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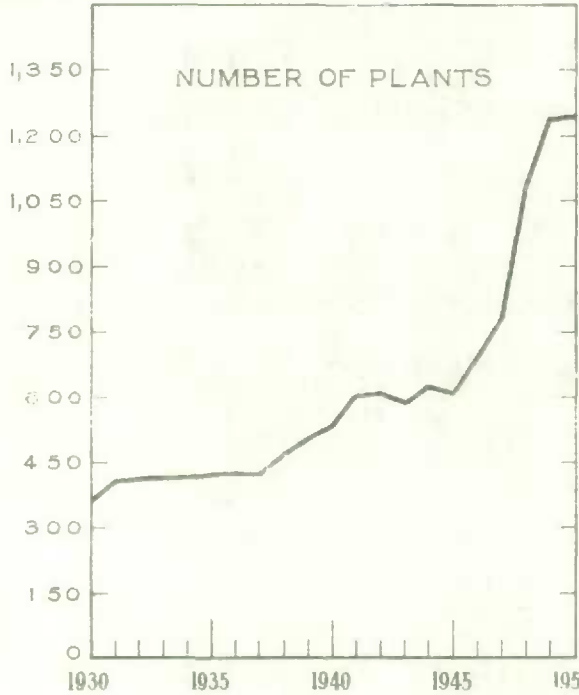
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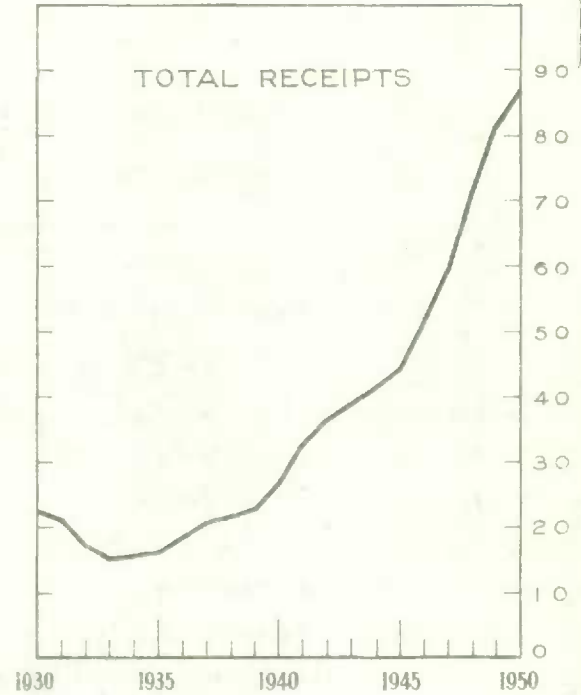
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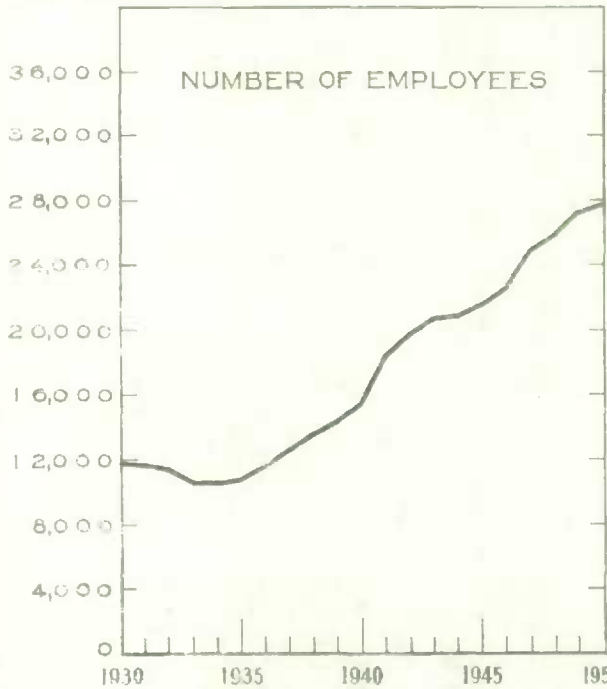
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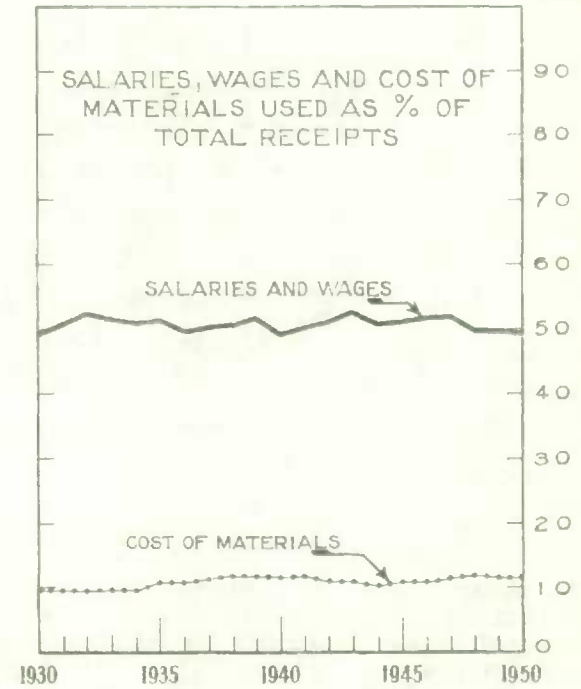
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LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

