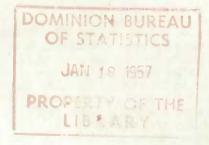
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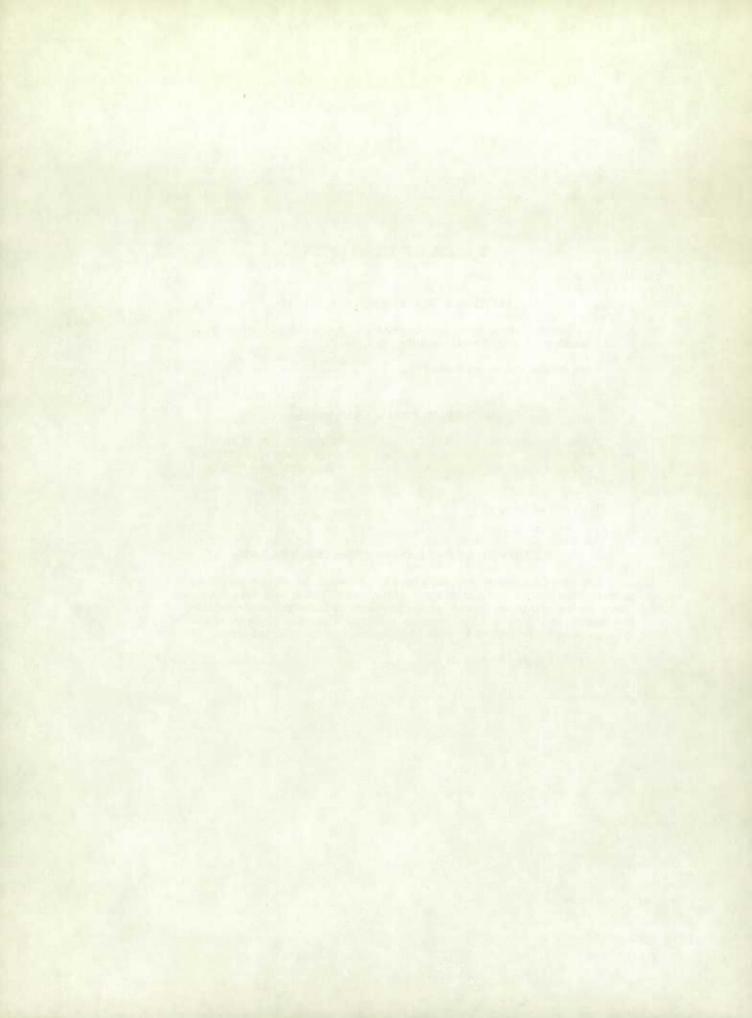
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LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS 1955

SECTION 1-GENERAL SUMMARY

This report deals solely with the business activities of power operated laundries and dry cleaning and dyeing plants. Plants are classified as power laundries if the greater part of their revenue was derived from laundry work, and as dry cleaners and dyers if the greater part was from cleaning and dyeing.

Throughout this report salaries and wages include those paid to working executives of incorporated companies but not salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated companies.

The combined operations of power laundries and dry cleaning and dyeing plants reached a new level in 1955 with receipts of \$124,933,593, up 6 per cent from \$117,736,073 in 1954. With Alberta in the lead, all the provinces registered gains in receipts over 1954. Plants in operation in 1955 numbered 1,511 which was made up of 306 power laundries and 1,205 dry cleaners and dyers. This total was 105 greater than that of the previous year, an increase of 7 per cent. The growth in the number of plants was more pronounced in the prairie provinces while Newfoundland registered the only decline.

In 1955 the twin industries employed a total of 29,900 persons, 18,769 female and 11,311 male, just over 2 per cent more than in 1954. Salaries and wages paid to employees amounted to \$60,951,914 or 5 per cent above the \$58,148,357 paid in 1954. Expressed as a percentage, salaries and wages represented 48.8 per cent of total receipts, down from 49.4 per cent a year ago. The

cost of material and supplies used at \$12,924,524 was 6 per cent higher than in 1954 but the ratio of this expense item to total receipts was almost unchanged over the two years.

Plants deriving their revenue primarily from laundry work, accounted for 84 per cent of the total revenue from this source while dry cleaners and dyers accounted for the other 16 per cent. This was a gain of 1 per cent in favor of dry cleaners and dyers as compared with the previous year. Dry cleaners and dyers obtained 86 per cent of the total dry-cleaning-work-revenue and launderers 14 per cent. These percentages were unchanged from a year ago.

