M. cu. ft.	30,227	11,397	38,203	11,720	14,180	5,671
Gas, natural	M. cu. ft.	58,004	13,547	67,311	15,970	97,140	27,142
Other fuel	-	-	39,732	-	32,456	-	47,494
Total Cost of Fuel	-	-	560,393	-	676,161	-	912,842
Electricity purchased (including service charges)	-	-	190,394	-	247,777	-	295,752
TOTAL COST OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY	-	-	2,190,578	-	2,458,618	-	2,855,687

Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants

Table 3. - Installation of Power Equipment, Canada, 1945 - 1947

Classes of power	1 9 4 5		1 9 4 6		1 9 4 7	
	Number of units	Manufacturers' rating of H.P. capacity	Number of units	Manufacturers' rating of H.P. capacity	Number of units	Manufacturers' rating of H.P. capacity
<u>Power Laundries</u>						
Steam engines and turbines	67	4,421	85	4,279	53	3,898
Other engines and turbines	67	579	51	641	25	502
Electric motors operated by purchased power	2,850	9,742	2,858	9,129	3,404	10,548
Total Power	2,984	14,742	2,994	14,049	3,482	14,948
Electric motors operated by power generated within the plant	233	968	394	1,262	271	1,469
Boiler installation	226	20,588	289	22,737	295	24,537
<u>Cleaners and Dyers</u>						
Steam engines and turbines	22	279	26	360	27	554
Other engines and turbines	27	109	9	72	7	19
Electric motors operated by purchased power	2,084	4,792	2,767	5,732	2,522	4,873
Total Power	2,133	5,180	2,802	6,164	2,556	5,446
Electric motors operated by power generated within the plant	56	131	97	234	100	190
Boiler installation	382	8,989	448	11,130	366	10,091

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Section II - Power Laundries

Reports were received from 244 power laundries in Canada for 1947 and these reported gross receipts of \$30,459,393, 11% above the \$27,427,219 reported by 238 laundries in 1946. Average receipts per plant increased 8% from \$115,240 in 1946 to \$124,834 in 1947.

Separate figures by provinces indicate that laundries in Saskatchewan had the greatest increase in volume of business in 1947 over 1946 at 17%. Gains in the other provinces ranged between 8% and 15% with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia combined where there was a decline in gross receipts of 7%.

A breakdown of the receipts of power laundries according to work performed shows that finished laundry formed 42% of the total. Unfinished laundry, i.e. wet wash, damp flat, and semi-finished, made up another 20%, and wholesale or industrial work accounted for 13%. Sixteen percent of the receipts of power laundries was derived from dry cleaning. An examination of separate figures by provinces reveals that the laundries in the western provinces had a higher proportion of receipts from dry cleaning than did those in Eastern Canada. Coat and towel rentals accounted for 7% of the volume of business while the remaining 2% was made up of cleaning and storage of furs, dyeing, and other work.

Power laundries provided employment in 1947 for 13,950 persons who received \$16,357,072 in salaries and wages. Salaried employees numbered 2,856, an increase of 8% over the previous year, while salaries for this group increased 17%. The average salary per employee per year went up from \$1,670 to \$1,801 between the two years. Wage earners (those employed on an hourly or piece work basis) numbered 11,094, an increase of only .05% over 1946 and wages earned by this group amounted to \$11,212,714, 10% above the corresponding figure for 1946. The average wage per employee in 1947 was \$1,011 compared with \$928 in 1946.

In addition to these employees, there were 172 proprietors or partners actively engaged in the operation of their businesses. Of these, 71 male and 6 female owners reported salaries of \$166,425 while 91 male and 4 female proprietors reported that they drew no regular amount from the business.

Table 8 classifying power laundries according to volume of business reveals that 41 laundries with annual receipts of \$200,000 or over handled almost 55% of the business done by all laundries. Another group of 53 laundries with annual receipts falling between \$100,000 and \$200,000 accounted for 25% of the business, while plants whose annual volume was between \$50,000 and \$100,000 numbered 54 and did 13% of the total business. The remaining 7% of the gross receipts was obtained by 96 laundries in which the value of work performed during the year was less than \$50,000.

Operating costs as percentages of total receipts for various sizes of business and by provinces are shown in Tables 10 and 11. Separate figures are presented for incorporated and unincorporated businesses. Total operating expenses (before income taxes) of incorporated companies amounted to 93.3% of gross receipts. This figure varied inversely as the size of business. Firms in the less than \$20,000 group recorded a loss on operations for the year; those in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 group showed expenses 97.6% of receipts; those in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 group, 97.0%; while firms with annual receipts of \$300,000 had operating expenses amounting to 92.7% of gross receipts.

Salaries and wages paid by incorporated companies amounted to 54.9% of total receipts while other costs were as follows: fuel and electricity, 5.1%; materials and supplies, 11.7%; collection and delivery (except salaries and wages but including call or pick up office expenses), 4.6%; and all other expenses such as occupancy costs, administration, advertising, etc., 17%.

Operating expenses of unincorporated companies, before allowance for proprietors' services or income taxes, amounted to 89.0% of gross receipts, but here the percentage varied directly as the volume of business. The smallest businesses, those doing less than \$10,000 per year, had the lowest expense ratio at 71.2% of sales. Operating expenses of the \$10,000 to \$20,000 group amounted to 81.8% and of the \$20,000 to \$30,000 group, 87.1%, while the group of unincorporated firms with annual receipts of \$100,000 to \$200,000 reported operating expenses amounting to 89.4% of receipts.

Unincorporated businesses paid salaries and wages to employees (not including proprietors) amounting to 49.3% but this percentage also varied directly as the volume of business. Fuel and electricity costs were 6.5% of receipts, materials and supplies, 11.7% and collection and delivery (except salaries and wages but including call office expenses), 5.2%. The remaining 16.3% was made up of all other expenses such as occupancy costs, administration, advertising, etc.

