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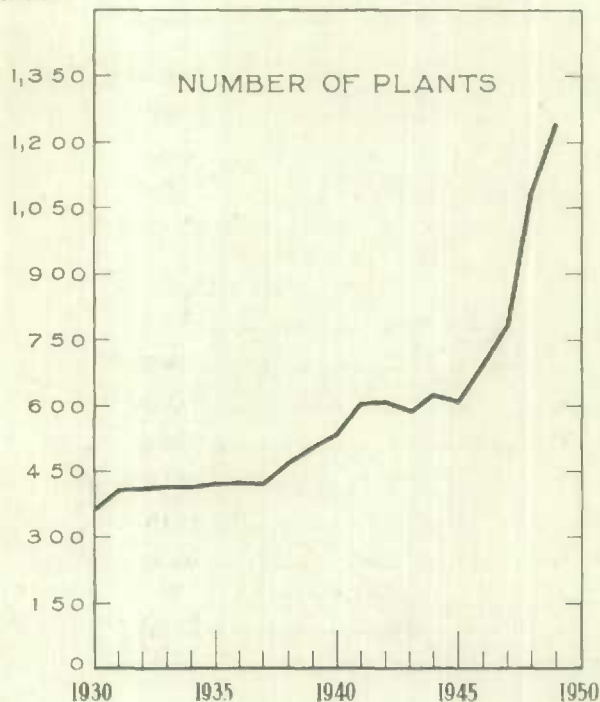
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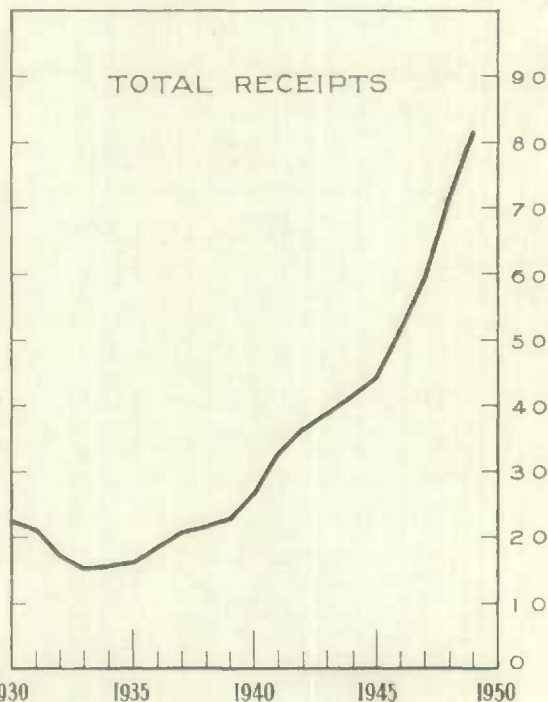
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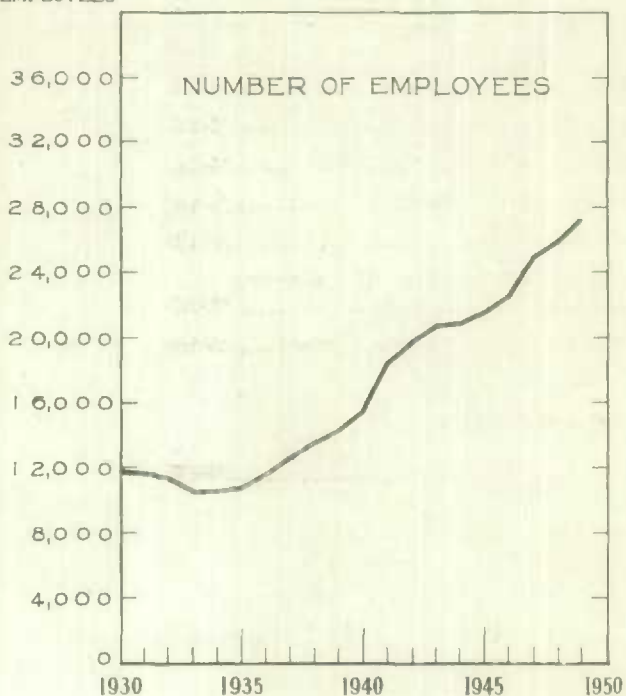
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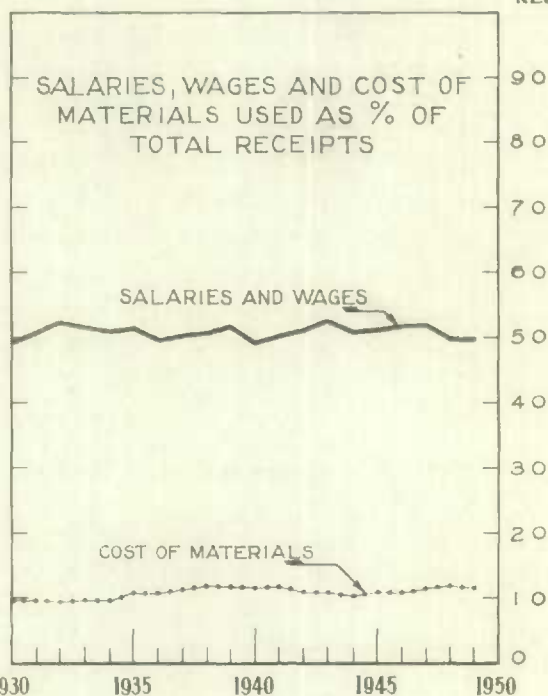
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LAUNDRIES, DRY CLEANERS AND DYERS