All firms engaged in dry cleaning reported whether they used petroleum or synthetic solvents. A tabulation on this breakdown is shown in table 4. This covers only the cleaning receipts of plants actually doing dry cleaning which excludes the dry cleaning receipts of some launderers whose work is done by another plant. For this reason the total dry cleaning receipts on which the percentages are based do not agree with those shown in table 3. On this basis 20.4 per cent of receipts from work performed originated from plants using synthetic solvents. Receipts from cleaning done by petroleum process accounted for 76.1 per cent of the total. The receipts of plants using both processes cannot be classified as either petroleum or synthetic and are left out of this table. These receipts, however, form part of the total on which the ratios are based.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners and Dyers by Provinces, 1955/1954

	Percentage change 1955/1954					
Province	No. of Plants	Receipts				
	%	%				
Canada	+ 7.5	+ 6, 1				
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia ¹	- 8.3 + 10.0 + 11.1 + 2.2 + 8.5 + 5.2 + 10.9 + 16.0 + 16.7 + 3.2	+ 0.8 + 9.4 + 7.7 + 9.2 + 2.8 + 6.3 + 12.7 + 7.0				

^{1.} Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930, 1933, 1937, 1941 to 1955

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of ¹ materials and supplies used	Receipts
			\$	\$	\$
1930	368	11, 885	11, 249, 945	2, 196, 139	22, 695, 88
1933	411	10, 528	7, 882, 389	1, 399, 646	15, 239, 98
1937	418	12, 551	10, 171, 710	2, 259, 265	20, 343, 15
1941	600	18, 398	16, 246, 296	3, 782, 530	32, 495, 47
	602	21, 379	22, 499, 459	4, 668, 779	44, 081, 17
946	690	23, 554	26, 260, 679	5, 577, 433	51, 148, 15
947	774	24, 856	30, 501, 536	6, 601, 626	59, 043, 67
948	1,081	25, 876	35, 877, 556	8,538,717	71, 981, 94
9492	1, 237	27, 126	40, 515, 431	9, 425, 121	81, 234, 04
950	1, 242	27, 760	42, 681, 128	10, 190, 246	86, 836, 56
951	1, 298	28, 012	46, 098, 636	3	96, 851, 85
952	1, 298	28, 738	51, 644, 977	12, 854, 124	105, 331, 13
953	1, 339	29, 398	55, 700, 197	13, 766, 346	113, 150, 24
954	1, 406	29, 239	58, 148, 357	12, 201, 103	117, 736, 07
955	1,511	29, 900	60, 951, 914	12, 924, 524	124, 933, 59

Excluding cost of linen from 1954.
 Including Newfoundland from 1949.
 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.

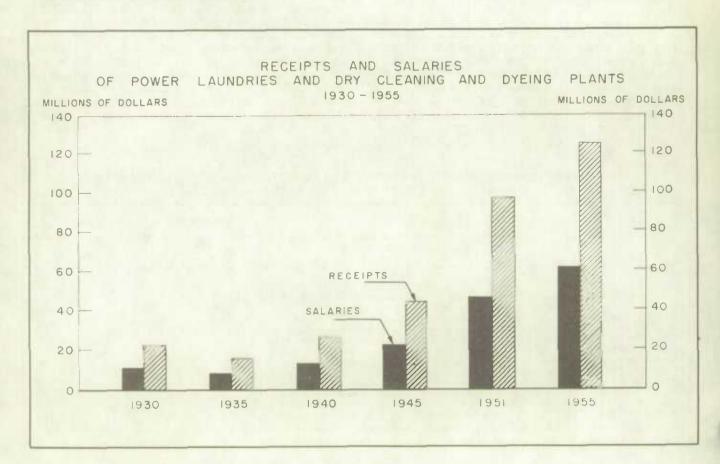


TABLE 2. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1955

Province	Number of plants	Total ¹ working proprietors	Numb paid em Male		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
					\$	\$	\$
Canada	1, 511	1, 271	11, 131	18, 769	60, 951, 914	12, 924, 524	124, 933, 593
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island	11 11	} 16	153	209	657, 751	155, 170	1, 425, 355
Nova Scotia	60	31	426	609	1,761,493	404, 876	3, 710, 144
New BrunswickQuebec	46 295	36 233	236 3, 604	531 4, 381	1, 204, 280 15, 726, 630	307, 367 3, 209, 681	2, 692, 374 31, 805, 590
Ontario	631	563	4, 197	7, 406	23, 780, 820	5, 067, 920	48, 925, 962
ManitobaSaskatchewan	61 94	45 84	605	1,106	3, 720, 205 2, 093, 509	803, 855 491, 627	6, 984, 263 4, 607, 574
Alberta British Columbia ²	140 162	147 116	580 997	1, 584 2, 317	4, 327, 360 7, 679, 866	1,022,099 1,461,929	9, 100, 361 15, 681, 970

Unincorporated firms only.
 Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