Power Laundries

Table 4. - Comparison of Operating Results, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Items	1 9 4 6	1 9 4 7	+ Increase - Decrease	
			Amount	%
Plants reporting No.	238	244	+ 6	+ 2.5
Total receipts \$	27,427,219	30,459,393	+3,032,174	+ 11.1
Average receipts per plant \$	115,240	124,834	+ 9,594	+ 8.3
Estimated population of Canada .. No.	12,307,000	12,582,000	+ 275,000	+ 2.2
Laundry receipts per capita \$	2.23	2.42	+ 0.19	+ 8.5
Plants per 100,000 population ... No.	1.9	1.9	-	-
Salaried employees - Total No.	2,639	2,856	+ 217	+ 8.2
Male No.	1,624	1,822	+ 198	+ 12.2
Female No.	1,015	1,034	+ 19	+ 1.9
Salaries ... \$	4,407,837	5,144,358	+ 736,521	+ 16.7
Average salary per employee \$	1,670	1,801	+ 131	+ 7.8
Wage-earners - Monthly average .. No.	11,035	11,094	+ 59	+ 0.5
Male No.	2,564	2,483	- 81	- 3.2
Female No.	8,471	8,611	+ 140	+ 1.7
Wages \$	10,239,831	11,212,714	+ 972,883	+ 9.5
Average wage per employee .. \$	928	1,011	+ 83	+ 8.9
Total wage cost \$	14,647,668	16,357,072	+1,709,404	+ 11.7
Total cost of fuel and electricity \$	1,534,680	1,647,093	+ 112,413	+ 7.3
Cost of materials used \$	3,073,671	3,560,120	+ 486,449	+ 15.8
Average cost of materials per plant \$	12,915	14,591	+ 1,676	+ 13.0
Delivery units No.	1,258	1,284	+ 26	+ 2.1
Total cost of collection and delivery (1) \$	3,788,631	4,483,360(2)	(4)	(4)
All other operating expenses \$	(3)	5,130,808	(3)	(3)
Power equipment Units	3,388	3,753	+ 365	+ 10.8
H.P.	15,311	16,417	+ 1,106	+ 7.2
Plant equipment and machinery . Units	11,416	11,521	+ 105	+ 0.9

(1) Includes salaries and wages of delivery men, routemen, managers, etc.

(2) Includes expenses of pick-up or call offices.

(3) Not available.

(4) Not comparable.

Power Laundries

Table 5. - Historical Summary Statistics, 1930 - 1947

Year and province	Plants	Total employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of work performed
	No.	(1) No.	\$	\$	\$
1930	242	9,100	8,140,177	1,571,747	16,283,555
1931	250	8,807	7,709,856	1,350,015	14,879,919
1932	243	8,292	6,482,339	1,065,906	12,297,061
1933	239	7,616	5,501,305	896,954	10,373,890
1934	236	7,393	5,387,274	945,620	10,588,505
1935	237	7,644	5,667,658	1,118,401	10,983,378
1936	229	7,925	5,997,096	1,274,941	12,023,808
1937	225	8,576	6,678,998	1,403,073	13,163,778
1938	232	8,981	7,029,171	1,542,216	13,734,707
1939	234	9,217	7,465,732	1,617,367	14,267,745
1940	230	10,034	8,156,441	1,808,671	16,719,106
1941	237	11,844	10,120,662	2,348,740	19,816,895
1942	238	12,848	11,678,625	2,533,216	22,396,324
1943	225	13,209	12,338,829	2,530,464	23,436,392
1944	227	13,259	12,780,585	2,491,258	24,559,144
1945	217	13,232	13,651,511	2,717,027	25,463,096
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CANADA	238	13,674	14,647,668	3,073,671	27,427,219
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	17	499	514,702	97,518	988,989
New Brunswick (2)	7	261	258,271	57,458	531,338
Quebec	52	3,733	4,280,869	845,107	7,968,849
Ontario	95	4,960	5,018,435	1,055,896	9,370,842
Manitoba	11	815	787,771	205,497	1,467,349
Saskatchewan	5	310	320,969	113,452	651,492
Alberta	12	809	877,205	182,973	1,636,887
British Columbia (3) ...	39	2,287	2,589,446	515,770	4,811,473
<u>1 9 4 7</u>					
CANADA	244	13,950	16,357,072	3,560,120	30,459,393
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	16	492	491,905	89,614	915,287
New Brunswick	9	313	310,509	68,922	582,440
Quebec	51	3,908	4,721,298	1,096,163	9,075,918
Ontario	98	4,911	5,561,647	1,153,864	10,116,084
Manitoba	12	829	902,214	210,390	1,651,004
Saskatchewan	7	355	409,374	94,725	760,251
Alberta	11	804	940,326	197,304	1,811,234
British Columbia (3) ...	40	2,338	3,019,799	649,138	5,547,175

(1) Includes salaried employees and wage-earners. In addition, there were 71 male and 6 female proprietors who received salaries of \$166,425 and 91 male and 4 female proprietors who received no regular salary in 1947.

(2) Not comparable with previous years. Two firms formerly classified as laundries transferred to dry cleaners as major part of their business is dry cleaning.

(3) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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Table 6. - Annual Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1947

Province	Total work performed	Wet wash		Damp flat		Semi-finished		Finished		Wholesale laundry	
	Amount	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	\$	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
CANADA	30,459,393	2,516,829	8.3	1,183,184	3.9	2,421,739	7.9	12,693,734	41.7	3,821,433	12.5
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia ...	915,287	34,507	3.8	132,569	14.5	58,363	6.4	365,044	39.9	182,333	19.9
New Brunswick	582,440	48,469	8.3	10,300	1.8	68,158	11.7	241,802	41.5	111,668	19.2
Quebec	9,075,918	968,661	10.7	122,418	1.3	1,062,900	11.7	3,965,576	43.7	687,526	7.6
Ontario	10,116,084	1,119,059	11.1	832,283	8.2	602,338	6.0	3,735,089	36.9	1,257,763	12.4
Manitoba	1,651,004	196,013	11.9	54,000	3.3	205,620	12.4	531,069	32.2	265,873	16.1
Saskatchewan	760,251	45,896	6.0	7,937	1.0	16,361	2.2	396,911	52.2	126,395	16.6
Alberta	1,811,234	52,734	2.9	2,944	0.2	130,715	7.2	654,264	36.1	425,065	23.5
British Columbia (1) ..	5,547,175	51,490	0.9	20,733	0.4	277,284	5.0	2,803,979	50.6	764,810	13.8

Province	Coat and towel supply		Cleaning suits and dresses		Cleaning curtains, carpets, etc.		Cleaning and storage of furs		Dyeing		All other work	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
CANADA	2,120,343	7.0	4,650,949	15.3	261,890	0.8	329,922	1.1	135,560	0.4	323,810	1.1
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia ...	-	-	134,921	14.7	3,850	0.4	-	-	200	(a)	3,500	0.4
New Brunswick	20,000	3.4	68,751	11.8	-	-	900	0.1	11,392	2.0	1,000	0.2
Quebec	726,062	8.0	1,215,910	13.4	108,779	1.2	104,292	1.1	17,997	0.2	95,797	1.1
Ontario	783,713	7.8	1,409,664	13.9	75,316	0.7	110,779	1.1	32,821	0.3	157,259	1.6
Manitoba	36,668	2.2	272,421	16.5	13,879	0.8	24,232	1.5	29,391	1.8	21,838	1.3
Saskatchewan	10,922	1.4	150,381	19.8	2,080	0.3	1,368	0.2	-	-	2,000	0.3
Alberta	24,336	1.4	440,602	24.3	18,332	1.0	14,416	0.8	36,426	2.0	11,400	0.6
British Columbia (1) ..	518,642	9.3	958,299	17.3	39,654	0.7	73,935	1.3	7,333	0.1	31,016	0.6

(a) Less than .05 per cent.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Note: The percentages indicate the proportions which receipts for each type of work bear to the total.

