

Gasoline Consumption.—All provinces require retail sales of gasoline to be reported and a tax is imposed on all gasoline consumed by motor-vehicles using the highways and streets and also on that used for an increasing number of other purposes. However, the taxable gasoline is still largely consumed by motor-vehicles and indicates, in a general way, the increase or decrease in their use. Net sales are the differences between the total or gross sales reported and the quantities on which the tax is refunded in whole or in part, or on which the tax is not imposed at the time of sale.

Sales during the war years 1939-45 were, of course, materially affected by rationing, and large increases have followed the removal of restrictions.

7.—Sales of Gasoline, by Provinces, 1944-49

| Province | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 ^r | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | gal. | gal. | gal. | gal. | gal. | gal. |
| P. E. Island..... | 9,295,639 | 4,715,743 | 5,945,412 | 6,963,412 | 7,288,125 | 8,240,105 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 43,462,061 | 37,727,413 | 44,571,678 | 51,647,756 | 53,136,982 | 57,443,469 |
| New Brunswick..... | 28,077,021 | 29,175,358 | 43,320,383 | 49,935,462 | 54,186,447 | 56,685,862 |
| Quebec..... | 178,879,214 | 168,304,460 | 218,008,872 | 247,467,957 | 280,857,736 | 304,139,386 |
| Ontario..... | 315,976,426 | 323,814,957 | 451,251,989 | 501,433,196 | 562,530,157 | 623,684,828 |
| Manitoba..... | 70,399,123 | 56,119,024 | 72,402,422 | 83,145,966 | 90,601,589 | 104,023,413 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 119,840,189 | 118,463,733 | 136,065,534 | 142,368,203 | 147,446,058 | 168,266,743 |
| Alberta..... | 120,159,267 | 102,753,583 ¹ | 143,650,095 ¹ | 171,112,439 ¹ | 190,608,360 ¹ | 218,935,855 |
| British Columbia..... | 84,383,083 | 74,621,447 | 97,383,294 | 117,497,292 | 130,909,076 | 142,297,406 |
| Totals, Gross Sales.. | 970,472,023 | 915,695,718 | 1,212,599,679 | 1,371,571,683 | 1,517,564,530 | 1,683,717,067 |
| Refunds and exemp- tions..... | 395,615,510 | 253,079,186 | 213,314,760 | 250,217,946 | 286,829,077 | 326,913,124 |
| Totals, Net Sales.... | 574,856,513 | 662,616,532 | 999,284,919 | 1,121,353,737 | 1,230,735,453 | 1,363,991,943² |

¹ Not strictly comparable with the other provinces.
Newfoundland net sales. Gross is not available.

² Includes estimated 7,188,000 gal. for

Motor-Carriers.*—The lack of statistical information regarding traffic on the highways led to the institution, in 1941, of a census of motor-carriers. The carriers are divided into two classes: passenger and freight. Each of these is subdivided into (a) carriers with annual revenues of \$20,000 or over; (b) carriers with revenues of \$8,000 to \$20,000; and (c) carriers with revenues under \$8,000. Bus companies handling urban traffic, exclusively, are compiled as a class. Many street-railway systems operate motor-buses, but the statistics of such systems are not included here; they are included in electric-railway statistics. Licensed carriers doing highway construction work, building air fields, etc., are excluded from the compilations. Taxi operators and urban delivery trucks are also excluded, except where their operations include interurban business. Carriers operating as both passenger and freight carriers are classed as passenger or freight according to the preponderance of the revenue. The passenger revenue of trucking companies and the freight revenue of bus companies are small percentages of their total revenues.

*Statistics are given in more detail in the annual report, "Motor Carriers, Freight-Passenger", published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.