

Motion Picture Theatres.—In 1946, there were 1,477 theatres in Canada, representing an increase of 154 over 1945. A further increase of 216 theatres in 1947 brought the total to 1,693, according to preliminary figures. Box office receipts in 1947 totalled \$78,653,799, an increase of 5 p.c. over the \$74,941,966 receipts in 1946. Taxes collected by Federal and Provincial Governments amounted to \$16,375,226 in 1947 and \$15,052,994 in 1946. Net receipts in 1947 were \$62,278,573 or 4 p.c. in excess of 1946. Preliminary figures indicate that paid admissions dropped slightly from 227,538,798 in 1946 to 220,714,785 in 1947.

In the 1,477 theatres reporting in 1946, 12,226 persons were employed of whom 1,270 were active proprietors or partners. Salaries and wages paid to employees amounted to \$10,466,251, a figure which excludes the withdrawals of proprietors and partners.

The number of exhibitors employing portable equipment, classified as itinerant operators, increased from 167 in 1945 to 288 in 1946. In 1,248 towns at which performances were given, 2,417,990 persons paid admission totalling \$745,978 of which \$131,693 was paid in taxes to Federal and Provincial Governments. Legitimate theatres in 1946 numbered 5, and had 956,473 paid admissions totalling \$1,121,628 in net receipts and \$263,302 in taxes.

28.—Motion Picture Theatres and Receipts, by Provinces, 1930, 1941, 1946 and 1947

NOTE.—Itinerant operators and legitimate operators are not included in these figures. Receipts are exclusive of amusement taxes.

Province	1930		1941 ¹		1946		1947 ²	
	No.	Receipts	No.	Receipts	No.	Receipts	No.	Receipts
		\$		\$		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island.....	5	188,300	6	141,317	10	223,804	14	255,835
Nova Scotia.....	56	1,814,500	61	2,195,599	71	2,953,633	79	2,666,189
New Brunswick.....	39	1,093,400	39	1,102,265	44	1,758,866	59	1,773,904
Quebec.....	146	8,046,600	202	8,047,022	250	12,732,391	319	13,919,917
Ontario.....	323	15,806,700	410	18,757,372	420	25,684,210	472	26,483,044
Manitoba.....	73	2,712,800	111	2,475,949	137	3,433,687	146	3,526,223
Saskatchewan.....	104	1,977,300	145	1,673,313	240	2,889,343	254	2,890,727
Alberta.....	85	2,323,700	144	2,257,115	156	3,626,140	178	3,707,668
British Columbia.....	76	4,166,800	122	4,145,945	149	6,586,898	172	7,055,066
Totals.....	907	38,130,100	11,244	40,795,897	1,477	59,888,972	1,693	62,278,573

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1947 Year Book to exclude legitimate theatres. to revision.

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Power Laundries, Cleaning and Dyeing Establishments.—Annual reports on this service trade have been issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics since 1930. Summary data appear in Table 29, together with regional statistics for 1946.

Receipts of the 690 power laundries, cleaning and dyeing plants in 1946 amounted to \$51,148,159, 16 p.c. higher than the receipts of 602 establishments reporting for the year 1945. Of the total receipts, laundry work accounted for 42 p.c.; dry cleaning and dyeing, 52 p.c.; coat and towel rentals, 4 p.c.; and all other work, 2 p.c.