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Statistics of the warehousing industry in Canada are presented in the following tables and cover the operations of the majority of firms offering warehousing and storage facilities to the public. The 1954 statistics include returns from 185 operators as compared with 173 reporting in 1953.

These statistics are published on a regional basis showing the Maritime provinces as a group. Newfoundland is not yet represented because of organizational difficulties. Reports are included from both members and non members of the Canadian Warehousemen's Association who conducted a public warehousing business during the year. Associations and organizations such as co-operatives operating warehouses or storages for their own members are not included nor are packing houses and other firms operating storage facilities in connection with their respective businesses which are reported to other divisions of the Bureau. Many public warehousing companies also operate a local moving and cartage service and others a motor carrier business, including long distance moving. For some firms, revenues from motor carrier activities represent a large percentage of total receipts and these might better be classed as motor carrier rather than as warehousing firms; the following tables however, indicate the amount of revenue derived from each segment of these businesses. The account "Other revenues" contains also some income from merchandising. Small food lockers are not included, except where they may be part of a general warehousing business.

With twelve more firms reporting, total investment in the industry rose to \$47,649,107 from \$42,342,981 in 1953, an increase of \$5,306,126. Accrued depreciation amounted to \$20,032,179 as against \$17,109,830 in the previous year.

Although revenue from storage of household goods recorded a slight increase, total storage revenue fell to \$12,987,959 from \$13,490,776 in 1953. Revenue from cartage and moving rose from \$9,353,688 to \$13,506,767 and total revenue increased by \$4,527,164, rising from \$30,737,433 in 1953 to \$35,264,597. Storage revenue accounted for only 37 p.c. of the total as compared with 44 p.c. last year. Operating expenses increased at a more rapid rate totalling \$31,320,091 against \$26,269,970 in 1953, labour costs alone accounting for some 48 p.c. of this increase. After income tax payments of \$1,526,181 in 1954, the net income amounted to \$2,446,178, a drop of 7 p.c. below the 1953 net of \$2,637,828.

Net occupiable space allocated to merchandise and cold storage declined from the previous year while space provided for the storage of household goods rose by some 16 p.c., from 16,602,137 to 18,765,693 cubic feet.

Salaried employees and wage earners numbered 7,622 in 1954 as compared with a total of 4,993 in 1953. Total salaries and wages paid amounted to \$16,380,795 for the year, 20 p.c. above the 1953 figure of \$13,641,331. Due to the large number of casual or part time employees average earnings for all classes dropped to \$2,149 from \$2,732 in the previous year. These figures are exclusive of withdrawals by owners or working partners which are shown for the first time in this report.

For comparative purposes only a special table is shown at the end of this report which summarizes the key statistics of 155 firms which reported for both 1954 and 1953. These comparatives should not be confused with the data shown in the main tables outlined above.

