

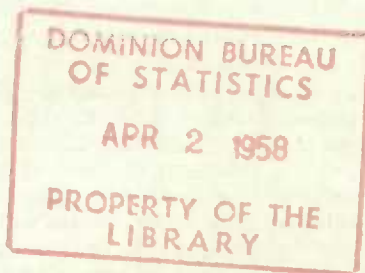
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LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

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SECTION I - 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 dry 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.

Receipts of 1,646 power laundries, dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1956 amounted to \$137,400,931, 10 per cent higher than receipts reported by 1,511 establishments in 1955. Receipts increased substantially in all provinces. The largest percentage increase (13 per cent) was registered for Alberta and the smallest (5 per cent) for Nova Scotia.

Power laundries and dry cleaning and dyeing plants employed 31,453 persons in 1956. These employees were paid \$65,711,730 in salaries and wages in comparison with \$60,951,914 paid to 29,900 persons in 1955.

In 1956, power laundries obtained 82 per cent of the total laundry revenue. This percentage was smaller than in 1955 by 2 per cent, raising the share of dry cleaners to 18 per cent in 1956. Dry cleaners obtained 85 per cent of the total dry cleaning revenue and laundries received 15 per cent, practically the same proportions as in 1955 when dry cleaners obtained 86 per cent and laundries 14 per cent.

Of the total dry cleaning revenue, 72 per cent was obtained by 973 establishments using petroleum solvents, 25 per cent by 488 establishments using synthetic solvents and 3 per cent by 14 establishments using both processes. Omitted from this revenue is the dry cleaning revenue of power laundries that have cleaning work done by dry cleaning plants.

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners and Dyers, by Provinces, 1956/1955

Province	Percentage Change 1956/1955	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 8.9	+ 10.0
Newfoundland	+ 9.1	} + 12.5
Prince Edward Island.....	1	
Nova Scotia	+ 3.3	+ 5.2
New Brunswick.....	+ 6.5	+ 8.1
Quebec.....	+ 12.2	+ 8.9
Ontario	+ 10.1	+ 11.5
Manitoba	+ 8.2	} + 6.2
Saskatchewan	+ 5.3	
Alberta	+ 7.9	+ 12.9
British Columbia ²	+ 4.9	+ 9.6

1. Unchanged.
2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930, 1933, 1937, 1941, 1945 to 1956

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	22,695,880
1933	411	10,528	7,882,389	1,399,646	15,239,981
1937	418	12,551	10,171,710	2,259,265	20,343,152
1941	600	18,398	16,246,296	3,782,530	32,495,470
1945	602	21,379	22,499,459	4,668,779	44,081,170
1946	690	23,554	26,260,679	5,577,433	51,148,159
1947	774	24,856	30,501,536	6,601,626	59,043,678
1948	1,081	25,876	35,877,556	8,538,717	71,981,944
1949 ²	1,237	27,126	40,515,431	9,425,121	81,234,045
1950	1,242	27,760	42,681,128	10,190,246	86,836,564
1951	1,298	28,012	46,098,636	3	96,851,857
1952	1,298	28,738	51,644,977	12,854,124	105,331,139
1953	1,339	29,398	55,700,197	13,766,346	113,150,240
1954	1,406	29,239	58,148,357	12,201,103	117,736,073
1955	1,511	29,900	60,951,914	12,924,524	124,933,593
1956	1,646	31,453	65,711,730	14,895,305	137,400,931

1. Excluding cost of linen from 1954.

2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

3. 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.