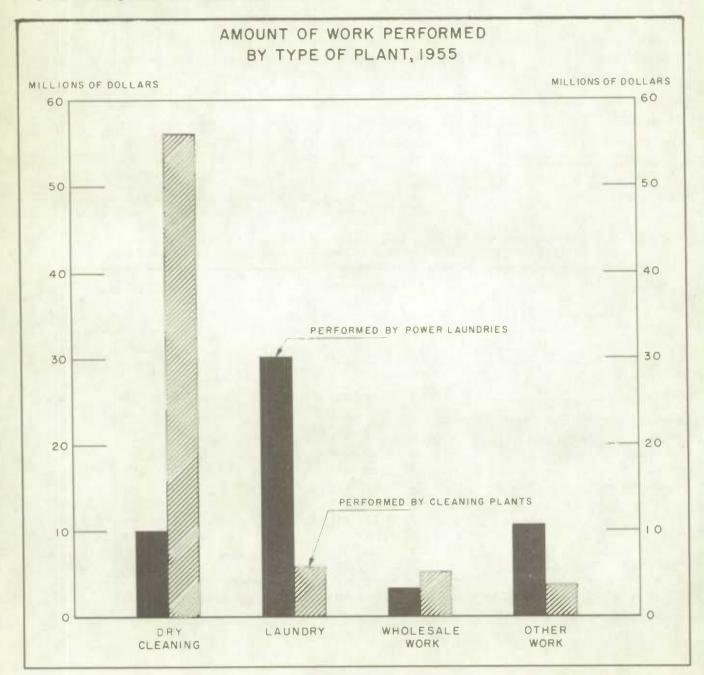


TABLE 3. Percentage Distribution of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Receipts, by Type of Establishment and by Provinces, 1955

	Lau	indry receipt:	5	Dry cleaning receipts				
Province		% recei	ved by		% received by			
	Total receipts ¹	Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants	Total receipts 1	Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants		
	\$	%	%	\$	%	%		
Canada	39, 596, 626	84. 1	15, 9	71, 028, 681	14. 4	85. 6		
Newfoundland	332, 152	72. 3	27. 7	1, 072, 657	0. 4	99. 6		
Nova Scotia	1, 263, 999	92. 2	7. 8	2, 351, 345	10. 2	89. 8		
New Brunswick	999, 799	87. 8	12. 2	1, 660, 687	25. 2	74. 8		
Quebec	11, 565, 530	88. 9	11. 1	15, 658, 245	18. 7	81. 3		
Ontario	13, 416, 819	81. 6	18. 4	29, 837, 163	10.0	90.0		
Manitoba	2, 435, 065	55. 5	44. 5	4, 029, 826	6. 8	93. 2		
Saskatchewan	1, 292, 240	86. 9	13. 1	3, 217, 617	6. 2	93. 8		
Alberta	2, 586, 373	81. 7	18. 3	5, 865, 127	17. 2	82. 8		
British Columbia ²	5, 704, 649	91. 1	8.9	7, 336, 014	28. 9	71. 1		

Including wholesale, commercial and industrial.
 Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 4. Revenue from Dry Cleaning Work Performed by Power Laundries and Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Classified by Type of Process Used and by Provinces, 1955

		Petroleum only	7	Synthetic only				
Province	No. of	Dry cleaning	ng receipts	No, of	Dry cleanin	g receipts		
	plants	Amount	% of total 1	plants	Amount	% of total 1		
		\$			\$			
Canada	961	53, 823, 320	76. 1	357	14, 449, 328	20.4		
Newfoundland	5 5	638, 775	59. 8	2 4	314, 943	29. 5		
Nova Scotia	42	1, 332, 707	56. 8	10	482, 083	20. 6		
New Brunswick	33	1, 425, 144	85. 8	6	164, 678	9. 9		
Quebec	171	12, 028, 891	77.4	71	3, 378, 115	21.		
Ontario	357	20, 962, 615	70. 5	202	7, 993, 974	26. 9		
Manitoba	42	3, 224, 345	80. 7	12	415, 483	10. 4		
Saskatchewan	76	2, 847, 908	88. 5	12	369, 709	11.		
Alberta	114	5, 486, 356	93. 6	14	372, 532	6.		
British Columbia ²	116	5, 876, 579	80, 5	24	957, 811	13.		

^{1.} This percentage is based on total cleaning receipts including plants using both processes; see text for explanation.
2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

SECTION II - POWER LAUNDRIES

With a gain of 2 per cent (7 plants) over 1954. the 306 power laundries in operation in 1955 increased their gross revenue by 7 per cent from \$50,513,242 to \$54,199,647. The per capita expenditure in 1955 was calculated at \$3.47, an increase of 15 cents over the \$3.32 registered for the two previous years. The specified expense items grew at approximately the same rate as did receipts but the "all other" expense item increased at almost twice the rate being 14 per cent greater than in the previous year. The percentage which each expense item bore to total receipts was virtually unchanged from 1954 in the case of fuel and electricity and materials and supplies used; salaries and wages declined moderately but this was more than offset by the increase in the "all other" expense item. As a final result, total expenses in 1955 accounted for only half of one per cent more of total receipts than in 1954.

The relative importance of each type of work performed to total receipts in 1955 was down in all types except in coat and towel rentals which increased sharply. The increase in the latter may be due to the addition of new firms. If a firm engaged in coat and towel rentals has the laundering of these items done outside, it is not included in this survey. Such work is reported as wholesale laundry by the power laundry performing the work. If a rental firm does its own laundering, it is then

included here under the heading of coat and towel rentals.

Plants with an annual volume of business of \$100,000 and over continued to increase their share of the total power laundry business, accounting for 89 per cent of total receipts. A review of the records for the last ten years shows this peak to be the result of a small but effective average annual increase of approximately 1 per cent. In fact, the 1946 statistics showed their portion of the total business as 77 per cent.

