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# LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

1958

## SECTION I—GENERAL SUMMARY

This report deals 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 of their revenue was from cleaning and dyeing.

In 1958 there were 1,739 power laundry and dry cleaning and dyeing plants in operation with receipts amounting to \$152,544,693, an increase of 3.5% from receipts of \$147,387,895 reported by 1,701 plants in 1957.

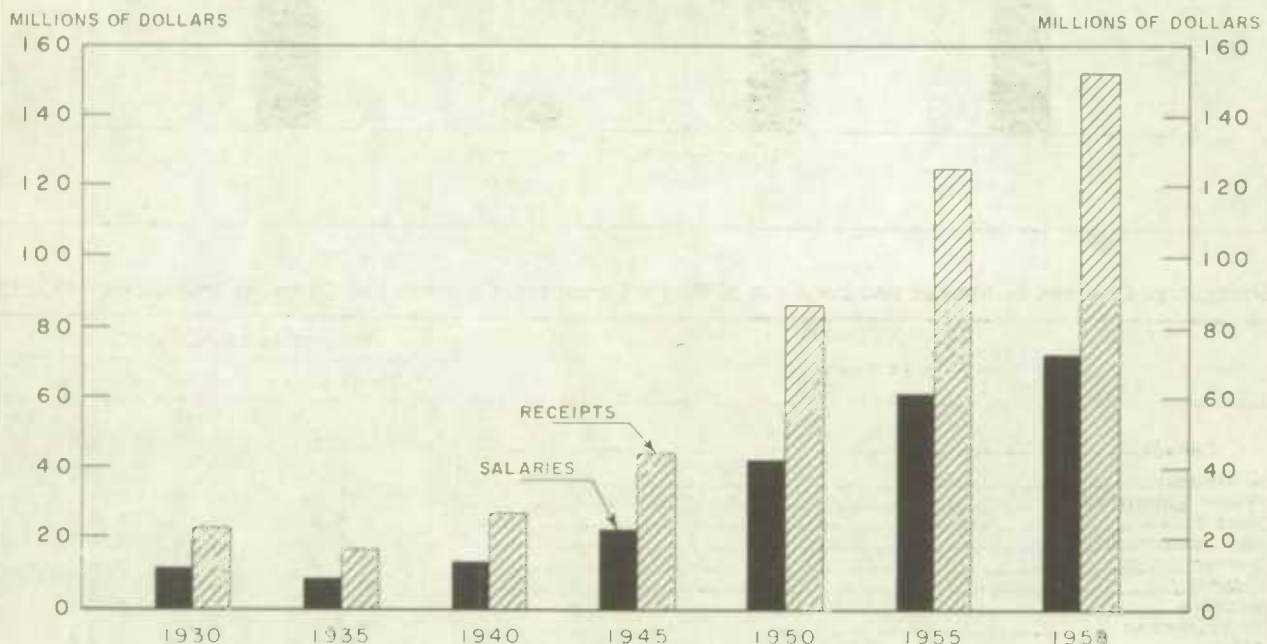
These power laundries and dry cleaning plants provided employment for an average of 30,979 persons and paid in salaries and wages \$72,280,096 or \$2,123,985 more than was paid to 31,258 persons in 1957. Throughout this report salaries and wages include those paid to working executives of incorporated companies but do not include salaries or withdrawals of proprietors of unincorporated companies.

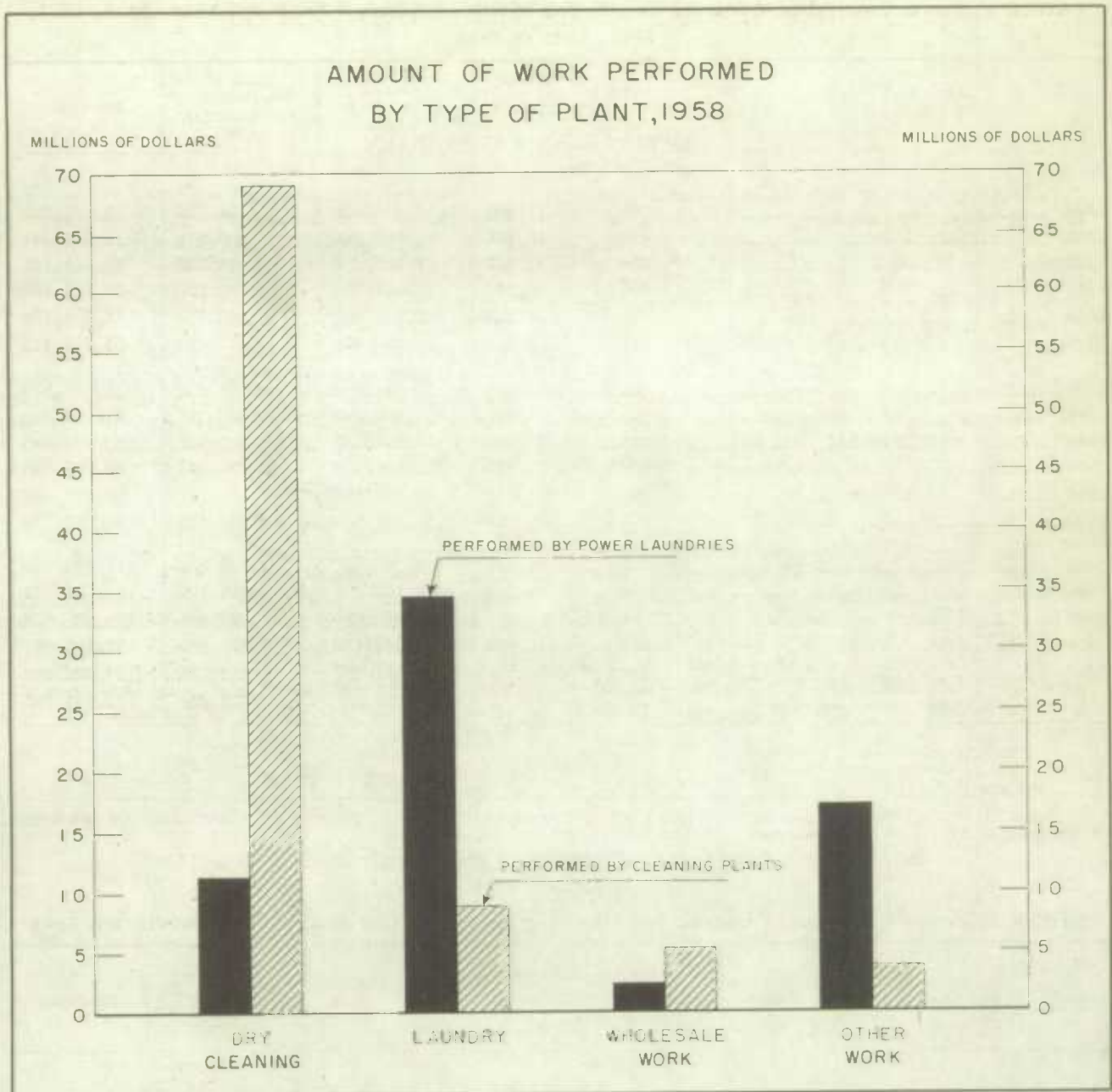
Cost of materials and supplies increased to \$16,175,650 from \$15,457,685 in 1957. This represents approximately the same percentage of total receipts (10.6%) as in 1957 (10.5%).