1950

SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY

Gross receipts of 1,242 power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants amounted to \$86,836,564 in 1950, up 7% from the 1949 total of \$81,234,045 receipts of 1,237 establishments. The 1950 gross receipts were derived from the following types of service: 35% from laundry, 56% from cleaning and dyeing, 5% from linen rentals and 4% from miscellaneous receipts.

For the purpose of this report, establishments were regarded as either laundries or dry cleaners according to the type of work which accounted for the greater part of revenue. On this basis, 323 of the 1,242 plants included in this survey were classified as laundries and the remaining 919 were prima-

rily dry cleaners and dyers. Linen distributors were omitted from this 1950 survey.

Ontario and Quebec accounted for two-thirds of all laundry and dry cleaning in 1950. Ontario, with 42% of all plants, obtained 41% of total receipts while Quebec plants formed 20% of the total number and handled 26% of the total volume. British Columbia ranked third in both number of plants and volume of business. The amount of receipts for Canada was 7% greater than in 1949 with all provinces showing increases. Alberta firms recorded the highest gain in receipts (12%), and number (4%) from a year ago.

Percentage changes between 1949 and 1950 in number of establishments and dollar volume of receipts are shown in the following table by provinces.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners and Dyers by Provinces, 1950/1949

Province	Percentage change 1950/1949	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+0.4	+ 6.9
Newfoundland	-9.1	+10.5
Prince Edward Island.....	1	
Nova Scotia	-2.0	+ 2.0
New Brunswick	-2.2	+ 5.5
Quebec.....	+3.4	+ 7.1
Ontario	+1.8	+ 8.0
Manitoba.....	-7.7	+ 2.3
Saskatchewan	+1.5	+ 7.6
Alberta	+4.1	+11.8
British Columbia.....	-6.3	+ 3.7

1. Unchanged.

The 10,588 male and 17,172 female employees received \$42,681,128 in salaries and wages in 1950, an increase of 5% over the \$40,515,431 paid in 1949, to 37,126 employees.

Proprietors of unincorporated businesses actively engaged in operating their plants numbered 1,300,

of whom 1,192 were male and 108 were female. Regular salaries were drawn by 366 proprietors or partners to the extent of \$883,152 in 1950. The following table shows proprietors with and without regular salaries for power laundries and dry cleaning plants.

Proprietors or Partners of Unincorporated Firms, 1950

Type of plant	Drawing a regular salary			With no regular salary	
	Male	Female	Salary	Male	Female
Total	329	37	\$ 883,152	863	71
Power Laundries.....	81	12	214,602	149	15
Cleaning and dyeing plants.....	248	25	668,550	714	56

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1950

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	6,601,626	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
1950.....	1,242	27,760	42,681,128	10,190,246	86,836,564

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

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, 1950

Province	No. of plants	Number of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials	Receipts
		Male	Female			
Canada	1,242	10,588	17,172	\$ 42,681,128	\$ 10,190,246	\$ 86,836,564
Newfoundland.....	10	136	160	381,497	99,992	872,437
Prince Edward Island.....	8					
Nova Scotia.....	48	335	533	1,131,688	309,434	2,308,447
New Brunswick.....	44	215	452	871,559	227,746	1,871,557
Quebec.....	246	3,446	4,007	11,378,092	2,699,247	22,417,332
Ontario.....	522	4,085	6,958	16,897,150	4,200,697	35,158,592
Manitoba.....	48	656	1,075	2,630,250	618,152	4,934,780
Saskatchewan.....	66	279	553	1,234,116	314,127	2,788,800
Alberta.....	102	413	1,265	2,587,688	607,542	5,520,489
British Columbia ²	148	1,023	2,169	5,569,088	1,113,309	10,964,060

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

SECTION II. POWER LAUNDRIES

There were fewer power laundries in operation in 1950 than in 1949—323 and 332 respectively, but receipts increased 5% from \$38,659,596 in 1949 to \$40,586,942 in 1950. These plants derived 69% of their gross revenue from laundry work, 17% from dry cleaning, 10% from linen rentals and 4% from all other work.

