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LAUNDRIES, CLEANERS AND DYERS

1959

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 was from dry cleaning and dyeing.

The combined operations of the laundries and dry cleaning and dyeing plants established new records in 1959. Receipts reached a value of \$160,307,442, or 5.1 p.c. more than the \$152,544,693 reported in 1958. Employment increased by less than 1 p.c., from 30,979 to 31,187 and salaries and wages paid from \$72,280,096 to \$76,208,129 or 5.4 p.c. 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 businesses.

The number of establishments rose to 1,813 in 1959, or 4.3 p.c. more than the previous year's 1,739. Cost of materials and supplies used increased by 6.6 p.c., amounting to \$17,246,692 as compared with \$16,175,650.

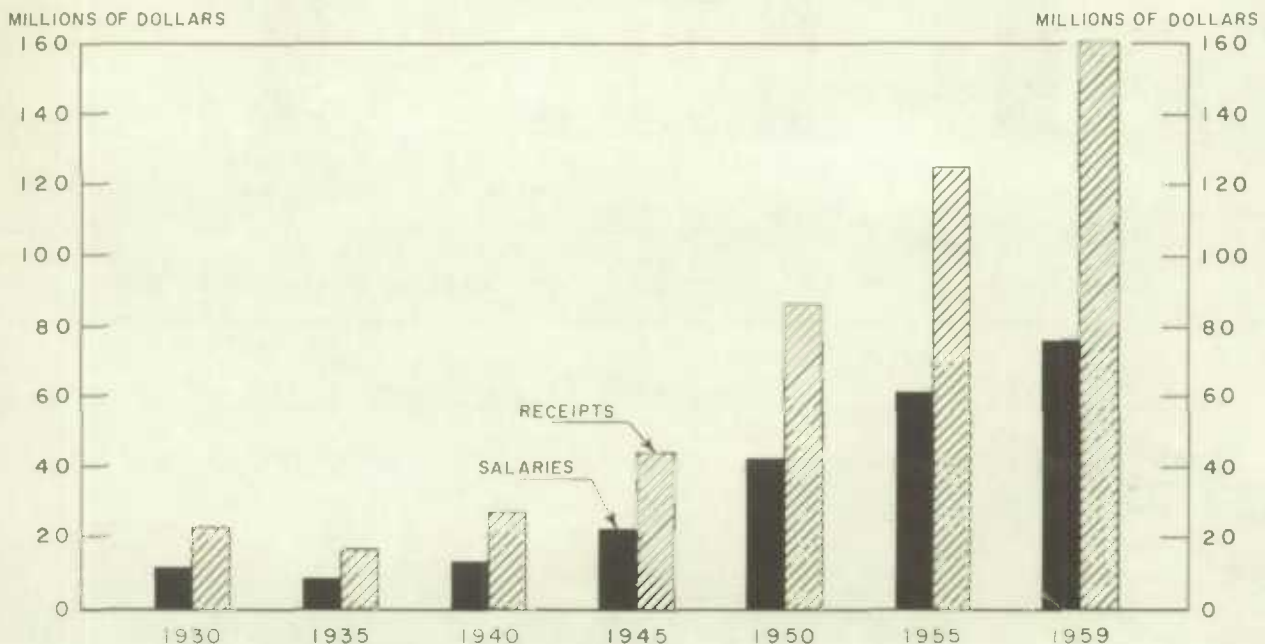
In 1959, revenue from laundry totalled \$48,535,322, an increase of 4.6 p.c. as compared with the corresponding figure of \$46,385,171 for

1958, of which 78 p.c. was receipts by power laundries and 22 p.c. by dry cleaning and dyeing plants. These percentages were practically the same as the previous year. Dry cleaning receipts amounted to \$88,804,594 of which 87.1 p.c. went to dry cleaners and dyers and 12.9 p.c. to power laundries (See Table 3). The amount was \$84,997,778 in 1958. The division between the two types of plants was little changed in 1959.