1949

SECTION I. ALL PLANTS COMBINED

Gross receipts of power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants amounted to \$81,234,045 in 1949. This total represented an increase of 13% over 1948 when the business handled by such establishments amounted to \$71,981,944. The number of plants increased from 1,081 in 1948 to 1,237 in 1949, a gain of 14%. Of 1949's gross receipts, 36% was from laundry, 54% from cleaning and dyeing, 6% from linen rentals, and 4% from miscellaneous receipts (storage, overall and wiper cleaning, etc.).

For the purposes of this report, establishments were regarded as either laundries or dry cleaners according to the type of work which made up the greater part of revenue. On this basis, 332 of the 1,237 plants included in the survey were classified as laundries, while the remaining 905 were primarily dry cleaners and dyers.

Figures contained in Sections I, II and III of this report do not include those of establishments specializing in the rental of linens, i.e. coats.

towels, overalls, diapers, etc., which have no facilities for washing, cleaning, or dyeing on their premises. A separate summary for these appears in Table 19 on page 15.

Ontario and Quebec together accounted for two-thirds of all laundry and dry cleaning in Canada. Ontario, with 41% of all plants, obtained 40% of the total receipts while Quebec plants formed 19% of the total number and handled 26% of the volume of business. British Columbia, with 13% of both plants and receipts, ranked third. All provinces recorded increases over 1948 in both number of establishments and volume of business. Alberta recorded the greatest gain in amount of receipts with 1949 volume 20% above 1948. Ontario and Saskatchewan receipts were up 14% and 13% respectively, while gains in amount of receipts for the other provinces ranged from 6% to 11%.

The following table shows percentage changes between 1948 and 1949 in number of establishments and volume of receipts for each province.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners, and Dyers, by Provinces, 1949/1948

Province	Percentage change 1949/1948	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+14.4	+12.9
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island	1	1
Nova Scotia	1	1
New Brunswick	+ 7.1	+ 6.4
Quebec	+21.4	+11.1
Ontario	+11.0	+14.3
Manitoba	+10.6	+ 8.6
Saskatchewan	+20.4	+13.0
Alberta	+19.5	+20.3
British Columbia	+ 7.5	+ 7.3

1. Comparable figures not available.

There were 27,126 paid employees engaged in the operation of power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1949, of which 10,168 were male and 16,958 female. Total salaries and wages paid to these employees amounted to \$40,515,431 in 1949 compared with \$35,877,556 paid to 25,876 employees in 1948.

Proprietors of unincorporated businesses actively engaged in operating their plants numbered 1,307, of whom 1,221 were male and 86 were female. There were 405 proprietors or partners who reported that they drew a regular salary and their salaries amounted to \$888,483. The remaining 902 drew no regular salary. The following table shows proprietors with and without regular salaries for laundries and for dry cleaning plants:

Proprietors or Partners of Unincorporated Firms, 1949

Type of plant	Drawing a regular salary			With no regular salary	
	Male	Female	Salaries	Male	Female
			\$		
Total	377	28	888,483	844	58
Power laundries	84	5	173,350	163	12
Cleaning and dyeing plants	293	23	715,133	681	46

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1949

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Receipts
			\$	\$	\$
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
1946	690	23,554	26,260,679	5,577,433	51,148,159
1947	774	24,856	30,501,536	6,601,628	59,043,678
1948	1,081	25,876	35,877,556	8,538,717	71,981,944
1949 ²	1,237	27,126	40,515,431	9,425,121	81,234,045

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Newfoundland.

Note. Figures previous to 1941 included linen supply houses and distributors which had no facilities for washing, dry cleaning or dyeing on their premises.

