

## 8.—Provincial Revenues from the Taxation of the Distribution and Operation of Motor Vehicles, calendar years 1936 and 1937.

NOTE.—See the headnote to Table 7.

Province.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Motor Cycles.	Dealer Licences.	Operators and Chauffeurs.	Mileage Tax on Motor Buses and Trucks.	Gasoline Tax.	Total, including Miscellaneous Revenue.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1936.</b>								
P.E. Island .....	88,877	16,343	111	490	3,973	235	200,854	312,980
Nova Scotia .....	717,610	362,159	1,862	4,139	101,518	732	1,760,209	3,008,627
New Brunswick .....	490,952	239,281	1	4,330	95,783	3,002	1,149,129	2,046,628
Quebec .....	3,037,397	1,718,644	9,492	31,855	986,495	93,270	6,272,064	12,312,957
Ontario .....	6,258,979	2,988,552	13,681	34,348	924,004	270,785	16,049,857	27,194,313
Manitoba .....	624,000	154,600	2,700	1	102,400	43,330	2,051,200	3,024,030
Saskatchewan .....	1,059,180	240,216	1	15,592	63,760	94,097	1,951,834	3,521,871
Alberta .....	1,040,747	493,852	2,104	17,526	136,858	276,952	2,380,088	4,380,004
British Columbia .....	1,636,110	536,165	8,854	13,742	177,033	77,239	2,717,201	5,221,059
Yukon .....	1,370	1,460	39	1	2	1	7	3,189
<b>Totals, 1936..</b>	<b>14,955,222</b>	<b>6,506,274</b>	<b>38,843<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>122,022<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,602,129</b>	<b>859,682</b>	<b>34,532,436</b>	<b>61,026,358</b>
<b>1937.</b>								
P.E. Island .....	101,352	34,589	116	630	4,443	529	269,232	414,122
Nova Scotia .....	776,029	425,243	1,789	7,511	112,406	370	2,006,489	3,419,530
New Brunswick .....	525,554	391,297	1	3,843	105,804	5,294	1,439,096	2,616,366
Quebec .....	3,189,079	1,750,040	9,600	31,186	1,124,140	110,713	7,078,230	13,673,199
Ontario .....	4,233,833	2,640,878	9,744	26,231	949,251	423,553	17,644,164	26,087,702
Manitoba .....	632,390	184,440	2,680	1	111,700	111,977	2,270,660	3,383,787
Saskatchewan .....	1,103,440	258,140	1	19,034	70,638	114,515	1,927,553	3,605,107
Alberta .....	1,304,092	440,939	2,739	24,417	150,718	204,619	2,610,211	4,799,266
British Columbia .....	1,819,669	629,581	10,053	16,445	200,953	1,589	3,118,312	5,866,275
Yukon .....	1,589	1,373	36	1	2	1	3	3,383
<b>Totals, 1937..</b>	<b>12,747,027</b>	<b>6,756,818</b>	<b>36,757<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>129,287<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,830,953</b>	<b>973,169</b>	<b>38,373,947</b>	<b>64,367,862</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included with "Miscellaneous".<sup>2</sup> Tax not applicable.<sup>3</sup> Incomplete figure, see footnote 1.

## Section 4.—Road Traffic.

Up to the present the motor vehicle has affected passenger traffic more than freight traffic of the steam and electric railways. This diversion of passenger traffic has been effected largely by the private automobile, although the motor bus is rapidly becoming more important and now operates between all large centres. The motor truck also carries a considerable amount of freight, although no statistics showing the tonnage handled are as yet available. The difficulties of collecting statistics from the very large number of unorganized operators concerned are obvious.

Widely differing opinions are held regarding the extent to which the motor vehicle has cut into railway traffic.\* A definite conclusion cannot be reached until reliable statistics regarding motor vehicle traffic are available. While undoubtedly the passenger motor vehicle now carries a certain amount of passenger traffic which would otherwise be carried by steam or electric railways, the error should be avoided

\* Counsel for the railways before the Transport Committee of the Senate of Canada in 1933 presented arguments showing a serious loss of revenue by the railways from motor vehicle competition. On the other hand, in *Automobile Facts and Figures, 1935*, published by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association, estimates of railway and motor traffic are given which, in the field of freight movement, rather minimize the seriousness of the motor truck competition, if conditions of motor traffic in Canada may be assumed to be similar to those of the United States.