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LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

1952

SECTION I - GENERAL SUMMARY

The volume of business handled by Canada's 1,298 power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants passed the hundred-million dollar mark for the first time in 1952 when receipts rose to \$105,331,139, an increase of 9% over the 1951 volume of \$96,851,857. Gross receipts for 1952 were derived from the following types of service: 29% from laundry, 54% from dry cleaning, 7% from wholesale laundry and cleaning and 10% 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 and as dry cleaners and dyers if the greater portion of their business was dry cleaning and dyeing. On this basis, 307 of the 1,298 plants included in this survey were classified as laundries and the remaining 991 were classified as dry cleaners and dyers.

Two-thirds of all laundry and dry cleaning business was handled in Ontario and Quebec. Ontario, with 41% of all plants, accounted for 40% of the total receipts, while Quebec plants formed 20% of the total number and handled 25% of the total volume of business.

All provinces contributed to the overall increase in receipts during 1952. Newfoundland, with a 20% gain, reported the highest increase, followed by Nova Scotia with 14%.

The following table gives percentage changes between 1951 and 1952 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, 1952/1951

Province	Percentage change 1952/1951	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	1	+ 8.8
Newfoundland	1	+ 20.2
Prince Edward Island	1	+ 11.1
Nova Scotia	- 1.9	+ 14.5
New Brunswick	- 2.3	+ 7.8
Quebec	- 0.4	+ 8.0
Ontario	+ 0.4	+ 7.7
Manitoba	+ 5.7	+ 8.6
Saskatchewan	- 1.4	+ 13.6
Alberta	1	+ 13.3
British Columbia	- 0.6	+ 8.3

1. Unchanged

During 1952, 10,950 males and 17,788 females were employed in power laundries and cleaning and dyeing plants and received \$51,644,977 in salaries

and wages. In addition there were 1,225 proprietors of unincorporated businesses actively engaged in operating their plants during 1952.

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1952

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	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 ¹	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
1952	1,298	28,738	51,644,977	12,854,124	105,331,139

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.