All provinces except Nova Scotia and Manitoba recorded increases in dollar volume of business over 1949. The 33% increase in New Brunswick was, in part, due to reclassification of certain firms, placing them in this section in 1950.

The following table shows percentage changes in number of plants and volume of business between 1949 and 1950.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces, 1950/1949

Province	Percentage change 1950/1949	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	- 2.7	+ 3.0
Newfoundland.....	1	} -16.7
Prince Edward Island.....	1	
Nova Scotia	- 6.2	- 4.1
New Brunswick	- 7.7	+33.3 ²
Quebec	+ 2.6	+ 3.5
Ontario	- 0.8	+ 8.4
Manitoba.....	-16.7	- 1.3
Saskatchewan.....	1	+ 7.8
Alberta	1	+ 3.1
British Columbia	-12.0	+ 1.1

1. Unchanged.

2. The high increase in receipts in New Brunswick is due to interchange in classification of business.

Power laundries in Ontario handled 35% of the total Canadian business in 1950, while 29% was accounted for by Quebec and 17% by plants in British Columbia.

There were 14,310 paid employees in the power laundry industry in 1950 who were paid \$20,976,430 in salaries and wages. Almost 68%, or 9,668, of the employees were female. In 1949, 14,240 employees were paid \$20,408,336 in salaries and wages. In addition to paid employees, there were 230 male and 27 female proprietors and partners of unincorporated businesses who devoted the major part of their time to the operation of their plants. Of the 257 proprietors, 93 reported salaries which amounted to \$214,602.

Seventy-one of the 323 power laundries had gross receipts of more than \$200,000 and these handled 65% of the total business. The size distribution of the remaining plants is shown in Table 8. Average receipts per plant increased from \$116,445 in 1949 to \$125,656 in 1950.

Operating expenses, expressed as percentages of total receipts, are shown by size of business in Table 9 and by provinces in Table 10 with separate figures for unincorporated and incorporated businesses. As shown in Table 4, operating expenses of all power laundries formed 91.5% of total receipts in 1950 compared with 92.2% in 1949. This smaller ratio of operating expenses was caused mainly by a reduction in the ratio of salaries and wages to total receipts. This declined from 52.8% of receipts in 1949 to 51.7% in 1950.

TABLE 3. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1950

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	16,283,555
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
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
1950	323	14,310	20,976,430	4,811,682	40,586,942

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

TABLE 4. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1949-1950

Item	1949	1950	% change 1950/1949
Plants reporting	No. 332	323	-2.7
Total receipts	\$ 38,659,596	40,586,942	+5.0
Average receipts per plant	\$ 116,445	125,656	+7.9
Estimated population of Canada	No. 13,549,000	13,845,000	+2.2
Laundry receipts per capita	\$ 2.85	2.93	+2.8
Plants per 100,000 population	No. 2.5	2.3	-8.0
Employees ¹ :			
Total	No. 14,240	14,310	+0.5
Male	No. 4,478	4,642	+3.7
Female	No. 9,762	9,668	-1.0
Total salaries and wages	\$ 20,408,336	20,976,430	+2.8
Percentage of total receipts	% 52.8	51.7	
Average salary or wage per employee	\$ 1,433	1,466	+2.3
Total cost of fuel and electricity	\$ 2,082,275	2,051,119	-1.5
Percentage of total receipts	% 5.4	5.0	
Cost of materials used	\$ 4,485,436	4,811,682	+7.3
Percentage of total receipts	% 11.6	11.9	
All other operating expenses	\$ 8,651,359	9,296,321	+7.5
Percentage of total receipts	% 22.4	22.9	
Total expenses	\$ 35,627,406	37,135,552	+4.2
Percentage of total receipts	% 92.2	91.5	

1. Not including proprietors.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1950

Province	No. of Plants	No. of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
		Male	Female			
Canada	323	4,642	9,668	\$ 20,976,430	\$ 4,811,682	\$ 40,586,942
Newfoundland	5	48	69	135,032	29,159	298,459
Prince Edward Island	2					
Nova Scotia	15	126	276	471,482	108,145	981,340
New Brunswick	12	107	290	492,091	117,330	919,935
Quebec	79	1,747	2,586	6,252,243	1,449,251	11,763,063
Ontario	131	1,501	3,612	7,250,381	1,779,345	14,305,773
Manitoba	10	215	499	1,003,479	254,465	1,877,658
Saskatchewan	8	81	250	463,178	119,504	933,230
Alberta	17	179	623	1,241,634	263,573	2,478,501
British Columbia ²	44	638	1,463	3,666,910	690,910	7,028,983