The classification of power laundries by form of organization for operating cost statistics showed expenses were 93 per cent of total receipts for incorporated firms and 87 per cent in the case of unincorporated firms. The comparable figures for 1954 were 92 per cent and 89 per cent respectively. According to these figures incorporated laundries suffered a loss of revenue of 1 per cent and unincorporated laundries a gain of 2 per cent.

Statistics for selected cities are contained in table 12. Prior to 1955, figures covered only those plants located within the incorporated limits of the city. In 1955 these limits were enlarged to include the metropolitan area of the fifteen larger urban centres. For most cities the change does not permit a direct comparison with the previous year.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces 1955/1954

Province	Percentage cha	inge 1955/1954
Province	No. of plants	Receipts
MARTINE MARKET PROPERTY OF THE	%	%
Canada	+ 2.3	+ 7.3
ewfoundland	1	1
rince Edward laland	1	- 2.4
ova Scotia	+ 25. 0	+18.1
ew Brunswick	+ 8.3	+ 7.8
uebec	+ 6.8	+13.1
ntario	- 4.3	+ 0.6
anitoba	1	+ 3.9
askatchewan	1	+ 1.0
lberta	+ 21.1	+18.7
ritish Columbia ²	- 2.2	+ 7.6

1. Unchanged.

^{2.} Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1955

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used ¹	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
951	317	14,079	22, 248, 517	3	44.053.442
952	307	13,922	24,496,053	6, 143, 769	46,852,690
953	310	14,164	25,801,841	6,511,296	49, 120, 933
1954	299	13,754	26,635,646	4,665,671	50,513,242
1955	306	13.991	28,078,112	4.994.234	54,199,647

TABLE 6. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1954 and 1955

Item	1954	1955	% change 1955/1954
Plants reporting No. Total receipts \$ Average receipts per plant \$ Estimated population of Canada No. Receipts per capita \$	299 50,513,242 168,941 15,195,000 3,32	306 54,199,647 177,123 15,601,000 3,47	+ 2.3 + 7.3 + 4.8 + 2.7
Plants per 100,000 population No. Paid employees: Total No. Male No.	2.0	2.0	+ 4.5
Female	4,400 9,354 26,635,646 52.7	4,443 9,548 28,078,112 51.8	+ 1.0 + 2.1 + 5.4
Average salary or wage per employee	1,938 2,230,606 4,4 4,665,671	2,007 2,366,447 4,4 4,994,234	+ 3.6 + 6.1 + 7.0
Percentage of total receipts % All other operating expenses \$ Percentage of total receipts %	9.3 12,881,661 25.5	9, 2 14,665,859 27.0	+ 13.9
Total expenses \$ Percentage of total receipts \$	46,413,584 91.9	50, 104, 652 92.4	+ 8.0

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

Excluding linen cost from 1954.
 Including Newfoundland from 1949.
 Not available.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1955

Decrino	Number	Total 1 working		mployees Salaries 2 Cost			nd Receipts	
Province	plants	proprietors	Male	Female	wages	materials and supplies used		
					\$	\$	\$	
Canada	306	165	4, 443	9, 548	28, 078, 112	4, 994, 234	54, 199, 647	
Newfoundland	3 2	} 1	25	68	128, 09 2	26, 068	245, 551	
Nova Scotia. New Brunswick	15 13	5 6	154 119	305 308	730, 678 671, 547	158, 375 153, 160	1, 468, 967 1, 325, 772	
QuebecOntario	78 110	54 60	1, 692 1, 343	2, 814 3, 347	8, 621, 306 9, 367, 094	1, 541, 720 1, 575, 379	16, 551, 039 17, 951, 040	
Manitoba	8 10	3 4	150 90	374 216	1,015,307 686,736	190, 723 146, 856	1, 896, 566 1, 332, 320	
AlbertaBritish Columbia ³	23 44	12 20	250 620	667 1, 449	1, 885, 089 4, 972, 263	393, 330 808, 623	3, 658, 473 9, 769, 919	

Unincorporated firms only.
 Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.
 Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1955

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

Province	Laundry	, 1	Cleanin	g ²	Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		Coat and towe rentals		All other	3	Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount %		Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Can ada	30, 218, 340	55. 8	9, 964, 750	18.4	3, 310, 673 6.	1	7, 499, 543	13. 8	3, 206, 341	5. 9	54, 199, 647	100, 0
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	240, 181 1, 100, 665 863, 201 8, 941, 518 9, 820, 856 1, 206, 739 1, 088, 283 2, 112, 274 4, 844, 623	54. 0 54. 7 55. 6	2, 843, 953	17. 5 15. 9 21. 4	80.026 1,383,041 1,276,472 7.	4			16, 179 1, 409, 142 1, 564, 964 216, 056		1. 468, 967 1. 325, 772 16, 551, 039	100.0

Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.
 Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

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

4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 9. Power Laundries Classified by Size of Business, 1954 and 1955

