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MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION

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This report covers the 1959 operations of 54 private firms and 7 government agencies in the production and printing of motion picture films and film strips for industry, government, education, entertainment, etc. Five other firms coming to our attention which did not meet the classification requirement produced 1 feature film, 7 films for television use and 18 other non-theatrical films of five minutes or longer; 288 newsreel stories and ciné-magazines, 20 commercial advertising films for television and 1 non-commercial advertising film for other uses. These firms derived \$100,995 of their total revenue of \$326,432 from the production of motion pictures. Figures relating to the above-mentioned 5 firms are not included in any of the tables contained in this report.

The statistics shown in the following table pertain only to the private sector. The employment figures do not include proprietors of unincorporated firms.

Summary Statistics of Motion Picture Production (Private Industry)

Year				Gross Revenue					
	No. of Firms	No. of Employees	Salaries and Wages	Production	Printing and Laboratory	Other Revenue			
			\$	\$	\$	\$			
1952	30	386	1,006,918	1,331,393	1,274,137	(1)			
1953	32	387	1,150,890	1,592,779	1,230,493	(1)			
1954	45	478	1,549,233	2,106,131	1,456,405	1,328,021			
1955	46	445	1,460,421	2,456,038	1,051,673	512,727			
1956(2) 59	1,127	2,483,910	3,726,557	2,095,985	423,899			
1957	58	1,216	2,758,560	4,471,710	2,978,626	469,369			
1958(3)) 52	1,133	2,770,375	3,902,780	3,344,948	421,975			
1959	54	1,365	3,471,347	5,085,690	3,229,240	389,480			

⁽¹⁾ Not available. (2) Figures from 1956 include laboratories with no motion picture production. They are not included in the figures for prior years.

(3) Revised.

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Summary Statistics

Table 1 of this report covers the years 1958 and 1959 and gives detail by region of entertainment, documentary and instructional films of 5 minutes or longer and less than 5 minutes; and of publicity, news and other films. Table 2 contains a technical and language classification of films of 5 minutes or longer. Of the total of 514 films of 5 minutes or longer reported by private industry, 40 television and 15 other non-theatrical films were adaptations or language versions of original films; 11 were made for other than Canadian sponsors.

Twenty theatrical shorts, 10 television and 61 other non-theatrical films of 5 minutes or longer were reported by government agencies as adaptations or language versions of the original films. One of the films produced was made for other than Canadian sponsors.

Private industry and government agencies printed 47,978,205 feet of 16MM film and 21,200,275 feet of 35MM in black and white; 7,802,333 feet of 16MM film were in colour.

TABLE 1. Summary Statistics - Motion Picture Production, 1958⁽¹⁾ and 1959

	Private Industry											
Туре	Quebec		Ontario		Other provinces		Canada Total		Government		Total	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Entertainment, Documentary and Instructional Films												
Five minutes or longer:												
Theatrical: Features	9	1	2 3	1	3	-	2 1.5	2	19	28	2 34	30
Non-theatrical: T.V	104 29	138 46	108 160	165 139	31	2 22		305 202	55 188	60 179	267 408	365 386
Less than five minutes	6	2	4	35	2	8	12	45	46	11	58	56
Publicity, News and Other Films		- 161							Alle I			
Commercial advertising: T.V Other	469	423	1,316	1,374	255 8	367	2,040	2,164	-	-	2,040	2,164 ω 34 ι
Non-commercial advertising: T.V Other .	1 -	6	45 4	52 8	9 2	4	55 6	62 14	6	6 12	55 12	68 26
Trailers: T.V	6	106	1 4	- 4	1 651	593	8 656	106 597	1	30 1	9 656	136 598
Newsclips: T.V Other	240	250	7 3	146	8 -	20	255	416	50 15	30 2	305 18	446 2
Newsreel stories and ciné-magazines: T.V Other	78 105	29 105	31	79 61	6	15	115 105	123 166	4 52	48	119 157	123 214
Slidefilms (filmstrips): Silent	12	3	3 12	8 7	-	-	15 12	11 7	-	33	15 12	44 10
Film Titles	-	3	-	46	-	7	-	56	60	1	-	57
Other films	-	-	592	585	4		596	585	-	-	596	585

^{1.} Revised.



TABLE 2. Technical and Language Classes of Motion Picture Films, 1959
Note: Entertainment, documentary and instructional films only

(5 minutes or longer)

Туре	Colour	Black and White	Sound	Silent	Languages (sound)			
Туре					English	French	Other	
Private Industry								
Theatrical:								
Features	-	2	2	***	1	1	-	
Non-theatrical:								
Television	40 123	265 84	278 114	27 93	172 94	106 15	5	
Government								
Theatrical:							4	
Features	23	5	28	60	15	13	- 1	
Non-theatrical:								
Television	92	60 87	56 175	4	34 80	22 40	55	
Total								
Theatrical:								
Features	23	7	30	-	16	14	-	
Non-theatrical:								
Television	40 215	325 171	334 289	31 97	206 174	128 55	60	