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# LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

1951

## SECTION I. GENERAL SUMMARY

The volume of business done by 1,298 power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants amounted to \$96,851,857 in 1951, an increase of 11% over the 1950 volume of \$86,836,564. The 1951 gross receipts were derived from the following types of service: 28% from laundry, 52% from dry cleaning, 10% from wholesale, industrial and commercial laundry and dry cleaning, 6% from coat and towel rentals, and 4% from miscellaneous services.

For the purpose of this report, establishments were classified as laundries if the greater part of their revenue was derived from laundry work; similarly dry cleaning plants were so classified because the greater portion of their revenue was derived from dry cleaning work. On this basis, 317 of the 1,298 plants included in this survey were classified as laundries and the remaining 981 were classified as dry cleaners and dyers.

Ontario and Quebec continued to account for two-thirds of all laundry and dry cleaning in 1951. Ontario, with 41% of all plants, obtained 41% of total receipts, while Quebec plants formed 20% of the total number and handled 25% of the total volume of business.

All provinces registered increased receipts over 1950. Saskatchewan firms recorded the highest gain in receipts—20%, followed by Nova Scotia with 15%.

The following table gives percentage changes between 1951 and 1950 in number of establishments and dollar volume of receipts, by provinces. Throughout this report figures for British Columbia include Yukon and Northwest Territories.

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners and Dyers by Provinces, 1951/1950**

Province	Percentage change 1951/1950	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada.....	+ 4.5	+ 11.5
Newfoundland.....	1	} + 18.5
Prince Edward Island.....	+ 25.0	
Nova Scotia.....	+ 8.3	
New Brunswick.....	1	+ 10.5
Quebec.....	+ 5.7	+ 9.7
Ontario.....	+ 1.3	+ 12.5
Manitoba.....	+ 10.4	+ 8.5
Saskatchewan.....	+ 10.6	+ 20.5
Alberta.....	+ 10.8	+ 14.4
British Columbia.....	+ 4.1	+ 8.8

1. Unchanged.

The minimum number of employees working in power laundries and cleaning and dyeing plants was 25,457 in 1951 and the maximum number was 30,568. Salaries and wages paid to employees

amounted to \$46,098,636. In addition 1,219 proprietors of unincorporated businesses were actively engaged in operating their plants during 1951.

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1951

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
1951	1,298	28,012	46,098,636	2	96,851,857

1. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

2. Not available.

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

RECEIPTS AND SALARIES  
OF POWER LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING PLANTS  
1930 - 1951

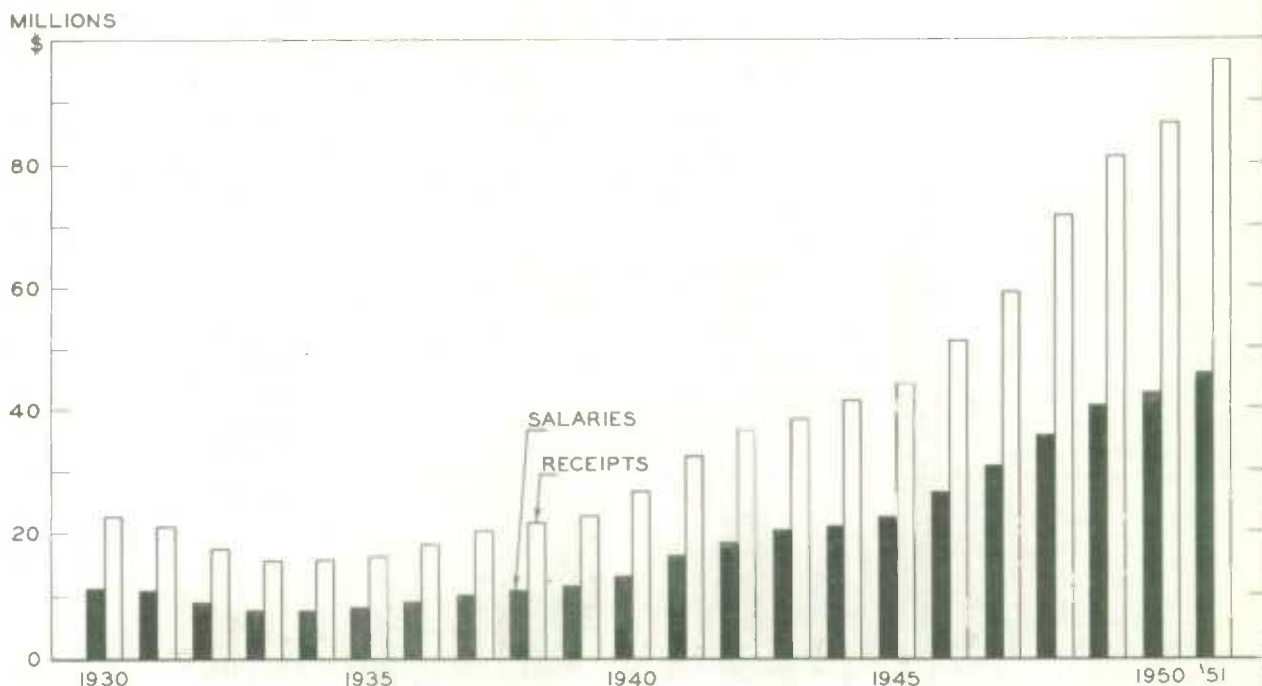




TABLE 2. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1951

Province	Number of plants	Total <sup>1</sup> working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	Receipts
			Minimum	Maximum		
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>25,457</b>	<b>30,568</b>	<b>\$ 46,098,636</b>	<b>\$ 96,851,857</b>
Newfoundland .....	10	18	266	345	439,649	1,033,445
Prince Edward Island .....	10					
Nova Scotia .....	52	37	782	1,000	1,233,624	2,647,969
New Brunswick .....	44	28	586	711	891,460	2,068,654
Quebec .....	260	216	6,778	8,071	11,885,991	24,585,694
Ontario .....	529	530	10,122	12,189	18,408,175	39,551,634
Manitoba .....	53	44	1,615	1,864	2,921,855	5,353,581
Saskatchewan .....	73	74	777	969	1,406,785	3,359,841
Alberta .....	113	132	1,605	1,870	2,855,224	6,318,122
British Columbia .....	154	140	2,926	3,549	6,055,883	11,932,917