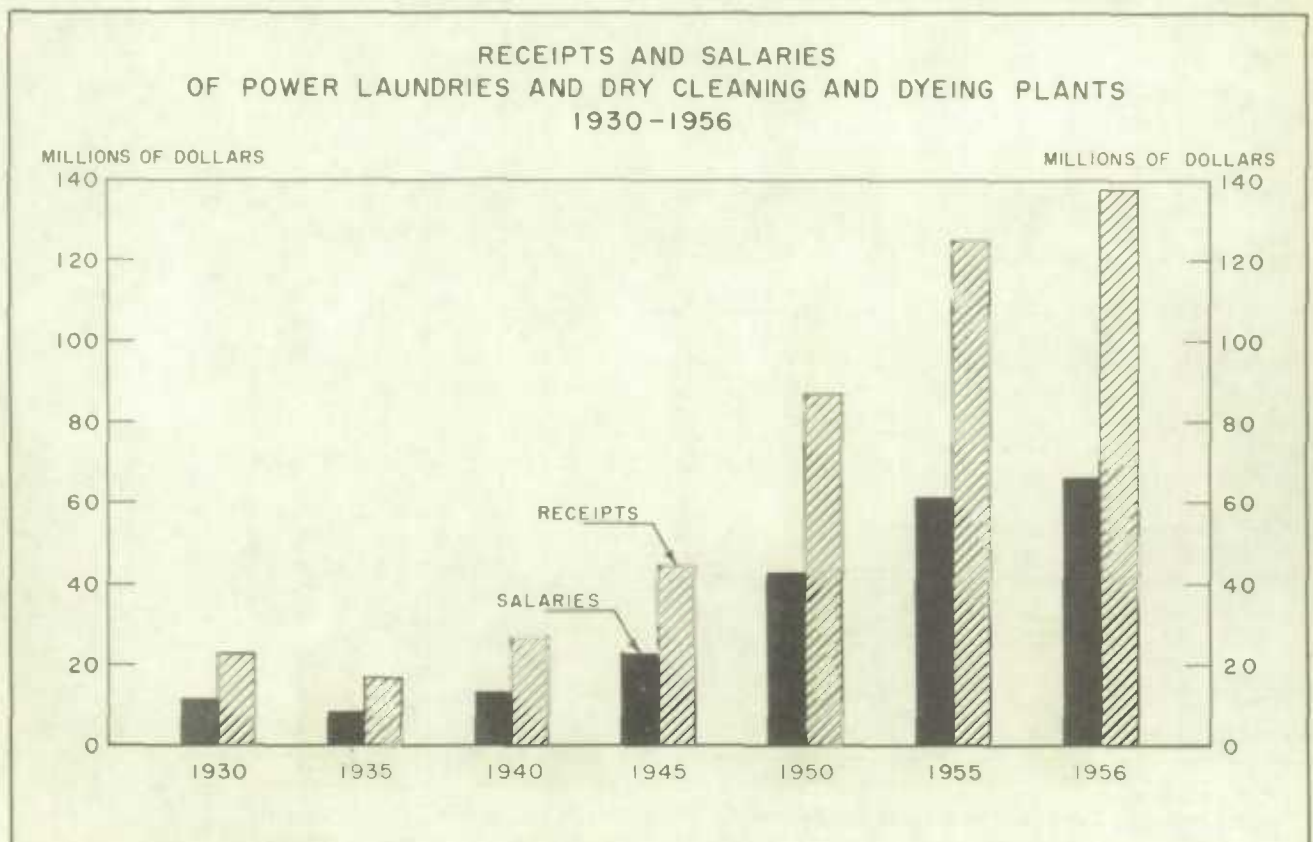


TABLE 2. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1956

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	1,646	1,422	11,595	19,858	\$ 65,711,730	\$ 14,895,305	\$ 137,400,931
Newfoundland	12	12	160	208	717,133	169,869	1,602,263
Prince Edward Island	11						
Nova Scotia	62	29	435	633	1,888,724	458,108	3,902,928
New Brunswick	49	36	245	562	1,296,944	352,891	2,910,509
Quebec	331	276	3,815	4,572	17,076,953	3,749,257	34,627,974
Ontario	695	636	4,293	7,920	25,781,440	5,756,779	54,573,822
Manitoba	66	145	951	1,892	5,660,196	1,492,566	12,312,223
Saskatchewan	99						
Alberta	151	156	612	1,629	4,825,872	1,116,714	10,276,705
British Columbia ²	170	132	1,084	2,442	8,464,468	1,799,121	17,194,507

- 1. Unincorporated Firms only.
- 2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories

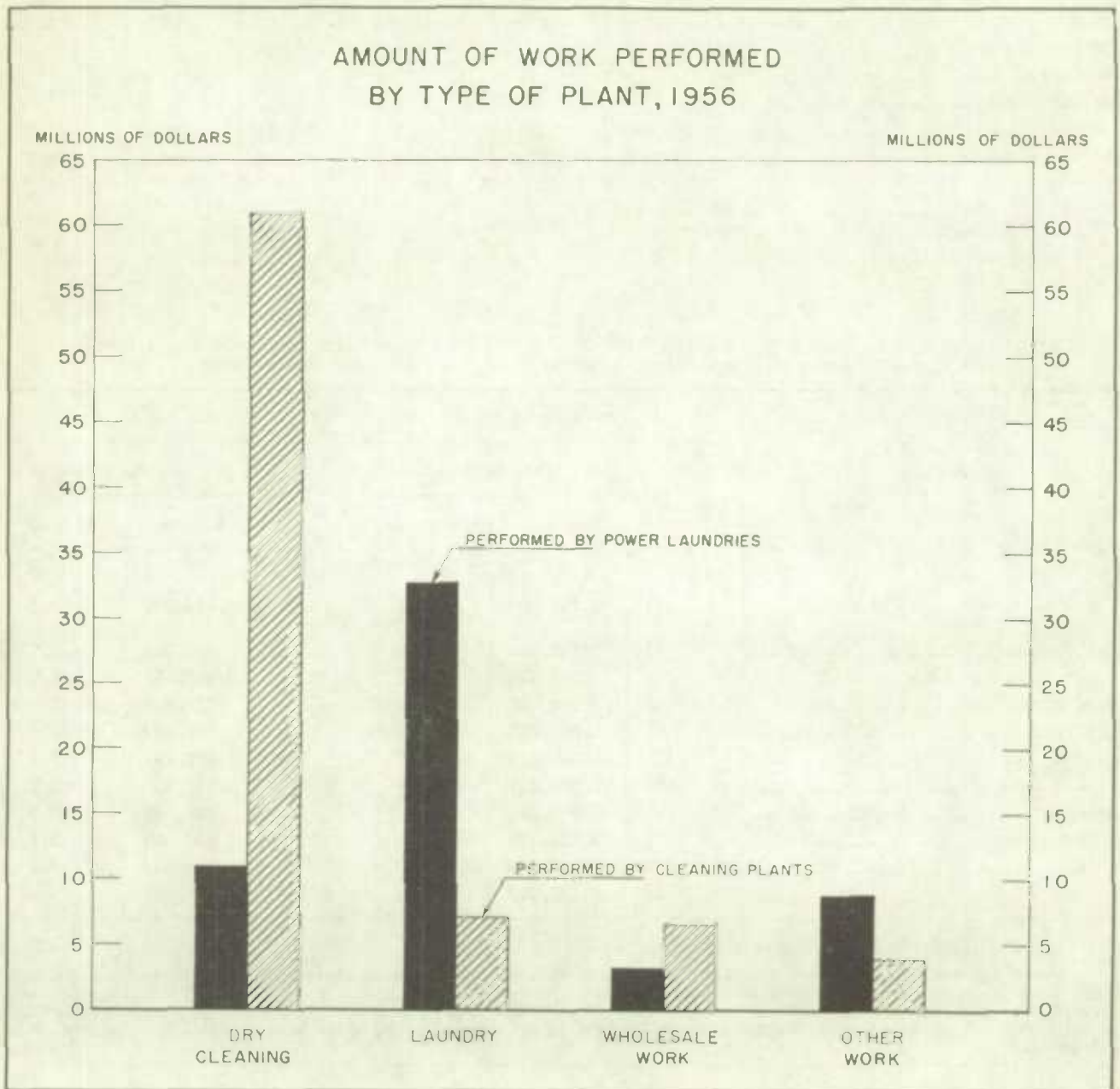


TABLE 3. Percentage Distribution of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Receipts, by Type of Establishment and by Provinces, 1956

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	42,954,559	82.3	17.7	78,482,987	14.6	85.4
Newfoundland	} 457,795	74.1	25.9	1,128,126	2.4	97.6
Prince Edward Island						
Nova Scotia	1,395,182	89.9	10.1	2,423,953	11.0	89.0
New Brunswick	1,058,318	85.1	14.9	1,804,625	22.8	77.2
Quebec	12,376,182	87.3	12.7	17,172,701	17.5	82.5
Ontario	14,912,895	79.1	20.9	32,896,954	10.5	89.5
Manitoba	} 3,871,620	63.7	36.3	7,727,828	6.3	93.7
Saskatchewan						
Alberta	2,802,843	78.7	21.3	6,661,624	15.8	84.2
British Columbia ²	6,079,724	92.0	8.0	8,667,176	31.3	68.7

1. Including wholesale, commercial and industrial.
2. 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, 1956

Province	Petroleum only			Synthetic only		
	No. of plants	Dry cleaning receipts		No. of plants	Dry cleaning receipts	
		Amount	% of total		Amount	% of total
		\$			\$	
Canada	973	56,242,970	72.0	488	19,174,028	24.6
Newfoundland	5	471,960	58.5	4	247,555	30.7
Prince Edward Island	4	149,458	47.3	5	166,192	52.7
Nova Scotia	39	1,291,468	53.4	16	721,752	29.9
New Brunswick	35	1,506,467	83.5	8	298,156	16.5
Quebec	171	12,044,129	71.9	103	4,669,897	27.9
Ontario	368	22,002,964	66.6	256	9,816,681	29.7
Manitoba	41	3,358,232	77.2	19	594,840	13.7
Saskatchewan	78	2,814,135	85.1	17	448,829	13.6
Alberta	116	5,893,874	89.9	22	664,502	10.1
British Columbia ¹	116	6,710,283	77.1	38	1,545,624	17.8

1. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Note: The receipts shown in this table do not agree with receipts shown in Table 3 because the receipts of plants using both types of solvents and the receipts of power laundries that have cleaning work done by cleaning plants are omitted. The percentage distribution of receipts between petroleum using plants and synthetic using plants does not add to 100% because the receipts of plants using both types of solvents are included in the total on which the distribution is calculated.

SECTION II - POWER LAUNDRIES

Receipts reported for the year 1956 by 308 power laundries amounted to \$58,873,728, a gain of 9 per cent in comparison with the \$54,199,647 reported for 1955 by 306 establishments. Receipts increased in all regions of the country with the exception of Saskatchewan where a fractional decrease (0.3 per cent) was recorded. The greatest gain, 49 per cent, was registered for Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island combined. The increases in the other regions varied between 1 and 11 per cent.

Of the total value of work performed by power laundries in 1956, 55.5 per cent was from laundry, 18.5 per cent from dry cleaning, 5.5 per cent from wholesale laundry and dry cleaning, 14.7 per cent from coat and towel rentals and 5.8 per cent from all other services. These percentages did not change appreciably from 1955.

A division of power laundries by size of business indicates that 73 per cent of the total receipts

was handled by 87 plants whose volume of business was \$200,000 or more, another 16 per cent was handled by 66 plants whose volume ranged from \$100,000 to \$199,999 and the balance (11 per cent) was handled by 155 plants whose volume did not exceed \$99,999.

Power laundries employed 14,514 persons in 1956 who drew \$30,090,800 in salaries and wages as compared with 13,991 persons who drew \$28,078,112 in 1955. These figures indicate that the average earnings per employee increased from \$2,007 in 1955 to \$2,073 in 1956.

