

Sales of Gasoline.—'Gasoline', under the provincial Acts, is considered to include all petroleum oils used as fuel in internal combustion engines, as well as propane gas used in motor buses.

8.—Sales of Gasoline by Province 1952-56

Province or Territory	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.
Newfoundland.....	13,820,200	16,504,200	18,818,942	21,534,679	24,242,239
Prince Edward Island.....	10,832,264	12,388,599	12,782,733	13,751,121	14,325,068
Nova Scotia.....	69,174,476	75,772,354	80,518,367	86,499,272	91,133,927
New Brunswick.....	67,361,022	77,108,360	78,065,848	75,076,615	81,177,965
Quebec.....	430,671,283	456,460,906	484,868,758	545,070,050	611,828,946
Ontario.....	844,162,648	928,515,728	991,397,120	1,099,962,376	1,198,568,793
Manitoba.....	148,274,072	159,554,101	162,578,296	188,284,222	200,314,027
Saskatchewan.....	238,663,980	250,698,689	244,370,743	262,201,711	269,661,903
Alberta.....	329,255,018	361,665,017	388,929,549	353,924,513	383,609,186
British Columbia.....	191,444,793	210,028,255	235,670,948	256,166,048	298,957,204
Yukon.....			4,245,811
Totals, Gross Sales.....	2,343,659,756	2,548,696,209	2,698,001,304	2,902,470,607	3,178,065,009
Refunds and exemptions.....	625,547,937	646,181,392	677,096,843	675,490,362	721,076,713
Totals, Net Sales.....	1,718,111,819	1,902,514,817	2,020,904,461	2,226,980,245	2,456,988,356

Motor Carriers.*—Statistics of the 'for hire' segment of the motor carrier industry have been collected since 1941. The continued co-operation of provincial authorities, trucking associations and other interested parties has resulted in gradual improvement in the statistical accuracy of these data but much still remains to be done. As little capital is required to enter the trucking business, many marginal operators are associated with the industry, and the large turnover and numerous changes of operators each year creates many problems in the collection of statistics. The 2,938 firms from which usable returns were secured in 1955 reported gross revenue of \$283,513,579 compared with 2,784 firms reporting \$247,699,065 revenue in 1954.

The motor carrier industry is divided into freight and passenger sections, each of which is subdivided into two groups according to gross annual revenue: (1) those having annual revenues of \$20,000 or over; (2) those having revenues under \$20,000. In the passenger carrier section, all city passenger carriers are included under "City Service" while intercity and rural passenger operators are divided into the two revenue groups.

These statistics do not include motor bus operations of street railways except where such services are entirely motorized. Motor bus data for street railways are included under electric railway systems (see p. 829). Excluded are operations of vehicle fleets owned and

* Statistics are given in more detail in DBS annual report *Motor Carriers, Freight-Passenger*.