TABLE 2. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1949

Province	No. of plants	No of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Receipts
		Male	Female			
				\$	\$	\$
Canada	1,237	10,168	16,958	40,515,431	9,425,121	81,234,045
Newfoundland	11	} 118	185	353,664	87,224	789,857
Prince Edward Island	8					
Nova Scotia	49	329	573	1,140,260	245,621	2,264,022
New Brunswick	45	213	485	848,237	216,994	1,774,796
Quebec	238	3,179	4,061	10,596,989	2,569,496	20,922,504
Ontario	513	4,029	6,655	16,139,408	3,775,943	32,553,139
Manitoba	52	589	1,101	2,507,928	608,126	4,824,453
Saskatchewan	65	260	557	1,197,636	283,939	2,592,649
Alberta	98	426	1,214	2,405,334	571,983	4,938,540
British Columbia ²	158	1,025	2,127	5,325,975	1,065,795	10,574,085

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

SECTION II. POWER LAUNDRIES

Power laundries in Canada increased in number from 294 plants in 1948 to 332 plants in 1949, a gain of 13%, while receipts advanced 9% from \$35,360,996 to \$38,659,596. These plants derived 69% of their gross revenue during 1949 from laundry work, 16% from dry cleaning, 11% from linen rentals, and 4% from all other work including dyeing, overall and wiper cleaning, storage, etc. Power laundry receipts

from various types of service for each province are shown in Table 6.

All provinces recorded increases in dollar volume of business over 1948, the greatest gains, 13% and 12% respectively, being recorded for Alberta and Ontario. The following table shows percentage changes in number of plants and volume of business between 1948 and 1949.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces, 1949/1948

Province	Percentage change 1949/1948	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+12.9	+ 9.3
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island	1	1
Nova Scotia	1	1
New Brunswick	+ 8.3	+ 3.3
Quebec	+13.2	+ 7.8
Ontario	+10.9	+12.0
Manitoba	2	+ 5.1
Saskatchewan	+14.3	+ 2.1
Alberta	+ 6.3	+13.0
British Columbia	+19.0	+ 7.7

1. Comparable figures not available.

2. Unchanged.

Of the total Canadian business of power laundries, 34% was handled by Ontario plants, 29% by Quebec plants, and 18% by plants in British Columbia.

Paid employees in power laundries in 1949 numbered 14,240 and drew salaries and wages amounting to \$20,408,336. Almost 70% of the total were female employees. Comparable figures for 1948 showed 13,923 employees receiving \$18,737,302 in salaries and wages.

In addition to these paid employees, there were 247 male and 17 female proprietors and partners of unincorporated power laundries devoting the major portion of their time to the operation of their plants. Of these, 84 male and 5 female proprietors reported salaries which totalled \$173,350. The remainder reported that they drew no regular salary.

Sixty-three of the 332 power laundries had gross receipts of more than \$200,000 and these handled

61% of the total business. Another 55 plants were in the \$100,000-to-\$199,999 class and accounted for 20% of gross receipts, while 58 plants with annual receipts of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 did 11% of the total business. The 156 plants in the less-than-\$50,000-a-year class were responsible for the remaining 8% of total receipts. Average receipts per plant declined from \$120,275 in 1948 to \$116,445 in 1949.

Operating expenses, expressed as percentages of total receipts, are shown by size of business in Table 9 and by provinces in Table 10. Figures have been compiled separately for unincorporated and for incorporated businesses. Incorporated firms reported operating expenses amounting to 93.4% of receipts, while expenses of individual proprietorships and partnerships, before proprietors' salaries and withdrawals, amounted to 87.5% of receipts.

TABLE 3. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1949

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
			\$	\$	\$
1930	242	9,100	8,140,177	1,571,747	16,283,558
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
1946	238	13,674	14,647,668	3,073,671	27,427,219
1947	244	13,950	16,357,072	3,560,120	30,459,393
1948	294	13,923	18,737,302	4,138,029	35,360,996
1949 ²	332	14,240	20,408,336	4,485,436	38,659,596

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Newfoundland.

TABLE 4. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1948 and 1949

Item	1948	1949	% change 1949/1948
Plants reporting No.	294	332	+12.9
Total receipts \$	35,360,996	38,659,596	+ 9.3
Average receipts per plant \$	120,275	116,445	- 3.2
Estimated population of Canada No.	12,883,000	13,845,000	+ 7.5
Laundry receipts per capita \$	2.74	2.79	+ 1.8
Plants per 100,000 population No.	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3
Employees ¹ :			
Total No.	13,923	14,240	+ 2.3
Male No.	4,201	4,478	+ 6.6
Female No.	9,722	9,762	+ 0.4
Total salaries and wages \$	18,737,302	20,408,336	+ 8.9
Percentage of total receipts %	53.0	52.8	
Average salary or wage per employee \$	1,346	1,433	+ 6.5
Total cost of fuel and electricity \$	1,946,075	2,082,275	+ 7.0
Percentage of total receipts %	5.5	5.4	
Cost of materials used \$	4,138,029	4,485,436	+ 8.4
Percentage of total receipts %	11.7	11.6	
All other operating expenses \$	7,675,156	8,651,359	+12.7
Percentage of total receipts %	21.7	22.4	
Total expenses \$	32,496,562	35,627,406	+ 9.6
Percentage of total receipts %	91.9	92.2	