		19 5	54		19 5 5					
Size of business	No. of	I	Receipts		No. of	1	Receipts			
	plants	Amount	Per cent	Average per plant	plants	Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$		
All plants	299	50, 513, 242	100.0	168, 941	306	54, 199, 647	100.0	177, 123		
Less than \$20,000	58 18 29 55 63 76	627, 626 435, 383 1, 178, 320 3, 980, 098 8, 925, 908 35, 365, 907	1. 2 0. 9 2. 3 7. 9 17. 7 70. 0	9, 363 24, 188 40, 632 72, 365 141, 681 465, 341	59 20 31 50 64 82	641, 842 497, 916 1, 241, 147 3, 595, 669 9, 136, 799 39, 086, 274	1. 2 0. 9 2. 3 6. 6 16. 9 72. 1	10.879 24.896 40.037 71.913 142.762 476.661		

TABLE 10. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1955

Flore of enganization and	No. of	Average	Operating expenses as % of total receipts						
Form of organization and size of business	plants	receipts per plant	Salaries 1 and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses		
		\$	%	%	%	%	%		
Incorporated Companies									
All plants	170	278, 023	52, 9	4.0	9, 0	27.4	93, 3		
Less than \$20,000 \$20,000 to \$29,999 \$30,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 to \$199,999 \$200,000 to \$299,999 \$300,000 and over	6 4 11 23 48 34 44	12, 743 23, 209 42, 643 77, 499 142, 904 256, 839 664, 800	55, 3 50, 4 55, 4 55, 9 56, 8 57, 3 50, 4	6. 0 8. 7 6. 4 8. 9 5. 2 4. 4 3. 2	10. 1 10. 1 10. 1 9. 8 10. 3 10. 1 8. 3	32. 6 26. 2 19. 9 24. 1 22. 6 22. 3 30. 4	104.0 95.4 91.8 98.7 94.9 94.1		
Unincorporated Companies									
All plants	136	50, 998	44.7	6, 8	10. 7	24.6	86, 8		
Less than \$10,000	28 25 16 20 27 16 4	7, 328 14, 408 25, 318 38, 604 67, 155 142, 339 275, 639	24. 9 35. 4 37. 4 39. 7 45. 8 46. 7 51. 7	13.1 11.5 9.8 8.6 7.5 5.0 4.4	8.6 11.4 13.9 9.9 11.2 10.4 9.9	25. 8 24. 2 20. 2 25. 4 21. 7 25. 6 28. 4	72. 4 82. 5 81. 3 83. 6 86. 2 87. 7 94. 4		

^{1.} Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

TABLE 11. Power Laundries - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1955

7	No.	Average	0	perating expe	enses as % o	f total receip	ts
Form of organization and province	of plants	receipts per plant	Salaries 1 and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
Incorporated Companies	X	\$	%	%	%	%	%
Canada	170	278, 023	52, 9	4, 0	9.0	27.4	93, 3
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia	2 2 10	105, 048	51. 2	7.2	10, 1	25. 7	94.2
New Brunswick Quebec Ontario	7 36 61	169, 022 387, 923 250, 564	51.9 53.7 53.3	6.5 4.3 4.1	12.0 9.0 8.5	23. 2 26. 7 27. 1	93.6 93.7 93.0
Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta	5 5 14	374, 861 211, 876 247, 760	53, 8 51, 6 52, 1	4.1 4.0 2.6	10. 0 10. 2 10. 8	23. 8 24. 0 25. 1	91. 7 89. 8 90. 6
British Columbia ²	28	319, 932	51, 2	3, 2	8. 2	32.0	94. 6
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	136	50, 998	44.7	6, 8	10, 7	24, 6	86, 8
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia	1 - 5	40,640	43.6	7. 0	14.4	19.5	84. 5
New Brunswick	6 42	23,770 61,567	40.1 43.1	9. 4 6. 4	7.5 10.7	15. 2 26. 7	72.2 86.9
Ontario	49	54, 421 7, 419	45. 6 33. 6	6.6 12.0	10.6 14.3	25. 4 24. 6	88. 2 84. 5
Saskatchewan	5 9 16	54, 588 21, 092 50, 738	51. 1 40. 7 47. 1	6. 3 6. 9 8. 2	14.1 10.2 9.0	18. 2 22. 5 21. 3	89. 7 80. 3 85. 6

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

TABLE 12. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities 1, 1955

	No.			pe	per of hid oyees	Salaries				
City	of plants	Laundry 2	Cleaning ³	Coat and towel rentals	All other4	Total	Male	Female	and wages	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	
Halifax	5	735, 072	5	5	75, 341	810, 413	75	146	386, 378	
Saint John	4	542, 842	5	5	262, 636	805, 478	78	187	427, 608	
Montreal	38	7, 802, 944	1, 955, 006	1,840,474	1,406,757	13, 005, 181	1,363	2, 029	6, 875, 748	
Quebec	5	993, 281	381,098	_	_	1, 374, 379	125	414	755, 380	
Hamilton	11	922, 189	224, 326	5	1, 294, 614	2, 441, 129	178	301	967, 548	
London	3	466,035	5	5	927, 101	1, 393, 136	97	220	688, 068	
Ottawa	5	838, 686	5	5	337, 954	1, 176, 640	64	259	639, 019	
Toronto	30	4, 663, 787	536, 047	1, 627, 165	173, 265	7, 000, 264	547	1,339	3, 901, 694	
Windsor	6	613, 411	5	5	327, 712	941, 123	62	174	485, 510	
Winnipeg	6	1, 337, 329	275, 309	5	269, 518	1, 882, 156	150	372	1,011,860	
Calgary	5	928, 757	5	_	543, 084	1,471,841	104	247	780, 115	
Edmonton	7	746, 688	5	5	741, 448	1, 488, 136	94	247	714, 598	
Vancouver	15	3, 405, 047	1, 215, 818	1, 958, 059	162, 686	6, 741, 610	404	907	3, 330, 969	
Victoria	4	661, 100	5	5	463, 115	1, 124, 215	93	188	670, 905	