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1950

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

Province	Laundry ¹		Cleaning ²		Dyeing		Coat & towel rentals		All other work ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	27,836,269	68.6	7,027,580	17.3	92,697	0.2	3,977,291	9.8	1,653,105	4.1	40,586,942	100.0
Newfoundland	257,370	86.2	41,089	13.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	298,459	100.0
Prince Edward Island												
Nova Scotia	845,435	86.2	128,756	13.1	124	5	6,775	0.7	250	5	981,340	100.0
New Brunswick	653,369	71.0	244,182	26.5	4,463	0.5	12,620	1.4	5,301	0.6	919,935	100.0
Quebec	8,628,933	73.4	1,838,947	15.6	28,474	0.2	913,385	7.8	353,324	3.0	11,763,063	100.0
Ontario	9,521,686	66.6	2,082,307	14.5	10,937	0.1	1,548,105	10.8	1,142,738	8.0	14,305,773	100.0
Manitoba	1,381,703	73.6	408,947	21.8	29,784	1.6	45,296	2.4	11,928	0.6	1,877,658	100.0
Saskatchewan	723,730	77.5	182,960	19.6	—	—	15,500	1.7	11,040	1.2	933,230	100.0
Alberta	1,762,706	71.1	677,196	27.3	16,452	0.7	11,797	0.5	10,950	0.4	2,478,501	100.0
British Columbia ⁴	4,061,337	57.8	1,423,196	20.2	2,463	5	1,423,813	20.3	117,574	1.7	7,028,983	100.0

1. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale and industrial.

2. Includes industrial wholesale and fur.

3. Includes overall and wiper, storage, etc.

4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

5. Less than 0.05 per cent.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1950

City	No. of plants	Receipts						No. of employees		Salaries and wages
		Laundry ¹	Cleaning ²	Dyeing	Coat and towel rentals	All other work ³	Total	Male	Female	
Halifax	5	\$ 538,747	\$ 15,633	\$ —	\$ 6,775	\$ —	\$ 561,155	60	169	\$ 260,129
Saint John	4	484,826	188,899	—	12,620	5,301	691,646	80	219	387,275
Montreal	37	6,409,423	1,251,469	9,000	1,159,097	343,194	9,172,183	1,416	1,845	5,035,072
Quebec	5	877,511	211,812	10,000	19,473	350	1,119,146	139	360	549,696
Hamilton	9	893,514	162,417	—	63,599	695,072	1,814,602	189	312	808,223
London	4	301,033	29,028	—	345,369	79,948	755,378	87	190	366,944
Ottawa	11	946,059	263,930	—	59,665	123,998	1,393,652	122	361	718,579
St. Catharines	4	282,656	93,265	—	—	5,522	381,443	44	95	193,744
Toronto	37	4,329,516	483,778	—	1,045,846	58,143	5,917,283	616	1,498	3,012,346
Windsor	6	373,169	151,414	—	30,636	130,359	685,578	61	147	297,102
Winnipeg	7	1,244,755	365,608	29,784	45,296	11,928	1,697,371	202	453	909,346
Calgary	5	909,860	381,067	13,452	11,797	—	1,316,176	107	230	607,816
Vancouver	15	2,299,328	738,348	—	1,184,533	95,248	4,317,457	393	790	2,179,237

1. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale and industrial.

2. Includes industrial and wholesale and fur.

3. Includes overall and wiper, storage, etc.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries Classified by Size of Business, 1949 and 1950

Size of business	1949				1950			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	332	38,659,596	100.0	116,445	323	40,586,942	100.0	125,656
Less than \$20,000	92	1,023,460	2.7	11,125	78	815,845	2.0	10,460
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	26	653,214	1.7	25,124	24	593,339	1.5	24,722
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	38	1,499,036	3.9	39,448	39	1,487,523	3.7	38,142
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	58	4,102,411	10.6	70,731	63	4,603,068	11.3	73,065
\$100,000 to \$199,999	55	7,748,618	20.0	140,884	48	6,521,128	16.1	135,857
\$200,000 and over	63	23,632,857	61.1	375,125	71	26,566,039	65.4	374,170

TABLE 9. Power Laundries—Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1950