1. Not including proprietors.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1949

Province	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
		Male	Female			
				\$	\$	\$
Canada	332	4,478	9,762	20,408,336	4,485,436	38,659,596
Newfoundland	5	26	81	108,267	27,516	255,855
Prince Edward Island	2					
Nova Scotia	16	123	321	522,242	102,368	1,023,435
New Brunswick	13	85	263	383,261	86,275	690,234
Quebec	77	1,604	2,789	6,103,169	1,391,457	11,363,997
Ontario	132	1,466	3,445	6,999,725	1,582,265	13,202,687
Manitoba	12	229	511	990,259	260,977	1,902,841
Saskatchewan	8	74	243	447,502	102,618	865,512
Alberta	17	218	615	1,250,854	290,537	2,404,424
British Columbia ²	50	653	1,494	3,603,057	641,423	6,950,611

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1949

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

Province	Receipts		Laundry ¹		Cleaning ²		Dyeing		Coat and towel rentals		All other work ³	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	38,659,596	100.0	26,699,341	69.1	6,341,330	16.4	122,993	0.3	4,214,892	10.9	1,281,040	3.3
Newfoundland	255,855	100.0	230,180	90.0	25,675	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island												
Nova Scotia	1,023,435	100.0	883,204	86.3	129,556	12.6	-	-	10,000	1.0	675	0.1
New Brunswick	690,234	100.0	564,043	81.7	105,830	15.3	5,755	0.8	13,656	2.0	950	0.2
Quebec	11,363,997	100.0	8,143,869	71.6	1,713,654	15.1	30,646	0.3	1,237,051	10.9	238,777	2.1
Ontario	13,202,687	100.0	8,976,288	68.0	1,797,427	13.6	7,081	0.1	1,574,198	11.9	847,693	6.4
Manitoba	1,902,841	100.0	1,385,917	72.8	409,452	21.5	37,317	2.0	46,626	2.5	23,529	1.2
Saskatchewan	865,512	100.0	646,413	74.7	133,279	15.4	-	-	3,530	0.4	82,290	9.5
Alberta	2,404,424	100.0	1,711,716	71.2	610,009	25.4	18,284	0.8	27,663	1.1	36,752	1.5
British Columbia ⁴	6,950,611	100.0	4,157,711	59.8	1,416,448	20.4	23,910	0.4	1,302,168	18.7	50,374	0.7

1. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale and industrial.

2. Includes industrial and wholesale and fur.

3. Includes overall and wiper, storage, etc.

4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1949

City	No. of plants	Receipts						No. of employees		Salaries and wages
		Total	Laundry	Cleaning	Dyeing	Coat and towel rentals	All other work	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax	5	619,556	591,493	18,063	-	10,000	-	52	201	310,302
Montreal	37	9,078,815	6,493,053	1,171,905	10,012	1,195,656	208,189	1,280	2,083	4,912,451
Quebec	5	975,607	688,037	241,534	11,166	33,350	1,520	154	356	574,609
Hamilton	10	1,705,165	875,552	182,559	-	35,539	611,515	190	317	698,331
London	4	696,700	326,488	94,642	-	274,029	1,541	91	166	371,608
Ottawa	11	1,380,166	910,213	285,072	-	60,000	124,881	151	384	726,232
Toronto	37	5,510,139	3,849,250	408,456	2,500	1,177,226	72,707	596	1,440	3,045,873
Windsor	5	253,003	223,809	3,290	-	25,904	-	30	53	118,900
Winnipeg	7	1,692,564	1,227,925	357,167	37,317	46,626	23,529	212	453	887,986
Calgary	5	1,269,829	855,695	347,243	14,404	27,663	24,824	108	296	661,089
Vancouver	17	4,287,163	2,381,957	797,086	4,652	1,103,468	-	391	826	2,181,992

TABLE 8. Power Laundries Classified by Size of Business, 1948 and 1949

Size of business	1948				1949			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	294	35,360,996	100.0	120,275	332	38,659,596	100.0	116,445
Less than \$20,000	67	759,394	2.2	11,334	92	1,023,460	2.7	11,125
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20	497,568	1.4	24,878	26	653,214	1.7	25,124
\$30,000 to \$49,999	38	1,426,961	4.0	37,552	38	1,499,036	3.9	39,448
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	3,996,487	11.3	71,366	58	4,102,411	10.6	70,731
\$100,000 to \$199,999	54	7,402,259	20.9	137,079	55	7,748,618	20.0	140,884
\$200,000 and over	59	21,278,327	60.2	360,650	63	23,632,857	61.1	375,125