1. Metropolitan areas -not necessarily comparable with previous years which showed data for incorporated city areas.

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

3. Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.
4. Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

5. Included in all other.

SECTION III - DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

In 1955, there were 1,205 dry cleaning and plants in operation which received \$70.733.946 in return for their services as compared with 1,107 plants and revenue of \$67,222,831 in 1954. While receipts increased only 5 per cent, the number of plants increased 9 per cent in the same period. Percentagewise the number of plants decreased sharply in Newfoundland, was unchanged in New Brunswick and increased in all the other provinces particularly in the prairies. Receipts were down slightly in Newfoundland and up in the other provinces within a range of 4-9 per cent. Receipts per capita increased to \$4.53 in 1955 from \$4.42 in the previous year. Salaries and wages paid amounted to \$32,873,802 which was shared by 15,909 persons of which 8,961 were female.

The structure of operating cost ratios for all plants did not change appreciably from 1954. Similar to power laundries, a small decrease in salaries and wages was counteracted by a larger increase in the "all other" expense item with the result that the ratio for total expenses increased to 90.2

per cent of total receipts as compared with 89.7 per cent a year earlier.

There were 398 dry cleaning plants with receipts of \$50,000 or over in 1955 and these accounted for 71 per cent of the total volume of business. The 366 plants in the same category last year accounted for 72 per cent of total receipts.

In 1955, incorporated companies reported operating expenses as 95.0 per cent of total receipts, while unincorporated companies showed expenses as 84.0 per cent of receipts. The former was unchanged from the previous year and the latter just a fraction above,

Statistics for selected cities are contained in table 20. Prior to 1955, figures covered only those plants located within the incorporated limits of the city. In 1955 these limits were enlarged to include the metropolitan area of the fifteen larger urban centres. For most cities this change does not permit a direct comparison with the previous year.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, by Provinces, 1955/1954

Providence of the Control of the Con	Percentage chang	e 1955/1954
Province	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 8.9	+ 5.2
Newfoundland	- 11.1	- 0.4
Prince Edward Island	+ 12. 5	+7.8
Nova Scotia	+ 7.1	+ 4. 5
New Brunswick	1	+7.5
Quebec	+ 9.0	+ 5. 2
Ontario	+ 7.4	+ 4. 2
Manitoba	+12.8	+ 7. 5
Saskatchewan	+18.3	+4.9
Alberta	+15.8	+9.0
British Columbia ²	+ 5.4	+6.1

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1955

Year	No. of plants	No. of employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of ¹ materials and supplies used	Receipts
			\$	\$	\$
1930	126	2,785	3, 109, 768	624, 392	6, 412, 325
1931	1 57	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
19492	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	3	52, 798, 415
1952	991	14, 816	27, 148, 924	6, 710, 355	58, 478, 449
1953	1,029	15, 234	29, 898, 356	7, 255, 050	64, 029, 307
1954	1, 107	15, 485	31, 512, 711	7, 535, 432	67, 222, 831
1955	1,205	15, 909	32, 873, 802	7, 930, 290	70, 733, 946

Unchanged.
 Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Excluding cost of linen from 1954.
 Including Newfoundland from 1949.
 Not available.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating Results, 1954 and 1955

Item	1954	1955	% change 1955/1954
Plants reporting	1, 107	1, 205	+ 8.5
Total receipts\$	67, 222, 831	70, 733, 946	+ 5.
Average receipts per plant\$	60, 725	58, 700	- 3. 3
Estimated population of Canada	15, 195, 000	15, 601, 000	+ 2.
Receipts per capita\$	4. 42	4. 53	+ 2.
Plants per 100,000 population	7.3	7.7	+ 5.
Paid employees:			
Total	15, 485	15, 909	+ 2.
Male	6, 524	6, 688	+ 2.
Female No.	8, 961	9, 221	+ 2.
Total salaries and wages ¹ \$	31, 512, 711	32, 873, 802	+ 4.
Percentage of total receipts %	46.9	46.5	
Average salary or wage per employee\$	2, 035	2, 066	+ 1.
Total cost of fuel and electricity\$	2, 867, 325	3, 052, 339	+ 6.
Percentage of total receipts %	4. 2	4. 3	
Cost of materials and supplies used\$	7, 535, 432	7, 930, 290	+ 5.
Percentage of total receipts %	11.2	11.2	
All other operating expenses\$	18, 389, 176	19, 932, 665	+ 8.
Percentage of total receipts %	27. 4	28. 2	
Total expenses\$	60, 304, 644	63, 789, 096	+ 5.
Percentage of total receipts %	89.7	90. 2	

^{1.} Not including salaries or withdrawais of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

TABLE 15. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1955.

