

Subsection 2.—Cold Storage and Storage of Foods

Cold-Storage Warehouses.—Under the Cold Storage Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 52), as amended (R.S.C. 1952, c. 313), subsidies are granted by the Federal Government to encourage the construction and equipment of cold-storage warehouses open to the public. The Act is administered by the Department of Agriculture.

There are five classifications of cold-storage warehouses in Canada: (1) public warehouses which store foods and food products and of which the entire space is open to the public; (2) semi-public, or those which store foods and food products and which, though retaining part of the space for the products of the owner, allot the remainder to the public; (3) private or those which store foods and food products and allot no space to the public, a classification that includes refrigerated space in connection with abattoirs, creameries, dairies, cheese factories and wholesale and retail distributing warehouses; (4) locker plant, where the total space is occupied by lockers for rental to the public and which may, in addition, cut, process, chill and freeze foods and food products for storage in lockers; and (5) bait depots, having space used solely or principally for freezing and storing bait for the use of fishermen.

No hard and fast rule can be laid down for distinguishing between public and private warehouses. In general, those owned and operated by firms trading in the goods stored in the warehouse are considered as private, though most of these places rent space to the public when it is not required for their own purposes.

Though the figures in Tables 39 and 40, compiled by the Department of Agriculture, give some idea of the cold-storage warehouse capacity in Canada, it must be explained that it is not possible to secure completely accurate information on this subject and that these figures are approximations only.

39.—Cold-Storage Warehouses, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1954

Province	Subsidized Public Warehouses ¹				All Warehouses ¹	
	No.	Refrigerated Space	Cost	Total Subsidy	No.	Refrigerated Space
		cu. ft.	\$	\$		cu. ft.
Newfoundland.....	—	—	—	—	52	1,606,968
Prince Edward Island.....	9	290,597	191,437	56,975	24	425,200
Nova Scotia.....	21	4,987,445	4,009,574	1,193,592	78	5,657,471
New Brunswick.....	8	1,545,429	1,029,760	308,928	47	2,089,402
Quebec.....	35	3,854,791	2,960,108	916,784	249	16,152,573
Ontario.....	60	9,251,533	6,191,691	1,854,017	883	30,497,085
Manitoba.....	9	3,141,532	2,180,934	654,986	165	9,575,447
Saskatchewan.....	20	630,164	737,099	221,130	247	4,300,273
Alberta.....	5	624,925	475,876	142,317	201	6,840,758
British Columbia.....	68	22,845,345	9,491,354	2,850,234	176	29,736,861
Totals.....	235	47,171,761	27,267,833	8,198,993	2,122	106,882,038

¹ Figures are subject to revision.