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Table 7. - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1947

City	No. of plants	Value of work performed					Employees		Salaries and wages
		Total	Laundry, un-finished	Laundry, finished (1)	Cleaning & dyeing	All other work	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax	4	409,550	144,513	246,357	18,700	-	57	175	232,517
Montreal	30	7,415,505	1,839,642	3,706,860	1,063,915	805,088	1,235	1,790	3,842,490
Quebec	4	817,905	161,858	474,240	161,807	20,000	132	342	468,288
Hamilton	9	992,014	345,333	477,305	128,726	40,650	133	289	477,856
London	4	712,388	145,298	210,971	207,909	148,210	129	226	393,065
Ottawa	11	1,151,542	23,900	852,572	259,122	15,948	139	389	610,278
Toronto	27	4,269,484	1,385,749	1,879,622	391,873	612,240	570	1,538	2,409,992
Windsor	4	218,224	30,913	160,175	1,854	25,277	25	90	127,973
Winnipeg	7	1,460,648	436,713	667,009	301,276	55,650	204	540	814,286
Calgary	4	1,024,128	103,227	557,421	333,828	29,652	102	318	513,268
Vancouver	19	3,322,028	191,764	2,113,108	569,403	447,753	399	958	1,799,630

(1) Includes industrial and wholesale laundry.

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Table 8. - Establishments Classified According to Value of Work Performed, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Value of work performed	1946				1947			
	No. of plants	Work performed	%	Average per plant	No. of plants	Work performed	%	Average per plant
		\$		\$		\$		\$
Less than \$10,000	15	96,116	0.4	6,408	43	506,780	1.7	11,786
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	432,556	1.6	14,419				
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	412,513	1.5	25,782				
\$30,000 to \$49,999	42	1,680,010	6.1	40,000	32	1,264,898	4.1	39,528
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49	3,739,846	13.6	76,323	54	3,912,596	12.8	72,455
\$100,000 to \$199,999	51	7,384,141	26.9	144,787	53	7,546,434	24.8	142,286
\$200,000 to \$299,999	18	4,329,091	15.8	240,505	41	16,679,290	54.8	406,812
\$300,000 and Over	17	9,352,946	34.1	550,173				
Totals	238	27,427,219	100.0	115,240	244	30,459,393	100.0	124,834

Table 9. - Statistics of Delivery and Call Office Expense, by Provinces, 1947

Province	Delivery units			Call offices			Delivery & Call Office (4)	
	Number	Operating expenses (2)		Number	Operating expenses (3)		Employees & Payroll	
		Total	Average per unit		Total	Average per office	Number	Salaries and wages
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$
CANADA	1,284	1,326,978	1,033	55	107,067	1,947	1,439	3,049,315
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	42	37,018	881	2	2,000	1,000	40	60,868
New Brunswick	24	25,474	1,061	-	-	-	29	53,314
Quebec	379	476,502	1,257	6	20,916	3,486	452	958,664
Ontario	431	420,389	975	23	40,061	1,742	460	1,054,129
Manitoba	79	69,772	883	6	4,488	748	94	160,711
Saskatchewan	19	19,820	1,043	1	993	993	20	49,943
Alberta	94	103,527	1,101	10	24,108	2,411	105	154,709
British Columbia (1)	216	174,476	808	7	14,501	2,072	239	556,977

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., but not salaries or wages.

(3) Not including salaries and wages.

(4) Includes salaries and wages paid to routemen, route rangers, and call office staff.

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Table 10. - Operating Costs for Plants Classified by Form of Organization and Amount of Annual Receipts, 1947

Annual receipts	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses - expressed as % of total receipts					
			Total expenses	Salaries (1) and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	Collection (2) and delivery	All other operating expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Incorporated Companies</u>								
All Plants	126	191,088	93.3	54.9	5.2	11.7	4.6	17.0
Less than \$20,000	5	13,196	114.8	80.7	10.6	10.4	1.6	11.5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5	26,334	97.6	52.8	8.7	14.8	3.4	17.9
\$30,000 to \$49,999	12	40,816	97.0	60.6	9.8	10.1	3.0	13.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	76,973	93.5	54.9	6.7	12.3	4.0	15.6
\$100,000 to \$199,999 ...	35	146,716	94.5	56.3	5.9	11.3	3.8	17.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999 ...	17	241,540	92.3	53.2	5.0	14.1	5.7	14.3
\$300,000 and Over	21	560,104	92.7	54.5	4.2	10.9	4.8	18.3
<u>Unincorporated Companies</u>								
All Plants	118	54,088	89.0	49.3	6.5	11.7	5.2	16.3
Less than \$10,000	15	7,061	71.2	27.0	14.9	11.0	7.5	10.8
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	14,560	81.8	45.2	8.8	9.5	4.7	13.6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	26,108	87.1	45.3	9.5	11.7	6.4	14.2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	20	38,755	85.4	47.9	7.3	11.3	5.5	13.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	66,366	88.7	50.0	7.6	11.0	4.3	15.8
\$100,000 to \$199,999 ...	18	133,965	89.4	50.8	5.6	12.4	4.3	16.3
\$200,000 and Over	3	270,309	97.7	50.9	3.1	12.6	8.5	22.6

(1) Not including salaries or drawings of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., of delivery equipment and operating expenses of branch or call offices but not salaries or wages paid to delivery or call office staff.

Notes:- The percentages indicate the proportions that the various expense items bear to the total receipts.