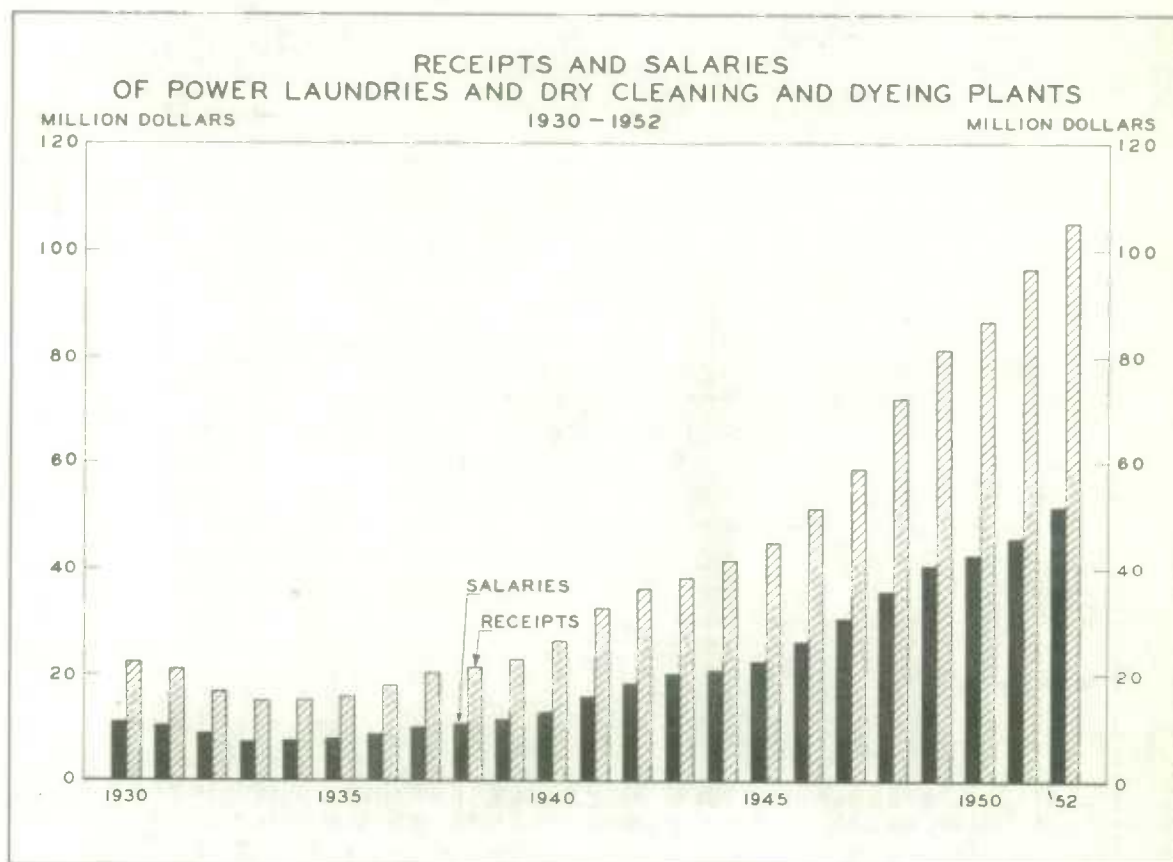


TABLE 2. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1952

Province	Number of plants	Total ¹ working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
Canada.....	1,298	1,225	10,950	17,788	\$ 51,644,977	\$ 12,854,124	\$ 105,331,139
Newfoundland	10	4	85	126	361,316	86,013	782,646
Prince Edward Island	10	12	53	73	158,496	47,257	424,631
Nova Scotia.....	51	31	408	582	1,408,819	343,756	3,031,414
New Brunswick.....	43	38	215	512	1,038,140	272,514	2,229,596
Quebec	259	206	3,602	4,047	13,205,673	3,460,153	26,563,173
Ontario.....	531	532	4,234	7,019	20,697,119	5,372,925	42,585,685
Manitoba	56	53	568	1,154	3,131,690	704,800	5,812,056
Saskatchewan	72	73	270	650	1,683,332	431,327	3,817,287
Alberta.....	113	139	536	1,374	3,358,270	839,083	7,161,461
British Columbia	153	137	979	2,251	6,602,122	1,296,296	12,923,190