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries ¹ and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
All plants	152	216,336	53.3	4.6	11.7	23.6	93.2
Less than \$20,000	4	15,299	44.9	9.5	11.7	35.8	101.9
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	7	24,877	52.9	8.8	11.4	22.5	95.6
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	10	37,775	53.0	7.8	10.0	23.6	94.4
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	31	77,310	52.0	8.0	11.9	20.4	92.3
\$100,000 to \$199,999	34	138,265	57.3	6.0	11.1	21.9	96.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	32	246,692	55.4	4.9	11.1	22.4	93.8
\$300,000 and over	34	508,184	51.4	3.5	12.1	25.0	92.0
Unincorporated Companies							
All plants	171	45,052	44.9	6.9	12.6	19.9	84.3
Less than \$10,000	40	6,730	26.0	13.9	11.5	22.4	73.8
\$ 10,000 to \$ 19,999	34	14,278	37.0	10.1	12.0	25.3	84.4
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	17	24,659	38.8	9.5	14.0	22.3	84.6
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	29	38,268	43.8	8.6	12.1	19.3	83.8
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	32	68,952	47.3	7.4	12.5	17.0	84.2
\$100,000 to \$199,999	14	130,007	47.4	5.5	9.9	19.2	82.0
\$200,000 and over	5	278,728	47.3	3.3	16.9	22.6	90.1

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

TABLE 10. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1950

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries ¹ and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada	152	216,336	53.3	4.6	11.7	23.6	93.2
Newfoundland.....	3	57,385	47.6	9.7	10.7	20.0	88.0
Prince Edward Island.....	1						
Nova Scotia.....	10	87,707	49.0	5.1	11.2	26.9	92.2
New Brunswick.....	6	135,873	54.7	6.9	12.4	18.7	92.7
Quebec.....	35	282,434	54.9	5.3	12.0	23.5	95.7
Ontario.....	52	196,761	53.5	5.1	12.5	22.4	93.5
Manitoba.....	7	262,922	53.7	5.0	13.7	23.8	96.2
Saskatchewan.....	3	219,784	49.6	4.9	12.0	21.2	87.7
Alberta.....	10	234,052	50.8	2.8	10.6	21.1	85.3
British Columbia ²	25	240,166	52.2	2.6	9.5	27.3	91.6
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	171	45,052	44.9	6.9	12.6	19.9	84.3
Newfoundland.....	2	22,973	37.3	10.2	6.7	22.7	76.9
Prince Edward Island.....	1						
Nova Scotia.....	5	20,854	40.1	9.9	9.9	23.1	83.0
New Brunswick.....	6	17,450	44.1	11.8	15.4	14.1	85.4
Quebec.....	44	42,679	44.2	8.3	13.8	24.1	90.4
Ontario.....	79	51,572	43.7	6.0	12.3	19.3	81.3
Manitoba.....	3	12,401	39.4	11.6	8.7	23.1	82.8
Saskatchewan.....	5	54,776	49.6	6.1	14.8	13.2	83.7
Alberta.....	7	19,711	39.0	6.4	10.6	17.4	73.4
British Columbia ²	19	53,939	52.1	6.8	11.9	16.6	87.4

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

SECTION III. DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

There were 919 dry cleaning and dyeing plants in Canada in 1950 with gross volume of business amounting to \$46,249,622. This was an increase of approximately 2% in number of plants and 9% in volume of business over 1949.

Alberta showed the largest gain in both number of plants and dollar volume of business over 1949

with Quebec second. Receipts were greater in all provinces except New Brunswick where a change in classification between power laundries and dry cleaners was responsible for a considerable decrease in 1950 receipts. 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, 1950-1949

Province	Percentage change 1950/1949	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 1.5	+ 8.6
Newfoundland.....	-16.7	+ 7.5
Prince Edward Island.....	1	
Nova Scotia.....	1	+ 7.0
New Brunswick.....	1	-12.3 ²
Quebec.....	+ 3.7	+11.5
Ontario.....	+ 2.6	+ 7.8
Manitoba.....	- 5.0	+ 4.6
Saskatchewan.....	+ 1.8	+ 7.4
Alberta.....	+ 4.9	+20.0
British Columbia.....	- 3.7	+ 8.6

1. Unchanged.
2. The decrease in receipts in New Brunswick is due to interchange in classification of business.

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants specialized in dry cleaning as shown in table 14. Dry cleaning accounted for 86% of gross receipts, laundry work 6%, dyeing 3% and other sources 5%.

Salaries and wages paid to 13,450 persons employed in these plants amounted to \$21,704,698 in 1950. Of these paid employees, 5,946 were male and 7,504 were female. In addition, 1,043 proprietors or partners of unincorporated businesses devoted all or most of their time to the operation of their plants. There were 248 male and 25 female proprietors who drew regular salaries amounting to \$668,550.