TABLE 9. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1949

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Total expenses	Salaries ¹ and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
INCORPORATED COMPANIES							
All plants	149	203,590	93.4	54.4	4.9	11.6	22.5
Less than \$20,000	8	15,018	99.5	54.6	12.5	13.0	19.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	6	24,295	93.4	53.7	8.0	10.7	21.0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	9	40,336	89.9	50.3	8.3	10.3	21.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	73,203	94.8	54.1	8.3	13.2	19.2
\$100,000 to \$199,999	39	144,741	93.6	56.0	5.5	11.8	20.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	22	242,514	94.6	56.6	5.2	11.2	21.6
\$300,000 and over	34	484,013	92.8	53.2	4.0	11.6	24.0
UNINCORPORATED COMPANIES							
All plants	183	45,490	87.5	47.0	7.1	11.4	22.0
Less than \$10,000	41	7,127	74.7	28.3	13.0	12.9	20.5
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43	14,212	78.7	38.1	9.9	11.7	19.0
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20	25,372	86.5	42.7	10.5	12.8	20.5
\$30,000 to \$49,999	29	39,173	85.9	44.9	9.4	12.5	19.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	67,893	87.3	47.4	7.6	11.3	21.0
\$100,000 to \$199,999	16	131,482	88.3	51.4	6.3	10.8	19.8
\$200,000 and over	7	263,013	93.1	50.1	3.2	10.8	29.0

1. Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

TABLE 10. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1949

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Total expenses	Salaries ¹ and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
INCORPORATED COMPANIES							
Canada	149	203,590	93.4	54.4	4.9	11.6	22.5
Newfoundland	4	49,819	95.3	44.3	11.1	10.7	29.2
Prince Edward Island		49,819	95.3	44.3	11.1	10.7	29.2
Nova Scotia	11	84,193	93.2	52.2	10.5	10.2	20.3
New Brunswick	7	89,544	94.2	57.6	7.7	12.6	16.3
Quebec	32	294,067	93.9	55.2	5.5	12.2	21.0
Ontario	51	173,800	93.7	55.6	5.3	12.5	20.3
Manitoba	7	261,965	92.0	52.5	5.1	13.7	20.7
Saskatchewan	3	194,583	92.9	54.1	5.4	11.3	22.1
Alberta	9	226,558	90.9	53.4	2.6	12.0	22.9
British Columbia ²	25	234,090	93.5	52.4	2.8	8.9	29.4
UNINCORPORATED COMPANIES							
Canada	183	45,490	87.5	47.0	7.1	11.4	22.0
Newfoundland	3	18,860	79.6	35.1	12.6	11.0	20.9
Prince Edward Island		18,860	79.6	35.1	12.6	11.0	20.9
Nova Scotia	5	19,462	80.6	40.2	10.9	7.8	21.7
New Brunswick	6	10,571	78.5	35.0	14.1	11.9	17.5
Quebec	45	43,419	88.8	46.5	9.0	12.2	21.1
Ontario	81	53,566	88.8	47.7	6.3	11.0	23.8
Manitoba	5	13,817	83.5	38.5	11.3	14.4	19.3
Saskatchewan	5	56,352	79.6	46.8	6.7	13.0	13.1
Alberta	8	45,676	86.2	44.5	3.2	12.5	26.0
British Columbia ²	25	43,934	84.7	49.0	6.5	11.0	18.2

1. Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

SECTION III. DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants in Canada in 1949 numbered 905 and performed services valued at \$42,574,449. This was an increase of .5% in number of plants and of 16% in volume of business over 1948 when 787 plants had receipts of \$36,620,948.

Alberta with an increase of 28% showed the greatest percentage gain in amount of receipts over

1948 among the several provinces. Saskatchewan ranked second with an increase of 19% in receipts. The largest percentage increase in number of plants (26%) was recorded for Quebec where receipts were 15% in excess of 1948. The following table shows percentage increases in number of plants and volume of receipts by provinces.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, by Provinces, 1949/1948

Province	Percentage change 1949/1948	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+15.0	+16.3
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island	1	1
Nova Scotia	1	1
New Brunswick	+ 6.7	+ 8.4
Quebec	+25.8	+15.3
Ontario	+11.1	+16.0
Manitoba	+14.3	+11.0
Saskatchewan	+21.3	+19.4
Alberta	+22.7	+28.2
British Columbia	+ 2.9	+ 6.7

1. Comparable figures not available.

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants do a highly specialized class of work, 86% of gross receipts being from dry cleaning, 6% from laundry, 3% from dyeing, and 5% from other sources.

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants across Canada employed 12,886 paid employees of whom 5,690 were male and 7,196 female. Salaries and wages paid to these employees amounted to \$20,107,095 in 1949. Average salary or wage per employee increased from \$1,434 to \$1,560 between 1948 and 1949.

Over and above the paid employees, there were 1,043 proprietors or partners of unincorporated plants who devoted all or most of their time to the operation of their plants. Of these, 293 male and 23 female proprietors reported salaries amounting to \$715,133. The remainder, of whom 681 were male and 46 female, reported no regular salary drawn from their businesses.

For the purposes of operating expense analysis, plants were divided between incorporated companies and individual proprietorships or partnerships. The 163 incorporated companies reported that gross

operating expenses absorbed 94% of receipts. Salaries and wages accounted for 52% of receipts, materials and supplies, 11%, fuel and electricity, 4% and all other costs, 27%. A further breakdown by volume of business shows that the percentage of operating costs to receipts in incorporated companies varies inversely with the size of business. The ratios of operating expenses to receipts ranged from 92% for firms whose 1949 receipts were over \$300,000 to 99% for those which did less than \$15,000 worth of business in that year.

