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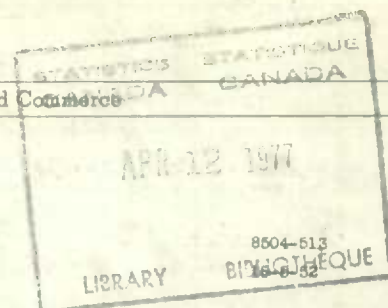


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## WAREHOUSING

1950

The current report is the seventh annual survey of the warehousing industry in Canada and presents key statistics on the operations of the majority of firms offering warehousing and storage facilities to the public. A total of 164 companies filed annual returns compared with 155 in 1949 and 141 in 1948. The Bureau has received the earnest cooperation of the trade association in an endeavour to effect more complete and prompt submission of returns but tardy reporting by a minority again prevented an earlier release of the information on this important service industry. Statistics are presented on a regional basis with the Maritimes as a group. No returns were available from Newfoundland where the industry, as such, does not appear to be developed. Returns are included from both members and non-members of the Canadian Warehousemen's Association who were conducting a public warehousing business during the year. Cooperatives operating warehouses or storages for their own members are not covered nor were packing houses and other firms operating storage facilities in connection with their respective businesses. Many public warehousing companies also operated a local moving and cartage service and others a motor carrier business, including long distance moving. For some firms revenues from the motor carrier segment represented a large percentage of their total receipts and they might more properly be classed as motor carriers rather than as warehousing companies; however the tables below indicate the revenue from each activity. The account "Other Revenues" contains some income from merchandising. Small food locker plants are not included, except where they may be part of a general warehousing business. Activity in the industry during 1950 was generally well maintained and with an increase of nine in the number of firms reporting, the total gross capital investment rose to \$38,292,150 from \$35,554,799 in 1949, giving a per company average of \$233,489 for 1950 against \$229,386 in the preceding year and \$216,824 in 1948. Present peak construction costs discourage building, particularly where the long term competitive field must be considered. Accrued depreciation totalled \$12,235,092 against \$11,873,605 one year earlier.

Total operating revenues of the 164 firms reporting amounted to \$21,834,057 for the year compared with \$20,003,675 earned by 155 companies in 1949. The overall gain was thus 9.1 p.c. or \$1,830,382. Storage revenues from household goods registered a slight increase. Encouraging increases were indicated in dry merchandise, cartage and moving while fair improvement occurred in cold storage and labour service charges. Nearly 22 p.c. of revenues accrued from cold storage while 47.5 p.c. of the total was from all storage operations. Most expense accounts continued to higher levels and the total at \$18,853,495 was up from \$17,182,216 in 1949 or by 9.7 p.c. The widest advances were shown in wages, general administration, motor vehicle operation and "other" operating expenses. Operating taxes and licenses took \$680,587 against \$647,329.

Net operating income remaining for 1950 was \$2,980,562 compared with \$2,821,459 in 1949. Other income improved \$19,182 to \$127,126. Total deductions amounted to \$645,233 with interest at \$348,729. Net income before income tax was \$2,462,455 for the industry against \$2,376,934 in 1949, but a larger tax contribution of \$756,210 versus \$653,839 one year earlier left \$1,706,245 as net income transferable to surplus or slightly below the \$1,722,195 reported for 1949 and well under the \$2,224,027 shown for 1948. The above indicates a return of some 6.25 p.c. for 1950 on the value of assets less depreciation at the end of the year.

The total salaries and wages paid by the industry during the year amounted to \$9,586,171 compared with \$8,533,853 one year earlier for an advance of 12.2 p.c. while employees rose in numbers to 4,508 from 4,137. Of the 1950 total there were 1,095 on salary, 3,140 on wages and 273 listed as casuals on a monthly average. Average earnings for all classes of employees were nearly \$2,127 against \$2,063 one year earlier, a rise of 3.1 p.c.

Net occupiable space furnished by the industry comprised 19,333,375 cubic feet for household goods, 24,748,232 cubic feet for merchandise and 23,852,576 cubic feet of cold storage for a total of nearly 78 million cubic feet as against the estimated 71.3 million reported for 1949. Occupancy of available space averaged higher in 1950, with increased space reported for the three divisions - household goods, merchandise and cold storage. More correspondents are now reporting in cubic feet rather than square feet. The accident record for the industry shows no employees killed during the year but 352 suffered injuries compared with 248 in 1949. Four other persons were killed and seven injured against one killed and one injured in the previous year, mainly by vehicles owned and operated by warehousing companies.

For comparative purposes only, a special table follows, giving the salient statistics covering 141 firms which reported for both 1949 and 1950. These figures should not be confused with data shown in the main tables or outlined above.