1. Unincorporated firms only.

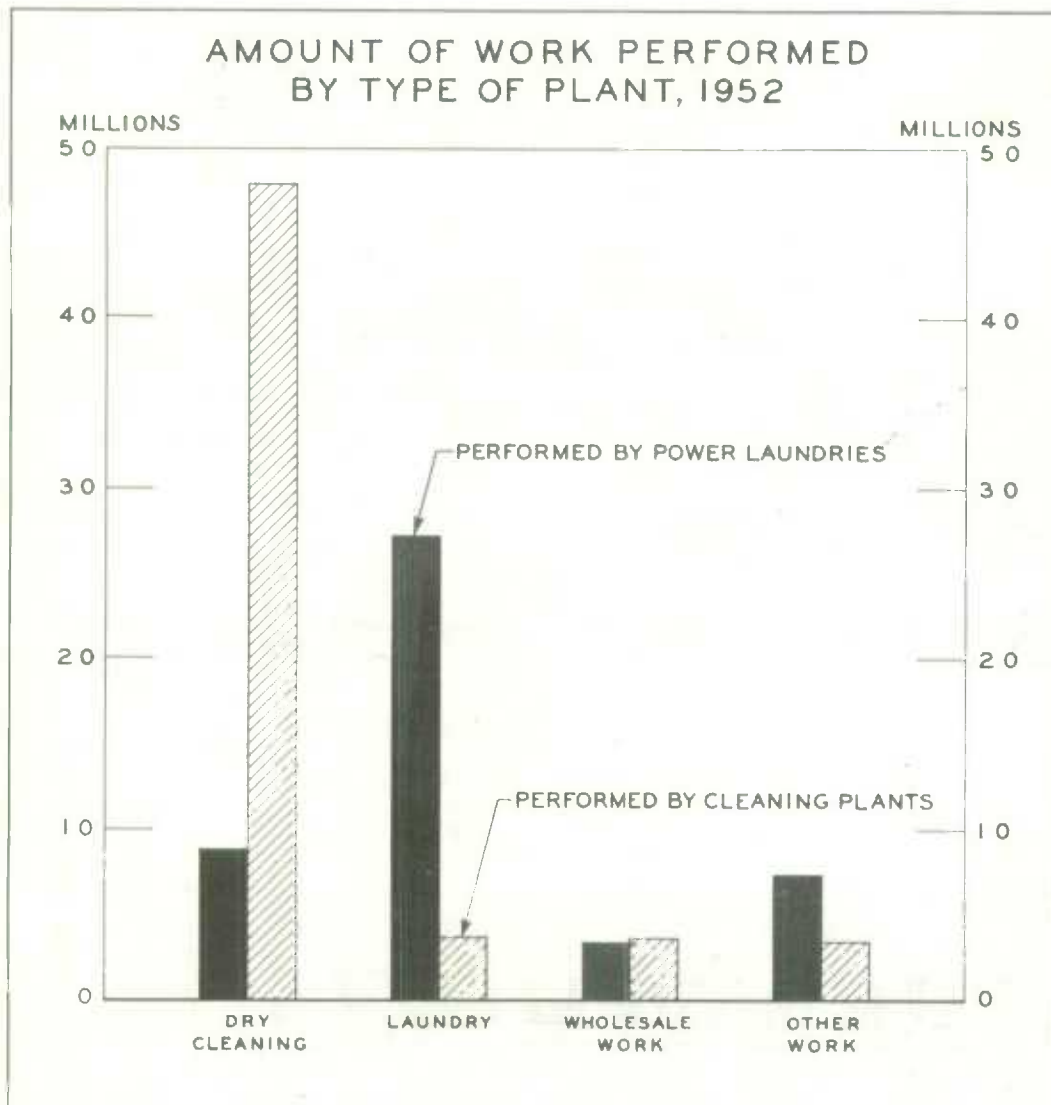


Table 3 shows the percentage distribution of receipts from laundry and dry cleaning work, by type of establishment and by provinces. The figures presented in this table include receipts from direct customer laundry or dry cleaning work as well as wholesale, commercial and industrial laundry or dry

cleaning. During 1952 power laundries handled 88% of all laundry work, the remaining 12% being done by dry cleaning plants. Dry cleaning plants, on the other hand handled 85% of all dry cleaning work and power laundries handled the remaining 15%.

TABLE 3. Percentage Distribution of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Receipts, by Type of Establishment and by Provinces, 1952

Province	Laundry receipts			Dry cleaning receipts		
	Total receipts ¹	% received by		Total receipts ¹	% received by	
		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants
	\$	%	%	\$	%	%
Canada	34,616,185	88.2	11.8	60,225,288	15.2	84.8
Newfoundland	149,377	61.0	39.0	630,971	—	100.0
Prince Edward Island	167,418	95.7	4.3	255,300	1.2	98.8
Nova Scotia	1,134,980	94.5	5.5	1,812,981	11.4	88.6
New Brunswick	803,963	95.4	4.6	1,371,804	26.8	73.2
Quebec	10,122,719	89.7	10.3	12,951,230	18.5	81.5
Ontario	11,779,093	87.6	12.4	25,909,141	10.9	89.1
Manitoba	2,134,954	65.6	34.4	3,525,125	10.2	89.8
Saskatchewan	1,032,054	92.3	7.7	2,671,166	9.0	91.0
Alberta	2,272,502	89.2	10.8	4,781,277	18.8	81.2
British Columbia	5,019,125	92.9	7.1	6,316,293	29.6	70.4

1. Including wholesale, commercial and industrial.

SECTION II - POWER LAUNDRIES

Although the number of plants classified as power laundries declined to 307 in 1952 from 317 in 1951, the volume of business which they handled amounted to \$46,852,690, 6% higher than the previous year. All provinces with the exception of Newfoundland reported higher receipts. This ap-

parent decline in Newfoundland receipts from the 1951 level, was due entirely to the transference of one plant from a power laundry classification to that of a dry cleaning plant. The following table shows percentage increases in number of plants and volume of receipts by provinces.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces, 1952/1951

Province	Percentage change 1952/1951	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	- 3.2	+ 6.4
Newfoundland	- 25.0	- 27.5
Prince Edward Island	1	+ 20.4
Nova Scotia	1	+ 16.3
New Brunswick	1	+ 7.9
Quebec	1	+ 3.1
Ontario	- 8.0	+ 4.0
Manitoba	1	+ 13.1
Saskatchewan	1	+ 9.8
Alberta	1	+ 7.5
British Columbia	+ 2.2	

1. Unchanged.

The annual volume of business handled by power laundries has grown consistently since 1940 to reach a new high level in 1952 of \$46,852,690.

Salaries and wages paid the 13,922 employees in 1952 amounted to \$24,496,053, more than 50% of the total receipts.