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Table 11. - Operating Costs for Plants Classified by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1947

Province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses - expressed as % of total receipts					All other operating expenses
			Total expenses	Salaries (1) and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	Collection (2) & delivery	
		\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Incorporated Companies</u>								
CANADA	126	191,088	93.3	54.9	5.1	11.7	4.6	17.0
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	9	77,386	98.7	57.9	9.4	9.8	4.1	17.5
New Brunswick	5	106,547	93.6	54.3	8.9	12.0	4.1	14.3
Quebec	27	278,334	92.8	52.6	5.7	12.0	5.4	17.1
Ontario	42	161,254	94.7	57.6	5.3	11.0	4.3	16.5
Manitoba	11	204,382	92.3	55.1	5.4	12.7	4.0	15.1
Saskatchewan								
Alberta	8	197,574	92.5	52.5	3.1	10.9	7.3	18.7
British Columbia (3) ...	24	197,139	91.7	54.9	3.4	12.1	3.2	18.1
<u>Unincorporated Companies</u>								
CANADA	118	54,088	89.0	49.3	6.5	11.7	5.2	16.3
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	7	31,259	86.6	40.5	9.7	9.6	4.9	21.9
New Brunswick	4	12,427	84.3	42.5	10.4	10.2	7.1	14.1
Quebec	24	65,037	89.7	49.3	7.2	12.2	6.0	15.0
Ontario	56	59,704	89.9	49.6	6.3	12.3	5.1	16.6
Manitoba	8	20,382	83.5	44.9	8.2	12.8	2.9	14.7
Saskatchewan								
Alberta	3	76,881	85.8	47.7	3.5	10.8	5.3	18.5
British Columbia (3) ...	16	50,990	86.6	51.9	5.6	9.2	4.4	15.5

(1) Not including salaries or drawings of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., of delivery equipment and operating expenses of branch or call offices, but not salaries or wages paid to delivery or call office staff.

(3) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Note:- The percentages indicate the proportions that the various expense items bear to the total receipts.

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Table 12. - Employment and Wage Facts, by Provinces, 1946 and 1947

Province	Salaried employees			Wage-earners (monthly average)		
	Male	Female	Total salaries	Male	Female	Total wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
<u>1 9 4 6</u>						
CANADA	1,624	1,015	4,407,837	2,564	8,471	10 239 831
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	49	17	115,857	103	330	398,845
New Brunswick	46	32	114,029	38	145	144,242
Quebec	490	256	1,296,568	945	2,042	2,984,301
Ontario	517	406	1,490,364	865	3,172	3,528,071
Manitoba	91	44	223,915	134	546	563,856
Saskatchewan	23	19	65,866	46	222	255,103
Alberta	95	55	253,916	105	554	623,289
British Columbia (1) ..	313	186	847,322	328	1,460	1,742,124
<u>1 9 4 7</u>						
CANADA	1,822	1,034	5,144,358	2,483	8,611	11,212,714
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	46	20	97,661	95	331	394,244
New Brunswick	38	22	96,283	47	206	214,226
Quebec	487	278	1,530,601	1,003	2,140	3,190,697
Ontario	647	379	1,789,211	776	3,109	3,772,436
Manitoba	84	50	223,123	140	555	679,091
Saskatchewan	24	16	66,843	53	262	342,531
Alberta	121	75	330,141	90	518	610,185
British Columbia (1) ..	375	194	1,010,495	279	1,490	2,009,304

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Table 13. - Monthly Employment of Wage-Earners, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Month	1 9 4 6			1 9 4 7		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
January	2,479	8,321	10,800	2,402	8,440	10,842
February	2,449	8,296	10,745	2,375	8,423	10,798
March	2,502	8,450	10,952	2,413	8,467	10,880
April	2,527	8,491	11,018	2,472	8,502	10,974
May	2,554	8,510	11,064	2,496	8,510	11,006
June	2,597	8,607	11,204	2,521	8,711	11,232
July	2,660	8,684	11,344	2,607	8,977	11,584
August	2,639	8,528	11,167	2,577	8,843	11,420
September	2,616	8,471	11,087	2,545	8,814	11,359
October	2,595	8,503	11,098	2,483	8,642	11,125
November	2,580	8,471	11,051	2,450	8,557	11,007
December	2,567	8,306	10,873	2,449	8,442	10,891
Monthly Average	2,564	8,471	11,035	2,483	8,611	11,094

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Table 14. - Mechanical Equipment Used, Canada, 1941 - 1947

	1 9 4 1	1 9 4 2	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1 9 4 5	1 9 4 6	1 9 4 7
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Laundry washers (wood)	1,010	1,029	1,016	1,001	953	954	959
Laundry washers (metal)	637	618	602	603	602	627	653
Dry cleaning washers	152	167	171	176	179	180	177
Wash-room extractors	838	846	832	829	809	857	867
Other extractors	168	179	191	198	192	185	193
Tumble driers	414	461	491	497	543	621	689
Conveyor driers	73	70	64	82	63	63	48
8 roll ironers	63	60	61	65	71	70	74
6 roll ironers	137	135	128	144	140	136	139
5 roll ironers	53	46	53	67	62	75	50
Single roll ironers	102	99	98	105	92	96	83
All other flatwork ironers	101	103	98	97	72	94	86
Collar machines (starchers, dampeners edgers, etc.)	357	335	276	285	284	295	253
Wearing apparel presses (laundry) ...	1,170	1,300	1,338	1,325	1,454	1,533	1,549
Shirt presses	396	507	504	502	569	612	711
Cuff and neck band presses	330	340	330	334	309	323	340
Suit and garment presses (dry cleaning)	519	527	506	541	518	532	523
Other presses	350	286	286	269	243	231	231
Curtain dryers and stretchers	231	265	264	260	263	248	219
Hosiery, glove and sleeve forms	568	638	697	658	680	671	621
Ironing boards	1,162	1,210	1,118	1,135	1,136	1,135	1,079
Sewing machines	592	591	590	537	546	538	550
Dry cleaning units	136	121	111	115	122	126	127
Rug and carpet cleaning machines	29	31	38	42	43	35	37
Water softeners	122	122	123	140	127	136	130
Starch machines and cookers	125	154	150	153	156	149	148
Vats for dyeing	84	83	80	79	78	68	74
Fur storage vaults	50	51	53	58	59	64	57
Solvent filters and stills	76	91	112	125	135	145	153
Water heaters	132	159	160	166	182	184	191
All other equipment	465	419	421	336	390	433	510
Total Equipment	10,642	11,043	10,962	10,924	11,072	11,416	11,521

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Section III - Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants

Statistics given in this report for cleaning and dyeing plants are based on returns of power plants engaged in the cleaning of unwashable fabrics through the use of solvents other than water. Firms who do not have the necessary facilities for cleaning or dyeing on the premises but who act as middle men between consumer and plant are, for the purposes of this survey, considered as "distributors". Data received from distributors are not included in the regular tables for dry cleaning and dyeing plants which follow, but statistics for these firms are given in Table 26 of this bulletin.