**TABLE 1. Warehousing Property, Revenues, Expenses and Income for the Year Ended
December 31, 1954**

No.		Canada	Maritimes ¹	Quebec
1	Number of companies reporting	185	17	24
	Property account	\$	\$	\$
2	Land and land rights	3,405,052	95,727	1,171,592
3	Warehouses, garages, shops, offices and other buildings	30,252,770	3,555,523	9,030,431
4	Warehouse, shop and garage equipment	5,320,980	296,120	678,119
5	Furniture and office equipment	778,392	22,461	159,235
6	Trucks, trailers, service cars and other vehicles	7,891,913	462,235	657,171
7	Total gross cost	47,649,107	4,432,066	11,696,548
8	Depreciation accrued to December 31, 1954	20,032,179	1,693,570	4,734,282
9	Value at December 31, 1954	27,616,928	2,738,496	6,962,266
10	Goodwill, organization and other expenses capitalized	1,145,345	19,103	60,531
11	Total property account	28,762,273	2,757,599	7,022,797
	Operating revenues			
12	Storage revenue — Household goods	1,969,059	128,978	403,091
13	Merchandise (dry)	5,444,092	247,575	1,121,829
14	Cold storage	5,574,808	427,959	1,622,692
15	Cartage — Railway and other local	9,847,653	380,222	386,605
16	Handling and extra labour service	3,570,464	223,679	545,819
17	Local moving	3,659,114	327,879	758,862
18	Other revenues including office rentals	5,199,407	436,525	1,041,535
19	Total operating revenues	35,264,597	2,172,817	5,880,433
	Operating expenses			
20	Administration and general expenses	5,522,194	258,485	1,184,162
21	Wages (including bonuses) to warehousemen, drivers, helpers, etc.	12,176,020	585,467	1,863,010
22	Maintenance and repairs (a) Warehouses and other buildings	1,158,734	166,351	282,008
23	(b) Motor vehicles (including garage expenses)	1,384,434	85,314	166,935
24	Gasoline, oil, motor fuel, etc.	1,002,388	78,891	72,330
25	Other transportation expenses	1,307,181	153,802	171,288
26	Power, light, heat and water	874,369	144,512	232,622
27	Sales and advertising	612,257	31,709	114,249
28	Insurance and safety expenses, claims, etc.	1,072,202	79,914	195,144
29	Depreciation for year on buildings, trucks, etc.	1,943,129	154,502	313,049
30	Operating taxes and licences	1,314,505	34,941	246,491
31	Other operating expenses (including rents)	2,952,678	138,792	245,769
32	Total operating expenses	31,320,091	1,962,680	5,087,057
	Income account			
33	Net operating revenue	3,944,506	210,137	793,376
34	Income from other sources	626,806	6,505	57,444
35	Gross income	4,571,312	216,642	850,820
36	Deductions — Interest on bank loans, mortgages, bonds, etc.	383,073	23,406	136,913
37	Other deductions	215,880	64,081	82,555
38	Total deductions	598,953	87,487	219,468
39	Net income before income tax	3,972,359	129,155	631,352
40	Income tax	1,526,181	37,283	203,037
41	Net income transferred to earned surplus	2,446,178	91,862	428,315

1. Includes Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

TABLE 1. Warehousing Property, Revenues, Expenses and Income for the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No
65	19	9	15	36	1
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
902,432	191,061	63,844	340,164	640,232	2
6,138,732	3,000,272	1,276,628	2,925,154	4,326,030	3
1,495,990	402,858	212,195	316,323	1,919,375	4
184,545	119,972	56,414	112,462	123,303	5
2,182,502	738,274	520,153	1,467,201	1,864,377	6
10,904,201	4,452,437	2,129,234	5,161,304	8,873,317	7
5,456,611	2,051,606	883,050	1,865,239	3,347,821	8
5,447,590	2,400,831	1,246,184	3,296,065	5,525,496	9
583,468	39,436	72,336	21,767	348,704	10
6,031,058	2,440,267	1,318,520	3,317,832	5,874,200	11
542,068	218,433	80,361	210,217	385,911	12
1,883,795	538,903	101,876	571,876	978,238	13
1,898,289	491,147	175,579	192,189	766,953	14
2,299,609	1,472,330	372,395	1,356,543	3,579,949	15
850,301	441,009	111,514	375,747	1,022,395	16
1,122,814	356,869	218,438	211,698	662,554	17
1,340,513	559,811	345,012	752,458	723,553	18
9,937,389	4,078,502	1,405,175	3,670,728	8,119,553	19
1,480,693	560,004	220,977	608,435	1,209,438	20
3,381,382	1,393,360	553,660	1,237,764	3,161,377	21
348,217	100,538	29,515	63,869	168,236	22
348,617	113,844	84,982	168,576	416,166	23
251,103	118,142	66,841	148,562	266,519	24
192,274	232,449	33,382	249,540	274,446	25
216,760	71,358	31,586	37,697	139,834	26
131,931	71,124	31,540	59,758	171,946	27
290,590	137,011	68,504	94,957	206,082	28
520,681	203,442	106,575	281,553	363,327	29
426,780	132,239	64,445	135,010	224,599	30
1,021,595	541,903	121,462	147,698	735,459	31
8,610,623	3,675,414	1,413,469	3,233,419	7,337,429	32
1,326,766	403,088	Dr. 8,294	437,309	782,124	33
136,920	188,443	56,253	64,980	116,261	34
1,463,686	591,531	47,959	502,289	898,385	35
49,727	24,278	6,695	53,162	88,892	36
33,057	30,480	—	2,906	2,801	37
82,784	54,758	6,695	56,068	91,693	38
1,380,902	536,773	41,264	446,221	806,692	39
538,308	193,903	23,290	190,266	340,084	40
842,594	342,870	17,974	255,955	466,608	41