Operating expenses are shown by size of business and by provinces in Tables 17 and 18 with separate figures for unincorporated and incorporated

businesses. The 178 incorporated companies reported total operating expenses amounting to 95% of total receipts. In the salary expense, which amounted to 52% of receipts, are included executive salaries. The 741 unincorporated businesses reported total operating expenses as 83% of total receipts. This percentage does not include proprietors' salaries or withdrawals. In this type of organization, salaries and wages paid to employees amounted to 41% of total receipts in 1950.

Table 12 shows a comparison of operating expenses between 1950 and 1949. Total operating expenses for unincorporated and incorporated businesses combined amounted to 89.3% of total receipts in 1950 compared with 88.6% in 1949 while salaries were 46.9% and 47.2% respectively.

TABLE 11. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930 - 1950

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	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
1950.....	919	13,450	21,704,698	5,378,564	46,247,622

1. Not including proprietors.
2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

TABLE 12. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating, 1949 and 1950

Items	1949	1950	% change 1950/1949
Plants reporting	No. 905	919	+ 1.5
Total receipts	\$ 42,574,449	46,249,622	+ 8.6
Average receipts per plant	\$ 47,044	50,326	+ 7.0
Estimated population of Canada	No. 13,549,000	13,845,000	+ 2.2
Receipts per capita	\$ 3.14	3.34	+ 6.4
Plants per 100,000 population	No. 6.7	6.6	- 1.5
Employees: ¹			
Total	No. 12,886	13,450	+ 4.4
Male	No. 5,690	5,946	+ 4.5
Female	No. 7,196	7,504	+ 4.3
Total salaries and wages	\$ 20,107,095	21,704,698	+ 7.9
Percentage of total receipts	% 47.2	46.9	
Average salary or wage per employee	\$ 1,560	1,614	+ 3.5
Total cost of fuel and electricity	\$ 1,880,377	2,050,253	+ 9.0
Percentage of total receipts	% 4.4	4.5	
Total cost of materials and supplies	\$ 4,939,685	5,378,564	+ 8.9
Percentage of total receipts	% 11.6	11.6	
All other operating expenses	\$ 10,829,423	12,159,050	+12.3
Percentage of total receipts	% 25.4	26.3	
Total expenses	\$ 37,756,580	41,292,565	+ 9.4
Percentage of total receipts	% 88.6	89.3	

1. Not including proprietors.

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1950

Province	No. of plants	No. of employees ¹		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials used	Receipts
		Male	Female			
				\$	\$	\$
Canada	919	5,946	7,504	21,704,698	5,378,564	46,249,622
Newfoundland	5	} 88	91	246,465	70,833	573,978
Prince Edward Island	6					
Nova Scotia	33	209	257	660,206	201,289	1,327,107
New Brunswick	32	108	162	379,468	110,416	951,622
Quebec	167	1,699	1,421	5,125,849	1,249,996	10,654,269
Ontario	391	2,584	3,346	9,646,769	2,421,352	20,852,820
Manitoba	38	441	576	1,626,771	363,687	3,057,131
Saskatchewan	58	198	303	770,938	194,623	1,855,630
Alberta	85	234	642	1,346,054	343,969	3,041,988
British Columbia ²	104	385	706	1,902,178	422,399	3,935,077

1. Not including proprietors.

2. Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1950

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

Province	Cleaning ¹		Laundry ²		Dyeing		Coat and towel rentals		All other work ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	39,856,886	86.2	2,730,923	5.9	1,379,092	3.0	322,541	0.7	1,960,180	4.2	46,249,622	100.0
Newfoundland	555,434	96.8	650	0.1	11,897	2.1	—	—	5,997	1.0	573,978	100.0
Prince Edward Island	1,222,782	92.1	46,302	3.5	28,962	2.2	—	—	29,061	2.2	1,327,107	100.0
Nova Scotia	849,360	89.3	63,828	6.7	23,834	2.5	—	—	14,600	1.5	951,622	100.0
Quebec	8,557,996	80.3	771,138	7.2	697,855	6.6	500	5	626,780	5.9	10,654,269	100.0
Ontario	18,216,615	87.3	997,383	4.8	392,310	1.9	263,244	1.3	983,268	4.7	20,852,820	100.0
Manitoba	2,263,333	74.0	514,126	16.8	83,835	2.8	34,663	1.1	161,174	5.3	3,057,131	100.0
Saskatchewan	1,762,000	95.0	—	—	35,960	1.9	—	—	57,670	3.1	1,855,630	100.0
Alberta	2,813,522	92.5	115,749	3.8	53,109	1.7	24,134	0.8	35,474	1.2	3,041,988	100.0
British Columbia ⁴	3,615,844	91.9	221,747	5.6	51,330	1.3	—	—	46,156	1.2	3,935,077	100.0