TABLE 4. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1952

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies 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 ¹	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
1952	307	13,922	24,496,053	6,143,769	46,852,690

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

Ontario plants were responsible for 35% of the total power laundry business in 1952, Quebec accounted for 29% and British Columbia 17%. Ontario's portion of total receipts was slightly lower than in 1951 but those for Quebec and British Columbia

remained the same. In addition to the 4,499 male and 9,423 female employees, there were 187 working proprietors of unincorporated companies actively engaged in operating their plants.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1952

Province	No. of plants	Total ¹ working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries ² and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
					\$	\$	\$
Canada	307	187	4,499	9,423	24,496,053	6,143,769	46,852,690
Newfoundland	3	1	30	64	116,293	22,190	254,459
Prince Edward Island	2						
Nova Scotia	15	4	149	288	588,066	134,577	1,287,966
New Brunswick	13	4	122	333	617,797	145,980	1,169,835
Quebec	76	45	1,584	2,670	7,127,848	1,816,306	13,599,967
Ontario	115	77	1,514	3,363	8,528,010	2,534,591	16,563,099
Manitoba	10	4	168	393	1,027,267	246,452	1,815,421
Saskatchewan	9	7	77	267	631,257	143,838	1,194,693
Alberta	17	11	230	581	1,541,285	350,906	2,946,510
British Columbia	47	34	625	1,464	4,318,230	748,929	8,020,740

1. Unincorporated firms only.
2. Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

Power laundries obtained 58% of all their receipts from laundry work in 1952. Dry cleaning work accounted for 19%, coat and towel rentals for 9%, while both wholesale laundry and dry cleaning and all other services each accounted for 7% of total receipts. Laundry and cleaning receipts shown in

Table 6 include commercial and industrial work. In 1951 certain census requirements made it necessary to include this work with wholesale laundry and dry cleaning. This change does not permit a direct comparison with 1951 percentages in these three categories.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries – Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1952

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		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	27,217,837	58.1	8,790,612	18.8	3,440,849	7.3
Newfoundland	} 251,335	98.8	3,124	1.2	—	—
Prince Edward Island						
Nova Scotia	910,555	70.7	207,375	16.1	4	4
New Brunswick	766,603	65.5	367,393	31.4	—	—
Quebec	8,030,358	59.1	2,233,920	16.4	1,219,344	9.0
Ontario	8,823,562	53.3	2,694,953	16.3	1,633,403	9.9
Manitoba	1,113,289	61.3	360,183	19.8	287,689	15.9
Saskatchewan	952,151	79.7	236,322	19.8	4	4
Alberta	2,007,957	68.2	819,535	27.8	4	4
British Columbia	4,362,027	54.4	1,867,807	23.3	300,413	3.7
	Coat and towel rentals		All other ³		Total Receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	4,199,824	9.0	3,203,568	6.8	46,852,690	100.0
Newfoundland	} —	—	—	—	254,459	100.0
Prince Edward Island						
Nova Scotia	—	—	170,036	13.2	1,287,966	100.0
New Brunswick	4	4	35,839	3.1	1,169,835	100.0
Quebec	930,032	6.8	1,186,313	8.7	13,599,967	100.0
Ontario	1,882,036	11.3	1,529,145	9.2	16,563,099	100.0
Manitoba	4	4	54,260	3.0	1,815,421	100.0
Saskatchewan	4	4	6,220	0.5	1,194,693	100.0
Alberta	—	—	119,018	4.0	2,946,510	100.0
British Columbia	1,387,756	17.3	102,737	1.3	8,020,740	100.0

1. Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.

2. Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

3. Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

4. Included in all other.

One hundred and thirty-three of the 307 power laundries had receipts of \$100,000 or over during 1952 and these accounted for 85% of the total volume of business as compared with 84% in 1951. The

average receipts per plant for all sizes increased from \$138,970 in 1951 to \$152,615 in 1952. The following table shows power laundries classified by size of business for 1951 and 1952.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries Classified by Size of Business, 1951 and 1952

Size of business	1951				1952			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	317	44,053,442	100.0	138,970	307	46,852,690	100.0	152,615
Less than \$20,000	63	675,991	1.5	10,730	54	629,623	1.4	11,660
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	25	625,414	1.4	25,017	22	528,745	1.1	24,034
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	40	1,584,153	3.6	39,604	36	1,355,373	2.9	37,649
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	61	4,374,131	9.9	71,707	62	4,610,928	9.8	74,370
\$100,000 to \$199,999	62	8,623,190	19.6	139,084	62	8,681,099	18.5	140,018
\$200,000 and over	66	28,170,563	64.0	428,827	71	31,046,922	66.3	437,280

Operating expenses, expressed as percentages of total receipts, are shown by size of business in Table 8 and by provinces in Table 9, with separate figures for incorporated and unincorporated companies. Operating expenses formed 93.2% of total receipts in plants operated by incorporated companies, while unincorporated companies reported operating expenses as 85.6% of their total receipts.

