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Statistics of the warehousing industry in Canada which are presented in the following tables cover the operations of the majority of firms offering warehousing and storage facilities to the public. The 1956 statistics include returns from 227 operators as compared with 195 reporting in 1955.

The Atlantic Provinces are shown as a group but all other provinces are shown individually. It should be noted that Newfoundland firms are included for the first time. Reports are received 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 or other firms operating storage facilities in connection with their respective businesses. Data for these firms are reported to other divisions of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Many public warehousing companies also operate a local moving and cartage service and a motor carrier business, including long distance moving. For certain of these firms, revenues from motor carrier activities represent a large percentage of total receipts and these are 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. Small food lockers are excluded, except where they form a part of a general warehouse business.

This report represents a significant increase in the coverage of the warehousing industry, part of which is due to the inclusion of Newfoundland companies. Thirty-two more firms reported in 1956, contributing to the increase in total capital investment of \$8,444,313 to \$62,720,201 in 1956 from \$54,275,888 in 1955.

All classes of storage reported increased revenue but as a per cent of total revenue it declined slightly to 32.2 from 33.5 the year earlier. Cartage and moving revenue increased to \$18,973,054 this year from \$15,470,320, miscellaneous revenue rose to \$14,137,787 from \$11,158,406 and total revenue climbed to \$48,869,531 from \$40,051,896 in 1955.

Total operating expenses increased to \$43,799,167 from the 1955 total of \$36,013,753, an increase of \$7,785,414 or 21.6 per cent. The net operating income rose to \$5,070,364 in 1956 from \$4,038,143 in 1955. Income tax deductions increased by \$275,712 leaving a net income of \$3,015,990 for 1956 compared with \$2,411,583 in the previous year.

All three types of storage available for service reported increases in net occupiable space for 1956 over 1955. Comparable figures show 31,197,743 cubic feet for household storage versus 24,147,782 for 1955; 48,750,437 cubic feet for merchandise storage as against 43,416,401, and 28,324,864 cubic feet for cold storage as opposed to 22,801,933.

The number of employees showed an increase of 909, bringing the total salaried employees and wage earners to 9,291 in 1956. Total salaries and wages paid amounted to \$22,466,569, compared with \$18,804,462 for 1955. The average earnings for all classes of employees were \$2,418 for 1956 as against \$2,243 in 1955, for an increase of 7.8 per cent.

For comparative purposes only, a special table is shown at the end of this report which summarizes the key statistics of 184 firms which reported for both 1956 and 1955. This table should not be confused with the data shown in the main tables outlined above.

TABLE 1. Property, Revenues, Expenses and Income for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