TABLE A COMPARISON PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF 141 FIRMS REPORTING BOTH IN 1949 and 1950

Finances	1950	1949	Increase + Decrease - 1950 over 1949	Employees	1950	1949	Increase + Decrease - 1950 over 1949
	\$	\$					
Total Revenue	20,015,944	19,311,847	+ 704,097	Number - Regular .....	2,843	2,878	- 35
Total Operating Expenses ..	17,136,136	16,599,245	+ 536,891	" - Casual .....	262	95	+ 167
Net Operating Revenue ...	2,879,808	2,712,602	+ 167,206	Wages - Regular .... \$	5,969,210	5,699,109	+ 270,101
Net Income .....	1,630,439	1,631,089	- 650	" - Casual .... \$	321,358	131,958	+ 189,400
				Salaries Employees ...	1,023	999	+ 24
				Salaries .....	2,574,970	2,358,236	+ 216,734
				Total Salaries and Wages .....	8,865,538	8,189,303	+ 676,235

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TABLE 1

WAREHOUSING PROPERTY, REVENUES,

		Canada	(1) Maritimes
1.	Number of Companies Reporting .....	164	14
	<u>PROPERTY ACCOUNT</u>	\$	\$
2.	Land and Land Rights .....	2,830,517	101,399
3.	Warehouses, Garages, Shops, Offices, & Other Bldgs. ....	27,575,057	3,077,770
4.	Warehouse, Shop and Garage Equipment .....	4,112,588	184,807
5.	Furniture and Office Equipment .....	468,535	22,316
6.	Trucks, Trailers, Service Cars & Other Vehicles .....	3,405,453	108,401
7.	Total Gross Cost .....	38,392,150	3,494,693
8.	Depreciation accrued to December 31, 1950 .....	12,235,092	701,124
9.	Value at December 31, 1950 .....	26,157,058	2,793,569
10.	Goodwill, Organization & other Expenses Capitalized .....	1,129,654	3,773
11.	Total Property, etc., Account .....	27,286,712	2,797,342
	<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
12.	Storage Revenue - Household Goods .....	1,808,763	87,276
13.	- Merchandise (Dry) .....	3,785,477	171,864
14.	- Cold Storage .....	4,766,679	451,393
15.	Cartage-Railway and other local .....	3,558,956	82,925
16.	Handling and Extra Labour Service .....	1,766,665	38,531
17.	Moving .....	3,087,974	75,367
18.	Other Revenues including office rentals .....	3,059,543	300,863
19.	Total Operating Revenues .....	21,834,057	1,208,219
	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
20.	Administration and General Expenses .....	3,587,886	170,466
21.	Wages and Bonuses to Warehousemen, Drivers & Helpers, etc. ..	6,815,136	373,073
22.	Maintenance and Repairs-Warehouses & other Bldgs. ....	718,392	81,400
23.	-Motor Vehicles (Inc. Garage Exp.) ...	687,687	46,750
24.	Fuel, Oil and other Transportation Expenses .....	1,325,489	30,604
25.	Power, Light, Heat and Water .....	669,265	101,185
26.	Insurance and Safety Expenses, Claims, etc. ....	502,304	26,088
27.	Depreciation for year .....	1,105,597	77,236
28.	Operating Taxes and Licenses .....	680,587	39,986
29.	Other Operating Expenses (Including Rents) .....	2,761,152	102,549
30.	Total Operating Expenses .....	18,853,495	1,049,337
	<u>INCOME ACCOUNT</u>		
31.	Net Operating Revenue .....	2,980,562	158,882
32.	Income from other sources .....	127,126	5,556
33.	Gross Income .....	3,107,688	164,438
34.	Deductions-Interest, Bond, Bond, Mortgages, etc. ....	348,729	19,928
35.	-Other Deductions .....	296,504	2,189
36.	Total Deductions .....	645,233	22,117
37.	Net Income before Income Tax .....	2,462,455	142,321
38.	Income Tax .....	756,210	15,660
39.	Net Income Transferred to Surplus .....	1,706,245	126,661

(1) Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.



