

Subsection 2.—Cold Storage and Storage of Foods

Cold Storage Warehouses.—Under the Cold Storage Act (RSC 1952, c. 52), as amended (RSC 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 31 and 32, 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.

31.—Cold Storage Warehouses, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1959

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	201,959	67,320	68	2,409,521
Prince Edward Island.....	12	358,037	351,408	110,299	24	599,201
Nova Scotia.....	24	5,042,735	4,144,026	1,238,409	191	7,151,477
New Brunswick.....	13	1,875,161	1,805,396	567,473	93	2,973,745
Quebec.....	58	5,791,080	5,619,801	1,803,348	393	25,808,637
Ontario.....	89	14,149,001	11,851,194	3,723,105	964	43,141,890
Manitoba.....	11	3,182,611	2,265,696	683,240	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	8,548,136
British Columbia.....	74	23,663,048	10,029,654	3,029,894	409	35,662,284
Totals.....	315	56,725,977	40,185,318	12,487,635	3,071	143,361,857