

### 7.—Provincial Revenues from the Taxation of the Distribution and Operation of Motor Vehicles, 1937 and 1938.

NOTE.—See the headnote to Table 6.

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>1937.</b>								
P.E. Island.....	101,352	34,589	116	620	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	<sup>1</sup>	3,843	105,804	5,294	1,439,096	2,515,366
Quebec.....	3,189,079	1,750,040	9,600	31,186	1,124,140	110,713	7,078,230	13,673,199
Ontario.....	4,293,833	2,640,876	9,744	26,231	949,251	423,553	17,644,164	26,687,702
Manitoba.....	632,390	184,440	2,680	<sup>1</sup>	111,700	111,977	2,270,660	3,383,797
Saskatchewan.....	1,103,440	258,140	<sup>1</sup>	19,034	70,638	114,515	1,937,553	3,605,107
Alberta.....	1,304,092	440,939	2,739	24,417	150,718	204,619	2,610,211	4,799,366
British Columbia..	1,819,669	629,881	10,053	16,445	200,953	1,599	3,118,312	5,866,275
Yukon.....	1,589	1,373	36	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	3,388
<b>Totals, 1937.....</b>	<b>13,747,027</b>	<b>6,756,818</b>	<b>36,757<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>129,287<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,830,053</b>	<b>973,169</b>	<b>38,373,947</b>	<b>64,367,852</b>
<b>1938.</b>								
P.E. Island.....	99,015	48,193	117	665	4,410	450	285,163	440,403
Nova Scotia.....	731,944	487,127	1,527	7,720	117,001	5,744	2,424,355	3,873,535
New Brunswick...	545,959	421,100	1,126	22,072	105,546	8,684	1,807,493	2,962,953
Quebec.....	3,439,206	1,973,679	12,001	33,603	1,243,615	106,893	7,637,151	14,886,691
Ontario.....	3,790,332	2,405,903	4,790	23,411	952,304	407,369	18,503,789	26,694,330
Manitoba.....	684,164	230,461	2,883	11,082	118,745	58,537	2,529,088	3,688,218
Saskatchewan.....	1,022,250	211,959	<sup>1</sup>	17,933	78,877	146,200	1,822,689	3,518,079
Alberta.....	1,280,709	438,083	3,076	24,076	153,231	315,649	2,953,128	5,217,876
British Columbia..	1,829,911	637,477	10,044	15,628	228,180	116,881	3,284,490	6,189,490
Yukon.....	1,565	1,455	48	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	3,470
<b>Totals, 1938.....</b>	<b>13,425,055</b>	<b>6,855,437</b>	<b>35,612<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>156,190</b>	<b>3,001,909</b>	<b>1,166,407</b>	<b>41,247,346</b>	<b>67,475,045</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included with "Miscellaneous"

<sup>2</sup> Tax not applicable.

<sup>3</sup> Incomplete, 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 that 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 1938 presented arguments showing a serious loss of revenue by the railways from motor-vehicle competition. On the other hand, in *Automobile Facts and Figures, 1936*, 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.