Unincorporated companies' operating costs, calculated before proprietors' salaries or withdrawals, amounted to 83% of receipts. This was made up of 42% for salaries and wages of employees, 12% for materials and supplies, 5% for fuel and electricity, and 24% for other expenses. Analysed by size of business, operating costs in unincorporated firms formed an increasingly larger percentage of receipts as the volume of the plant decreased. Plants doing less than \$7,500 annually reported operating expenses amounting to 70% of receipts, while operating expenses of those in the over-\$100,000 class amounted to 92% of gross receipts.

TABLE 11. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1949

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
			\$	\$	\$
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
1946.....	452	9,880	11,613,011	2,503,762	23,720,940
1947.....	530	10,906	14,144,464	3,041,506	28,584,285
1948.....	787	11,953	17,140,254	4,400,688	36,620,948
1949 ²	905	12,886	20,107,095	4,939,685	42,574,449

1. Not including proprietors.
2. Includes Newfoundland.

TABLE 12. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating Results, 1948 and 1949

Items	1948	1949	% change 1949/1948
Plants reporting.....No.	787	905	+15.0
Total receipts.....\$	36,620,948	42,574,449	+16.3
Average receipts per plant.....\$	46,532	47,044	+ 1.1
Estimated population of Canada.....No.	12,883,000	13,845,000	+ 7.5
Receipts per capita.....\$	2.84	3.08	+ 8.5
Plants per 100,000 population.....No.	6.1	6.5	+ 6.6
Employees ¹ : Total.....No.	11,953	12,886	+ 7.8
Male.....No.	5,273	5,690	+ 7.9
Female.....No.	6,680	7,196	+ 7.7
Total salaries and wages.....\$	17,140,254	20,107,095	+17.3
Percentage of total receipts.....%	46.8	47.2	
Average salary or wage per employee.....\$	1,434	1,560	+ 8.8
Total cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	1,716,129	1,880,377	+ 9.6
Percentage of total receipts.....%	4.7	4.4	
Total cost of materials and supplies.....\$	4,400,688	4,939,685	+12.2
Percentage of total receipts.....%	12.0	11.6	
All other operating expenses.....\$	9,185,515	10,829,423	+17.9
Percentage of total receipts.....%	25.1	25.4	
Total expenses.....\$	32,442,586	37,756,580	+16.4
Percentage of total receipts.....%	88.6	88.6	

1. Not including proprietors.

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1949

Province	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
		Male	Female			
Canada	905	5,690	7,196	20,107,095	4,939,685	42,574,449
Newfoundland	6	92	104	245,397	59,708	534,002
Prince Edward Island	6					
Nova Scotia	33	206	252	618,018	143,253	1,240,587
New Brunswick	32	128	222	464,976	130,719	1,084,562
Quebec	161	1,575	1,272	4,493,820	1,178,039	9,558,507
Ontario	381	2,563	3,210	9,139,683	2,193,678	19,350,452
Manitoba	40	360	590	1,517,669	347,149	2,921,612
Saskatchewan	57	186	314	750,134	181,321	1,727,137
Alberta	81	208	599	1,154,480	281,446	2,534,116
British Columbia ²	108	372	633	1,722,918	424,372	3,623,474

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1949

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

Province	Receipts		Cleaning ¹		Laundry ²		Dyeing		Coat and towel rentals		All other work ³	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	42,574,449	100.0	36,510,827	85.8	2,522,230	5.9	1,375,373	3.2	266,380	0.6	1,899,639	4.5
Newfoundland	534,002	100.0	516,065	96.6	5,737	1.1	7,484	1.4	—	—	4,716	0.9
Prince Edward Island												
Nova Scotia	1,240,587	100.0	1,142,163	92.1	24,088	1.9	31,533	2.5	120	5	42,683	3.4
New Brunswick	1,084,562	100.0	861,401	79.4	181,024	16.7	28,008	2.6	—	—	14,129	1.3
Quebec	9,558,507	100.0	7,793,726	81.5	510,533	5.3	680,802	7.1	4,700	0.1	568,746	6.0
Ontario	19,350,452	100.0	16,689,306	86.2	1,019,970	5.3	435,622	2.3	248,970	1.3	956,584	4.9
Manitoba	2,921,612	100.0	2,175,962	74.5	510,234	17.5	81,058	2.8	12,590	0.4	141,768	4.8
Saskatchewan	1,727,137	100.0	1,588,820	92.0	—	—	26,432	1.5	—	—	111,885	6.5
Alberta	2,534,116	100.0	2,346,358	92.6	100,790	4.0	51,073	2.0	—	—	35,895	1.4
British Columbia ⁴	3,623,474	100.0	3,397,026	93.8	169,854	4.7	33,361	0.9	—	—	23,233	0.6

1. Includes industrial and wholesale and fur.

2. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale and industrial.