Total receipts for laundry (table 3) at \$46,385,171, of which 79.4% went to power laundries and 20.6% to dry cleaning and dyeing plants, was slightly less than in 1957 when the shares of the total going to these plants were 80.2% and 19.8% respectively. Receipts for dry cleaning amounted to \$84,997,778 of which 86.8% (86% in 1957) went to dry cleaners and dyers and 13.2% (14.0%) to power laundries.

Exclusive of the receipts for cleaning reported by power laundries which had no facilities for dry cleaning and cleaning plants using both petroleum and synthetic solvents, the combined revenue from dry cleaning work performed by power laundries and dry cleaning and dyeing plants amounted to \$79,940,884 (table 4). Of this amount \$51,972,119 was received by 948 plants using petroleum solvents and \$27,968,765 by 590 plants using synthetic solvents.

RECEIPTS AND SALARIES  
OF POWER LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS  
1930 - 1958





**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Cleaners and Dyers, by Provinces, 1958/1957**

Province	Percentage change 1958/1957	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
<b>Canada</b> .....	+ 2.2	+ 3.5
Newfoundland .....	1	+ 6.7
Prince Edward Island .....	1	
Nova Scotia .....	- 6.2	+ 0.2
New Brunswick .....	1	+ 1.3
Quebec .....	- 0.6	- 2.5
Ontario .....	+ 4.1	+ 6.9
Manitoba .....	- 1.4	+ 1.9
Saskatchewan .....	+ 2.0	+ 5.4
Alberta .....	+10.2	+10.9
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	- 1.1	+ 1.4

<sup>1</sup> Unchanged.

<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

**TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930, 1933, 1937, 1941, 1945 to 1958**

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	1,237	27,126	40,515,431	9,425,121	81,234,045
1950 .....	1,242	27,760	42,681,128	10,190,246	86,836,564
1951 .....	1,298	28,012	46,098,636	..	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
1957 .....	1,701	31,258	70,156,111	15,457,685	147,387,895
1958 .....	1,739	30,979	72,280,096	16,175,650	152,544,693

<sup>1</sup> Excluding cost of linen from 1954.<sup>2</sup> 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, 1958**

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors <sup>1</sup>	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>1,739</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>11,521</b>	<b>19,458</b>	<b>72,280,096</b>	<b>16,175,650</b>	<b>152,544,693</b>
Newfoundland .....	12	14	164	214	814,904	181,541	1,726,222
Prince Edward Island .....	11						
Nova Scotia .....	61	28	391	619	1,939,658	477,313	4,098,789
New Brunswick .....	50	39	251	508	1,355,729	360,111	2,980,838
Quebec .....	341	272	3,474	4,191	17,102,967	3,807,395	35,996,557
Ontario .....	739	675	4,508	8,043	29,337,499	6,693,953	62,322,184
Manitoba .....	69	47	589	1,178	4,254,531	952,904	8,356,591
Saskatchewan .....	100	96	299	689	2,249,309	584,897	5,154,495
Alberta .....	173	170	702	1,713	5,639,055	1,307,466	12,678,408
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	183	129	1,143	2,303	9,586,444	1,810,070	19,230,609

<sup>1</sup> Unincorporated firms only.<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

**TABLE 3. Percentage Distribution of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Receipts, by Type of Establishment and by Provinces, 1958**