EXPENSES AND INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	
22	54	17	10	13	34	1.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1,105,655	779,581	243,253	30,763	183,926	385,940	2.
8,716,582	5,167,351	3,268,000	467,516	1,583,649	5,294,189	3.
307,855	1,463,376	579,820	84,298	341,676	1,150,766	4.
56,926	126,473	42,455	16,838	115,750	87,777	5.
426,187	854,933	636,746	224,057	628,689	526,440	6.
10,613,205	8,391,714	4,770,274	823,472	2,853,690	7,445,102	7.
2,997,829	3,535,517	1,747,159	265,509	955,302	2,032,652	8.
7,615,376	4,856,197	3,023,115	557,963	1,898,388	5,412,450	9.
80,611	600,576	25,674	23,473	43,557	351,990	10.
7,695,987	5,456,773	3,048,789	581,436	1,941,945	5,764,440	11.
401,530	555,690	165,719	95,761	116,536	386,251	12.
988,366	1,193,024	412,268	40,029	226,342	753,584	13.
1,052,496	1,560,062	356,665	117,676	138,799	1,089,588	14.
101,550	332,015	984,650	277,465	954,284	826,067	15.
201,413	584,170	259,590	88,760	286,472	307,729	16.
435,279	930,975	81,725	289,500	372,557	902,571	17.
217,805	843,405	400,528	67,410	259,254	970,278	18.
3,398,439	5,999,341	2,661,145	976,601	2,354,244	5,236,068	19.
443,502	1,079,438	468,512	170,523	448,074	807,371	20.
987,173	1,512,060	1,013,332	381,980	848,863	1,698,655	21.
184,466	273,661	30,889	18,878	35,166	93,932	22.
44,201	151,169	62,358	47,101	115,884	220,224	23.
183,660	245,151	275,510	79,363	250,371	260,830	24.
175,124	150,848	66,883	17,616	24,792	132,817	25.
74,066	128,927	82,490	29,123	60,491	101,119	26.
120,402	371,151	141,401	62,326	140,142	192,939	27.
115,135	209,054	119,374	34,594	49,522	112,922	28.
412,868	863,418	216,697	46,930	128,114	990,576	29.
2,740,597	4,984,877	2,477,446	888,434	2,101,419	4,611,385	30.
657,842	1,014,464	183,699	88,167	252,825	624,683	31.
36,098	31,782	13,909	7,049	19,138	13,594	32.
693,940	1,046,246	197,608	95,216	271,963	638,277	33.
125,511	44,536	24,152	7,819	15,736	111,047	34.
56,841	10,068	7,876	162	13,833	205,535	35.
182,352	54,604	32,028	7,981	29,569	316,582	36.
511,588	991,642	165,580	87,235	242,394	321,695	37.
145,804	324,412	47,832	23,177	82,423	116,902	38.
365,784	667,230	117,748	64,058	159,971	204,793	39.

TABLE 2

EMPLOYEES AND COMPENSATION - WAREHOUSING

		Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	
	<u>EMPLOYEES - SALARIES AND WAGES</u>				
1.	Number of Salaried Employees .....	1,095	68	155	
2.	Amount of Salaries ..... \$	2,742,205	146,749	430,190	
3.	Number of Wages Earners - Regular .....	3,140	174	540	
4.	- Casual .....	273	49	12	
5.	Amount of Wages - Regular ..... \$	6,519,180	276,603	926,196	
6.	- Casual ..... \$	324,786	89,386	10,772	
7.	Total Salaries and Wages Paid ..... \$	9,586,171	512,738	1,367,158	
	<u>WAREHOUSING FACILITIES</u>				
	<u>Storage Space (Net Occupiable Space)</u>				
8.	Household Goods ..... Cubic Feet.	19,333,375	492,642	4,494,596	
9.	Merchandise ..... " "	34,748,232	2,298,470	10,721,400	
10.	Cold Storage ..... " "	23,852,576	1,827,572	5,397,300	
	<u>TRUCKING EQUIPMENT</u>				
11.	Trucks - Capacity - 2 Tons and Under ..... No.	531	9	14	
12.	- 2½ - 4 Tons ..... No.	221	13	20	
13.	- 4½ - 6 " ..... No.	111	1	2	
14.	- 6½ - 8 " ..... No.	15	-	-	
15.	- 8½ - 10 " ..... No.	8	-	-	
16.	- Over 12 " ..... No.	-	-	-	
17.	Total ..... No.	886	23	36	
	<u>Tractor, Semi - Trailer Units -</u>				
18.	Capacity - 2 Tons and Under ..... No.	10	-	-	
19.	- 2½ - 4 Tons ..... No.	100	-	8	
20.	- 4½ - 6 " ..... No.	28	-	3	
21.	- 6½ - 8 " ..... No.	16	2	-	
22.	- 8½ - 10 " ..... No.	17	1	-	
23.	- 10½ - 12 " ..... No.	7	-	-	
24.	- Over 12 " ..... No.	9	-	-	
25.	Total ..... No.	187	3	11	
26.	<u>Trailers</u> - Capacity - 2 Tons and Under .... No.	3	1	-	
27.	- 2½ - 4 Tons ..... No.	12	-	-	
28.	- 4½ - 6 " ..... No.	18	-	4	
29.	- 6½ - 8 " ..... No.	11	-	4	
30.	- 8½ - 10 " ..... No.	17	-	-	
31.	- Over 12 " ..... No.	4	-	-	
32.	Total ..... No.	65	1	8	