3. Includes overall and wiper, storage, etc.

4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

5. Less than 0.05 per cent.

TABLE 15. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants Classified by Size of Business, 1948 and 1949

Size of business	1948				1949			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
All plants	787	36,620,948	100.0	46,532	905	42,574,449	100.0	47,044
Less than \$15,000	244	2,304,552	6.3	9,445	277	2,786,644	6.5	10,060
\$15,000 to \$19,999	96	1,641,390	4.5	17,098	102	1,777,986	4.2	17,431
\$20,000 to \$29,999	130	3,114,047	8.5	23,954	167	4,053,797	9.5	24,274
\$30,000 to \$49,999	146	5,602,030	15.3	38,370	156	5,864,633	13.8	37,594
\$50,000 to \$99,999	103	7,124,566	19.4	69,171	123	8,407,860	19.8	68,357
\$100,000 and over	68	16,834,363	46.0	247,564	80	19,683,529	46.2	246,044

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1949

City	No. of plants	Receipts						No. of employees		Salaries and wages
		Total	Cleaning ¹	Laundry ²	Dyeing	Coat and towel rentals	All other work ³	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. John's	5	342,978	333,601	—	7,032	—	2,345	58	78	171,100
Halifax	6	579,306	518,466	—	29,552	—	31,288	90	133	327,504
Fredericton	4	107,069	95,660	—	2,000	—	9,409	12	18	41,166
Moncton	5	170,511	160,166	9,883	—	—	462	24	34	74,276
Saint John	7	528,112	359,242	157,309	9,403	—	2,158	58	119	243,864
Drummondville	4	118,121	108,081	—	8,540	—	1,500	24	17	56,659
Grandy	4	103,317	96,450	—	1,467	—	5,400	21	8	43,807
Joliette	4	66,237	45,862	—	10,483	—	9,892	14	6	23,530
Montreal	36	5,831,394	4,506,690	437,117	484,587	—	403,000	896	835	2,904,216
Quebec	8	690,395	535,003	—	81,792	4,000	69,600	123	108	346,038
St. Jerome	4	95,394	88,042	—	5,428	—	1,924	23	4	33,401
Sherbrooke	4	53,018	48,018	—	—	—	5,000	10	3	15,864
Three Rivers	7	427,944	359,301	35,799	20,991	—	11,853	68	62	186,876
Belleville	6	247,086	201,553	21,600	7,393	—	16,540	36	37	103,470
Brantford	8	595,720	399,115	146,380	5,931	—	44,294	75	99	305,333
Chatham	4	138,474	136,261	—	1,792	—	421	23	18	68,138
Cornwall	7	186,881	186,381	—	—	—	500	35	19	81,674
Port William	5	346,651	285,385	—	12,000	—	49,266	34	70	167,601
Guelph	7	217,254	203,640	8,135	500	—	4,979	32	31	96,418
Hamilton	18	1,339,885	1,136,640	112,519	49,761	—	90,965	149	266	697,549
Kingston	5	328,172	323,672	500	1,000	—	3,000	48	55	163,631
London	12	713,364	612,888	35,347	21,094	—	44,035	112	106	351,104
Niagara Falls	6	111,523	111,523	—	—	—	—	23	12	53,422
Oshawa	6	154,303	146,844	—	3,965	—	3,494	19	35	72,401
Ottawa	16	1,210,441	1,041,238	41,086	65,837	—	62,280	153	263	556,779
Peterborough	7	188,976	182,896	—	800	—	5,280	22	27	72,879
St. Catharines	9	266,397	261,347	—	1,050	—	4,000	32	36	121,272
St. Thomas	4	171,224	169,012	—	700	—	1,512	26	27	78,375
Sarnia	5	174,890	168,690	—	—	—	6,200	19	32	77,772
Sault Ste. Marie	6	163,586	161,263	—	2,323	—	—	13	47	66,497
Stratford	4	120,906	120,726	—	180	—	—	21	16	56,463
Sudbury	8	272,680	246,476	20,300	1,604	—	4,300	35	54	125,239
Timmins	4	227,372	218,332	—	2,300	—	6,740	33	22	91,893
Toronto	61	6,920,633	5,688,384	325,913	209,250	248,970	448,116	985	1,129	3,466,379
Welland	4	119,222	116,311	—	486	—	2,425	23	16	61,007
Windsor	24	1,441,055	1,153,743	227,043	10,652	—	49,627	158	276	711,849
Winnipeg	20	2,586,130	1,851,470	508,503	79,578	12,590	133,989	332	522	1,398,617
Regina	9	581,136	521,859	—	17,820	—	41,457	58	87	264,149
Saskatoon	10	533,531	464,505	—	6,380	—	62,646	59	100	246,706
Calgary	17	684,946	650,352	—	14,030	—	20,564	48	159	308,092
Edmonton	23	1,133,514	996,503	95,462	32,053	—	9,496	104	301	582,371
Lethbridge	5	170,626	165,126	—	2,000	—	3,500	15	36	77,641
Nanaimo	4	133,419	129,613	174	1,530	—	2,102	13	30	53,633
New Westminster	7	126,446	125,696	—	750	—	—	11	27	56,790
Penticton	4	69,349	69,349	—	—	—	—	7	13	30,490
Vancouver	35	1,985,975	1,826,533	130,949	17,064	—	11,429	198	321	1,009,621
Victoria	8	384,241	378,241	—	6,000	—	—	47	88	218,580