Province	Laundry receipts			Dry cleaning receipts		
	Total receipts <sup>1</sup>	% received by		Total receipts <sup>1</sup>	% received by	
		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants
	\$	per cent		\$	per cent	
Canada .....	46,385,171	79.4	20.6	84,997,778	13.2	86.8
Newfoundland .....	499,796	85.1	14.9	1,212,050	8.0	92.0
Prince Edward Island .....						
Nova Scotia .....	1,425,735	85.5	14.5	2,587,875	8.4	91.6
New Brunswick .....	1,056,586	81.0	19.0	1,880,679	22.1	77.9
Quebec .....	12,834,219	87.2	12.8	17,926,470	18.3	81.7
Ontario .....	16,435,574	76.3	23.7	36,188,487	9.2	90.8
Manitoba .....	2,797,583	48.6	51.4	4,644,962	3.4	96.6
Saskatchewan .....	1,425,414	79.9	20.1	3,663,555	6.6	93.4
Alberta .....	3,272,564	67.3	32.7	7,715,059	11.9	88.1
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	6,637,700	89.0	11.0	9,178,641	28.1	71.9

<sup>1</sup> Including wholesale, commercial and industrial

<sup>2</sup> 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, 1958**

Province	Petroleum only			Synthetic only		
	No. of plants	Dry cleaning receipts		No. of plants	Dry cleaning receipts	
		Amount	% of total		Amount	% of total
		\$			\$	
Canada .....	948	51,972,119	61.2	590	27,968,765	32.9
Newfoundland .....	6	450,974	50.8	4	366,342	41.3
Prince Edward Island .....	5	156,406	48.3	5	167,662	51.7
Nova Scotia .....	42	1,437,103	55.7	14	1,143,078	44.3
New Brunswick .....	35	1,158,791	61.5	8	303,084	16.1
Quebec .....	158	10,198,152	56.3	131	7,522,278	41.5
Ontario .....	347	20,945,117	58.1	306	13,306,562	36.9
Manitoba .....	34	1,979,772	42.7	25	889,192	19.2
Saskatchewan .....	76	2,813,023	76.8	21	787,234	21.5
Alberta .....	125	5,797,494	75.6	33	1,846,301	24.1
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....	120	7,035,287	76.7	43	1,637,032	17.9

<sup>1</sup> 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

The receipts of 322 power laundries operating in 1958 increased by 3.6% to \$65,350,103 from \$63,106,386 reported by 320 plants in 1957. The average receipts per plant at \$202,951 were 2.9% above the 1957 average. Receipts per capita advanced to \$3.83 from \$3.80 while the number of plants per 100,000 population remained unchanged at 1.9.

Increases in receipts were recorded for four of the provinces ranging from 17.6% in Alberta to 2.6% in British Columbia, Ontario and Manitoba had increases of 8.1% and 2.9% respectively. Decreases ranged from 7.8% in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island to 0.1% in Saskatchewan. Other decreases were: Nova Scotia 4.5%, New Brunswick 2.5% and Quebec 1.9%.

There was an average of 14,258 persons employed in power laundries during 1958 who earned \$32,761,909. The average salary or wage was \$2,298 compared with \$2,189 for 1957. There were 179 proprietors of unincorporated firms engaged in operating their businesses.

Power laundries obtained 52.9% of their total revenue from laundry work (54.4% in 1957), 16.9% from dry cleaning (17.8%), 3.8% from wholesale laundry and dry cleaning (5.1%), 19.6% from coat and towel rentals (16.2%), and 6.8% from other sources (6.5%).

A classification of power laundries by size of receipts in table 9 revealed that 97 plants with an annual volume of \$200,000 or more accounted for 76.7% of the total receipts, 63 plants with a volume ranging from \$100,000 to \$199,999 accounted for 13.7%, 54 plants with a volume ranging from \$50,000 to \$99,999 accounted for 5.9% and 108 plants with a volume of less than \$50,000 for 3.7%.

Total operating expenses of power laundries increased by 3.3% to \$60,662,805 but decreased fractionally (0.3%) to 92.8% as a percentage of total receipts (Table 6). Expenses expressed as a percentage of total receipts were as follows (1957 figures in brackets): salaries and wages 50.1% (50.5%), fuel and electricity 3.9% (4.2%), materials and supplies 9.3% (9.1%), all other operating expenses 29.5% (29.3%).

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries,  
by Provinces, 1958/1957

Province	Percentage change 1958/1957	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
Canada.....	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Newfoundland.....	-25.0	} - 7.8
Prince Edward Island.....	1	
Nova Scotia.....	- 7.1	
New Brunswick.....	-15.4	- 2.5
Quebec.....	1	- 1.9
Ontario.....	+ 4.2	+ 8.1
Manitoba.....	1	+ 2.9
Saskatchewan.....	-22.2	- 0.1
Alberta.....	+13.0	+17.6
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	1	+ 2.6

<sup>1</sup> Unchanged.