TABLE 2. Employees and Their Compensation, 1954

No.		Canada	Maritimes	Quebec
1	Owners or working partners No.	35	1	3
2	Withdrawals \$	146,538	6,619	24,553
3	Salaried employees No.	1,452	76	237
4	Amount of salaries \$	4,387,230	219,143	994,639
Wage earners				
5	Regular No.	5,480	245	701
6	Casual No.	690	29	52
Amount of wages				
7	Regular \$	11,638,328	566,184	1,790,436
8	Casual \$	355,237	16,189	60,573
9	Total withdrawals, salaries and wages \$	16,527,333	808,135	2,870,201

TABLE 3. Warehousing Facilities and Trucking Equipment, 1954

No.		Canada	Maritimes	Quebec
Warehousing facilities				
Storage space (net occupiable space):				
1	Household goods cubic feet	18,765,693	1,257,500	3,968,200
2	Merchandise " "	39,329,471	3,546,556	8,924,020
3	Cold storage " "	20,864,851	2,101,606	5,734,636
Trucking equipment				
Trucks - Capacity:				
4	2 tons and under No.	607	10	33
5	2½ - 4 tons "	549	42	65
6	4½ - 6 tons "	313	9	5
7	6½ - 8 tons "	48	4	—
8	8½ - 10 tons "	5	—	—
9	10½ - 12 tons "	1	—	—
10	Over 12 tons "	2	—	—
11	Total "	1,525	65	103
Tractor, semi-trailer units - Capacity:				
12	2 tons and under No.	4	—	—
13	2½ - 4 tons "	87	5	3
14	4½ - 6 tons "	226	3	3
15	6½ - 8 tons "	41	3	—
16	8½ - 10 tons "	78	7	32
17	10½ - 12 tons "	26	1	—
18	Over 12 tons "	15	—	—
19	Total "	477	19	38
Trailers - Capacity:				
20	2 tons and under No.	1	1	—
21	2½ - 4 tons "	1	—	—
22	4½ - 6 tons "	20	—	1
23	6½ - 8 tons "	7	5	1
24	8½ - 10 tons "	43	—	—
25	10½ - 12 tons "	5	2	—
26	Over 12 tons "	17	—	4
27	Total "	94	8	6

TABLE 2. Employees and Their Compensation, 1954

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No.
23	—	1	3	4	1
92,810	—	5,000	10,396	7,160	2
369	171	163	149	287	3
1,207,828	470,349	132,094	478,041	885,136	4
1,228	560	1,370	405	971	5
192	86	83	171	77	6
3,321,237	1,366,415	373,690	1,193,116	3,027,250	7
101,107	19,166	10,416	12,616	135,170	8
4,722,982	1,855,930	521,200	1,694,169	4,054,716	9