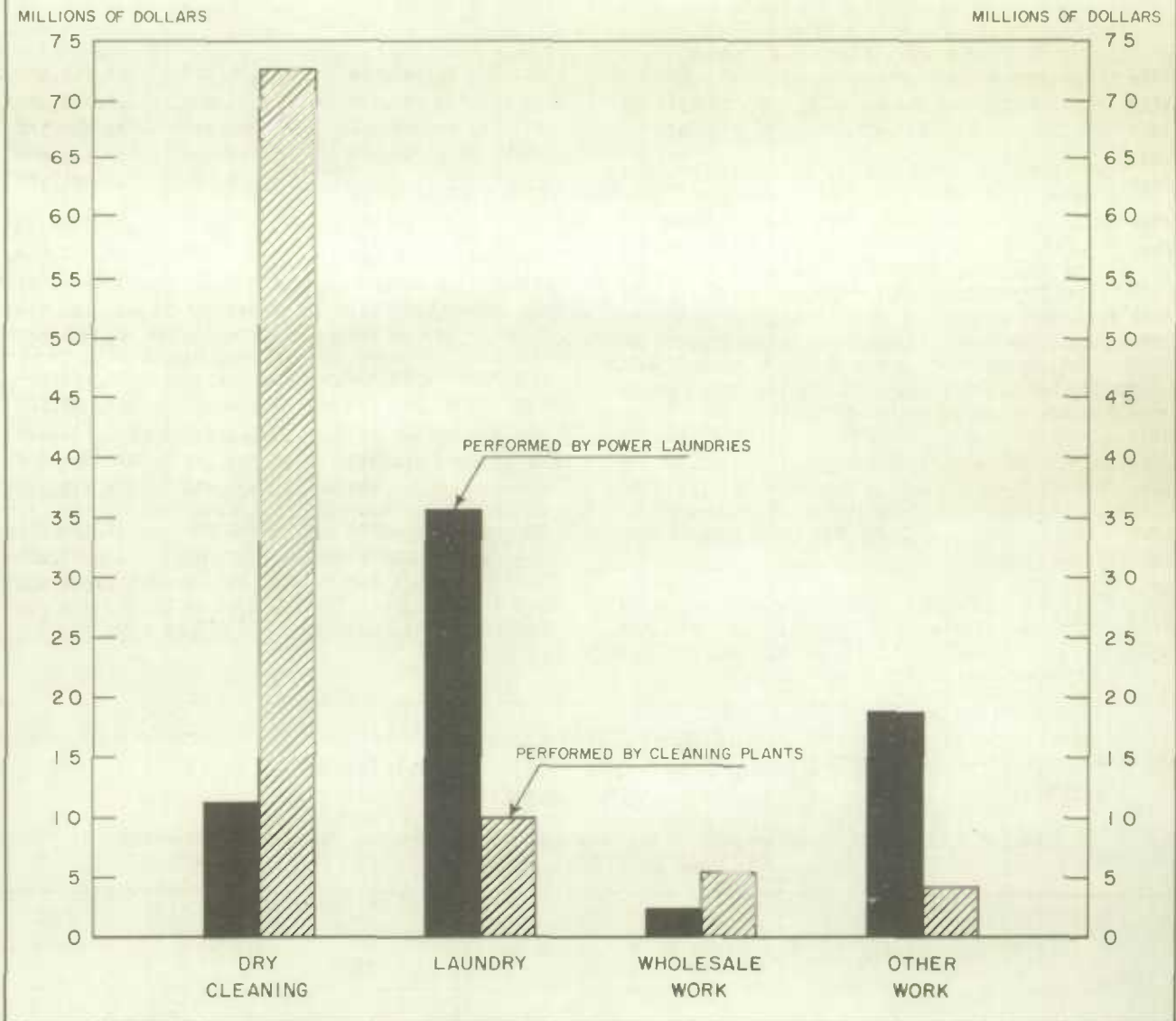
Compared with 1949, the 1959 figures show the expansion that has taken place during the last ten years. The number of plants has increased by 46.6 p.c. Employees have increased by 15 p.c. and their earnings are close to twice as great as ten years ago. Cost of materials and supplies used increased by 83 p.c. and total receipts has practically doubled since 1949.

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 \$82,152,377 (Table 4). Of this amount \$50,161,846 was the receipts of 937 plants using petroleum solvents and \$31,990,531 of 659 plants using synthetic solvents.

RECEIPTS AND SALARIES
OF POWER LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS
1930 - 1959



AMOUNT OF WORK PERFORMED BY TYPE OF PLANT, 1959



Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries, Dry Cleaners and Dyers, by Provinces, 1959/1958

Province	Percentage change 1959/1958	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
Canada	+ 4.3	+5.1
Newfoundland	+33.3	+9.4
Prince Edward Island	+ 9.1	
Nova Scotia	1	+5.7
New Brunswick	- 4.0	+0.3
Quebec	+ 4.4	+5.2
Ontario	+ 6.2	+5.9
Manitoba	+ 2.9	+5.5
Saskatchewan	1	+1.2
Alberta	1	+2.7
British Columbia ²	+ 4.4	+4.9

¹ Unchanged.

² Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 1. Power Laundries, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930, 1933, 1937, 1941, 1945-59

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used ¹	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	..	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
1959	1,813	31,187	76,208,129	17,246,692	160,307,442

¹ Excluding cost of linen from 1954.² Including Newfoundland from 1949.