Operating expenses of power laundries amounted to \$53,636,571 in 1956, representing 91.1 per cent of the total receipts. This ratio was smaller than in 1955 by 1.3 per cent which was the net result of gains realized in the costs of salaries and wages, fuel and electricity, other unspecified expenses, and a loss in the cost of materials and supplies.

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, by Provinces,
1956/1955**

Province	Percentage change 1956/1955	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 0.7	+ 8.6
Newfoundland	1	} + 49.3
Prince Edward Island	1	
Nova Scotia	- 6.7	+ 8.6
New Brunswick	1	+ 1.1
Quebec	+ 1.3	+ 7.7
Ontario	+ 3.6	+ 10.6
Manitoba	- 12.5	+ 3.7
Saskatchewan	- 10.0	- 0.3
Alberta	1	+ 6.3
British Columbia ²	1	+ 9.7

1. Unchanged.

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-1956

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	14,379,919
1932.....	243	8,292	6,482,339	1,065,905	12,297,061
1933.....	239	7,616	5,501,305	896,954	10,373,890
1934.....	235	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	19,816,395
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	15,357,072	3,560,120	30,459,393
1948.....	294	13,923	18,737,302	4,133,029	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
1951.....	317	14,079	22,248,517	3	44,053,442
1952.....	307	13,922	24,496,053	6,143,769	46,852,690
1953.....	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
1956.....	308	14,514	30,090,800	5,738,133	58,873,728

1. Excluding linen cost from 1954.

2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

3. Not available.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1955 and 1956

Item	1955	1956	% change 1956/1955
Plants reporting.....	No. 306	308	+ 0.7
Total receipts.....	\$ 54,199,647	58,873,728	+ 8.6
Average receipts per plant.....	\$ 177,123	191,148	+ 7.9
Estimated population of Canada.....	No. 15,601,000	16,081,000	+ 3.1
Receipts per capita.....	\$ 3.47	3.66	+ 5.4
Plants per 100,000 population.....	No. 2.0	1.9	- 5.0
Paid employees:			
Total.....	No. 13,991	14,514	+ 3.7
Male.....	" 4,443	4,584	+ 3.2
Female.....	" 9,548	9,930	+ 4.0
Total salaries and wages.....	\$ 28,078,112	30,090,800	+ 7.2
Percentage of total receipts.....	% 51.8	51.1	
Average salary or wage per employee.....	\$ 2,007	2,073	+ 3.3
Total cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 2,366,447	2,443,973	+ 3.3
Percentage of total receipts.....	% 4.4	4.2	
Cost of materials and supplies used.....	\$ 4,994,234	5,738,133	+14.9
Percentage of total receipts.....	% 9.2	9.7	
All other operating expenses.....	\$ 14,665,859	15,363,665	+ 4.8
Percentage of total receipts.....	% 27.0	26.1	
Total expenses.....	\$ 50,104,652	53,636,571	+ 7.0
Percentage of total receipts.....	% 92.4	91.1	

TABLE 7. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1956

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	308	164	4,584	9,930	\$ 30,090,800	\$ 5,738,133	\$ 58,873,728
Newfoundland	3	}	34	74	162,351	32,401	366,610
Prince Edward Island	2		—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	14	4	148	323	770,239	167,520	1,595,386
New Brunswick	13	6	118	301	666,646	157,702	1,339,979
Quebec	79	65	1,738	2,885	9,245,679	1,753,315	17,826,785
Ontario	114	57	1,411	3,498	10,114,492	1,815,185	19,847,552
Manitoba	7	2	148	390	1,005,244	197,124	1,966,308
Saskatchewan	9	1	74	237	672,326	153,807	1,328,742
Alberta	23	10	240	681	1,934,873	404,132	3,888,583
British Columbia ²	44	19	673	1,541	5,518,950	1,056,947	10,713,783

1. Unincorporated Firms only.

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries — Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1956

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		Coat and towel rentals		All other ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	\$ 32,687,301	55.5	\$ 10,887,436	18.5	\$ 3,224,099	5.5	\$ 8,652,613	14.7	\$ 3,422,279	5.8	\$ 58,873,728	100.0
Newfoundland.....	} 339,322	92.6	27,288	7.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	366,610	100.0
Prince Edward Island												
Nova Scotia	1,184,560	74.2	266,012	16.7	s	s	s	s	5,750	0.4	1,595,386	100.0
New Brunswick	900,677	67.2	410,816	30.7	—	—	s	s	s	s	1,339,979	100.0
Quebec	9,906,735	55.6	2,925,275	16.4	987,462	5.5	2,391,129	13.4	1,616,184	9.1	17,826,785	100.0
Ontario	10,584,689	53.3	3,294,276	16.6	1,386,973	7.0	3,016,707	15.2	1,564,907	7.9	19,847,552	100.0
Manitoba	1,181,775	60.1	263,328	13.4	s	s	s	s	16,853	0.9	1,966,308	100.0
Saskatchewan	1,078,231	81.1	219,754	16.5	s	s	—	—	s	s	1,328,742	100.0
Alberta	2,058,340	52.9	1,052,107	27.1	s	s	s	s	s	s	3,888,583	100.0
British Columbia ⁴	5,452,972	50.9	2,428,580	22.7	427,511	4.0	2,212,818	20.6	191,902	1.8	10,713,783	100.0

1. Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.

2. Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

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

4. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

5. Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.

TABLE 9. Power Laundries, Classified by Size of Business, 1955 and 1956

Size of business	1955				1956			
	No. of plants	Receipts			No. of plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
All plants	306	\$ 54,199,647	100.0	177,123	308	\$ 58,873,728	100.0	191,148
Less than \$20,000	59	641,842	1.2	10,879	51	554,967	1.0	10,882
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20	497,916	0.9	24,896	21	522,566	0.9	24,884
\$30,000 to \$49,999	31	1,241,147	2.3	40,037	27	1,063,152	1.8	39,376
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	3,595,669	6.6	71,913	56	4,016,444	6.8	71,722
\$100,000 to \$199,999	64	9,136,799	16.9	142,762	66	9,663,523	16.4	146,417
\$200,000 and over	82	39,086,274	72.1	476,661	87	43,053,076	73.1	494,863

TABLE 10. Power Laundries — Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1956

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
All plants.....	179	290,893	52.0	3.9	9.6	26.1	91.6
Less than \$20,000.....	5	14,121	61.6	9.0	9.0	35.4	115.0
\$20,000 to \$29,999.....	4	24,433	48.4	8.0	8.1	34.2	98.7
\$30,000 to \$49,999.....	9	41,535	52.6	7.9	12.6	22.1	95.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	25	74,132	52.5	8.4	9.0	25.6	95.5
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	53	146,423	52.6	5.3	10.1	24.0	92.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999.....	33	250,308	58.2	4.3	10.4	22.1	95.0
\$300,000 and over.....	50	673,359	50.3	3.0	9.3	27.7	90.3
Unincorporated Companies							
All plants.....	129	52,743	44.4	6.7	10.8	25.8	87.7
Less than \$10,000.....	25	7,554	29.2	13.6	11.1	22.5	76.4
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....	21	14,744	36.5	11.7	11.3	26.2	85.7
\$20,000 to \$29,999.....	17	24,990	36.5	9.8	12.7	20.2	79.2
\$30,000 to \$49,999.....	18	38,296	41.6	9.8	12.6	21.6	85.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	31	69,779	43.8	7.1	10.7	26.2	87.8
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	13	146,393	45.6	4.9	11.2	25.9	87.6
\$200,000 and over.....	4	281,233	52.6	3.8	8.6	29.9	94.9

TABLE 11. Power Laundries — Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1956

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada.....	179	290,893	52.0	3.9	9.6	26.1	91.6
Newfoundland.....	3	73,322	44.3	10.2	8.8	30.3	93.6
Prince Edward Island.....	2						
Nova Scotia.....	10	133,901	50.0	6.7	10.4	29.0	96.1
New Brunswick.....	7	168,874	50.9	6.1	12.2	24.6	93.8
Quebec.....	35	427,775	53.3	3.9	9.5	24.9	91.6
Ontario.....	65	265,323	51.8	4.0	9.0	26.5	91.3
Manitoba.....	5	292,217	51.1	3.9	10.7	25.8	91.5
Saskatchewan.....	6						
Alberta.....	15	249,100	50.1	2.6	10.4	26.4	89.5
British Columbia ¹	31	323,003	51.9	2.9	9.9	27.0	91.7
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada.....	129	52,743	44.4	6.7	10.8	25.8	87.7
Newfoundland.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia.....	4	64,094	39.5	7.0	10.9	20.8	78.2
New Brunswick.....	6	26,310	41.3	9.5	8.3	19.3	78.4
Quebec.....	44	64,878	44.0	6.1	11.7	26.2	88.0
Ontario.....	49	53,093	45.3	6.4	10.5	27.0	89.2
Manitoba.....	2	16,132	43.4	9.0	9.2	15.4	77.0
Saskatchewan.....	3						
Alberta.....	8	19,011	40.1	6.3	10.9	21.3	78.6
British Columbia ¹	13	53,897	46.0	8.8	8.8	25.5	89.1

1. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 12. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities¹, 1956

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Laundry ²	Cleaning ³	Coat and towel rentals	All other ⁴	Total	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
Halifax	5	808,133	s	s	90,463	898,596	71	170	416,608
Saint John	4	548,911	s	s	261,307	810,218	77	186	432,515
Montreal	39	8,226,939	1,932,575	2,179,513	1,595,451	13,934,478	1,393	2,118	7,371,640
Quebec	5	1,037,571	s	-	408,782	1,446,353	123	383	791,039
Hamilton	11	922,924	231,534	s	1,445,046	2,599,504	189	321	997,935
London	3	497,184	s	s	1,069,557	1,566,741	96	245	759,503
Ottawa	6	905,092	s	s	419,576	1,324,668	77	259	694,238
Toronto	33	5,247,977	698,485	2,012,705	56,583	8,015,750	586	1,484	4,297,472
Windsor	6	637,985	s	s	334,186	972,171	68	180	515,091
Winnipeg	5	1,347,184	263,328	s	346,205	1,956,717	148	388	1,003,855
Calgary	6	972,037	499,507	-	-	1,471,544	92	245	709,505
Edmonton	6	746,210	s	s	820,509	1,566,719	94	253	752,270
Vancouver	13	3,314,941	1,618,627	1,823,076	163,714	6,920,358	415	917	3,470,314
Victoria	4	733,392	s	s	485,713	1,219,105	111	185	738,590