<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930 - 58

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used <sup>1</sup>	Receipts
	number			dollars	
1930	242	9,100	8,140,177	1,571,747	16,283,555
1931	250	8,807	7,709,856	1,350,015	14,879,919
1932	243	8,292	6,482,339	1,065,906	12,297,061
1933	239	7,616	5,501,305	896,954	10,373,890
1934	236	7,393	5,387,274	945,620	10,588,505
1935	237	7,644	5,667,658	1,118,401	10,983,378
1936	229	7,925	5,997,096	1,274,941	12,023,808
1937	225	8,576	6,678,998	1,403,073	13,163,778
1938	232	8,981	7,029,171	1,542,216	13,734,707
1939	234	9,217	7,465,732	1,617,367	14,267,745
1940	230	10,034	8,156,441	1,808,671	16,719,106
1941	237	11,844	10,120,662	2,348,740	19,816,895
1942	238	12,848	11,678,625	2,533,216	22,396,324
1943	225	13,209	12,338,829	2,530,464	23,436,392
1944	227	13,259	12,780,585	2,491,258	24,559,144
1945	217	13,232	13,651,511	2,717,027	25,463,096
1946	238	13,674	14,647,668	3,073,671	27,427,219
1947	244	13,950	16,357,072	3,560,120	30,459,393
1948	294	13,923	18,737,302	4,138,029	35,360,996
1949 <sup>2</sup>	332	14,240	20,408,336	4,485,436	38,659,596
1950	323	14,310	20,976,430	4,811,682	40,586,942
1951	317	14,079	22,248,517	..	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
1957	320	14,557	31,869,671	5,746,805	63,106,386
1958	322	14,258	32,761,909	6,048,982	65,350,103

<sup>1</sup> Excluding linen cost from 1954.<sup>2</sup> Including Newfoundland from 1949.

.. Not available.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1957 and 1958

Item	1957	1958	% change 1958 / 1957
Plants reporting	No. 320	322	+0.6
Total receipts	\$ 63,106,386	65,350,103	+3.6
Average receipts per plant	" 197,207	202,951	+2.9
Estimated population of Canada <sup>1</sup>	No. 16,589,000	17,048,000	+2.8
Receipts per capita	\$ 3.80	3.83	+0.8
Plants per 100,000 population	No. 1.9	1.9	<sup>2</sup>
Paid employees:			
Total	" 14,557	14,258	-2.1
Male	" 4,631	4,757	+2.7
Female	" 9,926	9,501	-4.3
Total salaries and wages	\$ 31,869,671	32,761,909	+2.8
Percentage of total receipts	% 50.5	50.1	
Average salary or wage per employee	\$ 2,189	2,298	+5.0
Total cost of fuel and electricity	" 2,666,930	2,573,573	-3.5
Percentage of total receipts	% 4.2	3.9	
Cost of materials and supplies used	\$ 5,746,805	6,048,982	+5.3
Percentage of total receipts	% 9.1	9.3	
All other operating expenses	\$ 18,446,088	19,278,341	+4.5
Percentage of total receipts	% 29.3	29.5	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 58,729,494</b>	<b>60,662,805</b>	<b>+3.3</b>
Percentage of total receipts	% 93.1	92.8	

<sup>1</sup> As at June 1st.<sup>2</sup> Unchanged.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1958

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors <sup>1</sup>	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
			number		dollars		
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>322</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>9,501</b>	<b>32,761,909</b>	<b>6,048,982</b>	<b>65,350,103</b>
Newfoundland .....	3	—	36	86	200,450	47,541	522,636
Prince Edward Island .....	2						
Nova Scotia .....	13	2	140	305	774,181	152,136	1,506,689
New Brunswick .....	11	5	110	273	643,952	150,515	1,296,048
Quebec .....	79	52	1,673	2,714	9,496,242	1,749,686	19,035,335
Ontario .....	124	86	1,589	3,558	11,787,249	2,166,367	22,966,623
Manitoba .....	9	3	145	303	1,008,751	226,040	2,128,363
Saskatchewan .....	7	1	75	236	669,336	154,651	1,380,455
Alberta .....	26	13	253	652	2,081,721	405,468	4,642,138
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	48	17	736	1,374	6,100,027	996,578	11,871,816

<sup>1</sup> Unincorporated firms only.<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries, Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1958

Province	Laundry <sup>1</sup>		Cleaning <sup>2</sup>		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		Coat and towel rentals		All other <sup>3</sup>		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>34,558,737</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>11,068,207</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2,459,023</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>12,791,601</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>4,472,535</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>65,350,103</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Newfoundland .....	425,329	81.4	97,307	18.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	522,636	100.0
Prince Edward Island .....												
Nova Scotia .....	1,157,629	76.8	217,281	14.4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1,506,689	100.0
New Brunswick .....	856,333	66.1	415,088	32.0	—	—	4	4	—	—	1,296,048	100.0
Quebec .....	10,433,403	54.8	3,274,977	17.2	764,346	4.0	2,673,698	14.1	1,888,911	9.9	19,035,335	100.0
Ontario .....	11,491,600	50.0	3,233,073	14.1	1,151,527	5.0	4,911,625	21.4	2,178,798	9.5	22,966,623	100.0
Manitoba .....	1,358,737	63.8	157,137	7.4	—	—	4	4	4	4	2,128,363	100.0
Saskatchewan .....	1,139,499	82.5	240,956	17.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,380,455	100.0
Alberta .....	2,024,088	43.6	915,674	19.7	4	4	1,522,407	32.8	4	4	4,642,138	100.0
British Columbia <sup>4</sup> ..	5,672,119	47.8	2,516,714	21.2	301,943	2.5	3,014,467	25.4	366,573	3.1	11,871,816	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.<sup>2</sup> Includes fur, commercial and industrial.<sup>3</sup> Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.<sup>4</sup> Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.<sup>5</sup> Includes Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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