.. Figures 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, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics, by Provinces, 1959

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors ¹	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
		number			dollars		
Canada	1,813	1,478	11,602	19,585	76,208,129	17,246,692	160,307,442
Newfoundland	16	14	162	218	847,643	234,957	1,888,042
Prince Edward Island	12						
Nova Scotia	61						
New Brunswick	48						
Quebec	356	274	3,436	4,184	18,253,381	4,233,216	37,860,476
Ontario	785	694	4,681	8,211	30,939,168	7,086,533	66,010,837
Manitoba	71	46	586	1,276	4,540,703	990,716	8,820,735
Saskatchewan	100	97	321	664	2,324,291	587,149	5,217,583
Alberta	173	164	723	1,660	5,974,897	1,410,333	13,023,250
British Columbia ²	191	120	1,072	2,243	9,938,288	1,862,429	20,163,356

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, 1959

Province	Laundry receipts			Dry cleaning receipts		
	Total receipts ¹	Per cent received by		Total receipts ¹	Per cent received by	
		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants		Power laundries	Dry cleaning plants
	\$	per cent		\$	per cent	
Canada	48,535,322	78.0	22.0	88,804,594	12.9	87.1
Newfoundland	521,952	79.9	20.1	1,342,743	8.3	91.7
Prince Edward Island	1,675,179	75.7	24.3	2,637,788	7.6	92.4
Nova Scotia	1,049,657	83.5	16.5	1,906,399	23.0	77.0
New Brunswick	13,186,519	86.3	13.7	19,161,053	16.8	83.2
Ontario	17,458,662	74.7	25.3	37,710,308	9.0	91.0
Manitoba	2,941,306	47.3	52.7	4,824,523	3.5	96.5
Saskatchewan	1,551,294	75.9	24.1	3,602,050	7.3	92.7
Alberta	3,191,488	72.6	27.4	8,071,850	13.5	86.5
British Columbia ²	6,959,265	86.4	13.6	9,547,880	26.4	73.6

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, 1959

Province	Petroleum only			Synthetic only		
	Number of plants	Dry cleaning receipts		Number of plants	Dry cleaning receipts	
		Amount	Per cent of total		Amount	Per cent of total
		\$			\$	
Canada	937	50,161,846	56.8	659	31,990,531	36.2
Newfoundland	7	330,881	33.0	6	452,203	45.1
Prince Edward Island	7	170,118	50.0	4	169,996	50.0
Nova Scotia	37	1,184,621	45.1	15	1,284,292	48.8
New Brunswick	33	1,082,559	56.8	8	250,203	13.1
Quebec	159	9,643,022	50.5	146	8,571,689	44.9
Ontario	349	20,797,059	55.6	340	14,899,797	39.8
Manitoba	33	1,920,179	39.9	28	948,330	19.7
Saskatchewan	74	2,727,389	75.8	22	754,053	21.0
Alberta	123	5,412,863	67.1	37	2,628,234	32.6
British Columbia ¹	115	6,893,155	72.5	53	2,031,734	21.4

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

The 330 power laundries operating in 1959 reported receipts totalling \$68,095,503, an increase of 4.2 p.c. over the previous year's total of \$65,350,103 reported by 322 plants. Average receipts per plant, at \$206,350, were 1.7 p.c. above the 1958 receipts. Receipts per capita advanced to \$3.90 from \$3.83 while the number of plants per 100,000 population remained unchanged at 1.9.

With the exception of a 2.6 p.c. decrease in Nova Scotia, all provinces showed increases in receipts. Increases ranged from 9.0 p.c. in Alberta to 1.1 p.c. in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. Other increases were: Ontario 6.6 p.c., Manitoba 5.9 p.c., Saskatchewan 4.7 p.c., New Brunswick 2.6 p.c., British Columbia 2.5 p.c., and Quebec 1.7 p.c.

The number of persons employed in power laundries totalled 13,954, a slight decrease from the previous year, and their earnings amounted to \$33,864,341, an increase of 3.4 p.c. over 1958. The average salary, or wage, was \$2,431 compared with \$2,298 in 1958.

Of their total revenue, power laundries obtained 52.2 p.c. from laundry work (52.9 p.c. in 1958), 16.6 p.c. from dry cleaning (16.9 p.c.), 3.6 p.c. from wholesale laundry and dry cleaning (3.8 p.c.), 20.3 p.c. from coat and towel rentals (19.6 p.c.) and 7.3 p.c. from other sources (6.8 p.c.).

A classification of power laundries by size of receipts in Table 9 shows that 100 plants with an annual volume of \$200,000 or more accounted for 77.4 p.c. of the total receipts, 60 plants with a volume ranging from \$100,000 to \$199,999 accounted for 12.9 p.c., 60 plants with a volume ranging from \$50,000 to \$99,999 accounted for 6.2 p.c. and 110 plants with a volume of less than \$50,000 for 3.5 p.c.

Operating expenses of power laundries amounted to \$63,190,387, an increase of 4.2 p.c. over 1958. This percentage increase in costs was identical to the increase in total revenue. Ratios of the various expense items to receipts were very similar to those for 1958 (Table 6).

Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Power Laundries,
by Provinces, 1959/1958

Province	Percentage change 1959/1958	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
Canada	+ 2.5	+4.2
Newfoundland	-25.0	+1.1
Prince Edward Island	1	
Nova Scotia	1	-2.6
New Brunswick	1	+2.6
Quebec	- 2.5	+1.7
Ontario	+ 9.7	+6.6
Manitoba	1	+5.9
Saskatchewan	+14.3	+4.7
Alberta	- 3.8	+9.0
British Columbia ²	- 4.2	+2.5

¹ Unchanged.

² Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 5. Power Laundries, Historical Summary, 1930-59

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used ¹	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 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	..	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
1959	330	13,954	33,864,341	6,658,212	68,095,503

¹ Excluding linen cost from 1954.² Including Newfoundland from 1949.

.. Figures not available.

TABLE 6. Power Laundries, Operating Results, 1958 and 1959

Item	1958	1959	Percentage change 1959/1958
Plants reporting..... No.	322	330	+ 2.5
Total receipts \$	65,350,103	68,095,503	+ 4.2
Average receipts per plant \$	202,951	206,350	+ 1.7
Estimated population of Canada ¹ No.	17,048,000	17,442,000	+ 2.3
Receipts per capita..... \$	3.83	3.90	+ 1.8
Plants per 100,000 population..... No.	1.9	1.9	²
Paid employees:			
Total "	14,258	13,933	- 2.3
Male "	4,757	4,645	- 2.4
Female "	9,501	9,309	- 2.0
Total salaries and wages..... \$	32,761,909	33,864,341	+ 3.4
Percentage of total receipts %	50.1	49.8	
Average salary or wage per employee \$	2,298	2,431	+ 5.8
Total cost of fuel and electricity \$	2,573,573	2,629,725	- 2.2
Percentage of total receipts %	3.9	3.8	
Cost of materials and supplies used \$	6,048,982	6,658,212	+10.1
Percentage of total receipts %	9.3	9.8	
All other operating expenses..... \$	19,278,341	20,038,109	+ 3.9
Percentage of total receipts %	29.5	29.4	
Total expenses \$	60,662,805	63,190,387	+ 4.2
Percentage of total receipts %	92.8	92.8	

¹ As at June 1st.² Unchanged.

TABLE 7. Power Laundries, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1959

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors ¹	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts	
			Male	Female				
			number		dollars			
Canada	330	182	4,645	9,309	33,864,341	6,658,212	68,095,503	
Newfoundland.....	3	}	—	35	82	199,074	57,340	528,316
Prince Edward Island.....	2							
Nova Scotia.....	13	2	145	290	777,712	150,725	1,468,118	
New Brunswick.....	11	5	100	257	643,590	158,742	1,329,698	
Quebec.....	77	47	1,576	2,634	9,756,991	2,038,661	19,363,164	
Ontario.....	136	92	1,674	3,533	12,179,019	2,311,305	24,478,051	
Manitoba.....	9	3	137	326	1,067,439	266,929	2,252,928	
Saskatchewan.....	8	2	75	220	752,243	165,252	1,445,849	
Alberta.....	25	13	267	665	2,311,575	526,480	5,060,623	
British Columbia ²	46	18	636	1,302	6,176,698	982,778	12,168,756	

¹ Unincorporated firms only.² Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 8. Power Laundries, Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1959

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	35,577,502	52.2	11,277,587	16.6	2,442,495	3.6	13,849,151	20.3	4,948,768	7.3	68,095,503	100.0
Newfoundland.....	} 416,982	78.9	111,334	21.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	528,316	100.0
Prince Edward Island.....												
Nova Scotia.....	1,205,808	82.1	4	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	1,468,118	100.0
New Brunswick.....	876,521	65.9	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4	1,329,698	100.0
Quebec.....	10,178,983	52.6	3,199,143	16.5	1,217,299	6.3	2,765,233	14.3	2,002,506	10.3	19,363,164	100.0
Ontario.....	12,368,908	50.5	3,322,882	13.6	752,138	3.1	5,515,992	22.5	2,518,131	10.3	24,478,051	100.0
Manitoba.....	1,392,428	61.8	167,540	7.4	—	—	4	4	4	4	2,252,928	100.0
Saskatchewan.....	1,178,184	81.5	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4	1,445,849	100.0
Alberta.....	2,231,844	44.1	1,051,225	20.8	4	4	4	4	4	4	5,060,623	100.0
British Columbia ⁵	5,727,844	47.1	2,523,331	20.7	284,095	2.3	3,256,252	26.8	377,234	3.1	12,168,756	100.0

¹ Includes unfinished and finished, commercial and industrial.² Includes fur, commercial and industrial.³ Includes dyeing, storage, diaper rentals, etc.⁴ Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.⁵ 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, 1958 and 1959

Size of business	1958				1959			
	Plants	Receipts			Plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
	number	\$	%	\$	number	\$	%	\$
All plants	322	65,350,103	100.0	202,951	330	68,095,503	100.0	206,350
Less than \$20,000.....	54	589,556	0.9	10,918	58	627,430	0.9	10,818
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999.....	24	573,249	0.9	23,885	21	496,401	0.7	23,638
30,000 " 49,999.....	30	1,249,514	1.9	41,650	31	1,250,010	1.9	40,323
50,000 " 99,999.....	54	3,818,363	5.9	70,710	60	4,215,152	6.2	70,253
100,000 " 199,999.....	63	8,975,504	13.7	142,468	60	8,797,611	12.9	146,627
200,000 and over.....	97	50,143,917	76.7	516,948	100	52,708,899	77.4	527,089