No.		Canada	Atlantic Provinces ¹	Quebec
1	Number of companies reporting	227	22	30
	Property account	\$	\$	\$
2	Land and land rights	4,473,869	156,007	1,177,270
3	Warehouses, garages, shops, offices and other buildings	37,938,578	3,707,065	9,551,917
4	Warehouse, shop and garage equipment	7,000,089	598,153	609,220
5	Furniture and office equipment	1,179,536	51,130	270,833
6	Trucks, trailers, service cars and other vehicles	12,128,129	594,088	1,044,456
7	Total gross cost	62,720,201	5,106,443	12,653,696
8	Depreciation accrued to December 31, 1956	25,582,535	1,991,758	5,152,638
9	Value at December 31, 1956	37,137,666	3,114,685	7,501,058
10	Goodwill, organization and other expenses capitalized	1,464,548	3,168	141,780
11	Total property account	38,602,214	3,117,853	7,642,838
	Operating revenues			
12	Storage revenue — Household goods	3,260,160	204,223	560,596
13	Merchandise (dry)	5,769,573	276,607	1,221,633
14	Cold storage	6,728,957	442,644	1,983,393
15	Cartage — Railway and other local	12,006,849	337,686	615,764
16	Handling and extra labour service	6,009,370	221,961	585,939
17	Local moving	6,966,205	579,558	1,154,792
18	Other revenues including office rentals	8,128,417	693,773	1,041,174
19	Total operating revenues	48,869,531	2,756,452	7,163,291
	Operating expenses			
20	Administration and general expenses	7,588,861	378,842	1,070,452
21	Wages (including bonuses) to warehousemen, drivers, helpers, etc.	16,679,344	794,391	2,441,453
22	Maintenance and repairs (a) Warehouses and other buildings	1,295,151	159,972	333,397
23	(b) Motor vehicles (including garage expenses)	2,225,468	93,379	212,393
24	Gasoline, oil, motor fuel, etc.	1,776,548	187,485	140,513
25	Other transportation expenses	2,074,864	128,214	134,923
26	Power, light, heat and water	1,083,345	139,206	303,483
27	Sales and advertising	1,102,323	74,632	153,487
28	Insurance and safety expenses, claims, etc.	1,301,140	84,850	254,855
29	Depreciation for year on buildings, trucks, etc.	2,751,526	207,632	412,439
30	Operating taxes and licences	1,676,988	98,512	333,710
31	Other operating expenses (including rents)	4,243,609	299,538	404,513
32	Total operating expenses	43,799,167	2,646,653	6,195,618
	Income account			
33	Net operating revenue	5,070,364	109,799	967,673
34	Income from other sources	629,726	73,533	33,807
35	Gross income	5,700,090	183,332	1,001,480
36	Deductions — Interest on bank loans, mortgages, bonds, etc.	657,702	32,895	217,110
37	Other deductions	268,927	30,625	119,833
38	Total deductions	926,629	63,520	336,943
39	Net income before income tax	4,773,461	119,812	664,537
40	Income tax	1,757,471	24,171	301,318
41	Net income transferred to earned surplus	3,015,990	95,641	363,219

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

TABLE 1. Property, Revenues, Expenses and Income for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No.
83	20	14	19	39	1
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1,701,409	249,933	92,484	385,531	711,235	2
8,608,270	4,753,387	2,226,515	4,357,894	4,733,530	3
2,422,913	704,055	255,486	415,983	1,994,279	4
314,533	147,147	65,824	161,379	168,690	5
4,089,941	1,905,816	593,363	1,699,335	2,201,130	6
17,137,066	7,760,338	3,233,672	7,020,122	9,808,864	7
7,613,479	3,927,570	966,127	1,940,986	3,989,977	8
9,523,587	3,832,768	2,267,545	5,079,136	5,818,887	9
870,344	47,476	40,078	26,427	335,275	10
10,393,931	3,880,244	2,307,623	5,105,563	6,154,162	11
1,467,133	215,320	86,565	292,364	433,959	12
1,855,424	727,154	195,904	492,480	1,000,371	13
2,116,001	979,302	133,439	237,044	837,134	14
4,067,466	945,936	709,764	2,032,048	3,298,185	15
1,832,683	1,077,870	260,095	652,397	1,378,425	16
2,443,799	707,128	83,838	323,703	1,673,387	17
2,823,747	713,233	148,864	1,231,352	1,476,274	18
16,606,253	5,365,943	1,618,469	5,261,388	10,097,735	19
2,620,065	985,175	237,732	840,813	1,455,782	20
5,429,859	1,747,492	721,896	1,684,032	3,860,221	21
402,336	119,852	23,253	62,373	193,968	22
936,889	149,974	75,191	231,870	525,772	23
680,583	142,194	60,245	245,801	319,727	24
469,852	339,589	21,431	510,622	470,233	25
286,892	106,048	37,578	53,754	156,384	26
459,811	54,938	35,708	130,320	193,427	27
515,389	125,433	33,848	107,318	179,447	28
937,210	272,242	113,741	281,769	526,493	29
549,918	211,577	74,078	136,479	272,714	30
1,529,759	440,176	145,142	471,157	953,324	31
14,818,563	4,694,690	1,579,843	4,756,308	9,107,492	32
1,787,690	671,253	38,626	505,080	990,243	33
55,207	319,376	65,032	35,204	47,567	34
1,842,897	990,629	103,658	540,284	1,037,810	35
145,431	46,611	41,063	69,856	104,736	36
15,581	61,319	4,816	32,815	3,938	37
161,012	107,930	45,879	102,671	108,674	38
1,681,885	882,699	57,779	437,613	929,136	39
484,036	351,705	12,733	206,903	376,605	40
1,197,849	530,994	45,046	230,710	552,531	41