TABLE 9. Power Laundries, Classified by Size of Business, 1957 and 1958

Size of business	1957				1958			
	No. of plants	Receipts			No. of plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>320</b>	<b>63,106,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>197,207</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>65,350,103</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>202,951</b>
Less than \$20,000 .....	50	530,043	0.8	10,601	54	589,556	0.9	10,918
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	24	576,559	0.9	24,023	24	573,249	0.9	23,885
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	30	1,176,025	1.9	39,201	30	1,249,514	1.9	41,650
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	60	4,214,799	6.6	69,297	54	3,818,363	5.9	70,710
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	63	9,083,612	14.5	145,565	63	8,975,504	13.7	142,468
\$200,000 and over .....	93	47,525,348	75.3	511,025	97	50,143,917	76.7	516,948

TABLE 10. Power Laundries – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1958

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
		\$	per cent				
<b>Incorporated companies</b>							
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>185</b>	<b>316,038</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>93.4</b>
Less than \$20,000 .....	5	14,831	44.7	6.8	12.6	28.3	92.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	6	24,290	51.5	6.9	9.9	29.2	97.5
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	6	44,872	52.4	9.1	10.4	20.0	91.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	27	71,910	55.5	7.2	9.8	24.7	97.2
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	47	147,028	54.5	5.3	11.7	24.9	96.4
\$200,000 to \$299,999 .....	33	247,052	54.7	4.5	10.3	25.2	94.7
\$300,000 and over .....	61	671,693	49.3	3.0	8.4	31.8	92.5
<b>Unincorporated companies</b>							
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>137</b>	<b>50,242</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>87.6</b>
Less than \$10,000 .....	25	6,670	29.7	11.1	9.0	26.8	76.6
\$10,000 to \$19,999 .....	24	14,527	33.1	11.5	10.8	28.3	83.7
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	18	23,751	31.9	8.9	11.8	27.5	80.1
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	24	40,845	42.9	7.3	10.6	27.3	88.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	27	69,511	42.2	5.9	10.2	27.6	85.9
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	16	129,075	50.2	5.6	10.8	24.3	90.9
\$200,000 and over .....	3	339,301	43.1	3.1	10.5	33.1	89.8

TABLE 11. Power Laundries – Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1958

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
		\$	per cent				
<b>Incorporated companies</b>							
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>185</b>	<b>316,038</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>93.4</b>
Newfoundland .....	3	104,527	38.4	8.6	9.1	32.9	89.0
Prince Edward Island .....	2						
Nova Scotia .....	11	152,432	51.8	5.8	10.8	26.3	94.7
New Brunswick .....	6						
Quebec .....	38	431,437	51.1	4.0	8.9	28.5	92.5
Ontario .....	65	304,973	52.3	3.6	9.3	31.0	96.2
Manitoba .....	6	284,478	48.2	3.9	10.8	30.8	93.7
Saskatchewan .....	6						
Alberta .....	15	291,719	45.2	2.3	8.7	31.5	87.7
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....	33	343,808	51.7	3.1	8.3	29.0	92.1
<b>Unincorporated companies</b>							
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>137</b>	<b>50,242</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>87.6</b>
Newfoundland .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia .....	2	30,200	36.2	8.6	11.0	22.4	78.2
New Brunswick .....	5						
Quebec .....	41	64,408	42.6	5.7	11.1	29.4	88.8
Ontario .....	59	53,278	45.1	6.3	10.5	27.1	89.0
Manitoba .....	3	23,772	34.7	8.0	10.1	14.0	66.8
Saskatchewan .....	1						
Alberta .....	11	24,214	38.7	5.6	9.0	22.4	75.7
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....	15	35,076	44.3	7.0	9.5	25.6	86.4

<sup>1</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 12. Power Laundries – Principal Statistics for Selected Cities,<sup>1</sup> 1958

City	No. of plants	Receipts					Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Laundry <sup>2</sup>	Cleaning <sup>3</sup>	Coat and towel rentals	All other <sup>4</sup>	Total	Male	Female	
		dollars							\$
Halifax.....	5	814,830	5	5	85,148	899,978	73	159	448,407
Saint John.....	3	508,521	5	5	251,201	759,722	67	162	407,261
Montreal.....	38	8,605,409	2,230,612	2,544,126	1,807,743	15,187,890	1,381	2,100	7,899,620
Quebec.....	6	947,030	5	—	390,952	1,337,982	81	251	507,731
Hamilton.....	9	933,931	253,437	5	1,689,260	2,876,628	181	312	1,254,667
London.....	3	473,271	5	5	1,339,365	1,812,636	109	223	886,688
Ottawa.....	7	898,076	5	5	706,725	1,604,801	137	231	837,443
Toronto.....	39	5,776,139	689,974	2,903,062	378,569	9,747,744	643	1,583	5,107,178
Windsor.....	5	502,594	5	5	635,514	1,138,108	75	151	608,608
Winnipeg.....	6	1,326,422	5	5	769,626	2,096,048	145	299	1,003,571
Calgary.....	6	782,032	5	5	1,141,738	1,923,770	93	253	783,583
Edmonton.....	6	826,493	5	5	983,588	1,810,081	102	218	798,126
Vancouver.....	13	3,596,430	1,362,010	2,564,797	346,958	7,870,195	482	812	3,880,566
Victoria.....	4	790,780	254,314	5	303,307	1,348,401	101	192	828,000

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan areas.

<sup>2</sup> Includes unfinished and finished, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

<sup>3</sup> Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

<sup>4</sup> Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Included in all other.