The largest item of expense was salaries and wages. Incorporated companies charged 54% of their total receipts against this item, which includes salaries of executives. Unincorporated companies reported that salaries and wages paid to their employees represented 44.9% of their total receipts but salaries and withdrawals of proprietors are not included in this item.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1952

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 used	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
All plants	156	243,185	54.0	4.4	13.3	21.5	93.2
Less than \$20,000	6	16,408	48.1	9.0	9.3	30.6	97.0
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	4	26,669	47.4	9.8	12.1	23.8	93.1
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	11	39,318	53.0	7.1	10.2	22.1	92.4
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	27	76,668	52.4	8.1	11.8	20.4	92.7
\$100,000 to \$199,999	43	142,094	56.0	5.7	11.9	20.3	93.9
\$200,000 to \$299,999	30	249,762	58.4	4.6	10.2	20.8	94.0
\$300,000 and over	35	617,897	52.2	3.5	14.9	22.1	92.7
Unincorporated Companies							
All plants	151	59,045	44.9	6.3	12.4	22.0	85.6
Less than \$10,000	20	7,361	25.3	13.6	11.9	16.6	67.4
\$ 10,000 to \$ 19,999	28	13,712	33.5	9.7	14.1	21.7	79.0
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	18	23,448	41.2	8.5	11.3	23.0	84.0
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999	25	36,915	45.3	8.5	10.0	21.9	85.7
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999	35	72,597	46.8	6.5	12.5	21.2	87.0
\$100,000 to \$199,999	19	135,319	47.5	5.5	11.0	24.0	88.0
\$200,000 and over	6	321,277	43.5	4.1	15.4	20.8	83.8

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

TABLE 9. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1952

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 used	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada	156	243,185	54.0	4.4	13.3	21.5	93.2
Newfoundland	2	91,919	46.1	6.4	10.2	25.6	88.3
Prince Edward Island	2						
Nova Scotia	11	131,336	53.6	7.2	12.7	21.7	95.2
New Brunswick	8						
Quebec	34	332,469	54.4	5.1	13.3	22.9	95.7
Ontario	54	224,157	53.6	4.5	16.2	18.9	93.2
Manitoba	6	295,851	57.0	4.7	13.6	22.2	97.5
Saskatchewan	4	215,056	56.4	4.8	11.5	20.3	93.0
Alberta	10	277,069	53.2	2.6	11.9	19.6	87.3
British Columbia	25	267,720	55.0	2.8	9.3	23.8	90.9
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	151	59,045	44.9	6.3	12.4	22.0	85.6
Newfoundland	1	32,728	42.3	6.8	9.9	30.3	89.3
Prince Edward Island	-						
Nova Scotia	4	23,829	46.2	6.6	10.4	15.3	78.5
New Brunswick	5						
Quebec	42	54,667	42.6	7.3	13.7	21.6	85.2
Ontario	61	73,092	45.7	5.4	12.8	22.7	86.6
Manitoba	4	10,078	37.9	12.8	10.0	19.5	80.2
Saskatchewan	5	66,894	43.6	7.6	13.4	20.1	84.7
Alberta	7	25,116	38.1	6.4	11.7	16.6	72.8
British Columbia	22	60,352	47.7	7.0	9.6	21.3	85.6

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

In Table 10 data are shown for cities having a population of 30,000 and over and where there are at least three plants located within the incorporated limits of each city. Montreal's 29 plants had receipts

of \$8,823,033, while the 28 plants operating in Toronto handled a volume of business amounting to \$6,191,160

TABLE 10. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities¹, 1952

City	No. of plants	Receipts						Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Laundry ²	Cleaning ³	Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning	Coat and towel rentals	All other ⁴	Total	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax	4	509,042	5	5	-	182,181	691,223	71	141	292,010
Saint John	4	481,678	227,719	-	5	30,282	739,679	77	226	409,766
Montreal	29	5,052,524	1,019,930	801,463	902,044	1,047,072	8,823,033	1,046	1,678	4,738,840
Quebec	5	648,746	5	5	5	558,198	1,206,944	136	325	638,062
Hamilton	9	891,428	302,038	5	5	1,249,363	2,442,829	181	325	900,684
London	4	377,818	5	-	5	631,621	1,009,439	93	190	418,883
Ottawa	5	857,087	232,364	5	5	41,440	1,130,891	186	159	645,672
Toronto	28	2,944,305	438,086	1,347,425	1,309,775	151,569	6,191,160	535	1,338	3,421,416
Windsor	6	450,914	5	5	5	335,741	786,655	55	160	415,175
Winnipeg	6	966,323	297,897	287,689	5	54,260	1,606,169	152	346	917,264
Calgary	5	1,002,023	425,307	5	-	93,610	1,520,940	109	258	720,218
Edmonton	5	628,676	5	-	-	212,198	840,874	75	192	496,283
Vancouver	14	2,366,237	922,277	266,256	1,138,629	75,966	4,769,365	371	781	2,510,425
Victoria	4	638,383	5	-	5	378,466	1,016,849	97	226	624,781

1. Includes only those laundries located within the incorporated limits of the city.
2. Includes unfinished and finish, commercial and industrial.
3. Includes fur, commercial and industrial.
4. Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.
5. Included in all other.