TABLE 3. Warehousing Facilities and Trucking Equipment, 1954

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No.
4,608,545	2,800,256	1,433,800	816,800	3,880,592	1
12,075,400	4,858,700	457,315	1,638,000	7,829,480	2
5,988,780	2,635,470	307,304	395,600	3,701,455	3
88	189	59	139	89	4
260	13	28	36	105	5
38	4	—	6	251	6
3	—	—	—	41	7
—	—	—	—	5	8
—	—	—	—	1	9
—	—	—	1	1	10
389	206	87	182	493	11
—	—	—	4	—	12
16	26	13	16	8	13
151	25	13	18	13	14
21	—	—	8	9	15
25	—	6	1	7	16
6	—	6	—	13	17
9	—	—	—	6	18
228	51	38	47	56	19
—	—	—	—	—	20
—	—	—	—	1	21
5	11	1	—	2	22
1	—	—	—	—	23
8	3	12	5	15	24
3	—	—	—	—	25
—	—	4	—	9	26
17	14	17	5	27	27

TABLE 4. Storage Space Occupied Each Month of 1954

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	75.7	14,206,242	84.8	33,365,400	72.2	15,063,602
" February 1	77.6	14,557,526	83.7	32,909,166	68.0	14,178,660
" March 1	76.8	14,414,071	83.3	32,772,155	64.2	13,402,022
" April 1	76.8	14,414,585	81.8	32,152,832	60.8	12,677,497
" May 1	79.0	14,821,616	81.3	31,991,262	63.6	13,270,572
" June 1	79.9	14,997,063	81.9	32,229,881	66.8	13,937,043
" July 1	80.8	15,159,135	82.8	32,587,779	70.6	14,724,104
" August 1	81.7	15,332,019	79.5	31,283,244	70.6	14,723,772
" September 1	80.1	15,024,114	78.9	31,030,870	71.5	14,917,886
" October 1	78.8	14,795,308	79.1	31,109,600	75.1	15,665,447
" November 1	77.9	14,618,711	79.8	31,374,430	77.3	16,132,782
" December 1	77.3	14,512,565	79.2	31,149,271	77.4	16,148,611

TABLE 5. Accidents, 1954

	Number of persons	
	Killed	Injured
Employees	—	500
Other persons	—	9
Total	—	509

TABLE 6. Summary

	1954	1953
Number of companies reporting	185	173
Investment in land, warehouses, etc. \$	47,649,107	42,342,981
Revenue:		
Storage	\$ 12,987,959	13,490,776
Cartage and moving	\$ 13,506,767	9,353,688
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,769,871	7,892,969
Total revenue	\$ 35,264,597	30,737,433
Expenses—Operating	\$ 31,320,091	26,269,970
Net operating revenue	\$ 3,944,506	4,467,463
Employees—salaries and wages:		
Owners or working partners	35	1
Number of salaried employees	1,452	1,195
Number of wage earners—Regular	5,480	3,591
Casual	690	207
Owners' or working partners' withdrawals	\$ 146,538	1
Total salaries and wages paid	\$ 16,380,795	13,641,331
Warehousing facilities		
Storage—Dry (net)	cubic feet 58,095,164	56,972,777
Cold	" " 20,864,851	21,383,609
Motor vehicles:		
Trucks	No. 1,525	965
Tractors, semi-trailer units	" 477	402
Trailers	" 94	63

1. Data not available.

TABLE 7. Comparison of Principal Statistics for 153 Firms Reporting in Both 1953 and 1954

	1954	1953	Increase + Decrease - 1954 over 1953
Finances:			
Total revenue	\$ 31,906,515	29,902,081	+ 2,004,434
Total operating expenses	\$ 28,308,372	25,481,175	+ 2,827,197
Net operating revenue	\$ 3,598,143	4,420,906	- 822,763
Net income	\$ 2,270,258	2,593,202	- 322,944
Employees:			
Number—Regular	5,053	2,427	+ 2,626
Casual	615	37	+ 578
Wages—Regular	\$ 10,536,831	9,523,846	+ 1,012,985
Casual	\$ 271,168	178,954	+ 92,214
Salaried employees	No. 1,334	1,139	+ 195
Salaries	\$ 4,082,303	3,545,176	+ 537,127
Total salaries and wages	\$ 14,890,302	13,247,976	+ 1,642,326

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