1. Includes industrial and wholesale and fur.
2. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale and industrial.
3. Includes overall and wiper, storage, etc.

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1949

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Total expenses	Salaries and wages ¹	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
INCORPORATED COMPANIES							
All plants	163	133,577	93.9	52.4	3.6	11.2	26.7
Less than \$15,000	8	10,490	99.1	52.4	11.8	11.7	23.2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6	16,758	96.9	48.5	7.9	11.9	28.6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	14	24,216	99.4	56.7	6.9	10.2	25.6
\$30,000 to \$49,999	36	40,173	96.0	51.4	5.7	10.9	28.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	71,388	95.3	53.2	4.3	11.5	26.3
\$100,000 to \$199,999	35	145,673	94.3	53.7	3.5	11.2	25.9
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8	256,038	97.0	53.7	3.8	10.5	29.0
\$300,000 and over	18	552,431	92.2	51.3	2.8	11.4	26.7
UNINCORPORATED COMPANIES							
All plants	742	28,034	83.2	41.8	5.3	12.0	24.1
Less than \$7,500	74	5,880	69.5	22.9	9.9	12.4	24.3
\$7,500 to \$9,999	65	8,633	73.8	28.5	8.4	15.0	21.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	130	13,127	74.2	33.7	7.4	11.9	21.2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	96	17,473	78.3	37.0	6.1	12.7	22.5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	153	24,280	81.7	40.9	5.9	11.7	23.2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	120	36,820	83.9	44.3	5.2	12.4	22.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	85	67,001	85.7	43.9	4.1	12.1	25.6
\$100,000 and over	19	136,468	92.0	48.5	3.8	10.5	29.2

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

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1949

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Total expenses	Salaries and wages ¹	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
INCORPORATED COMPANIES							
Canada	163	133,577	93.9	52.4	3.6	11.2	26.7
Newfoundland	5	77,350	89.2	50.7	4.9	11.1	22.5
Prince Edward Island							
Nova Scotia	11	65,907	92.0	55.7	4.6	11.3	20.4
New Brunswick	8	66,494	94.0	48.8	6.1	11.5	27.6
Quebec	33	178,512	91.8	49.3	3.5	12.2	26.8
Ontario	63	144,317	94.7	52.6	3.3	10.4	28.4
Manitoba	7	308,359	94.5	57.0	3.4	11.6	22.5
Saskatchewan	7	91,070	91.8	51.7	2.9	11.8	25.4
Alberta	10	81,084	96.6	57.0	3.3	9.5	26.8
British Columbia ²	19	81,037	98.1	55.0	3.9	12.5	26.7
UNINCORPORATED COMPANIES							
Canada	742	28,034	83.2	41.8	5.3	12.0	24.1
Newfoundland	3	11,870	86.4	38.4	3.7	10.9	33.4
Prince Edward Island	4	27,911	78.2	31.9	6.7	11.6	28.0
Nova Scotia	22	23,437	81.6	41.5	7.4	11.9	20.8
New Brunswick	24	23,025	81.8	37.2	7.5	12.5	24.6
Quebec	128	28,653	85.8	43.4	5.9	12.5	24.0
Ontario	318	32,259	83.9	42.5	4.9	12.2	24.3
Manitoba	33	23,124	81.7	37.7	6.0	12.7	25.3
Saskatchewan	50	21,793	78.9	38.6	6.0	9.7	24.6
Alberta	71	24,271	80.3	40.1	3.9	11.9	24.4
British Columbia ²	89	23,413	81.2	42.1	5.5	11.1	22.5

1. Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated companies.
2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

SECTION IV. LINEN DISTRIBUTORS

TABLE 19. Summary Statistics for Firms Specializing in Linen Supply, 1948 and 1949

Item		1948	1949
Number of establishments	No.	66	65
Annual receipts	\$	4,044,345	4,419,756
Personnel and payroll:			
Active proprietors	No.	61	66
Employees and wages:			
Male	No.	304	320
Female	No.	278	322
Salaries and wages	\$	886,645	940,273
Selected Costs:			
Payments to plants for laundry or cleaning	\$	1,134,406	1,307,925
Fuel and electricity	\$	23,184	17,435
Pick-up and delivery costs	\$	519,792	614,404
Wrapping materials and supplies	\$	52,351	45,772

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