1. Metropolitan 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 1956 there was a gain of 11 per cent in both number and receipts of dry cleaning and dyeing plants as compared with 1955. The number of plants increased to 1,338 from 1,205 and receipts to \$78,527,203 from \$70,733,946. The average receipts per plant remained practically unchanged from 1955, being \$58,700 in 1955 and \$58,690 in 1956. All provinces recorded increases in dollar volume of business over 1955. The greatest gains, 17 and 15 per cent, were registered respectively for Alberta and New Brunswick.

Receipts by source, expressed as percentages of the total, were as follows: dry cleaning 77.6 per cent, laundry 9.0 per cent, wholesale laundry and dry cleaning 8.4 per cent and all other sources 5.0 per cent. For the year 1955 these percentages were 79.3, 8.2, 7.4 and 5.1 per cent respectively.

Of the 1,338 dry cleaning and dyeing plants operating in 1956, 154 plants whose volume of business was \$100,000 or more obtained 46 per cent of the total receipts, 291 plants whose volume of

business ranged from \$50,000 to \$99,999 obtained 25 per cent of total receipts and another 325 plants whose volume ranged from \$30,000 to \$49,999 obtained 16 per cent of the total. The remaining 13 per cent was obtained by 568 plants whose volume of business was less than \$30,000.

There were 16,939 persons employed in this industry during 1956 who earned \$35,620,930 in salaries and wages. Employees earned an average of \$2,103 during 1956 as compared with \$2,066 in 1955.

Operating expenses of dry cleaning and dyeing plants formed 90.4 per cent of the total receipts in 1956 as compared with 90.2 per cent in 1955. This slightly larger ratio of operating expenses was caused by an increase in the ratio of cost of materials and supplies and in the ratio of all other expenses. Salaries and wages formed a smaller percentage of total receipts than in 1955 but the gain was not quite enough to compensate for the above noted increases, while the percentage of cost of fuel and electricity remained unchanged.

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants,
by Provinces, 1956/1955**

Province	Percentage change 1956/1955	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	%	%
Canada	+ 11.0	+ 11.0
Newfoundland	+ 12.5	+ 5.4
Prince Edward Island	1	+ 3.0
Nova Scotia	+ 6.7	+ 3.0
New Brunswick	+ 9.1	+ 14.9
Quebec	+ 16.1	+ 10.1
Ontario	+ 11.5	+ 12.1
Manitoba	+ 11.3	+ 10.9
Saskatchewan	+ 7.1	+ 3.1
Alberta	+ 9.4	+ 17.4
British Columbia ²	+ 6.8	+ 9.6

1. Unchanged.

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-1956

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	157	2,965	2,961,759	618,014	6,144,765
1932	166	2,878	2,538,102	521,680	5,005,718
1933	172	2,912	2,381,084	502,692	4,866,091
1934	175	2,983	2,526,815	517,812	5,014,107
1935	179	3,108	2,671,476	620,535	5,327,883
1936	191	3,643	3,112,452	709,793	6,304,537
1937	193	3,976	3,492,712	856,192	7,179,374
1938	230	4,320	3,890,227	999,999	7,994,123
1939	268	4,995	4,284,126	1,034,952	8,658,729
1940	300	5,474	4,956,024	1,156,454	10,056,735
1941	363	6,554	6,125,635	1,433,790	12,678,275
1942	365	6,990	6,969,167	1,453,234	14,353,064
1943	362	7,388	7,865,795	1,518,897	15,218,369
1944	399	7,732	8,212,917	1,694,284	16,886,713
1945	385	8,147	8,847,948	1,951,752	18,618,074
1946	452	9,880	11,613,011	2,503,762	23,720,940
1947	530	10,906	14,144,464	3,041,506	28,584,285
1948	787	11,953	17,140,254	4,400,688	36,620,948
1949 ²	905	12,886	20,107,095	4,939,685	42,574,449
1950	919	13,450	21,704,698	5,378,564	46,249,622
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
1956	1,338	16,939	35,620,930	9,157,172	78,527,203

1. Excluding cost of linen from 1954.

2. Including Newfoundland from 1949.

3. Not available.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating Results, 1955 and 1956

Item	1955	1956	% change 1956/1955
Plants reporting No.	1,205	1,338	+ 11.0
Total receipts \$	70,733,946	78,527,203	+ 11.0
Average receipts per plant \$	58,700	58,690	1
Estimated population of Canada No.	15,601,000	16,081,000	+ 3.1
Receipts per capita \$	4.53	4.88	+ 7.7
Plants per 100,000 population No.	7.7	8.3	+ 7.8
Paid employees:			
Total No.	15,909	16,939	+ 6.5
Male "	6,688	7,011	+ 4.8
Female "	9,221	9,928	+ 7.7
Total salaries and wages \$	32,873,802	35,620,930	+ 8.4
Percentage of total receipts %	46.5	45.4	
Average salary or wage per employee \$	2,066	2,103	+ 1.8
Total cost of fuel and electricity \$	3,052,339	3,377,311	+ 10.6
Percentage of total receipts %	4.3	4.3	
Cost of materials and supplies used \$	7,930,290	9,157,172	+ 15.5
Percentage of total receipts %	11.2	11.6	
All other operating expenses \$	19,932,665	22,852,447	+ 14.6
Percentage of total receipts %	28.2	29.1	
Total expenses \$	63,789,096	71,007,860	+ 11.3
Percentage of total receipts %	90.2	90.4	