SECTION III - DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

The number of establishments classified as dry cleaning and dyeing plants increased 1% in number, from 981 in 1951 to 991 in 1952, while receipts were 11% higher. All provinces with the exception of New Brunswick reported higher receipts. This apparent drop in New Brunswick

receipts from the 1951 level, was due entirely to the transference of one plant from a dry cleaning classification to that of a power laundry. 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, 1952/1951

Province	Percentage change 1952/1951	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 1.0	+ 10.8
Newfoundland	+ 16.7	+ 52.9
Prince Edward Island	1	+ 13.7
Nova Scotia	- 2.7	+ 10.5
New Brunswick	- 3.2	- 0.3
Quebec	- 0.5	+ 8.2
Ontario	+ 3.0	+ 10.8
Manitoba	+ 7.0	+ 10.8
Saskatchewan	1	+ 13.8
Alberta	1	+ 16.0
British Columbia	- 1.9	+ 9.7

1. Unchanged.

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 \$58,478,449 in 1952, an increase of 11%

over the 1951 level. Salaries and wages paid to the 14,816 employees in 1952 amounted to \$27,148,924 slightly less than half of the total receipts.

TABLE 11. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1952

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies 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 ¹	905	12,886	20,107,095	4,939,685	42,574,449
1950	919	13,450	21,704,698	5,378,564	46,249,622
1951	981	13,933	23,850,119	2	52,798,415
1952	991	14,816	27,148,924	6,710,355	58,478,449

1. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

2. Not available.

Ontario plants obtained slightly over 44% of the total volume of business handled by dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1952, Quebec accounted for 22% and British Columbia 8%. Ontario and British Columbia had the same proportions as in 1951, but

Quebec's share was slightly lower. In addition to the 6,451 male and 8,365 female employees, there were 1,040 proprietors actively engaged in operating their plants.

TABLE 12. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1952

Province	No. of plants	Total ¹ working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries ² and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
Canada	991	1,040	6,451	8,365	\$ 27,148,924	\$ 6,710,355	\$ 58,478,449
Newfoundland	7	3	70	102	315,640	78,473	691,514
Prince Edward Island	8	12	38	33	87,879	32,607	261,304
Nova Scotia	36	27	259	294	820,753	209,179	1,743,448
New Brunswick	30	34	93	179	420,343	126,534	1,059,761
Quebec	183	161	2,018	1,377	6,077,825	1,643,847	12,963,206
Ontario	416	455	2,720	3,656	12,169,109	2,838,334	26,022,586
Manitoba	46	49	400	761	2,104,423	458,348	3,996,635
Saskatchewan	63	68	193	383	1,052,075	287,489	2,622,594
Alberta	96	128	306	793	1,816,985	488,177	4,214,951
British Columbia	106	103	354	787	2,283,892	547,367	4,902,450

1. Unincorporated firms only.

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

Almost 82% of the total business handled by dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1952 was derived from cleaning work. The balance of the receipts was divided in almost the same proportions between laundry work, wholesale laundry and dry cleaning and other services. Cleaning receipts shown in Table 13 includes fur cleaning as well as industrial and commercial work. Laundry receipts includes commer-

cial and industrial work. In 1951 certain census requirements made it necessary to include fur cleaning with "other services" and commercial and industrial laundry and dry cleaning with "Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning". These changes do not permit a direct comparison between the percentages shown here for 1952 and those presented in 1951.

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1952

Province	Cleaning ¹		Laundry ²		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		All other ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	47,788,917	81.7	3,660,174	6.3	3,603,161	6.2	3,426,197	5.8	58,478,449	100.0
Newfoundland	630,971	91.2	4	4	—	—	60,543	8.8	691,514	100.0
Prince Edward Island	252,176	96.5	4	4	—	—	9,128	3.5	261,304	100.0
Nova Scotia	1,524,518	87.4	62,538	3.6	81,088	4.7	75,304	4.3	1,743,448	100.0
New Brunswick	996,635	94.0	35,560	3.4	4	4	27,566	2.6	1,059,761	100.0
Quebec	9,985,800	77.0	1,040,177	8.0	564,350	4.4	1,372,879	10.6	12,963,206	100.0
Ontario	21,164,509	81.3	1,176,786	4.5	2,195,021	8.5	1,486,270	5.7	26,022,586	100.0
Manitoba	3,074,633	76.9	673,976	16.9	150,309	3.8	97,717	2.4	3,996,635	100.0
Saskatchewan	2,358,167	89.9	79,903	3.1	71,677	2.7	112,847	4.3	2,622,594	100.0
Alberta	3,757,083	89.1	244,545	5.8	126,659	3.0	86,664	2.1	4,214,951	100.0
British Columbia	4,044,425	82.5	346,689	7.1	414,057	8.4	97,279	2.0	4,902,450	100.0

1. Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

2. Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.

3. Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

4. Included in all other.

There were 315 dry cleaning and dyeing plants with receipts of \$50,000 or over in 1952 and these accounted for 71% of the total volume of business. The 266 plants in the same category last year ac-

counted for 68% of total receipts. The following table shows cleaning and dyeing plants classified by size of business for 1951 and 1952.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants Classified by Size of Business, 1951 and 1952

Size of Business	1951				1952			
	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant	No. of plants	Receipts	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	981	52,798,415	100.0	53,821	991	58,478,449	100.0	59,010
Less than \$15,000.....	193	1,997,385	3.8	10,349	155	1,666,753	2.8	10,753
\$ 15,000 to \$19,999.....	116	2,014,148	3.8	17,363	109	1,879,716	3.2	17,245
\$ 20,000 to \$29,999.....	191	4,707,496	8.9	24,647	133	4,479,380	7.7	24,480
\$ 30,000 to \$49,999.....	215	8,298,608	15.7	38,598	229	8,313,906	15.1	38,489
\$ 50,000 to \$99,999.....	163	11,179,593	21.2	68,586	194	13,092,147	22.4	67,435
\$100,000 and over.....	103	24,601,185	46.6	238,846	121	28,546,047	48.3	235,918

Operating expenses expressed as percentages of total receipts, are shown by size of business in Table 15 and by provinces in Table 16 with separate figures for incorporated and unincorporated companies. Incorporated companies reported operating expenses as 93.7% of their total receipts, while unincorporated companies showed expenses as 83%

of receipts. Incorporated companies show salaries and wages, which include executive salaries, as 51.9% of their total receipts; unincorporated companies show this item as only 41.4% of their total receipts but this percentage does not include proprietors' salaries or withdrawals.

TABLE 15. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1952

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 used	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
All plants	197	142,636	51.9	3.4	11.2	27.2	93.7
Less than \$15,000.....	3	8,080	55.3	8.1	8.1	23.3	94.8
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999.....	6	16,960	53.7	6.9	12.8	27.4	100.8
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999.....	10	24,770	46.4	6.3	13.4	26.8	92.9
\$ 30,000 to \$ 49,999.....	41	40,104	50.9	4.8	10.9	25.3	91.9
\$ 50,000 to \$ 99,999.....	56	70,788	49.8	3.8	11.1	27.4	92.1
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	39	144,081	52.9	3.3	10.6	24.6	91.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999.....	23	243,258	52.3	3.3	10.8	28.6	95.0
\$300,000 and over.....	19	573,843	52.2	2.9	11.8	28.1	95.0
Unincorporated Companies							
All Plants.....	794	38,261	41.4	4.8	11.7	25.1	83.0
Less than \$7,500.....	16	6,088	14.5	9.5	16.6	26.4	67.0
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999.....	43	8,564	24.8	9.6	11.6	24.8	70.8
\$ 10,000 to \$14,999.....	93	12,654	28.7	7.6	12.4	23.1	71.8
\$ 15,000 to \$19,999.....	103	17,262	34.5	6.5	12.2	24.5	77.7
\$ 20,000 to \$29,999.....	173	24,463	38.1	5.8	11.9	25.3	81.1
\$ 30,000 to \$49,999.....	188	38,136	39.4	4.9	12.2	24.9	81.4
\$ 50,000 to \$99,999.....	138	66,145	43.5	4.4	11.8	24.5	84.2
\$100,000 and over.....	40	160,723	48.2	3.5	10.6	26.4	88.7