TABLE 10. Power Laundries — Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1959

Form of organization and size of business	Plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as per cent of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
	number	\$	per cent				
Incorporated companies							
All plants	193	321,420	50.3	3.6	9.7	29.7	93.3
Less than \$20,000	4	11,547	52.9	7.7	9.3	32.0	101.9
\$ 20,000 to \$ 29,999	5	25,324	51.7	7.6	13.2	28.9	101.4
30,000 " 49,999	7	44,472	48.4	6.2	11.7	24.5	90.8
50,000 " 99,999	33	74,027	52.3	7.4	10.3	26.1	96.1
100,000 " 199,999	45	147,403	54.5	5.7	11.0	25.4	96.6
200,000 " 299,999	43	255,569	55.8	4.3	9.8	25.2	95.1
300,000 and over	56	740,793	48.1	2.8	9.3	31.8	92.0
Unincorporated companies							
All plants	137	44,244	43.4	6.9	11.1	26.7	88.1
Less than \$10,000	27	6,595	24.0	11.9	9.5	27.6	73.0
\$ 10,000 to \$ 19,999	27	14,932	33.6	10.5	11.0	28.9	84.0
20,000 " 29,999	16	23,111	33.8	10.0	11.2	27.7	82.7
30,000 " 49,999	24	39,113	41.3	7.2	10.0	24.4	82.9
50,000 " 99,999	27	65,639	41.7	6.7	12.6	29.3	90.3
100,000 " 199,999	15	149,966	50.1	5.3	10.6	25.0	91.0
200,000 and over	1						

TABLE 11. Power Laundries — Operating Costs by Form of Organization, by Provinces, 1959

Form of organization and province	Plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expense as per cent of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
	number	\$	per cent				
Incorporated companies							
Canada	193	321,420	50.3	3.6	9.7	29.7	93.3
Newfoundland	3	105,663	37.7	7.8	10.8	32.6	88.9
Prince Edward Island	2						
Nova Scotia	11	151,825	51.8	6.1	10.9	25.6	94.4
New Brunswick	6						
Quebec	40	437,161	50.9	3.7	10.4	28.8	93.8
Ontario	73	292,738	50.6	3.8	9.3	30.9	94.6
Manitoba	6	297,701	49.7	3.6	11.7	27.6	92.6
Saskatchewan	6						
Alberta	15	320,056	46.1	2.2	10.3	29.6	88.2
British Columbia ¹	31	377,231	51.2	2.7	8.0	30.2	92.1
Unincorporated companies							
Canada	137	44,244	43.4	6.9	11.1	26.7	88.1
Newfoundland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia	2	30,970	38.8	8.2	13.4	21.0	81.4
New Brunswick	5						
Quebec	37	50,722	45.7	7.9	11.9	26.2	90.8
Ontario	63	49,336	43.7	6.8	10.6	27.5	88.6
Manitoba	3	25,073	35.3	7.2	11.8	23.2	77.5
Saskatchewan	2						
Alberta	10	25,979	38.5	5.2	11.7	24.9	80.3
British Columbia ¹	15	31,639	39.8	6.9	10.0	27.1	83.8

¹ Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 12. Power Laundries - Principal Statistics for Selected Cities,¹ 1959

City	Plants	Receipts					Paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Laundry ²	Cleaning ³	Coat and towel rentals	All other ⁴	Total	Male	Female	
	number	dollars					number		\$
Halifax	5	\$	\$	-	-	866,617	79	156	448,911
Montreal	38	8,703,492	2,308,749	2,635,210	1,921,434	15,568,885	1,316	2,014	8,143,287
Quebec	7	1,046,568	344,163	-	68,428	1,459,159	91	253	555,642
Hamilton	10	1,038,739	\$	-	\$	3,048,721	190	296	1,289,224
London	3	\$	\$	\$	\$	2,010,351	136	197	930,777
Ottawa	9	1,135,811	439,062	\$	\$	1,977,401	121	298	959,576
Toronto	43	5,820,635	722,579	3,186,143	583,682	10,313,039	701	1,577	5,229,255
Windsor	5	463,363	226,775	\$	\$	1,171,331	87	132	569,966
Winnipeg	6	1,359,169	\$	\$	31,054	2,219,669	136	322	1,062,936
Calgary	5	772,123	428,806	\$	\$	2,006,624	85	220	819,336
Edmonton	7	952,086	334,429	\$	\$	2,094,129	123	274	976,784
Vancouver	14	3,835,734	1,415,171	2,815,109	3,350,942	8,416,956	413	816	4,134,926
Victoria	4	827,741	\$	311,083	\$	1,425,657	97	173	853,830

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 Withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SECTION III - DRY CLEANING AND DYEING PLANTS

An increase of 66 plants in 1959 over 1958 brought the number of plants to 1,483, a gain of 4.7 p.c. and a new record. Receipts totalled \$92,211,939, up 5.8 p.c. over the \$87,194,590 of 1958. The average receipts per plant increased by 1.0 p.c. from \$61,535 to \$62,179. On a per capita basis, receipts averaged \$5.29, compared with \$5.11 in 1958. There were 8.5 plants per 100,000 population.