1. Less than 0.05 per cent.

TABLE 15. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1956

Province	No. of plants	Total ¹ working proprietors	Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
					\$	\$	\$
Canada	1,338	1,258	7,011	9,928	35,620,930	9,157,172	78,527,203
Newfoundland	9	3	97	107	443,784	102,468	906,694
Prince Edward Island	9	9	29	27	110,998	35,000	328,959
Nova Scotia	48	25	287	310	1,118,485	290,588	2,307,542
New Brunswick	36	30	127	261	630,298	195,189	1,570,530
Quebec	252	211	2,077	1,687	7,831,274	1,995,942	16,801,189
Ontario	581	579	2,882	4,422	15,666,948	3,941,594	34,726,270
Manitoba	59	54	487	829	2,588,842	774,639	5,640,114
Saskatchewan	90	88	242	436	1,393,784	366,996	3,377,059
Alberta	128	146	372	948	2,890,999	712,582	6,388,122
British Columbia ²	126	113	411	901	2,945,518	742,174	6,480,724

1. Unincorporated firms only.

2. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1956

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

Province	Cleaning ¹		Laundry ²		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		All other ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Canada	60,939,365	77.6	7,063,859	9.0	6,635,486	8.4	3,888,493	5.0	78,527,203	100.0
Newfoundland	785,188	86.6	5	5	—	—	5	5	906,694	100.0
Prince Edward Island	315,650	96.0	5	5	—	—	5	5	328,959	100.0
Nova Scotia	2,143,165	92.9	140,558	6.1	15,776	0.7	8,043	0.3	2,307,542	100.0
New Brunswick	1,393,809	88.8	5	5	—	—	5	5	1,570,530	100.0
Quebec	11,749,840	69.9	1,558,670	9.3	2,420,901	14.4	1,071,778	6.4	16,801,189	100.0
Ontario	26,772,619	77.1	2,738,175	7.9	3,033,117	8.7	2,182,359	6.3	34,726,270	100.0
Manitoba	3,978,376	70.5	1,103,162	19.6	286,252	5.1	272,324	4.8	5,640,114	100.0
Saskatchewan	3,017,067	89.3	191,920	5.7	74,583	2.2	93,489	2.8	3,377,059	100.0
Alberta	5,428,580	85.0	578,269	9.0	199,082	3.1	182,191	2.9	6,388,122	100.0
British Columbia ⁴	5,355,071	82.6	476,991	7.4	605,775	9.3	42,887	0.7	6,480,724	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. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

5. Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Classified by Size of Business, 1955 and 1956

Size of business	1955				1956			
	No. of plants	Receipts			No. of plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
All plants	1,205	70,733,946	100.0	58,700	1,338	78,527,203	100.0	58,690
Less than \$15,000	187	1,933,271	2.7	10,338	219	2,191,117	2.8	10,005
\$15,000 to \$19,999	112	1,939,811	2.8	17,320	121	2,109,734	2.7	17,436
\$20,000 to \$29,999	223	5,535,457	7.8	24,823	228	5,609,542	7.1	24,603
\$30,000 to \$49,999	285	10,888,892	15.4	38,207	325	12,495,058	15.9	38,446
\$50,000 to \$99,999	261	17,901,504	25.3	68,588	291	20,009,857	25.5	68,762
\$100,000 and over	137	32,535,011	46.0	237,482	154	36,111,895	46.0	234,493

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1956

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
			%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies		\$	%	%	%	%	%
All plants	377	117,170	49.6	3.7	11.3	30.7	95.3
Less than \$15,000	7	11,981	42.9	8.3	17.6	29.5	98.3
\$15,000 to \$19,999	9	17,841	47.0	5.8	14.2	29.0	96.0
\$20,000 to \$29,999	40	25,348	49.7	6.3	13.6	28.1	97.7
\$30,000 to \$49,999	74	39,884	47.4	4.9	12.6	29.2	94.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	129	71,896	48.6	4.3	11.7	28.9	93.5
\$100,000 to \$199,999	64	135,409	50.6	3.5	12.0	27.3	93.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999	27	247,238	50.6	3.0	11.2	30.4	95.2
\$300,000 and over	27	568,416	49.7	3.2	10.2	34.4	97.5