1. Unincorporated firms only.

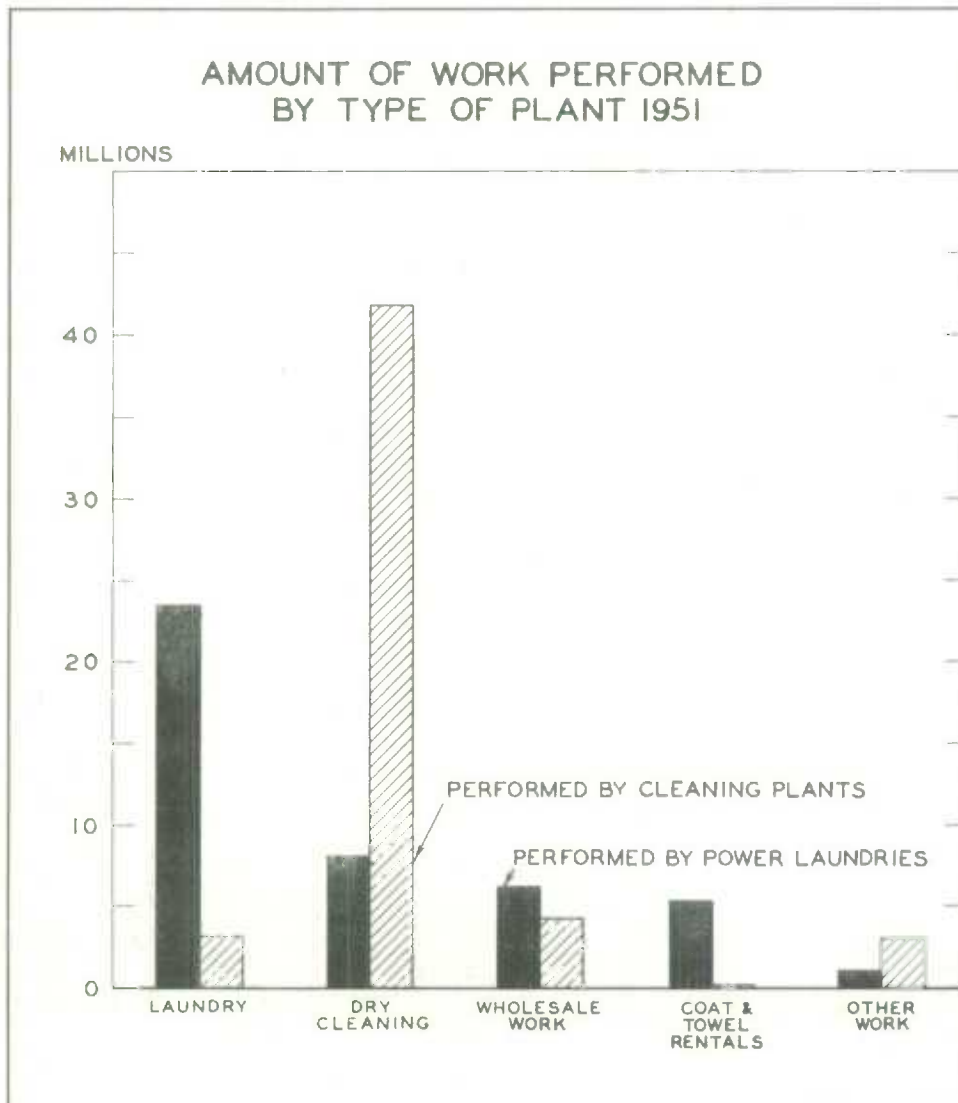


Table 3 shows the percentage distribution of laundry and dry cleaning receipts, by type of establishment and by provinces. The figures presented in this table show receipts from direct customer laundry or dry cleaning work only and do not include wholesale, commercial or industrial laundry or dry

cleaning. Power laundries handled 88% of all laundry work, the remaining 12% being done by dry cleaning plants; on the other hand dry cleaning plants handled 84% of all dry cleaning work and power laundries handled the remaining 16%.

**TABLE 3. Percentage Distribution of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Receipts, by Type of Establishment and by Provinces, 1951**

Province	Laundry receipts			Dry cleaning receipts		
	Total receipts <sup>1</sup>	% received by		Total receipts <sup>1</sup>	% received by	
		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants
	\$	%	%	\$	%	%
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>26,598,039</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>50,198,540</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>84.0</b>
Newfoundland .....	} 366,173	79.7	20.3	648,144	9.1	90.9
Prince Edward Island .....						
Nova Scotia .....	807,175	93.3	6.7	1,543,437	8.5	91.5
New Brunswick .....	654,395	81.0	19.0	1,192,267	24.7	75.3
Quebec .....	7,884,332	89.0	11.0	11,267,435	19.9	80.1
Ontario .....	8,978,079	89.9	10.1	21,003,253	10.8	89.2
Manitoba .....	1,806,499	64.9	35.1	3,038,963	12.1	87.9
Saskatchewan .....	740,111	91.6	8.4	2,170,378	10.6	89.4
Alberta .....	1,402,221	90.8	9.2	4,038,612	18.5	81.5
British Columbia .....	3,959,054	92.9	7.1	5,296,051	32.4	67.6

1. Excluding wholesale, commercial and industrial.

## SECTION II. POWER LAUNDRIES

Power laundries in operation in Canada in 1951 numbered 317, fewer than in 1950, but receipts totalled \$44,053,442, nearly 9% higher than the

previous year. Manitoba was the only province to show a decrease in receipts from 1950.