### SECTION III—DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

In 1958 an increase of 36 plants in the dry cleaning and dyeing industry brought the number to 1,417 from 1,381 in 1957. Their receipts for the year at \$87,194,590 were 3.5% greater than receipts of \$84,281,509 reported in 1957. With no change in the number of plants per 100,000 population, average receipts per plant increased by 0.8% to \$61,535. On a per capita basis, receipts averaged \$5.11 compared with \$5.08 in 1957.

Except for Quebec and British Columbia which showed decreases of 3.1% and 0.5% respectively, all provinces recorded increases in receipts ranging from 17.2% in Newfoundland to 1.5% in Manitoba. Other gains were: Prince Edward Island 7.8%, Saskatchewan 7.5%, Alberta 7.4%, Ontario 6.1%, New Brunswick 4.5% and Nova Scotia 3.2%.

Salaries and wages amounting to \$39,518,187 were paid to 16,721 employees, 3.2% above the amount paid to 16,701 employees in 1957 (table 14). The average salary or wage per employee was \$2,363 compared with \$2,292 in 1957. Also engaged in operating their own plants were 1,291 proprietors of unincorporated firms.

Dry cleaning and dyeing plants obtained 79.1% of their total revenue from cleaning work, 10.2% from laundry, 6.2% from wholesale laundry and dry cleaning and 4.5% from other sources (table 16).

Only 181 of the 1,417 establishments had receipts in excess of \$100,000 and these accounted for 46.6% of total receipts. Three hundred and fifty had an annual volume of business ranging between \$50,000 and \$99,999 and accounted for 27.7% of total receipts, 325 with an annual volume between \$30,000 and \$49,999 accounted for 14.4%, and the remaining 561 establishments with a volume of less than \$30,000 contributed only 11.3% to total receipts (table 17).

The operating expenses of all cleaning and dyeing plants at \$79,242,780 were 2.9% higher than in 1957. However, when expressed as a percentage of total receipts, expenses decreased by 0.5% to 90.9% in 1958 (table 14). The components of total expenses were generally slightly lower in 1958 with salaries and wages taking 45.4% of receipts (45.5% in 1957), fuel and electricity 4.1% (4.2%), materials and supplies 11.6% (11.5%), other operating expenses 29.8% (30.2%).

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants,  
by Provinces, 1958/1957**

Province	Percentage change 1958/1957	
	No. of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>+ 2.6</b>	<b>+ 3.5</b>
Newfoundland .....	+12.5	+17.2
Prince Edward Island .....	1	+ 7.8
Nova Scotia .....	- 5.9	+ 3.2
New Brunswick .....	+ 5.4	+ 4.5
Quebec .....	- 0.8	- 3.1
Ontario .....	+ 4.1	+ 6.1
Manitoba .....	- 1.6	+ 1.5
Saskatchewan .....	+ 4.5	+ 7.5
Alberta .....	+ 9.7	+ 7.4
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	- 1.5	- 0.5

<sup>1</sup> Unchanged.

<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

**TABLE 13. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-58**

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used <sup>1</sup>	Receipts
	number		dollars		
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	1,697,284	16,886,713
1945 .....	385	8,147	8,847,948	1,951,752	18,618,074
1946 .....	452	9,880	11,613,011	2,503,762	23,720,940
1947 .....	530	10,906	14,144,464	3,041,506	28,584,285
1948 .....	787	11,953	17,140,254	4,400,688	36,620,948
1949 <sup>2</sup> .....	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	..	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
1957 .....	1,381	16,701	38,286,440	9,710,880	84,281,509
1958 .....	1,417	16,721	39,518,157	10,126,668	87,194,590

<sup>1</sup> Excluding cost of linen from 1954.

<sup>2</sup> Including Newfoundland from 1949.

.. Not available.

TABLE 14. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating Results, 1957 and 1958

Item	1957	1958	% change 1958/1957
Plants reporting .....	No. 1,381	1,417	+2.8
Total receipts .....	\$ 84,281,509	87,194,590	+3.5
Average receipts per plant .....	" 61,029	61,535	+0.8
Estimated population of Canada <sup>1</sup> .....	No. 16,589,000	17,048,000	+2.8
Receipts per capita .....	\$ 5.08	5.11	+0.6
Plants per 100,000 population .....	No. 8.3	8.3	<sup>2</sup>
Paid employees:			
Total .....	" 16,701	16,721	+0.1
Male .....	" 6,835	6,764	-1.0
Female .....	" 9,866	9,957	+0.9
Total salaries and wages .....	\$ 38,286,440	39,518,187	+3.2
Percentage of total receipts .....	% 45.5	45.4	
Average salary or wage per employee .....	\$ 2,292	2,363	+3.1
Total cost of fuel and electricity .....	" 3,555,789	3,598,173	+1.2
Percentage of total receipts .....	% 4.2	4.1	
Cost of materials and supplies used .....	\$ 9,710,880	10,126,668	+4.3
Percentage of total receipts .....	% 11.5	11.6	
All other operating expenses .....	\$ 25,470,029	25,999,752	+2.1
Percentage of total receipts .....	% 30.2	29.8	
<b>Total expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ 77,023,138</b>	<b>79,242,780</b>	<b>+2.9</b>
Percentage of total receipts .....	% 91.4	90.9	

<sup>1</sup> As at June 1st.<sup>2</sup> Unchanged.