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

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1952

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 used	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada	197	142,636	51.9	3.4	11.2	27.2	93.7
Newfoundland	4	123,137	46.0	3.9	11.3	22.1	83.3
Prince Edward Island	2						
Nova Scotia.....	13	70,974	53.6	4.2	13.7	21.2	92.7
New Brunswick.....	4	49,638	45.2	4.9	17.4	23.9	91.4
Quebec.....	42	179,787	49.4	3.7	13.0	28.8	94.9
Ontario.....	74	154,533	51.9	3.6	9.9	28.8	94.2
Manitoba	11	261,434	58.1	1.4	11.0	22.0	92.5
Saskatchewan	8	110,263	49.7	2.8	9.4	32.1	94.0
Alberta.....	11	101,081	57.0	2.2	10.1	22.8	92.1
British Columbia	28	85,105	52.1	4.8	11.4	25.4	92.7
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada.....	794	38,261	41.4	4.4	11.7	25.1	83.0
Newfoundland	3	23,777	29.7	6.2	12.7	32.8	81.4
Prince Edward Island	6						
Nova Scotia.....	23	35,687	39.8	5.9	10.0	29.1	84.8
New Brunswick	26	33,123	38.4	7.5	10.7	25.8	82.4
Quebec.....	141	38,384	43.3	5.6	12.3	25.0	86.2
Ontario.....	342	42,653	42.7	4.5	11.7	25.5	84.4
Manitoba	35	32,025	38.6	5.4	12.6	24.2	80.8
Saskatchewan	55	31,645	35.3	5.2	11.7	23.6	75.8
Alberta.....	85	36,507	38.1	3.5	12.1	24.4	78.1
British Columbia	78	32,301	41.3	4.9	11.0	23.1	80.3

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

Table 17 presents data for cities having a population of 30,000 or over and where there are at least three plants located within the incorporated limits of each city. The 44 plants located in Toronto

had receipts amounting to \$6,364,034. Montreal's 27 plants earned \$5,507,682, while Winnipeg with 20 plants had a volume of business amounting to \$3,266,469.

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities¹, 1952

City	No. of plants	Receipts				Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning ²	Laundry ³	All other ⁴	Total	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. John's	5	536, 213	—	6	536, 213	61	78	264, 235
Halifax.....	7	755, 936	—	54, 532	810, 468	125	139	425, 823
Sydney	3	196, 341	—	—	196, 341	25	38	91, 306
Saint John	4	245, 049	—	—	245, 049	22	40	103, 480
Hull	4	158, 204	—	6	158, 204	17	17	67, 337
Montreal.....	27	3, 870, 498	743, 652	893, 532	5, 507, 682	872	568	2, 828, 901
Quebec.....	8	818, 818	5	160, 338	979, 156	137	130	395, 850
Sherbrooke.....	5	225, 154	5	99, 836	324, 990	44	49	153, 981
Three Rivers.....	7	416, 109	5	88, 151	504, 260	80	70	232, 817
Brantford	8	521, 469	169, 860	17, 343	708, 672	77	110	364, 105
Fort William	6	372, 731	—	12, 051	384, 782	29	83	196, 708
Hamilton	17	1, 581, 558	180, 855	134, 885	1, 897, 298	167	391	959, 515
Kingston	5	458, 888	—	6	458, 888	59	73	224, 161
Kitchener.....	3	305, 051	5	33, 357	338, 408	34	48	178, 293
London.....	9	707, 150	5	127, 549	834, 699	98	128	410, 992
Oshawa	7	253, 168	—	6	253, 168	23	39	100, 124
Ottawa	14	1, 412, 791	149, 683	220, 015	1, 782, 489	164	293	817, 969
Peterborough.....	6	226, 484	—	4, 233	230, 717	24	34	91, 469
St. Catharines.....	6	302, 575	5	14, 237	316, 812	32	42	162, 524
Sarnia.....	7	287, 364	5	9, 132	296, 496	22	43	120, 092
Sault Ste. Marie	6	238, 312	—	6	238, 312	15	61	109, 555
Sudbury	8	344, 125	6	—	344, 125	30	58	149, 719
Toronto	44	5, 198, 142	423, 699	742, 193	6, 364, 034	663	859	3, 192, 211
Windsor	19	1, 070, 692	15, 429	38, 912	1, 125, 033	97	174	535, 454
Winnipeg	20	2, 473, 794	703, 202	89, 473	3, 266, 469	342	648	1, 855, 687
Regina	10	752, 212	—	—	752, 212	68	90	364, 583
Saskatoon	11	666, 385	5	81, 652	748, 037	50	118	316, 936
Calgary	20	992, 867	48, 535	31, 504	1, 072, 906	51	222	453, 766
Edmonton.....	30	1, 773, 607	158, 797	45, 664	1, 978, 068	180	357	935, 714
Vancouver	33	2, 186, 757	238, 106	66, 573	2, 491, 436	173	384	1, 185, 171
Victoria.....	8	591, 177	5	49, 839	641, 016	45	147	360, 942

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

2. Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

3. Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

4. Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

5. Included in all other.

6. Included in cleaning.

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