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces, 1951-1950**

Province	Percentage change 1951/1950	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
<b>Canada</b> .....	- 1.9	+ 8.5
Newfoundland .....	} - 20.0	+ 17.7
Prince Edward Island .....		
Nova Scotia .....	1	+ 9.0
New Brunswick .....	+ 8.3	+ 9.4
Quebec .....	- 3.8	+ 7.2
Ontario .....	- 4.6	+ 12.3
Manitoba .....	1	- 7.0
Saskatchewan .....	+ 12.5	+ 13.1
Alberta .....	1	+ 8.3
British Columbia .....	+ 4.5	+ 6.7

1. Unchanged.

From 1930 to 1940 power laundries, like other industries, felt the effect of an economic depression. Receipts which amounted to \$16,283,555 in 1930 fell to \$10,373,890 in 1933, then gradually climbed back to \$16,719,106 by 1940. By the end of the war the annual volume of business done by power

laundries was \$25,463,096. Consistent growth has placed the 1951 volume at more than double the 1940 business at an all time high figure of \$44,053,442. Salaries and wages paid the 14,079 employees in 1951 amounted to \$22,248,517, slightly more than half the total receipts taken in.

TABLE 4. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1951

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	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 <sup>1</sup> .....	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
1951 .....	317	14,079	22,248,517	2	44,053,442

1. Including Newfoundland from 1949.
2. Not available.

Ontario plants accounted for 36% of the total power laundry business in 1951, Quebec 29% and British Columbia 17%, an increase over last year's portion for Ontario but the same percentages for the other two provinces. The 12,994 minimum and

15,164 maximum number of employees were averaged to produce the 14,079 employees shown in Table 4. In addition, there were 211 working proprietors actively engaged in operating their plants.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1951

Province	No. of plants	Total <sup>1</sup> working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	Receipts
			Minimum	Maximum		
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>317</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>15,164</b>	<b>\$ 22,248,517</b>	<b>\$ 44,053,442</b>
Newfoundland .....	4	1	112	136	157,011	351,211
Prince Edward Island .....	2					
Nova Scotia .....	15	6	354	436	502,973	1,069,620
New Brunswick .....	13	5	325	395	478,174	1,006,198
Quebec .....	76	48	3,824	4,394	6,338,809	12,606,574
Ontario .....	125	101	4,777	5,644	8,052,510	16,072,050
Manitoba .....	10	5	582	672	938,778	1,745,426
Saskatchewan .....	9	4	325	364	532,563	1,055,591
Alberta .....	17	11	766	831	1,300,392	2,684,040
British Columbia .....	46	30	1,929	2,292	3,947,307	7,462,732

## 1. Unincorporated firms only.

The largest share of receipts originated from laundry work (53%), yet power laundries performed considerable volume of other work in 1951. Dry cleaning work accounted for 18% and coat and towel rentals for 12% of total receipts. Certain census requirements for 1951 made it necessary to segregate wholesale laundry and dry cleaning which amounted to 14% of total receipts. In previous years, the laundry and dry cleaning work performed included the respective wholesale business. This change

makes a direct comparison with 1950 percentages in these two categories impossible.

Power laundries in Alberta and British Columbia derived less than half their receipts from direct customer laundry work, and show greater portions of dry cleaning work than plants in the other provinces, with the exception of New Brunswick. Alberta plants reported 24% of receipts as from wholesale, commercial and industrial work, a much greater ratio from this source than the other provinces.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1951

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

Province	Laundry <sup>1</sup>		Cleaning <sup>2</sup>		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning <sup>3</sup>		Coat and towel rentals		All other <sup>4</sup>		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>23,470,691</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>8,051,041</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>6,128,624</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>5,393,722</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>1,009,364</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>44,053,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Newfoundland .....	291,942	83.1	58,880	16.8	—	—	—	—	389	0.1	351,211	100.0
Prince Edward Island ..	752,976	70.4	130,712	12.2	178,510	16.7	—	—	7,422	0.7	1,069,620	100.0
Nova Scotia .....	530,252	52.7	294,701	29.3	164,395	16.3	13,544	1.4	3,306	0.3	1,006,198	100.0
New Brunswick .....	7,018,757	55.7	2,236,892	17.7	1,487,090	11.8	1,481,688	11.8	382,147	3.0	12,606,574	100.0
Quebec .....	8,075,720	50.3	2,270,335	14.1	2,661,850	18.6	2,558,950	15.9	505,195	3.1	16,072,050	100.0
Ontario .....	1,173,160	67.2	367,827	21.1	129,345	7.4	36,392	2.1	38,702	2.2	1,745,426	100.0
Manitoba .....	677,655	64.2	229,430	21.7	139,635	13.2	7,871	0.8	1,000	0.1	1,055,591	100.0
Saskatchewan .....	1,272,806	47.4	746,799	27.8	640,589	23.9	18,936	0.7	4,910	0.2	2,684,040	100.0
Alberta .....	3,677,423	49.3	1,715,465	23.0	727,210	9.7	1,276,341	17.1	66,293	0.9	7,462,732	100.0
British Columbia .....												