The 530 cleaning and dyeing plants included in the 1947 survey had gross receipts for the year of \$28,584,285. This was an increase in volume of business of 21% over the amount of \$23,720,940 reported by 452 plants for the year 1946.

Receipts in all provinces were substantially higher than in 1946. The greatest percentage increase was registered in British Columbia where receipts increased 35% while in Alberta, Quebec and Ontario, gains of 24%, 22% and 20% respectively were reported. Receipts in Manitoba were up 17%, in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island combined, 14%, while Saskatchewan and New Brunswick cleaners both reported gains of 13%.

Dry cleaners tend to be more specialized in the type of work performed than do laundries. Of the total value of work performed by these establishments, 83% was dry cleaning. This was distributed as follows: suits and dresses, 71%; curtains, carpets, etc., 5%; cleaning furs, 1%; and industrial and wholesale cleaning, 6%. Dyeing accounted for 5% of the gross receipts of these establishments; laundry, 6%; storage, 2%; and all other services, 4%.

There were 10,906 persons employed in dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1947 and these received \$14,144,464 in salaries and wages. In addition, 259 proprietors actively engaged in the operation of their businesses withdrew salaries totalling \$538,853, while another 310 working proprietors did not receive a stated salary for their services.

Salaried employees numbered 2,838 and received \$4,497,541 or an average of \$1,585 per person. This is an increase of 2% in number of employees and 24% in salaries over the 1946 figures, with an increase in average yearly salary per person of \$283. Wage-earners, employed on an hourly or piece work basis, numbered 8,068 and were paid wages amounting to \$9,646,923. This is an average wage per employee of \$1,196 which compares with \$1,126 reported for 1946.

The average volume of business handled by dry cleaning plants is considerably smaller than the average volume reported by laundries. The former had an average value of work performed per plant of \$53,933 while the average for laundries was \$124,834. Classified by size of

business, there were 59 of the 530 cleaners and dyers whose annual receipts were over \$200,000 and these did 51% of the total business. Another 80 plants had receipts between \$50,000 and \$100,000 accounted for 19% of the total receipts of all dry cleaners and dyers, while 106 plants with volumes ranging between \$30,000 and \$50,000 accounted for another 14%. The remaining 285 plants each had a volume for the year of less than \$30,000 and this group handled 16% of the total business. A further breakdown of this latter group is given in Table 19.

Operating expenses of incorporated companies amounted to 93.3% of total receipts but here again, as in the case of laundries, the proportion of expenses to receipts varied inversely as the size of business. The smallest firms, with less than \$15,000 annual receipts, reported operating expenses 99.9% of gross receipts while those with over \$300,000 annual volume expended only 92.2% of gross receipts on operating costs. Salaries and wages amounted to 53% of gross receipts while cost of materials and supplies amounted to 10%. Cost of fuel and electricity was 4% of total receipts while collection and delivery expenses (including call offices) amounted to 6%. The remaining 20% was accounted for by other operating costs such as occupancy, administration, advertising, etc.

Unincorporated cleaning and dyeing plants reported operating expenses amounting to 83.7% of gross receipts but again the ratio varied by size of business. Plants with annual receipts of less than \$7,500 had an expense ratio of 79.3%, those with receipts between \$7,500 and \$10,000 operated with an expense ratio of 67.5%, expenses of firms between \$10,000 and \$15,000 amounted to 75.2% of receipts, and from here, the ratio ranged upward through the various size classes to 93.8% for those with annual receipts of \$100,000 or over.

Salaries and wages (not including proprietors' salaries or withdrawals) amounted to 44.5% of receipts. Other expenses expressed as a percentage of total receipts were as follows: fuel and electricity, 5.0%; materials and supplies, 10.8%; collection and delivery (including call office expense), 6.3%; and other costs, such as occupancy, administration, advertising, etc., 17.1%.

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Table 15. - Comparison of Operating Results, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Items	1 9 4 6	1 9 4 7	+ Increase - Decrease	
			Amount	%
Plants reporting No.	452	530	+ 78	+ 17.3
Total receipts \$	23,720,940	28,584,285	+ 4,863,345	+ 20.5
Average receipts per plant \$	52,480	63,240	+ 10,760	+ 20.5
Estimated population of Canada No.	12,307,000	12,582,000	+ 275,000	+ 2.2
Receipts per capita \$	1.93	2.27	+ 0.34	+ 17.6
Plants per 100,000 population No.	3.7	4.2	+ 0.5	+ 13.5
Salaried employees - Total No.	2,781	2,838	+ 57	+ 2.0
Male No.	1,298	1,544	+ 246	+ 19.0
Female No.	1,483	1,294	- 189	- 12.7
Salaries \$	3,622,080	4,497,541	+ 875,461	+ 24.2
Average salary per employee ... \$	1,302	1,585	+ 283	+ 21.7
Wage-earners - Monthly average No.	7,099	8,068	+ 969	+ 13.6
Male No.	2,867	3,394	+ 527	+ 18.4
Female No.	4,232	4,674	+ 442	+ 10.4
Wages \$	7,990,931	9,646,923	+ 1,655,992	+ 20.7
Average wage per employee \$	1,126	1,196	+ 70	+ 6.2
Total wage cost \$	11,613,011	14,144,464	+ 2,531,453	+ 21.8
Cost of fuel and electricity \$	923,938	1,208,594	+ 284,656	+ 30.8
Cost of materials and supplies \$	2,503,762	3,041,506	+ 537,744	+ 21.5
Average cost of supplies per plant. \$	5,539	5,771	+ 232	+ 4.2
Delivery units No.	932	1,113	+ 181	+ 19.4
Total cost of collection and delivery (1) \$	2,269,615	4,185,182(2)	(4)	(4)
All other operating expenses \$	(3)	5,389,519	(3)	(3)
Power equipment - Units No.	2,899	2,656	- 243	- 8.4
Capacity H.P.	6,398	5,636	- 762	- 11.9
Plant equipment and machinery Units	9,787	11,233	+ 1,446	+ 14.8

(1) Includes salaries and wages of delivery men, route managers, etc.

(2) Includes expenses of pick-up or call offices.

(3) Not available.

(4) Not comparable.