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TABLE 2. Employees and Their Compensation, 1956

No.		Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec
1	Owners or working partners	No. 66	11	4
2	Withdrawals	\$ 278,286	39,759	20,954
3	Salaried employees	No. 1,885	101	251
4	Amount of salaries	\$ 5,821,497	308,121	897,851
5	Wage earners:			
6	Regular	No. 6,294	320	885
7	Casual	No. 1,112	32	49
8	Amount of wages:			
9	Regular	\$ 16,104,911	758,109	2,377,817
10	Casual	\$ 540,161	29,077	16,382
11	Total withdrawals, salaries and wages	\$ 22,744,855	1,135,066	3,313,004

TABLE 3. Storage Facilities and Trucking Equipment, 1956

No.		Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec
Storage facilities				
1	Storage space (net occupiable space):			
2	Household goods	cubic feet 31,197,743	2,096,000	5,208,880
3	Merchandise	" " 48,750,437	3,884,440	11,869,820
	Cold storage	" " 28,324,864	2,243,719	7,172,666
Trucking equipment				
4	Trucks — Capacity:			
5	2 tons and under	No. 662	22	24
6	2½- 4 tons	780	39	86
7	4½- 6 tons	" 347	7	6
8	6½- 8 tons	" 29	—	—
9	8½- 10 tons	" 32	—	—
10	10½- 12 tons	" —	—	—
11	Over 12 tons	" 1,850	68	116
12	Total	No. 633	10	50
13	Tractors			
14	Semi-trailer units — Capacity:			
15	2 tons and under	No. 3	—	—
16	2½- 4 tons	73	2	1
17	4½- 6 tons	257	1	2
18	6½- 8 tons	" 167	—	8
19	8½- 10 tons	" 69	7	28
20	10½- 12 tons	" 10	—	—
21	Over 12 tons	" 75	—	12
22	Total	No. 654	10	51
23	Trailers — Capacity:			
24	2 tons and under	No. 1	1	—
25	2½- 4 tons	12	—	—
26	4½- 6 tons	" 8	—	—
27	6½- 8 tons	" 10	—	1
28	8½- 10 tons	" 22	—	—
	10½- 12 tons	" 19	—	4
	Over 12 tons	" 5	—	5
	Total	No. 77	1	5

TABLE 2. Employees and Their Compensation, 1956

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No.
34	1	6	5	5	1
147,861	6,020	23,667	27,724	12,301	2
615	227	191	209	291	3
2,057,669	701,777	190,086	677,297	988,696	4
1,819	707	979	489	1,095	5
448	60	35	304	184	6
5,343,969	1,678,605	644,175	1,421,950	3,880,286	7
264,405	14,654	34,012	79,814	101,817	8
7,813,904	2,401,056	891,940	2,206,785	4,983,100	9