Province	No.	Total ¹ working proprietors		of paid oyees	Salaries ²	Cost of materials and	Receipts
,	plants		Maie	Female	wages	supplies used	
					\$	\$	\$
Canada	1, 205	1, 106	6, 688	9, 221	32, 873, 802	7, 930, 290	70, 733, 940
Newfoundland	8	3	92	111	419, 427	93, 513	860, 47
Prince Edward Island	9	12	36	30	110, 232	35, 589	319, 32
Nova Scotia	45	26	272	304	1, 030, 815	246, 501	2, 241, 17
New Brunswick	33	30	117	223	532, 733	154, 207	1, 366, 602
Quebec	217	179	1,912	1, 567	7, 105, 324	1, 667, 961	15, 254, 55
Ontario	521	503	2, 854	4, 059	14, 413, 726	3, 492, 541	30, 974, 922
Manitoba	53	42	455	732	2, 704, 898	613, 132	5, 087, 697
Saskatchewan	84	80	243	410	1, 406, 773	344, 771	3, 275, 25
Alberta	117	135	330	917	2, 442, 271	628,769	5, 441, 888
British Columbia ³	118	96	377	868	2, 707, 603	653, 306	5, 912, 05

Unincorporated firms only.
 Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.
 Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1955 Note: The percentages indicate the proportions which receipts for each type of work bear to the total receipts for each province.

Province	Cleaning I	1	Laundry ²		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		All other ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta	759, 350 308, 637 2, 063, 482 1, 208, 971 11, 287, 443 24, 254, 522 3, 691, 518 2, 980, 765	79.3 90.5 90.7 74.0 78.3 72.6 91.0	91,971 98,626 121,918 1,280,118 2,117,939 969,008 168,957	8. 2 7. 8 6. 1 8. 4 6. 8 19. 0 5. 2	5, 230, 434 - 80, 172 1, 441, 062 2, 940, 240 177, 317 37, 815	7.4 - 2.2 9.4 9.5 3.5 1.1	19,846 34,610 1,245,928 1,662,221 249,854 87,717	5.1 1.7 1.0 8.2 5.4 4.9 2.7	70, 733, 946 { 860, 477	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

^{1.} Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants Classified by Size of Business, 1954 and 1955

		195	54		1955					
Size of business	No. of plants		Receipts		No. of plants	Receipts				
		Amount	Per cent of total	A verage per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$		
All plants	1,107	67, 222, 831	100.0	60, 725	1, 205	70, 733, 946	100.0	58, 700		
Less than \$15,000 \$15,000 to \$19,999 \$20,000 to \$29,999 \$30,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 and over	168 102 210 261 231 135	1,838,196 1,758,969 5,221,096 10,237,645 15,763,508 32,403,417	2. 7 2. 6 7. 8 15. 2 23. 5 48. 2	10, 942 17, 245 24, 862 39, 225 68, 240 240, 025	187 112 223 285 261 137	1, 933, 271 1, 939, 811 5, 535, 457 10, 888, 892 17, 901, 504 32, 535, 011	2.7 2.8 7.8 15.4 25.3 46.0	10,338 17,320 24,823 38,207 68,588 237,482		

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1955

	27 -	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts							
Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants		Salaries i and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses			
		\$	%	%	%	%	%			
Incorporated Companies										
All plants	336	118,539	51.1	3.6	10.6	29.7	95.0			
Less than \$15,000	10 26 65 123 60 24	12,636 17,557 25,069 39,743 69,432 138,832 242,466 569,933	46. 0 47. 9 50. 0 47. 1 49. 2 52. 1 51. 9 52. 0	8.8 7.6 6.1 4.8 4.4 3.3	21. 7 12. 8 12. 0 11. 9 11. 1 10. 7 11. 2	30. 2 31. 2 26. 9 30. 7 28. 8 27. 7 29. 2	106. 7 99. 5 95. 0 94. 5 93. 5 93. 9 95. 6			

^{1.} Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

^{2.} Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.
3. Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.
4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1955 - Concluded

	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts						
Form of organization and size of business			Salaries ¹ and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses		
		\$	%	%	%	%	90		
Unincorporated Companies									
All plants	869	35,564	40.6	5.2	12.0	26. 2	84. 0		
Less than \$7,500 \$7,500 to \$9,999	32 34	5, 427 8, 473	22. 0 21. 9	13.0	15.7 12.1	26. 4 23. 8	77. 1 68. 1		
\$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 to \$19,999	117	12, 145 17, 296	28.3	8.2	12. 4	24. 4 26. 8	73.3		
\$20,000 to \$29,999 \$30,000 to \$49,999	197 220	24, 790 37, 753	37. 0 40. 5	6. 2	12. 4	26. 1 25. 9	81.7 83.8		
\$50,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 and over	138	67, 836 162, 319	43. 1 47. 5	4.6	11.6	26.6 26.8	85. 9 89. 1		

^{1.} Not including salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated firms.