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Table 16. - Historical Summary Statistics, 1930 - 1947

Year and province	Plants	Total employees (1)	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Value of work performed
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1930	126	2,785	3,109,768	624,392	6,412,325
1931	157	2,965	2,961,759	618,014	6,144,765
1932	166	2,878	2,538,102	521,680	5,005,718
1933	172	2,912	2,381,084	502,692	4,866,091
1934	175	2,983	2,526,815	517,812	5,014,107
1935	179	3,108	2,671,476	620,535	5,327,883
1936	191	3,643	3,112,452	709,793	6,304,537
1937	193	3,976	3,492,712	856,192	7,179,374
1938	230	4,320	3,890,227	999,999	7,994,123
1939	268	4,995	4,284,126	1,034,952	8,658,729
1940	300	5,474	4,956,024	1,156,454	10,056,735
1941	363	6,554	6,125,635	1,433,790	12,678,275
1942	365	6,990	6,969,167	1,453,234	14,353,064
1943	362	7,388	7,865,795	1,518,897	15,218,369
1944	399	7,732	8,212,917	1,694,284	16,886,713
1945	385	8,147	8,847,948	1,951,752	18,618,074
<u>1 9 4 6</u>					
CANADA	452	9,880	11,613,011	2,503,762	23,720,940
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	24	375	411,503	84,103	885,330
New Brunswick (2)	17	315	331,236	87,534	725,137
Quebec	56	2,278	2,756,788	644,834	5,631,008
Ontario	223	4,445	5,234,576	1,043,822	10,891,435
Manitoba	20	906	1,072,913	254,674	1,933,372
Saskatchewan	27	391	439,261	128,247	962,729
Alberta	35	535	603,769	106,477	1,166,250
British Columbia (3) ..	50	635	762,965	154,071	1,525,679
<u>1 9 4 7</u>					
CANADA	530	10,906	14,144,464	3,041,506	28,584,285
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	25	406	480,629	100,218	1,009,137
New Brunswick	21	334	358,690	92,683	817,275
Quebec	73	2,560	3,504,831	742,440	6,866,353
Ontario	250	4,876	6,430,892	1,332,448	13,036,255
Manitoba	26	960	1,230,843	282,115	2,267,682
Saskatchewan	34	432	536,386	113,261	1,088,474
Alberta	46	587	712,448	165,406	1,445,202
British Columbia (3) ..	55	751	986,745	212,935	2,053,907

(1) Includes salaried employees and wage-earners. In addition, there were 244 male and 15 female proprietors who received salaries of \$532,853 and 287 male and 23 female proprietors who received no regular salary in 1947.

(2) Not comparable with previous years. Two firms formerly classified as laundries were transferred to dry cleaners as the major part of their business is cleaning.

(3) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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Table 17. - Annual Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1947

Province	Total receipts		Cleaning suits and dresses		Cleaning curtains, carpets etc.		Cleaning furs		Dyeing		Industrial and wholesale cleaning	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
CANADA	28,584,285		20,383,285	71.3	1,471,918	5.1	209,352	0.7	1,518,532	5.3	1,709,659	6.0
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia ..	1,009,137		867,224	85.9	1,225	0.1	2,875	0.3	52,163	5.2	36,348	3.6
New Brunswick	817,275		591,813	72.4	10,764	1.3	1,534	0.2	42,041	5.1	4,666	0.6
Quebec	6,866,353		4,390,038	63.9	461,156	6.7	24,987	0.4	666,390	9.7	278,313	4.1
Ontario	13,036,255		9,421,109	72.3	751,384	5.8	132,792	1.0	509,279	3.9	1,112,744	8.6
Manitoba	2,267,682		1,447,001	63.8	82,600	3.6	16,241	0.7	90,640	4.0	53,204	2.3
Saskatchewan	1,088,474		922,336	84.7	40,307	3.7	16,100	1.5	15,230	1.4	7,381	0.7
Alberta	1,445,202		1,178,943	81.6	41,532	2.9	4,564	0.3	43,192	3.0	24,830	1.7
British Columbia (1)	2,053,907		1,564,821	76.2	82,950	4.0	10,259	0.5	99,607	4.9	192,173	9.4

Province	Coat and towel supply		Laundry unfinished		Laundry finished		Storage (furs, coats, etc.)		All other work	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
CANADA	24,072	0.1	342,004	1.2	1,301,011	4.6	460,657	1.6	1,163,795	4.1
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia ..	-	-	16,050	1.6	11,419	1.2	15,448	1.5	6,395	0.6
New Brunswick	-	-	48,365	5.9	115,704	14.2	-	-	2,388	0.3
Quebec	10,200	0.1	-	-	343,637	5.0	74,860	1.1	616,772	9.0
Ontario	4,679	(a)	83,694	0.6	382,091	2.9	274,875	2.1	363,608	2.8
Manitoba	9,193	0.4	166,895	7.5	284,743	12.6	43,321	1.9	71,844	3.2
Saskatchewan	-	-	-	-	17,724	1.6	32,757	3.0	36,639	3.4
Alberta	-	-	15,000	1.0	69,093	4.8	14,346	1.0	53,702	3.7
British Columbia (1)	-	-	10,000	0.5	76,600	3.7	5,050	0.2	12,447	0.6

(a) Less than 0.05 per cent.

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Note: The percentages indicate the proportions which receipts for each type of work bear to the total.

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Table 18. - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1947

City	No. of plants	Value of work performed				Employees		Total salaries & wages
		Total	Cleaning of garments	Other (1) cleaning & dyeing	All other work	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax	4	541,320	432,736	90,176	18,408	77	123	260,131
Montreal	28	5,024,837	2,982,728	1,215,796	826,313	976	871	2,560,334
Quebec	5	564,049	337,136	102,929	123,984	127	133	299,647
Three Rivers	5	314,620	274,920	32,700	7,000	61	57	124,090
Belleville	4	147,458	111,793	15,772	19,893	28	31	69,704
Brantford	6	460,144	295,496	25,382	139,266	50	94	222,531
Cornwall	5	123,767	118,067	-	5,700	27	16	50,129
Guelph	5	129,301	108,041	3,255	18,005	30	28	59,982
Hamilton	16	906,825	770,535	73,577	62,713	158	200	473,801
London	5	421,065	319,607	67,631	33,827	72	67	209,108
Oshawa	5	121,279	116,358	4,513	408	20	25	55,324
Ottawa	11	857,733	600,696	180,480	76,557	166	212	439,834
Peterborough	7	159,963	135,274	23,509	1,180	21	30	65,619
St. Catharines	5	209,875	201,579	6,946	1,350	39	36	101,406
Sudbury	4	143,628	131,681	11,947	-	18	37	62,149
Toronto	46	5,069,493	2,869,268	1,789,026	411,199	891	962	2,625,267
Welland	5	111,574	103,586	7,828	160	29	24	49,812
Windsor	16	1,028,924	810,134	94,240	124,550	145	275	552,214
Winnipeg	15	2,088,222	1,318,937	216,539	552,746	375	511	1,165,393
Regina	8	389,207	337,826	31,281	20,100	67	88	199,958
Saskatoon	10	424,341	360,035	21,568	43,238	75	101	224,162
Calgary	13	437,430	401,624	21,560	14,246	53	107	201,584
Edmonton	13	676,772	471,220	80,082	125,470	76	228	371,097
Lethbridge	4	112,924	103,417	4,400	5,107	17	30	56,792
Vancouver	23	1,240,106	894,885	287,320	57,901	149	268	606,422
Victoria	6	272,933	235,379	37,554	-	52	72	164,845

(1) Includes industrial and wholesale cleaning.