TABLE 3. Storage Facilities and Trucking Equipment, 1956

Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	No.
15,332,447	2,066,856	763,320	1,455,360	4,274,880	1
14,017,460	6,250,700	1,344,100	2,847,400	8,536,517	2
8,565,895	4,635,470	742,959	1,162,700	3,801,455	3
118	199	79	104	116	4
370	52	26	99	108	5
65	2	10	4	253	6
6	—	—	—	23	7
6	2	1	—	23	8
—	—	—	—	—	9
—	—	—	—	—	10
565	255	116	207	523	11
332	88	24	63	66	12
1	—	—	2	—	13
19	28	3	17	3	14
140	86	4	21	3	15
108	—	—	10	41	16
28	—	5	—	1	17
1	—	8	—	1	18
29	5	3	2	24	19
326	119	23	52	73	20
—	—	—	—	—	21
—	5	—	—	7	22
2	1	1	2	2	23
4	—	—	6	—	24
6	3	9	—	3	25
4	—	—	15	—	26
—	—	—	—	1	27
16	9	10	23	13	28

TABLE 4. Storage Space Occupied Each Month of 1956

	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	76.1	23,726,939	81.0	39,481,647	63.4	17,959,064
" February 1	75.8	23,640,455	80.3	39,142,935	60.5	17,136,865
" March 1	77.0	24,035,398	80.2	39,091,272	58.3	16,509,482
" April 1	78.8	24,588,474	80.2	39,107,903	55.1	15,602,460
" May 1	81.8	25,510,238	81.5	39,748,646	54.7	15,494,092
" June 1	82.7	25,817,011	81.2	39,583,557	57.7	16,343,571
" July 1	83.5	26,040,302	82.4	40,157,318	60.5	17,147,406
" August 1	84.3	26,300,002	82.4	40,189,417	64.8	18,353,311
" September 1	83.5	26,053,743	83.7	40,818,320	66.5	18,828,958
" October 1	80.3	25,064,408	84.2	41,033,266	72.1	20,415,430
" November 1	78.4	24,460,602	84.9	41,400,393	75.4	21,346,500
" December 1	77.9	24,289,444	83.4	40,662,844	74.4	21,070,450

TABLE 5. Accidents, 1956

	Number of persons	
	Killed	Injured
Employees	—	782
Other persons	2	10
Total	2	792

TABLE 6. Summary

		1956	1955
Number of companies reporting		227	195
Investment in land, warehouses, etc.	\$	62,720,201	54,275,888
Revenue:			
Storage	\$	15,758,690	13,423,170
Cartage and moving	\$	18,973,054	15,470,320
Miscellaneous	\$	14,137,787	11,158,406
Total revenue	\$	48,869,531	40,051,896
Expenses — Operating	\$	43,799,167	36,013,753
Net operating revenue	\$	5,070,364	4,038,143
Employees — salaries and wages:			
Owners or working partners	No.	66	35
Number of salaried employees		1,885	1,672
Number of wage earners — Regular		6,294	5,830
Casual		1,112	880
Owners' or working partners' withdrawals	\$	278,286	128,260
Total salaries and wages paid	\$	22,466,569	18,804,462
Warehousing facilities:			
Storage — Dry (net)	Cubic feet	79,948,180	67,564,183
Cold	" "	28,324,864	22,801,933
Motor vehicles:			
Trucks	No.	1,850	1,595
Tractors		633	432
Semi-trailer units		654	474
Trailers		77	92

TABLE 7. Comparison of Principal Statistics for 184 Firms Reporting in Both 1956 and 1955

	1956	1955	Increase + Decrease- 1956 over 1955
Finances:			
Total revenue	\$ 37,854,173	36,712,418	+ 1,141,755
Total operating expenses	\$ 34,610,526	32,997,869	+ 1,612,657
Net operating revenue	\$ 3,243,647	3,714,549	- 470,902
Net income	\$ 2,619,673	2,565,715	+ 53,958
Employees:			
Number — Regular	5,394	5,362	+ 32
Casual	735	724	+ 11
Wages — Regular	\$ 12,707,766	12,474,171	+ 235,595
Casual	\$ 399,007	342,386	+ 56,621
Salaried employees	No 1,617	1,583	+ 34
Salaries	\$ 4,627,511	4,472,359	+ 155,152
Total salaries and wages	\$ 17,534,284	17,258,916	+ 275,368

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