FACILITIES AND TRUCKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	
	301	170	46	156	199	1.
	805,908	380,188	75,646	354,849	548,675	2.
	750	516	169	360	631	3.
	134	5	4	10	59	4.
	1,532,446	1,001,092	320,455	818,920	1,643,468	5.
	144,124	2,749	2,998	3,306	71,451	6.
	2,482,478	1,384,029	399,099	1,177,075	2,263,594	7.
	4,801,704	3,910,000	870,815	1,302,490	3,461,128	8.
	9,495,072	4,708,800	370,710	1,467,000	5,686,780	9.
	6,638,359	2,881,608	311,858	322,000	6,473,879	10.
	57	161	60	150	80	11.
	45	27	23	25	68	12.
	18	2	-	8	80	13.
	4	-	-	-	11	14.
	-	-	-	-	8	15.
	-	-	-	-	-	16.
	124	190	83	183	247	17.
	1	-	-	2	7	18.
	31	31	16	12	2	19.
	7	3	11	-	4	20.
	5	3	-	-	6	21.
	5	-	-	9	2	22.
	-	-	6	1	-	23.
	-	-	-	-	9	24.
	49	37	33	24	30	25.
	2	-	-	-	-	26.
	3	7	2	-	-	27.
	1	10	2	-	1	28.
	-	1	3	-	3	29.
	3	-	11	-	3	30.
	-	-	2	-	2	31.
	9	18	20	-	9	32.



TABLE 3

STORAGE SPACE OCCUPIED EACH MONTH OF 1950

Month	Household Goods Storage		Merchandise Storage		Cold Storage	
	P.C. Net Occupiable Space Occupied	Cubic Feet	P.C. Net Occupiable Space Occupied	Cubic Feet	P.C. Net Occupiable Space Occupied	Cubic Feet
On January 1	86.77	16,775,264	86.26	29,974,211	67.13	16,011,056
" February 1	86.39	16,701,924	86.22	29,960,687	62.39	14,881,726
" March 1	88.91	17,189,181	86.19	29,950,840	57.13	13,627,340
" April 1	89.09	17,224,602	86.13	29,928,199	51.73	12,338,575
" May 1	90.61	17,518,712	87.50	30,404,002	52.03	12,410,694
" June 1	90.14	17,426,725	87.42	30,377,465	54.38	12,970,382
" July 1	89.33	17,269,666	87.03	30,241,743	55.67	13,279,905
" August 1	89.89	17,379,203	86.21	29,957,610	56.15	13,392,638
" September 1	89.30	17,264,747	86.65	30,109,010	57.96	13,825,604
" October 1	88.49	17,107,891	87.37	30,358,336	65.81	15,697,825
" November 1	87.72	16,959,986	88.08	30,605,923	71.65	17,089,927
" December 1	87.73	16,960,985	89.11	30,964,723	71.50	17,053,664

TABLE 4

WAGE EARNERS AND WAGES BY MONTH, 1950

Month	Regular Employees		Casual Employees	
	Number	Wages	Number	Wages
January	2,999	\$ 475,132	172	\$ 20,742
February	2,952	467,119	171	16,114
March	3,020	523,840	176	16,501
April	3,037	510,244	240	19,695
May	3,113	538,547	300	26,434
June	3,191	571,043	293	26,135
July	3,225	565,741	326	35,047
August	3,206	557,874	286	24,329
September	3,253	581,564	419	35,097
October	3,253	570,683	400	47,272
November	3,245	581,246	286	29,899
December	3,182	576,147	209	27,521
Average Number of Employees and Total Wages	3,140	6,519,180	273	324,786

TABLE 5

ACCIDENTS, 1950

	Number of Persons	
	Killed	Injured
Employees .....	-	352
Other Persons .....	4	7
Total .....	4	359

TABLE 6

SUMMARY

	1950	1949
Number of Companies Reporting .....	164	155
Investment in Land, Warehouses, etc. .... \$	38,392,150	35,554,799
<u>Revenue -</u>		
Storage .....	10,360,919	9,806,267
Cartage and Moving .....	6,646,930	5,716,468
Miscellaneous .....	4,826,208	4,480,940
Total Revenue .....	21,834,057	20,003,675
<u>Expenses -</u> Operating .....	18,853,495	17,182,216
Net Operating Revenue .....	2,980,562	2,821,459
<u>Employees - Salaries and Wages -</u>		
Number of Salaried Employees .....	1,095	1,029
Number of Wage Earners - Regular .....	3,140	2,964
- Casual .....	273	144
Total Salaries and Wages Paid .....	9,586,171	8,533,583
<u>Warehousing Facilities -</u>		
Storage - Dry (Net) ..... Cubic Feet	54,081,607	48,936,552
- Cold ..... Cubic Feet	23,852,576	22,326,137
<u>Motor Vehicles -</u>		
Trucks ..... No.	886	746
Tractor, Semi-Trailer Units ..... No.	187	131
Trailers ..... No.	65	49

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