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Table 19. - Establishments Classified According to Value of Work Performed, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Value of work performed	1946				1947			
	No. of plants	Work performed	%	Average per plant	No. of plants	Work performed	%	Average per plant
		\$		\$		\$		\$
Less than \$7,500	26	157,544	0.7	6,059)				
\$7,500 to \$9,999	28	249,619	1.0	8,915)	127	1,331,768	4.6	10,486
\$10,000 to \$14,999	57	688,374	2.9	12,077)				
\$15,000 to \$19,999	63	1,104,067	4.7	17,525	59	1,005,049	3.5	17,035
\$20,000 to \$29,999	77	1,887,142	7.9	24,508	99	2,428,884	8.5	24,534
\$30,000 to \$49,999	91	3,459,360	14.6	38,015	110	4,129,525	14.5	37,541
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	3,958,408	16.7	65,973	80	5,381,294	18.8	67,266
\$100,000 to \$199,999	32	4,279,903	18.0	133,747)				
\$200,000 and Over	18	7,936,523	33.5	440,918)	55	14,307,765	50.1	260,142
Totals	452	23,720,940	100.0	52,480	530	28,584,285	100.0	53,933

Table 20. - Statistics of Delivery and Call Office Expense, by Provinces, 1947

Province	Delivery units			Call offices			Delivery & Call Office (4)	
	Number	Operating expenses (2)		Number	Operating expenses (3)		Employees & Payroll	
		Total	Average per unit		Total	Average per office	Number	Salaries and wages
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$
CANADA	1,113	1,262,779	1,135	460	469,657	1,021	1,764	2,458,146
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	46	37,649	818	7	6,606	944	56	71,043
New Brunswick	29	31,199	1,076	10	18,679	1,868	43	61,162
Quebec	238	364,984	1,534	102	125,579	1,231	461	668,770
Ontario	524	570,747	1,089	251	223,740	891	828	1,105,695
Manitoba	88	74,933	852	39	35,617	913	152	231,781
Saskatchewan	40	38,686	967	3	1,275	425	40	62,721
Alberta	60	59,213	987	13	9,964	766	64	93,694
British Columbia (1) ..	88	85,368	970	35	48,197	1,377	120	163,280

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., but not salaries or wages.

(3) Not including salaries and wages.

(4) Includes salaries and wages paid to routemen, route managers, call office staff.

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Table 21. - Operating Costs for Plants Classified by Form of Organization and Amount of Annual Receipts, 1947

Annual receipts	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses - expressed as % of total receipts					All other operating expenses
			Total expenses	Salaries (1) and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	Collection (2) and delivery	
		\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies								
All Plants	124	132,862	93.3	53.2	3.6	10.5	5.9	20.1
Less than \$15,000	9	11,766	99.9	54.0	8.7	12.5	9.2	15.5
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6	17,517	98.2	57.8	5.8	13.0	5.2	16.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	6	26,901	95.2	52.3	5.0	10.5	4.8	22.6
\$30,000 to \$49,999	23	39,006	94.7	54.0	5.3	10.0	7.8	17.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	72,250	94.4	57.2	3.6	10.1	5.6	17.9
\$100,000 to \$199,999	22	138,015	93.7	53.1	3.6	12.0	6.1	18.9
\$200,000 to \$299,999	12	246,218	93.7	49.3	3.6	9.9	6.4	24.5
\$300,000 and Over	10	661,344	92.2	53.1	3.3	10.3	5.5	20.0
Unincorporated Companies								
All Plants	406	29,826	83.7	44.5	5.0	10.8	6.3	17.1
Less than \$7,500	21	5,749	79.3	39.2	9.4	11.5	6.0	13.2
\$7,500 to \$9,999	31	8,755	67.5	27.8	8.0	12.1	4.1	15.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	66	12,632	75.2	35.6	7.0	11.3	4.9	16.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999	53	16,980	77.6	37.5	5.5	13.2	5.8	15.6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	93	24,381	80.8	43.4	5.7	10.3	5.2	16.2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	87	37,154	83.0	44.5	4.7	10.7	6.1	17.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	63,188	87.1	47.5	4.0	10.3	6.8	18.5
\$100,000 and Over	11	154,853	93.8	52.0	4.4	10.6	8.4	18.4

(1) Not including salaries or drawings of proprietors of unincorporated businesses.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., to delivery equipment and operating expenses of branch or call offices but not salaries or wages paid to delivery or call office staff.

Note: The percentages indicate the proportions that the various expense items bear to the total receipts.

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Table 22. - Operating Costs for Plants Classified by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1947

Province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses - expressed as % of total receipts					All other operating expenses
			Total expenses	Salaries (1) and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	Collection (2) & delivery	
		\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Incorporated Companies</u>								
CANADA	124	132,862	93.3	53.2	3.6	10.5	5.9	20.1
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	9	78,001	85.7	50.5	4.8	9.5	3.7	17.2
New Brunswick	6	75,805	97.6	48.7	6.1	10.0	4.8	28.0
Quebec	24	206,614	90.8	51.5	3.8	10.2	7.2	18.1
Ontario	48	134,129	94.2	52.9	3.5	10.2	5.8	21.8
Manitoba	7	260,317	97.5	57.4	3.2	12.7	4.4	19.8
Saskatchewan	7	61,937	92.8	57.7	3.2	11.4	3.9	16.6
Alberta	8	72,943	92.8	58.6	3.1	11.2	4.5	15.4
British Columbia (3) ...	15	72,121	96.8	53.6	3.6	10.8	6.9	21.9
<u>Unincorporated Companies</u>								
CANADA	406	29,826	83.7	44.5	5.0	10.8	6.3	17.1
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	16	19,196	80.2	41.0	7.4	10.9	6.1	14.8
New Brunswick	15	24,163	87.5	37.8	6.6	13.1	7.8	22.2
Quebec	49	38,931	86.8	44.6	6.0	12.4	7.1	16.7
Ontario	202	32,664	84.2	45.8	4.7	10.3	6.4	17.0
Manitoba	19	23,445	80.0	41.4	5.8	11.4	6.8	14.6
Saskatchewan	27	24,256	81.4	43.7	5.3	9.7	3.5	19.2
Alberta	38	22,674	81.6	43.0	4.1	11.6	5.0	17.9
British Columbia (3) ...	40	24,302	79.4	42.0	4.5	9.8	6.0	17.0

(1) Not including salaries or drawings of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

(2) Includes depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, etc., to delivery equipment and operating expenses of branch or call offices but not salaries or wages of delivery or call office staff.