Receipts increased in all provinces except New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta where decreases were 1.5 p.c., 0.1 p.c. and 0.9 p.c. respectively. Increases ranged from 16.3 p.c. in Newfoundland to 4.2 p.c. in Prince Edward Island.

Receipts by source, expressed as percentages of total, were as follows: dry cleaning 78.8 p.c., laundry 10.9 p.c., wholesale laundry and dry cleaning 5.8 p.c. and all other sources 4.5 p.c. In 1958 these percentages were 79.1, 10.2, 6.2 and 4.5 respectively.

Of the 1,483 dry cleaning and dyeing plants operating in 1959, 203 plants whose volume of business was \$100,000 or more obtained 48.2 p.c. of total receipts, 345 plants whose volume of business ranged from \$50,000 to \$99,999 obtained 25.7 p.c. and 358 plants whose volume ranged from \$30,000 to \$49,999 obtained 15.1 p.c. The remaining 11 p.c. was obtained by 577 plants whose volume of business was less than \$30,000.

The number of persons employed by this industry in 1959 totalled 17,233, an increase of 512 over the previous year. Salaries and wages paid totalled \$42,343,788 or 7.1 p.c. more than in 1958.

Operating expenses of dry cleaning and dyeing plants in 1959 amounted to \$83,827,285, an increase of 5.8 p.c. as compared with \$79,242,780 in 1958. There was a 7.1 p.c. increase in salaries and wages, a 4.6 p.c. increase in the cost of materials and supplies used and an increase of 4.4 p.c. in all other operating expenses. Little change occurred from 1958 in the ratios of expense items to receipts as will be noted from Table 14.

**Percentage Changes in Number and Receipts of Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants,
by Provinces, 1959/1958**

Province	Percentage change 1959/1958	
	Number of plants	Receipts
	per cent	
Canada	+ 4.7	+ 5.8
Newfoundland	+44.4	+16.3
Prince Edward Island	+11.1	+ 4.2
Nova Scotia	¹	+10.5
New Brunswick	- 5.1	- 1.5
Quebec	+ 6.5	+ 9.0
Ontario	+ 5.5	+ 5.5
Manitoba	+ 3.3	+ 5.4
Saskatchewan	- 1.1	- 0.1
Alberta	+ 0.7	- 0.9
British Columbia ²	+ 7.4	+ 8.6

¹ Unchanged.² Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 13. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Historical Summary, 1930-59

Year	Plants	Employees	Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used ¹	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 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	..	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
1959	1,483	17,233	42,343,788	10,588,480	92,211,939

¹ Excluding cost of linen from 1954.² Including Newfoundland from 1949.

.. Figures not available.

TABLE 14. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Operating Results, 1958 and 1959

Item	1958	1959	Percentage changes 1959/1958
Plants reporting	No. 1,417	1,483	+4.7
Total receipts	\$ 87,194,590	92,211,939	+5.8
Average receipts per plant	\$ 61,535	62,179	+1.0
Estimated population of Canada ¹	No. 17,048,000	17,442,000	+2.3
Receipts per capita	\$ 5.11	5.29	+3.5
Plants per 100,000 population	No. 8.3	8.5	+2.4
Paid employees:			
Total	" 16,721	17,233	+3.1
Male	" 6,764	6,957	+2.9
Female	" 9,957	10,276	+3.2
Total salaries and wages	\$ 39,518,187	42,343,788	+7.1
Percentage of total receipts	% 45.4	45.9	
Average salary or wage per employee	\$ 2,363	2,457	+4.0
Total cost of fuel and electricity	\$ 3,598,173	3,745,096	+4.1
Percentage of total receipts	% 4.1	4.1	
Cost of materials and supplies used	\$ 10,126,668	10,588,480	+4.6
Percentage of total receipts	% 11.6	11.5	
All other operating expenses	\$ 25,999,752	27,149,921	+4.4
Percentage of total receipts	% 29.8	29.4	
Total expenses	\$ 79,242,780	83,827,285	+5.8
Percentage of total receipts	% 90.9	90.9	

¹ As at June 1st.

TABLE 15. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Summary Statistics by Provinces, 1959

Province	Plants	Total working proprietors ¹	Paid employees		Salaries and wages	Cost of materials and supplies used	Receipts
			Male	Female			
		number			dollars		
Canada	1,483	1,296	6,957	10,276	42,343,788	10,588,480	92,211,939
Newfoundland	13	4	94	106	522,914	131,345	1,014,833
Prince Edward Island.....	10	10	33	30	125,655	45,372	344,893
Nova Scotia	48	30	251	345	1,265,571	340,909	2,864,991
New Brunswick	37	32	125	237	702,885	191,883	1,660,356
Quebec	279	227	1,860	1,550	8,496,390	2,194,555	18,497,312
Ontario	649	602	3,007	4,678	18,760,149	4,775,228	41,532,786
Manitoba.....	62	43	449	950	3,473,264	723,787	6,567,807
Saskatchewan	92	95	246	444	1,572,048	421,897	3,771,734
Alberta	148	151	456	995	3,663,322	883,853	7,962,627
British Columbia ²	145	102	436	941	3,761,590	879,651	7,994,600