TABLE 15. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1958

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors <sup>1</sup>	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
			number			dollars	
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>6,764</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>39,518,187</b>	<b>10,126,668</b>	<b>87,194,590</b>
Newfoundland .....	9	5	91	99	487,382	98,080	872,642
Prince Edward Island .....	9	9	37	29	127,072	35,920	330,944
Nova Scotia .....	48	28	251	314	1,165,477	325,177	2,592,100
New Brunswick .....	39	34	141	235	711,777	209,596	1,684,790
Quebec .....	262	220	1,801	1,477	7,606,725	2,057,709	16,961,222
Ontario .....	815	589	2,919	4,485	17,550,250	4,527,586	39,355,561
Manitoba .....	60	44	444	875	3,245,780	726,864	6,228,228
Saskatchewan .....	93	95	224	453	1,579,973	430,248	3,774,040
Alberta .....	147	157	449	1,061	3,557,334	901,998	8,036,270
British Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	135	112	407	929	3,486,417	813,492	7,358,793

<sup>1</sup> Unincorporated firms only.<sup>2</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 16. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1958

Province	Cleaning <sup>1</sup>		Laundry <sup>2</sup>		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		All other <sup>3</sup>		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>68,954,562</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>8,910,110</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>5,432,310</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>3,897,608</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>87,194,590</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Newfoundland .....	796,137	91.3	4	4	—	—	4	4	872,642	100.0
Prince Edward Island .....	318,606	96.3	4	4	—	—	4	4	330,944	100.0
Nova Scotia .....	2,369,935	91.4	205,912	7.9	4	4	4	4	2,592,100	100.0
New Brunswick .....	1,465,591	87.0	199,373	11.8	4	4	4	4	1,684,790	100.0
Quebec .....	12,941,796	76.3	1,595,657	9.4	1,750,510	10.3	673,259	4.0	16,961,222	100.0
Ontario .....	30,416,244	77.3	3,521,472	9.0	2,810,145	7.1	2,607,700	6.6	39,355,561	100.0
Manitoba .....	4,387,583	70.5	1,304,084	20.9	235,004	3.8	301,557	4.8	6,228,228	100.0
Saskatchewan .....	3,335,476	88.4	277,202	7.4	95,836	2.5	65,526	1.7	3,774,040	100.0
Alberta .....	6,780,919	84.4	1,041,834	12.9	45,821	0.6	167,696	2.1	8,036,270	100.0
British Columbia <sup>5</sup> .....	6,142,275	83.5	690,109	9.4	493,181	6.7	33,228	0.4	7,358,793	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes fur, commercial and industrial.

<sup>2</sup> Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.

<sup>3</sup> Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.

<sup>5</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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

TABLE 17. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Classified by Size of Business, 1957 and 1958

Size of business	1957				1958			
	No. of plants	Receipts			No. of plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
		\$	%	\$		\$	%	\$
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>1,381</b>	<b>84,281,509</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>61,029</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>87,194,590</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>61,535</b>
Less than \$15,000 .....	210	2,120,104	2.5	10,096	202	1,970,458	2.2	9,755
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	121	2,100,876	2.5	17,363	131	2,298,804	2.6	17,548
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	224	5,575,726	6.6	24,892	228	5,654,248	6.5	24,799
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	333	12,812,747	15.2	38,209	325	12,539,904	14.4	38,584
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	324	22,203,355	26.4	68,529	350	24,124,568	27.7	68,927
\$100,000 and over .....	169	39,468,701	46.8	233,543	181	40,606,608	46.6	224,346

TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1958

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts					
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses	
		\$	per cent					
<b>Incorporated companies</b>								
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>451</b>	<b>114,751</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>95.0</b>	
Less than \$15,000 .....	4	12,706	53.0	10.7	16.4	31.7	111.8	
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	6	17,332	42.8	8.2	15.2	25.4	91.6	
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	38	24,843	47.0	6.0	12.1	30.4	95.5	
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	87	39,104	45.6	4.5	11.8	30.6	92.5	
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	174	71,379	48.2	4.1	11.4	30.0	93.7	
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	82	135,672	48.8	3.7	11.7	28.4	92.6	
\$200,000 to \$299,999 .....	31	237,966	51.3	3.1	10.9	31.4	96.7	
\$300,000 and over .....	29	563,098	51.8	2.7	10.8	31.8	97.1	



**TABLE 18. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1958 – Concluded**

Form of organization and size of business	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	per cent				
<b>Unincorporated companies</b>							
<b>All plants</b> .....	<b>966</b>	<b>36,689</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>84.9</b>
Less than \$7,500 .....	54	7,379	19.6	12.4	13.2	28.8	74.0
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .....	36	8,960	23.7	9.2	12.0	28.4	73.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	108	12,191	25.4	8.1	13.2	29.3	76.0
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	125	17,559	30.4	6.8	12.5	29.2	78.9
\$20,000 to \$29,999 .....	190	24,791	34.8	6.2	12.1	29.4	82.5
\$30,000 to \$49,999 .....	238	38,394	37.6	4.9	12.1	28.6	83.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	176	66,503	42.0	4.4	11.9	27.8	86.1
\$100,000 and over .....	39	148,070	46.3	3.5	12.2	30.9	92.9