1. Includes unfinished and finished.

2. Excludes fur.

3. Includes commercial and industrial.

4. Includes dyeing, storage, fur cleaning, sales of merchandise, etc.

Power plants with receipts of \$100,000 or over during 1951 accounted for 84% of the total business done compared with 82% in 1950. The average amount of receipts taken in by all plants during 1951 was

\$138,970, an increase of 11% over the 1950 average of \$125,656. The following table shows power laundries classified by size of business for 1950 and 1951.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries Classified by Size of Business, 1950 and 1951

Size of business	1950				1951			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
<b>All plants .....</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>40,586,942</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>125,656</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>44,053,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>138,970</b>
Less than \$20,000.....	78	815,845	2.0	10,460	63	675,991	1.5	10,730
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999.....	24	593,339	1.5	24,722	25	625,414	1.4	25,017
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999.....	39	1,487,523	3.7	38,142	40	1,584,153	3.6	39,604
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999.....	63	4,603,068	11.3	73,065	61	4,374,131	9.9	71,707
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	48	6,521,128	16.1	135,857	62	8,623,190	19.6	139,084
\$200,000 and over .....	71	26,566,039	65.4	374,170	66	28,170,563	64.0	426,827

The cities for which data are shown in Table 8 are those having a sufficient number of plants that individual figures are not disclosed. Montreal's 28 plants had receipts of \$8,104,480, while the 30 plants in Toronto handled a volume of business

amounting to \$6,211,567. In this report, city figures cover only plants located within the incorporated limits of the city. Previous reports for some of the largest cities included plants in some suburban areas.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities<sup>1</sup>, 1951

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	
		Laundry <sup>2</sup>	Cleaning <sup>3</sup>	Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning <sup>4</sup>	Coat and towel rentals	All other <sup>5</sup>	Total	Minimum		Maximum
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax .....	5	491,973	11,820	100,000	-	7,364	611,157	187	211	271,378
Saint John	4	355,258	209,525	122,022	13,544	-	700,349	228	287	351,377
Montreal....	28	4,426,651	1,169,303	838,904	1,441,855	227,767	8,104,480	2,400	2,695	4,111,825
Quebec .....	5	632,573	177,471	275,300	30,674	17,302	1,133,320	403	493	292,467
Hamilton....	9	828,378	286,928	96,457	814,750	273,963	2,300,476	573	646	847,397
London.....	4	351,773	148,970	42,931	386,378	-	930,052	260	303	404,132
Ottawa .....	8	824,924	87,856	311,322	79,802	-	1,303,904	357	514	643,156
Toronto.....	30	2,736,385	390,584	1,686,164	1,224,230	174,204	6,211,567	1,878	2,102	3,423,864
Windsor.....	7	413,203	182,772	95,078	37,396	20,341	748,790	218	256	327,080
Winnipeg....	6	1,040,556	319,815	116,147	36,392	38,702	1,551,612	523	594	835,589
Calgary.....	5	583,617	403,624	386,497	18,936	1,500	1,394,174	333	369	623,174
Edmonton ..	5	376,182	182,454	184,693	-	-	743,329	265	270	394,581
Vancouver	14	1,903,892	919,305	572,712	1,004,504	52,525	4,452,938	1,067	1,236	2,336,419

1. Includes only those laundries located within the incorporated limits of the city.
2. Includes unfinished and finished.
3. Excludes fur.
4. Includes commercial and industrial.
5. Includes dyeing, storage, fur cleaning, sales of merchandise, etc.