TABLE 19. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants - Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1955

	No.		OI	perating expe	enses as % of	total receip	ts
Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Salaries 1 and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
Incorporated Companies	X	\$ //	%	%	%	%	%
Can ada	336	118, 539	51. 1	3. 6	10. 6	29. 7	95. 0
Newfoundland	3 2	129,625	49.7	3.9	10.7	29. 4	93.7
Nova Scotia. New Brunswick. Quebec. Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia 2	23 5 68 141 20 15 19 38	73, 863 47, 260 136, 498 118, 782 212, 780 94, 774 109, 309 84, 272	48. 4 46. 8 48. 7 51. 4 56. 4 49. 2 52. 6 51. 1	5. 0 5. 6 3. 7 2. 5 3. 4 2. 6 4. 0	10.6 13.3 10.1 10.6 11.6 10.0 11.0	31. 1 25. 0 29. 6 30. 5 26. 0 33. 7 28. 2 29. 1	95. 3 90. 7 92. 1 96. 2 96. 5 96. 3 94. 8
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	869	35,564	40. 6	5. 2	12.0	26. 2	84. 0
Newfoundland	3 7	27, 242	29. 0	5. 7	11. 7	26.0	72.4
Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec	22 28 150	24, 651 40, 368 39, 818	38. 5 37. 3 43. 3	7. 1 6. 4 5. 8	11. 6 10. 9 12. 3	23. 8 25. 0 26. 1	81. 0 79. 6 87. 5
Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia 2	380 33 69 98 79	37, 439 25, 215 26, 864 34, 337 34, 300	40. 8 36. 5 38. 2 40. 1 39. 6	5. 0 6. 4 6. 3 3. 8 5. 0	12. 1 14. 2 10. 9 11. 9	27. 2 24. 9 24. 2 25. 8 25. 0	85. 1 82. 0 79. 6 81. 6

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

TABLE 20. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1955

City	No. of plants	Receipts				No. of paid employees		Salaries
		Cleaning ²	Laundry 3	All other4	Total receipts	Male	Female	and wages
		\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. John's 1	5	589, 142	_	6	589, 142	73	82	329, 820
Halifax 1	10	1,066,076	6	6	1,066,076	130	145	542, 95
Sydney	5	253, 730	-	_	253, 730	25	36	103,09
Saint John 1	5	384, 536	6	6	384, 536	27	53	138, 70
Montreal 1	55	5, 723, 645	724, 026	998, 895	7, 446, 566	855	791	3, 800, 94
Quebec 1	17	1, 298, 882	132, 562	110, 267	1,541,711	201	144	615, 62
Sherbrooke	5	359, 349	6	6	359, 349	39	50	188, 08
Three Rivers	8	571, 690	89,740	39, 497	700,927	85	80	308, 11
Brantford	9	517, 575	5	203, 922	721, 497	62	107	376.93
Fort William	7	396, 444	6	6	396, 444	53	57	220, 04
Hamilton 1	24	2, 055, 456	229, 088	181, 142	2, 465, 686	194	424	1, 202, 19
Kingston	7	562, 160	6	6	562, 160	84	69	282, 83
Kitchener	8	399, 337	5	48, 952	448, 289	29	56	225, 71
London 1	12	837, 363	98, 202	40, 319	975, 884	98	152	468, 16
Oshawa	9	263, 470	6	6	263, 470	14	54	96, 33
Ottawa (including Hull)1	24	1, 901, 195	368, 788	222, 959	2, 492, 942	198	380	1, 185, 99
Peterborough	6	273, 657	6	6	273, 657	18	41	120,09
St. Catharines	10	360, 398	5	8, 137	368, 535	41	39	186,04
Sarnia	5	279, 270	12,763	_	292, 033	22	38	115, 53
Sault Ste. Marie	6	277, 579	6	6	277, 579	17	59	121,73
Sudbury	11	494, 720	6	6	494,720	42	74	199,00
Toronto 1	101	8, 831, 741	1,155,316	989, 191	10, 976, 248	1,006	1,352	5, 390, 90
Windsor ¹	24	1, 261, 012	45, 138	23, 463	1, 329, 613	112	190	629, 19
Winnipeg 1	25	2, 851, 308	863, 768	183, 242	3, 898, 318	371	573	2, 194, 92
Regina	13	961, 670	6	6	961,670	81	118	497, 04
Saskatoon	12	765, 914	5	64, 494	830, 408	60	110	361,72
Calgary 1	26	1, 212, 314	5	186, 347	1, 398, 661	74	247	666, 75
Edmonton 1	32	2, 178, 856	211, 249	81,740	2, 471, 845	159	413	1, 179, 81
Vancouver ¹	49	2, 976, 485	298, 637	176, 272	3, 451, 394	223	482	1, 621, 14
Victoria 1	10	668, 382	5	54, 582	722, 964	50	134	382, 45

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 Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.
 Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale, commercial and industrial.
 Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.
 Included in all other.
 Included in cleaning.