**TABLE 19. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization by Provinces, 1958**

Form of organization and province	No. of plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as % of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
		\$	per cent				
<b>Incorporated companies</b>							
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>451</b>	<b>114,751</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>95.0</b>
Newfoundland .....	5	160,832	57.6	4.0	11.2	25.7	98.5
Prince Edward Island .....	3	54,978	48.3	5.9	11.6	29.6	95.4
Nova Scotia .....	25	77,564	47.3	4.9	12.4	29.5	94.1
New Brunswick .....	10	88,347	46.9	6.2	13.9	30.5	97.5
Quebec .....	79	119,970	47.8	4.0	11.8	30.5	94.1
Ontario .....	190	116,359	49.2	3.6	11.0	32.2	96.0
Manitoba .....	27	194,262	54.8	2.4	11.5	24.0	92.7
Saskatchewan .....	19	92,263	47.2	3.2	10.1	35.6	96.1
Alberta .....	44	114,644	48.1	2.2	11.0	32.0	93.3
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....	49	88,426	53.2	4.0	10.8	26.8	94.8
<b>Unincorporated companies</b>							
<b>Canada</b> .....	<b>966</b>	<b>36,689</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>84.9</b>
Newfoundland .....	4	17,120	35.7	6.1	11.4	28.5	81.7
Prince Edward Island .....	6	27,668	28.6	5.3	10.1	25.0	69.0
Nova Scotia .....	23	28,391	38.1	6.1	12.9	27.0	84.1
New Brunswick .....	29	27,632	37.1	7.2	10.8	28.0	83.1
Quebec .....	183	40,894	41.1	5.2	12.6	30.0	88.9
Ontario .....	425	40,582	38.7	4.7	12.1	29.1	84.6
Manitoba .....	33	29,792	37.7	6.1	12.7	26.3	82.8
Saskatchewan .....	74	27,311	37.3	5.4	12.5	27.6	82.8
Alberta .....	103	29,048	37.8	4.3	11.7	27.1	80.9
British Columbia <sup>1</sup> .....	86	35,185	39.1	5.3	11.3	28.9	84.6

<sup>1</sup> Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 20. Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1958

City	No. of plants	Receipts				Number of paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning <sup>1</sup>	Laundry <sup>2</sup>	All other <sup>3</sup>	Total	Male	Female	
		dollars						\$
St. Johns <sup>4</sup> .....	5	604,302	<sup>5</sup>	76,505	680,807	77	80	418,735
Halifax <sup>4</sup> .....	11	1,153,551	<sup>6</sup>	—	1,153,551	98	146	577,317
Sydney .....	6	347,610	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	347,610	30	43	133,355
Saint-John <sup>4</sup> .....	5	363,267	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	363,267	26	51	165,212
Montreal <sup>4</sup> .....	80	7,051,161	839,212	445,885	8,336,258	812	730	3,876,788
Quebec <sup>4</sup> .....	20	1,457,681	209,267	135,951	1,802,899	192	152	840,863
Sherbrooke .....	7	437,551	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	437,551	44	46	214,981
Three-Rivers .....	8	499,720	<sup>5</sup>	82,203	581,923	68	50	279,487
Brantford .....	7	712,027	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	712,027	60	84	390,598
Fort-William .....	7	461,796	<sup>5</sup>	19,165	480,961	28	88	249,986
Hamilton <sup>4</sup> .....	29	2,499,210	262,418	247,986	3,009,614	191	414	1,324,002
Kingston .....	7	562,695	<sup>5</sup>	119,676	682,371	51	84	309,813
Kitchener .....	9	493,160	52,552	9,770	555,482	30	66	275,773
London <sup>4</sup> .....	14	1,122,049	211,241	31,209	1,364,499	103	188	652,996
Oshawa .....	12	381,313	45,328	—	426,641	25	80	182,679
Ottawa <sup>4</sup> .....	40	2,348,864	492,173	288,416	3,129,453	243	376	1,336,617
Peterborough .....	8	346,993	<sup>5</sup>	34,426	381,419	22	52	152,601
St-Catharines .....	9	438,177	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	438,177	42	46	228,233
Sarnia .....	5	347,209	<sup>6</sup>	—	347,209	18	48	157,278
Sault Ste. Marie .....	7	414,301	—	—	414,301	21	60	174,408
Sudbury .....	10	601,906	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	601,906	39	74	242,300
Toronto <sup>4</sup> .....	151	11,504,158	1,700,283	1,800,335	15,004,776	1,103	1,565	7,002,917
Windsor <sup>4</sup> .....	24	1,255,207	112,616	26,157	1,393,980	113	177	625,924
Winnipeg <sup>4</sup> .....	32	3,426,960	1,170,414	199,753	4,797,127	361	712	2,655,109
Regina .....	15	1,002,929	<sup>5</sup>	89,451	1,092,380	78	121	506,758
Saskatoon .....	11	764,391	79,304	14,581	858,276	55	116	400,036
Calgary <sup>4</sup> .....	38	1,905,642	523,136	55,339	2,484,117	152	362	1,149,350
Edmonton <sup>4</sup> .....	40	3,005,506	487,165	106,533	3,599,204	181	459	1,678,174
Vancouver <sup>4</sup> .....	57	3,716,837	456,441	30,728	4,204,006	226	527	2,091,006
Victoria <sup>4</sup> .....	11	809,972	<sup>5</sup>	26,992	836,964	56	124	468,905

<sup>1</sup> Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

<sup>2</sup> Includes unfinished, finished, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

<sup>3</sup> Includes coat and towel rentals, dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Metropolitan areas.

<sup>5</sup> Included in all other.

<sup>6</sup> Included in cleaning.



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