## SECTION III. DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants operating in Canada in 1951 numbered 981 and had a gross volume of business amounting to \$52,798,415. This was an increase of 7% in number and 14% in total receipts over 1950. Receipts were greater in all

provinces than in 1950. Alberta recorded the greatest gain—24%, followed by Quebec with approximately 20%. 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, 1951/1950

Province	Percentage change 1951/1950	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada .....	+ 6.7	+ 14.2
Newfoundland .....	+ 20.0	} + 18.9
Prince Edward Island .....	+ 33.3	
Nova Scotia .....	+ 12.1	+ 18.9
New Brunswick .....	- 3.1	+ 11.6
Quebec .....	+ 10.2	+ 12.4
Ontario .....	+ 3.3	+ 12.6
Manitoba .....	+ 13.2	+ 18.0
Saskatchewan .....	+ 10.3	+ 24.2
Alberta .....	+ 12.9	+ 19.5
British Columbia .....	+ 3.8	+ 13.6

The rapid growth in the volume of business handled by Canadian dry cleaning and dyeing plants is shown in the following table. Total receipts amounted to \$6,412,325 in 1930. During the depression period receipts fell below this amount but by 1937 total receipts had climbed to \$7,179,374.

From 1941 to 1951 the volume of business increased rapidly standing at \$52,798,415 in 1951, more than four times as great as the 1941 volume of \$12,678,275. Salaries and wages paid the 13,933 employees in 1951 amounted to \$23,850,119, slightly less than half the total volume of business.

TABLE 9. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1951

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 <sup>1</sup> .....	905	12,886	20,107,095	4,939,685	42,574,440
1950 .....	919	13,450	21,704,698	5,378,564	46,249,633
1951 .....	981	13,933	23,850,119	2	52,798,415

1. Including Newfoundland from 1949.
2. Not available.

Ontario plants obtained slightly over 44% of the total volume of business handled by all cleaning and dyeing plants in 1951, Quebec accounted for 23% and British Columbia 8%, the same proportions as they had in 1950. The 12,463 minimum and 15,404

maximum employees were simply averaged to produce the 13,933 employees shown in Table 9. In addition there were 1,008 proprietors actively engaged in operating their plants.

TABLE 10. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1951

Province	No. of Plants	Total <sup>1</sup> working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	Receipts
			Minimum	Maximum		
Canada .....	981	1,008	12,463	15,404	\$ 23,850,119	\$ 52,798,415
Newfoundland .....	6	17	154	209	282,638	682,234
Prince Edward Island .....	8					
Nova Scotia .....	37	31	428	564	730,651	1,578,349
New Brunswick .....	31	23	261	316	413,286	1,062,456
Quebec .....	184	168	2,954	3,677	5,547,182	11,979,120
Ontario .....	404	429	5,345	6,545	10,355,665	23,479,584
Manitoba .....	43	39	1,033	1,192	1,983,077	3,608,155
Saskatchewan .....	64	70	452	605	874,222	2,304,250
Alberta .....	96	121	839	1,039	1,554,832	3,634,082
British Columbia .....	108	110	997	1,257	2,108,566	4,470,185

1. Unincorporated firms only.

Cleaning and dyeing plants derived 80% of their total receipts from dry cleaning work in 1951. Laundry work accounted for 6% of total receipts and the balance was divided among other types of services. Certain census requirements for 1951 made it necessary to segregate wholesale laundry and dry cleaning which amounted to 8% of total receipts. In previous years, the laundry and dry cleaning work performed included the respective wholesale business. This change makes a direct

comparison with 1950 percentages in these two categories impossible. Cleaning and dyeing plants in all provinces except Manitoba and Quebec, derived at least 80% of their receipts from dry cleaning. Manitoba plants had a higher portion of receipts from laundry work than any other province while British Columbia and Ontario plants reported a much higher portion of their receipts as from wholesale laundry and dry cleaning than the other provinces.