¹ Unincorporated firms only.² Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 16. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Receipts by Type of Service Performed, by Provinces, 1959

Province	Cleaning ¹		Laundry ²		Wholesale laundry and dry cleaning		All other ³		Total receipts	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Canada	72,645,732	78.8	10,006,865	10.9	5,389,735	5.8	4,169,607	4.5	92,211,939	100.0
Newfoundland	897,071	88.4	4	4	—	—	4	4	1,014,833	100.0
Prince Edward Island	334,338	96.9	4	4	—	—	4	4	344,893	100.0
Nova Scotia	2,437,162	85.1	401,687	14.0	4	4	4	4	2,864,991	100.0
New Brunswick	1,467,707	88.4	172,235	10.4	4	4	4	4	1,660,356	100.0
Quebec	14,334,308	77.5	1,762,502	9.5	1,655,337	9.0	745,165	4.0	18,497,312	100.0
Ontario	31,755,868	76.4	4,019,413	9.7	2,949,761	7.1	2,807,744	6.8	41,532,786	100.0
Manitoba	4,567,625	69.6	1,413,878	21.5	224,358	3.4	361,946	5.5	6,567,807	100.0
Saskatchewan	3,283,436	87.0	365,610	9.7	63,300	1.7	59,388	1.6	3,771,734	100.0
Alberta	6,955,347	87.3	848,290	10.7	49,353	0.6	109,637	1.4	7,962,627	100.0
British Columbia ⁵	6,612,870	82.7	918,280	11.5	440,725	5.5	22,725	0.3	7,994,600	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 Indicates figures are withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations but these are included in the totals.

⁵ 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. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, classified by Size of Business, 1958 and 1959

Size of business	1958				1959			
	Plants	Receipts			Plants	Receipts		
		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant		Amount	Per cent of total	Average per plant
	number	\$	%	\$	number	\$	%	\$
All plants	1,417	87,194,590	100.0	61,535	1,483	92,211,939	100.0	62,179
Less than \$15,000	202	1,970,458	2.2	9,755	211	2,008,706	2.2	9,520
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999	131	2,298,804	2.6	17,548	131	2,291,339	2.5	17,491
20,000 " 29,999	228	5,654,248	6.5	24,799	235	5,829,247	6.3	24,805
30,000 " 49,999	325	12,539,904	14.4	38,584	358	13,947,328	15.1	38,959
50,000 " 99,999	350	24,124,568	27.7	68,927	345	23,684,689	25.7	68,651
100,000 and over	181	40,606,608	46.6	224,346	203	44,450,630	48.2	218,969

TABLE 18. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1959

Form of organization and size of business	Plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as per cent of total receipts					
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses	
	number	\$	per cent					
Incorporated companies								
All plants	510	112,092	50.3	3.5	11.1	30.0	94.9	
Less than \$15,000	6	10,200	49.9	7.0	16.6	38.1	111.6	
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999	14	17,743	46.6	7.4	11.6	26.9	92.5	
20,000 " 29,999	36	24,792	47.3	5.5	11.3	31.4	95.5	
30,000 " 49,999	114	39,521	47.7	4.4	11.4	30.1	93.6	
50,000 " 99,999	173	71,418	48.7	4.1	11.5	28.9	93.2	
100,000 " 199,999	108	135,351	49.8	3.5	12.1	27.3	92.7	
200,000 " 299,999	30	240,961	53.7	3.4	10.9	28.4	96.4	
300,000 and over	29	595,080	51.6	2.7	9.9	33.6	97.8	

TABLE 18. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization and Size of Business, 1959 – Concluded

Form of organization and size of business	Plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as per cent of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
	number	\$	per cent				
Unincorporated companies							
All plants	973	36,017	38.7	5.0	12.1	28.5	84.3
Less than \$7,500	56	5,207	19.7	13.0	12.5	30.5	75.7
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	49	8,802	20.0	9.5	12.1	30.0	71.6
10,000 " 14,999	100	12,246	24.7	8.3	13.4	30.2	76.6
15,000 " 19,999	117	17,461	28.9	6.9	12.4	29.8	78.0
20,000 " 29,999	199	24,808	35.6	6.2	12.4	29.2	83.4
30,000 " 49,999	244	38,696	37.5	5.0	12.3	28.6	83.4
50,000 " 99,999	172	65,868	42.2	4.0	11.7	27.3	85.2
100,000 and over	36	148,515	45.7	3.5	12.0	29.5	90.7

TABLE 19. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants – Operating Costs by Form of Organization by Provinces, 1959