(3) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Note: The percentages indicate the proportions that the various expense items bear to the total receipts.

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Table 23. - Employment and Wage Facts, by Provinces, 1946 and 1947

Province	Salaried employees			Wage-earners (monthly average)		
	Male	Female	Total salaries	Male	Female	Total wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
<u>1 9 4 6</u>						
CANADA	1,298	1,483	3,622,080	2,867	4,232	7,990,931
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	61	67	165,941	86	161	245,562
New Brunswick	45	54	126,976	77	139	204,260
Quebec	295	321	811,482	837	825	1,945,306
Ontario	636	787	1,806,586	1,239	1,783	3,427,990
Manitoba	124	133	358,137	210	439	714,776
Saskatchewan	33	26	87,116	121	211	352,145
Alberta	42	46	117,097	105	342	486,672
British Columbia (1) ..	62	49	148,745	192	332	614,220
<u>1 9 4 7</u>						
CANADA	1,544	1,294	4,497,541	3,394	4,674	9,646,923
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia	73	69	194,110	114	150	286,519
New Brunswick	59	63	155,193	74	138	203,497
Quebec	400	348	1,168,051	982	830	2,237,780
Ontario	722	558	2,116,907	1,510	2,086	4,313,985
Manitoba	145	121	404,010	251	443	826,833
Saskatchewan	46	50	153,868	125	211	382,518
Alberta	46	43	140,872	127	371	571,576
British Columbia (1) ..	53	42	164,530	211	445	824,215

(1) Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Table 24. - Monthly Employment of Wage-Earners, Canada, 1946 and 1947

Month	1 9 4 6			1 9 4 7		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	2,566	3,881	6,447	3,136	4,363	7,499
February	2,632	3,911	6,543	3,160	4,385	7,545
March	2,850	4,330	7,180	3,385	4,779	8,164
April	2,941	4,483	7,424	3,541	4,892	8,433
May	2,940	4,472	7,412	3,576	4,911	8,487
June	2,975	4,498	7,473	3,517	4,923	8,440
July	2,949	4,314	7,263	3,450	4,746	8,196
August	2,938	4,241	7,179	3,403	4,625	8,028
September	2,962	4,291	7,253	3,448	4,748	8,196
October	2,922	4,229	7,151	3,455	4,703	8,158
November	2,901	4,173	7,074	3,392	4,590	7,982
December	2,821	3,965	6,786	3,266	4,421	7,687
Monthly Average	2,867	4,232	7,099	3,394	4,674	8,068

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Table 25. - Mechanical Equipment Used, Canada, 1941 - 1947

Kind	1 9 4 1	1 9 4 2	1 9 4 3	1 9 4 4	1 9 4 5	1 9 4 6	1 9 4 7
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Washing machines (laundry)	253	223	237	239	243	280	342
Washing machines (dry cleaning)	480	538	579	610	605	716	817
Extractors	555	581	590	635	633	765	888
Tumbler driers	442	483	506	553	591	772	954
Conveyor driers	53	51	59	76	53	61	63
Vats for dyeing	542	543	506	473	479	558	637
Flat work ironers	120	93	84	134	142	159	141
Suit and garment presses (cleaning)	1,213	1,305	1,335	1,418	1,454	1,760	2,076
Shirt presses	56	90	96	89	96	169	231
Wearing apparel presses (laundry)	150	181	154	155	147	181	174
Other presses	109	108	192	181	186	287	332
Collar machines	5	4	10	24	21	26	44
Ironing boards	733	802	863	880	875	978	1,063
Hosiery, glove and sleeve forms	161	208	213	228	243	259	271
Curtain dryers and stretchers	106	122	142	144	142	146	145
Rug and carpet cleaning machines	50	54	63	68	74	83	86
Fur storage vaults	51	65	76	89	107	111	122
Sewing machines	626	633	656	688	684	799	858
Dry cleaning units	236	253	254	287	254	300	356
Solvent filters and stills	249	290	369	400	409	565	664
Water softeners	34	34	40	47	45	67	78
Water heaters	34	53	57	69	78	102	134
Other equipment	507	478	466	400	435	643	757
Total Equipment	6,765	7,195	7,547	7,887	7,996	9,787	11,233

Section IV - Distributors and Linen Supply Establishments

Table 26. - Summary Statistics for Distributors, 1947

Item		
No. of Establishments	No.	121
Annual Receipts:		
Total	\$	1,883,817
Laundry (finished or semi-finished)	\$	200,729
Cleaning (suits and garments)	\$	1,517,270
Cleaning (all other materials, curtains, carpets, etc.)	\$	98,602
All other sources (including linen rentals)	\$	67,216
Personnel and Payroll:		
Active Proprietors	No.	148
Employees and Wages-		
Male	No.	195
Female	No.	173
Salaries and Wages	\$	403,919
Selected Costs:		
Payments to Plants for Laundry or Cleaning	\$	671,199
Fuel and Electricity	\$	43,838
Pick-up and Delivery Costs	\$	190,280
Wrapping Materials and Supplies	\$	45,086

Table 27. - Summary Statistics for Firms Specializing
in Coat, Towel and Overall Supply, 1947

Item		
No. of Establishments	No.	56
Annual Receipts	\$	4,323,118
Personnel and Payroll:		
Active Proprietors	No.	53
Employees and Wages -		
Male	No.	319
Female	No.	349
Salaries and Wages	\$	938,943
Selected Costs:		
Payments to Plants for Laundry or Cleaning	\$	1,092,400
Fuel and Electricity	\$	33,105
Pick-up and Delivery Costs	\$	648,020
Wrapping Materials and Supplies	\$	33,565

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