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1956 – Concluded

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Unincorporated Companies							
All plants	961	35,748	39.9	5.1	12.2	27.0	84.2
Less than \$7,500	44	4,944	21.3	12.2	17.3	25.5	76.3
\$7,500 to \$9,999	57	8,710	23.2	9.8	13.6	28.9	75.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	111	12,551	28.1	8.3	12.4	27.6	76.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999	112	17,403	31.4	6.6	12.9	27.9	78.8
\$20,000 to \$29,999	188	24,445	36.5	6.1	12.3	27.1	82.0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	251	38,022	38.5	5.0	12.4	27.0	82.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	162	66,267	42.8	4.6	11.8	26.2	85.4
\$100,000 and over	36	150,641	47.5	3.6	11.4	28.3	90.8

TABLE 19. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1956

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	%	%	%	%	%
Incorporated Companies							
Canada	377	117,170	49.6	3.7	11.3	30.7	95.3
Newfoundland	6	141,696	50.0	3.7	11.2	30.8	95.7
Prince Edward Island	3	59,358	37.1	6.2	11.8	46.8	101.9
Nova Scotia	26	65,978	52.4	5.2	12.6	25.4	95.6
New Brunswick	10	85,578	42.3	5.2	13.3	34.1	94.9
Quebec	73	132,303	49.7	3.9	11.0	31.5	96.1
Ontario	157	117,519	50.1	3.7	10.7	31.1	95.6
Manitoba	20	226,530	47.6	3.0	13.9	30.4	94.9
Saskatchewan	17	92,769	46.8	3.4	10.0	35.1	95.3
Alberta	29	112,649	50.8	2.3	11.1	28.7	92.9
British Columbia ¹	36	85,852	51.1	3.7	11.6	27.2	93.6
Unincorporated Companies							
Canada	961	35,748	39.9	5.1	12.2	27.0	84.2
Newfoundland	3	18,840	33.5	6.8	11.9	21.7	73.9
Prince Edward Island	6	25,148	29.7	6.7	9.3	22.5	68.2
Nova Scotia	22	26,915	37.1	6.9	12.6	24.5	81.1
New Brunswick	26	27,490	37.5	7.8	11.4	27.2	83.9
Quebec	179	39,905	42.4	5.5	13.1	26.7	87.7
Ontario	424	38,386	39.5	4.9	12.1	28.1	84.6
Manitoba	39	28,449	38.9	6.0	13.0	23.3	81.2
Saskatchewan	73	24,657	36.4	6.0	11.7	25.2	79.3
Alberta	99	31,528	39.5	4.0	11.2	26.6	81.3
British Columbia ¹	90	37,667	40.3	4.9	11.3	25.8	82.3

1. Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 20. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1956

City	No. of plants	Receipts				No. of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning ²	Laundry ³	All other ⁴	Total	Male	Female	
		\$	\$	\$	\$			\$
St. Johns ¹	5	602,125	6	6	602,125	73	73	327,739
Halifax ¹	11	1,004,121	6	—	1,004,121	133	133	577,487
Sydney	6	318,755	—	—	318,755	29	42	128,040
Saint John ¹	5	369,524	6	6	369,524	22	48	143,424
Montreal ¹	71	6,680,100	916,503	788,314	8,384,917	922	824	4,216,467
Quebec ¹	19	1,331,046	136,144	121,233	1,588,423	192	174	694,776
Sherbrooke	7	409,405	6	6	409,405	44	47	199,818
Three Rivers	11	634,502	111,021	42,625	788,148	110	83	346,719
Brantford	7	458,535	5	201,934	660,469	58	105	359,458
Fort William.....	8	365,664	5	27,462	393,126	36	85	210,533
Hamilton ¹	29	2,204,311	355,368	263,043	2,822,722	176	427	1,338,715
Kingston.....	6	561,724	6	6	561,724	46	83	280,650
Kitchener	8	433,996	5	50,378	484,374	35	60	234,837
London ¹	13	905,379	121,009	13,670	1,040,058	90	166	495,951
Oshawa.....	11	363,766	6	6	363,766	22	64	137,712
Ottawa ¹	34	2,042,859	398,585	318,007	2,759,451	235	405	1,247,848
Peterborough	6	301,504	6	6	301,504	19	37	125,037
St. Catharines	10	394,106	6	6	394,106	41	38	192,785
Sarnia	6	311,676	26,800	—	338,476	26	45	135,316
Sault-Ste-Marie	6	340,512	6	6	340,512	16	65	140,185
Sudbury.....	10	522,222	6	6	522,222	36	73	203,266
Toronto ¹	135	10,427,409	1,324,139	1,386,211	13,137,759	1,098	1,552	6,226,421
Windsor ¹	24	1,338,904	65,387	17,423	1,421,714	103	193	641,610
Winnipeg ¹	30	3,148,724	974,597	190,078	4,313,399	389	653	2,062,498
Regina	15	987,929	5	71,877	1,059,806	79	120	477,586
Saskatoon.....	10	695,267	47,507	38,465	781,239	58	114	350,903
Calgary ¹	34	1,507,852	5	272,934	1,780,786	94	273	849,994
Edmonton ¹	38	2,558,793	276,755	115,263	2,950,811	178	443	1,430,553
Vancouver ¹	57	3,547,554	336,068	37,230	3,920,852	266	517	1,840,499
Victoria ¹	10	747,214	5	30,788	778,002	42	132	401,002

1. Metropolitan areas.

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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