Form of organization and province	Plants	Average receipts per plant	Operating expenses as per cent of total receipts				
			Salaries and wages	Fuel and electricity	Materials and supplies	All other operating expenses	Total expenses
	number	\$	per cent				
Incorporated companies							
Canada	510	112,092	50.3	3.5	11.1	30.0	94.9
Newfoundland	9	104,223	53.1	5.2	13.2	27.4	98.9
Prince Edward Island	3	54,189	46.9	5.2	14.4	28.2	94.7
Nova Scotia	23	90,948	45.6	4.5	11.4	28.6	90.1
New Brunswick	10	92,996	45.5	5.0	11.3	34.3	96.1
Quebec	89	118,499	49.5	4.0	11.0	31.8	96.3
Ontario	209	115,318	49.9	3.5	11.2	30.8	95.4
Manitoba	31	186,722	55.8	2.4	11.0	24.1	93.3
Saskatchewan	21	90,589	48.6	3.1	10.6	31.5	93.8
Alberta	49	103,901	50.0	2.6	10.7	31.3	94.6
British Columbia ¹	66	85,074	51.5	4.0	10.7	27.8	94.0
Unincorporated companies							
Canada	973	36,017	38.7	5.0	12.1	28.5	84.3
Newfoundland	4	19,207	32.3	7.3	9.4	26.4	75.4
Prince Edward Island	7	26,047	27.0	6.4	12.1	19.1	64.6
Nova Scotia	25	30,928	40.3	6.0	13.1	25.3	84.7
New Brunswick	27	27,052	38.3	8.0	11.8	27.3	85.4
Quebec	190	41,847	41.3	5.1	13.0	27.9	87.3
Ontario	440	39,617	38.6	4.6	11.9	29.3	84.4
Manitoba	31	25,143	31.2	6.2	10.9	32.1	80.4
Saskatchewan	71	26,329	34.6	5.1	11.8	28.3	79.8
Alberta	99	29,005	39.0	4.2	11.8	25.8	80.8
British Columbia ¹	79	30,123	36.6	5.8	11.8	29.6	83.8

¹ Including Yukon and Northwest Territories.

TABLE 20. Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plants, Principal Statistics for Selected Cities, 1959

City	Plants	Receipts				Paid employees		Salaries and wages
		Cleaning ¹	Laundry ²	All other ³	Total	Male	Female	
	number	dollars				number		\$
St. John's ⁴	6	570,094	\$	\$	650,160	55	70	374,036
Halifax ⁴	11	1,084,815	\$	\$	1,251,540	89	129	579,071
Sydney	6	\$	\$	—	523,726	39	88	210,330
Saint-John ⁴	5	368,041	\$	\$	412,762	24	64	190,173
Montreal ⁴	88	7,551,673	944,010	403,835	8,899,518	819	727	4,213,770
Quebec ⁴	19	1,450,158	208,461	157,780	1,816,399	167	157	863,186
Sherbrooke	8	335,216	\$	\$	458,318	42	42	218,658
Three-Rivers	8	484,626	\$	\$	588,457	68	52	265,440
Brantford	7	584,066	\$	\$	761,534	67	98	382,095
Fort William	9	511,328	\$	\$	531,745	33	91	271,216
Hamilton ⁴	30	2,595,396	283,962	164,681	3,044,039	188	420	1,441,014
Kingston	7	540,190	\$	\$	637,190	46	87	316,398
Kitchener	10	545,975	57,808	11,945	615,728	34	65	308,789
London ⁴	14	1,227,530	216,791	27,691	1,472,012	103	183	692,755
Oshawa	12	418,445	\$	\$	472,819	26	79	194,847
Ottawa ⁴	42	2,400,941	504,407	351,442	3,256,790	229	380	1,401,763
Peterborough	8	331,876	\$	\$	374,180	18	45	142,165
St-Catharines	9	437,478	\$	\$	481,089	48	54	241,344
Sarnia	5	\$	\$	—	354,126	22	44	159,837
Sault Ste. Marie	7	426,809	\$	\$	469,109	20	63	205,996
Sudbury	11	646,900	\$	\$	665,459	39	79	286,223
Toronto ⁴	172	11,686,331	1,942,355	2,046,339	15,675,025	1,147	1,667	7,342,230
Windsor ⁴	24	1,279,423	126,199	24,131	1,429,753	116	167	644,606
Winnipeg ⁴	33	3,616,241	1,254,487	219,015	5,089,743	371	787	2,855,487
Regina	15	1,021,978	\$	\$	1,113,692	75	116	514,976
Saskatoon	11	714,424	95,505	15,886	825,815	67	127	409,756
Calgary ⁴	37	1,974,787	422,944	28,496	2,426,227	147	357	1,194,732
Edmonton ⁴	39	3,053,108	350,441	73,928	3,477,477	190	394	1,674,872
Vancouver ⁴	62	3,884,962	512,411	13,952	4,411,325	224	510	2,099,887
Victoria ⁴	11	811,001	42,633	2,025	855,659	57	117	478,113

¹ Includes fur, wholesale, commercial and industrial.

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

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

⁴ Metropolitan areas.

⁵ Withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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