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, 1949 and 1950

Size of business	1949				1950			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	905	42,574,449	100.0	47,044	919	46,249,622	100.0	50,326
Less than \$15,000	277	2,786,644	6.5	10,060	229	2,333,683	5.0	10,191
\$ 15,000 to \$19,999	102	1,777,986	4.2	17,431	101	1,737,897	3.8	17,207
\$ 20,000 to \$29,999	167	4,053,797	9.5	24,274	182	4,465,631	9.6	24,536
\$ 30,000 to \$49,999	156	5,864,633	13.8	37,594	176	6,691,643	14.5	38,021
\$ 50,000 to \$99,000	123	8,407,860	19.8	68,357	139	9,513,829	20.6	68,445
\$ 100,000 and over	80	19,683,529	46.2	246,044	92	21,506,939	46.5	233,771

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1950

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of employees		Salaries and wages	
		Cleaning ¹	Laundry ²	Dyeing	Coat and towel rentals	All other work ³	Total	Male		Female
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. John's	4	360,859	—	11,372	—	2,597	374,828	54	67	167,030
Halifax	6	528,725	—	26,539	—	15,806	571,070	97	129	360,463
Fredericton	4	140,782	32,310	2,700	—	12,900	188,692	16	34	78,953
Moncton	5	180,418	7,926	—	—	—	188,344	25	31	85,540
Saint John	6	222,756	1,232	5,300	—	—	229,288	25	33	87,817

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1950-concluded

City	No. of plants	Receipts						Number of employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning ¹	Laundry ²	Dyeing	Coat and towel rentals	All other work ³	Total	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Drummondville	5	126,879	—	6,120	—	4,000	136,999	24	21	58,194
Granby	4	99,859	—	28,000	—	7,700	135,559	27	11	57,558
Joliette	4	60,396	—	14,700	—	5,350	80,446	18	7	31,130
Montreal	36	4,539,713	596,379	473,610	—	498,813	6,108,515	933	858	3,200,521
Quebec	8	703,035	—	82,139	—	1,000	786,174	124	120	359,190
St. Hyacinthe	4	140,288	—	5,971	—	24,649	170,908	31	22	68,133
St. Jerome	4	88,021	—	5,910	—	1,676	95,607	18	9	40,402
Sherbrooke	5	148,797	75,063	—	—	5,000	228,860	37	42	107,918
Three Rivers	7	473,476	—	702	—	17,200	491,378	65	71	202,436
Belleville	6	215,988	25,704	6,057	—	20,911	268,660	37	42	112,320
Brantford	8	486,468	157,752	7,010	—	14,540	665,770	82	100	336,171
Chatham	4	140,567	—	1,000	—	500	142,067	20	17	62,916
Cornwall	7	206,309	150	150	—	600	207,209	34	20	94,327
Fort William	6	287,806	—	9,237	—	22,300	319,343	36	74	160,438
Guelph	7	227,187	7,995	2,000	—	1,455	238,637	35	34	101,630
Hamilton	17	1,267,858	98,358	45,454	—	116,440	1,528,110	160	309	714,148
Kingston	5	356,844	570	1,646	—	3,400	362,460	45	57	183,675
London	12	678,409	49,034	16,143	—	52,701	796,287	113	111	385,914
Niagara Falls	6	133,105	—	—	—	100	133,205	25	13	63,215
Oshawa	6	151,936	—	800	—	2,250	154,986	19	31	69,494
Ottawa	16	1,076,501	86,049	64,567	1,894	92,019	1,321,030	152	267	619,751
Peterborough	7	185,045	—	2,844	—	—	187,889	25	31	75,416
St. Catharines	10	260,679	—	7,653	—	24,817	293,149	40	42	146,747
St. Thomas	4	198,370	—	—	—	—	198,370	24	31	88,145
Sarnia	5	201,765	—	—	—	2,983	204,748	19	31	84,492
Sault Ste. Marie	6	180,690	—	400	—	—	181,090	13	53	72,559
Stratford	4	135,126	—	—	—	—	135,126	20	17	49,937
Sudbury	10	262,415	19,436	4,610	—	38,958	325,419	36	53	136,775
Timmins	4	173,599	35,397	2,700	—	5,500	217,196	22	26	78,981
Toronto	63	6,223,490	358,630	170,155	261,350	470,249	7,483,874	959	1,192	3,658,376
Welland	4	130,824	—	2,015	—	3,820	136,659	25	20	68,067
Windsor	21	991,627	51,076	4,400	—	24,167	1,071,270	123	201	536,051
Winnipeg	19	1,877,667	491,303	83,358	34,663	147,609	2,634,600	408	498	1,480,733
Regina	9	552,163	—	91	—	31,565	583,819	62	82	290,434
Saskatoon	10	491,418	—	34,292	—	20,895	546,605	63	90	220,953
Calgary	19	764,658	—	13,458	24,134	21,706	823,956	57	172	356,082
Edmonton	24	1,233,694	115,749	35,680	—	6,274	1,391,397	111	324	691,020
Lethbridge	5	167,125	—	2,250	—	3,950	173,325	16	33	100,269
Nanaimo	4	136,090	450	1,853	—	1,708	140,101	13	28	63,717
New Westminster	7	138,310	1,400	1,800	—	625	142,135	14	27	73,693
Vancouver	35	1,867,004	170,917	32,578	—	37,467	2,107,966	197	375	1,063,098
Victoria	8	457,522	—	6,147	—	—	463,669	52	99	251,953