TABLE 11. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants—Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1951

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

Province	Cleaning <sup>1</sup>		Laundry <sup>2</sup>		Wholesale laundry and <sup>3</sup> dry cleaning		Coat and towel rentals		All other <sup>4</sup>		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada .....	42,147,499	79.8	3,127,348	5.9	3,947,762	7.5	457,904	0.9	3,117,902	5.9	52,798,415	100.0
Newfoundland .....	589,264	86.4	74,231	10.9	6,449	0.9	—	—	12,290	1.8	682,234	100.0
Prince Edward Island .....												
Nova Scotia .....	1,412,725	89.5	54,199	3.4	74,940	4.8	—	—	36,485	2.3	1,578,349	100.0
New Brunswick .....	897,566	84.5	124,143	11.7	8,222	0.8	—	—	32,525	3.0	1,062,456	100.0
Quebec .....	9,030,543	75.4	865,575	7.2	648,257	5.4	89,793	0.8	1,344,952	11.2	11,979,120	100.0
Ontario .....	18,732,918	79.8	902,359	3.8	2,446,267	10.4	366,091	1.6	1,031,949	4.4	23,479,584	100.0
Manitoba .....	2,671,136	74.0	633,339	17.5	135,583	3.8	—	—	168,097	4.7	3,608,155	100.0
Saskatchewan .....	1,940,948	84.2	62,456	2.7	36,618	1.6	—	—	264,228	11.5	2,304,250	100.0
Alberta .....	3,291,813	90.6	129,415	3.6	77,368	2.1	2,020	5	133,466	3.7	3,634,082	100.0
British Columbia .....	3,580,586	80.1	281,631	6.3	514,058	11.5	—	—	93,910	2.1	4,470,185	100.0

1. Excludes fur.

2. Includes unfinished and finished.

3. Includes commercial and industrial.

4. Includes dyeing, storage, fur cleaning, sales of merchandise, etc.

5. Less than 0.05 per cent.

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Cleaning and dyeing plants with receipts of \$50,000 or over during 1951 accounted for 68% of the total volume of business, only slightly higher than the 1950 portion. The average amount of receipts taken in by all plants during 1951 was

\$53,821, an increase of 7% over the 1950 average of \$50,326. The following table shows cleaning and dyeing plants classified by size of business for 1950 and 1951.

TABLE 12. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants Classified by Size of Business, 1950 and 1951

Size of business	1950				1951			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants .....	919	46,249,622	100.0	50,326	981	52,798,415	100.0	53,821
Less than \$15,000 .....	229	2,333,683	5.0	10,191	193	1,997,385	3.8	10,349
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	101	1,737,897	3.8	17,207	116	2,014,148	3.8	17,363
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	182	4,465,631	9.6	24,536	191	4,707,496	8.9	24,647
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	176	6,691,643	14.5	38,021	215	8,298,608	15.7	38,598
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	139	9,513,829	20.6	68,445	163	11,179,593	21.2	68,586
\$100,000 and over .....	92	21,506,939	46.5	233,771	103	24,601,185	46.6	238,846

In the following table data are shown for all cities having a sufficient number of plants that individual figures are not disclosed. Toronto's 41 plants handled a volume of business amounting to \$5,677,370 while the 27 plants located in Montreal

had receipts totalling \$5,298,398. In this report city figures cover only plants located within the incorporated limits of the city. Previous reports for some of the largest cities included plants in some suburban areas.

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities<sup>1</sup>, 1951

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning <sup>2</sup>	Laundry <sup>3</sup>	Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning <sup>4</sup>	All other <sup>5</sup>	Total	Minimum	Maximum	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. John's .....	5	415,271	—	3,449	10,647	429,367	94	133	191,693
Halifax .....	7	614,287	—	59,126	29,240	702,653	196	255	378,855
Fredericton .....	4	140,873	63,292	—	10,943	215,108	58	62	88,035
Moncton .....	4	186,328	11,318	—	1,000	198,646	52	67	83,143
Saint John .....	5	211,366	877	—	7,000	219,243	49	61	90,501
Drummondville .....	4	114,941	—	—	19,206	134,147	33	41	60,281
Granby .....	4	134,394	—	—	9,376	143,770	30	44	59,867
Joliette .....	4	62,293	—	—	19,483	81,776	23	30	33,759
Montreal .....	27	3,382,655	634,903	293,128	987,712	5,298,398	1,368	1,683	2,673,271
Quebec .....	9	842,914	—	5,000	45,942	893,856	251	296	411,967
St. Hyacinthe .....	3	147,141	1,000	8,541	13,349	170,031	41	51	69,566
St. Jerome .....	5	115,303	—	105	6,212	121,620	22	31	36,129
Sherbrooke .....	5	195,650	91,867	—	4,676	292,193	73	83	126,254
Three Rivers .....	7	411,487	62,276	—	47,502	521,265	115	159	218,050
Valleyfield .....	4	86,810	—	—	800	87,610	22	27	38,489
Belleville .....	6	225,142	20,992	57,723	3,595	307,452	71	91	131,496
Brantford .....	8	523,684	147,620	19,244	12,014	702,562	164	192	351,205
Chatham .....	4	155,672	—	—	1,200	156,872	35	37	60,328



TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities<sup>1</sup>, 1951 - Conc.

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning <sup>2</sup>	Laundry <sup>3</sup>	Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning <sup>4</sup>	All other <sup>5</sup>	Total	Minimum	Maximum	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Cornwall .....	5	161,564	—	22,030	1,000	184,594	36	46	82,966
Fort William .....	6	318,341	2,834	7,650	62,388	391,213	87	115	172,263
Guelph .....	7	228,796	8,192	—	4,617	241,605	57	64	104,412
Hamilton .....	16	1,335,282	148,449	80,711	155,553	1,719,995	451	525	822,165
Kingston .....	5	396,974	24,000	—	357	421,331	115	130	203,706
London .....	9	716,813	39,510	18,852	66,632	841,807	217	242	407,614
Niagara Falls .....	6	167,715	—	—	—	167,715	39	43	83,612
North Bay .....	4	163,677	500	—	13,729	177,906	31	40	61,406
Oshawa .....	7	239,039	—	—	3,614	242,653	62	74	111,640
Ottawa .....	13	1,107,545	61,718	220,287	38,401	1,427,951	357	487	642,395
Owen Sound .....	4	148,649	—	—	575	149,224	34	41	63,016
Peterborough .....	7	233,767	—	—	2,392	236,159	50	60	93,474
St. Catharines .....	7	288,880	—	—	5,727	294,607	70	88	144,932
St. Thomas .....	4	208,733	—	9,440	284	218,457	46	60	92,453
Sarnia .....	7	266,781	—	—	2,436	269,217	66	70	102,322
Sault Ste. Marie .....	6	198,897	—	—	9,000	207,897	64	75	85,204
Stratford .....	4	146,311	—	—	2,925	149,236	37	41	57,190
Sudbury .....	8	275,391	19,332	—	791	295,514	73	88	120,600
Timmins .....	4	225,403	—	2,400	6,900	234,703	42	59	86,999
Toronto .....	41	3,438,331	96,963	1,392,513	749,563	5,677,370	1,294	1,562	2,615,081
Welland .....	4	136,567	—	10,065	7,661	154,293	42	49	77,244
Windsor .....	19	1,012,801	2,670	85,606	22,529	1,123,606	271	326	537,207
Winnipeg .....	17	2,050,453	596,781	125,483	121,498	2,894,215	879	992	1,724,202
Regina .....	9	588,409	1,254	14,331	63,886	667,880	136	166	273,360
Saskatoon .....	11	530,965	12,742	12,187	142,562	698,456	136	180	287,735
Calgary .....	20	879,663	400	10,789	31,160	922,012	217	261	361,683
Edmonton .....	30	1,463,672	120,024	57,134	87,058	1,727,888	458	556	852,543
Lethbridge .....	5	175,606	—	—	6,000	181,606	46	59	91,889
Nanaimo .....	4	122,627	803	6,824	5,227	135,481	38	50	62,637
New Westminster .....	4	69,731	2,500	5,424	2,915	80,570	15	23	38,158
Vancouver .....	35	1,605,557	213,585	439,155	61,446	2,319,743	516	629	1,133,403
Victoria .....	9	533,165	753	12,077	6,187	552,182	161	183	305,797

1. Includes only those Cleaning and dyeing plants located within the incorporated limits of the city.
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