

### 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 that store foods and food products and where the entire space is open to the public; (2) semi-public, or those that store foods and where part of the space is retained for the products of the owner and the remainder is available to the public; (3) private, or those that 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 where food and food products may be cut, processed, chilled and frozen for storage in lockers; and (5) bait depots, where space is used solely or principally for the freezing and storing of 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, although most of these places rent space to the public when it is not required for their own purposes.

The figures in Tables 29 and 30, compiled by the Department of Agriculture, give some idea of the cold storage warehouse capacity in Canada, but it must be explained that it is not possible to secure completely accurate information on this subject and that the figures are approximations only.

#### 29.—Cold Storage Warehouses, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1958

NOTE.—Figures are approximate only.

Province	Subsidized Public Warehouses				All Warehouses	
	No.	Refrigerated Space	Cost	Total Subsidy	No.	Refrigerated Space
		cu. ft.	\$	\$		cu. ft.
Newfoundland.....	2	44,078	199,700	66,566	68	2,409,521
Prince Edward Island.....	11	337,517	308,408	95,966	23	573,684
Nova Scotia.....	23	4,997,195	4,048,342	1,206,515	191	7,151,477
New Brunswick.....	13	1,875,161	1,805,396	567,473	94	3,723,745
Quebec.....	57	5,577,520	5,231,227	1,673,824	392	25,672,547
Ontario.....	84	13,301,492	10,672,870	3,330,331	963	42,317,250
Manitoba.....	10	3,154,371	2,223,770	669,265	297	11,448,424
Saskatchewan.....	23	1,172,381	1,762,526	562,939	325	5,618,539
Alberta.....	9	1,447,845	2,153,657	701,608	307	8,512,136
British Columbia.....	72	23,264,745	9,739,962	2,933,330	408	35,263,971
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>55,172,305</b>	<b>38,145,858</b>	<b>11,807,817</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>142,696,294</b>