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

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants—Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1950

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages ¹	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
All plants	178	129,583	52.4	3.7	11.0	28.4	95.5
Less than \$15,000	5	12,418	61.5	8.7	9.2	21.3	100.7
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999	8	17,345	51.8	8.2	13.1	27.9	101.0
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	17	25,431	53.5	6.6	11.0	23.5	94.6
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	40	38,621	54.4	5.1	11.2	26.2	96.9
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	39	72,132	52.1	4.2	11.0	26.2	93.5
\$100,000 to \$199,999	38	147,371	52.5	3.6	11.3	25.1	92.5
\$200,000 to \$299,999	14	222,105	51.0	3.6	10.2	30.5	95.3
\$300,000 and over	17	550,878	52.6	3.1	11.0	31.0	97.7
Unincorporated Companies							
All plants	741	31,287	41.4	5.2	12.3	24.2	83.1
Less than \$7,500	46	6,222	26.2	10.1	14.2	21.2	71.7
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	59	8,731	25.9	8.7	15.0	21.1	70.7
\$ 10,000 to \$14,999	119	12,355	31.0	7.6	11.9	23.8	74.3
\$ 15,000 to \$19,999	93	17,195	34.7	6.1	13.5	24.4	78.7
\$ 20,000 to \$29,999	165	24,444	39.1	5.9	12.3	23.2	80.5
\$ 30,000 to \$49,999	136	37,844	42.7	5.1	12.0	23.1	82.9
\$ 50,000 to \$99,999	100	67,007	44.2	4.5	12.0	25.3	86.0
\$100,000 and over	23	149,236	48.2	3.5	12.2	25.4	89.3

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

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants—Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1950

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages ¹	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada	178	129,583	52.4	3.7	11.0	28.4	95.5
Newfoundland	2	101,975	46.4	5.0	13.0	21.2	85.6
Prince Edward Island	2						
Nova Scotia	10	70,585	59.7	4.2	17.5	21.5	102.9
New Brunswick	7	41,569	45.6	6.9	12.5	33.6	98.6
Quebec	38	177,923	51.6	3.9	10.8	30.9	97.2
Ontario	69	134,993	51.0	3.6	10.6	29.2	94.4
Manitoba	5	415,796	57.9	2.8	11.6	23.0	95.3
Saskatchewan	7	89,760	48.9	3.1	10.9	30.6	93.5
Alberta	11	86,891	56.1	2.5	10.3	24.3	93.2
British Columbia ²	27	71,195	54.9	4.3	10.4	26.1	95.7
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	741	31,287	41.4	5.2	12.3	24.2	83.1
Newfoundland	3	19,322	32.1	8.8	5.7	32.8	79.4
Prince Edward Island	4	27,029	35.5	5.3	13.3	24.4	78.5
Nova Scotia	23	27,011	38.4	7.7	12.5	22.2	80.8
New Brunswick	25	26,426	37.4	6.8	11.2	25.6	81.0
Quebec	129	30,180	41.9	5.7	13.4	22.5	83.5
Ontario	322	35,833	42.4	4.9	12.5	24.7	84.5
Manitoba	33	29,641	43.2	5.3	12.5	23.2	84.2
Saskatchewan	51	24,065	37.8	6.0	10.3	25.7	79.8
Alberta	74	28,192	38.8	3.8	11.8	24.6	79.0
British Columbia ²	77	26,140	42.1	5.1	11.0	23.3	81.5

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

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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