

**Sales of Motive Fuels.**—It is the intention here to provide estimates of the total amount of motive fuel used by motor vehicles on Canadian public roads only. As the information is not available precisely in accordance with the concept, it has been necessary to approach the objective by the process of eliminating the amount of motive fuel used for other purposes. From the total gross sales, the following are subtracted to obtain sales on which the full rate of tax is paid: tax exempt sales to the Federal Government and other consumers, exports, and sales on which refunds are paid. The resulting data, which are net sales, are considered to be equivalent to the actual amount of motive fuel used on Canadian public highways. Although there is included in net sales an undetermined amount of motive fuel which is taxable but not used on the public highways, including in some provinces aviation gasoline, turbo fuel and motive fuels consumed by power boats, the total effect of this is considered to be insignificant.

Data for gasoline and diesel oil are shown separately in Table 8. Liquefied petroleum gases are included with gasoline. The consumption of taxable gasoline, which is used almost entirely for automotive purposes, rose 4.9 p.c. to 2,865,000,000 gal. in 1959. Net sales of diesel oil in 1959 increased by 25.8 p.c. to 120,000,000 gal.

8.—Sales of Motive Fuels, by Province, 1955-59

Province or Territory	1955 <sup>1</sup>	1956 <sup>1</sup>	1957	1958	1959
GASOLINE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES					
	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.
Newfoundland.....	21,534,679	24,242,239	25,526,674	28,026,795	30,443,029
Prince Edward Island.....	13,751,121	14,325,068	14,293,703	16,152,969	17,854,271
Nova Scotia.....	86,499,272	91,133,927	94,852,532	99,662,302	104,250,854
New Brunswick.....	75,076,615	81,177,965	83,717,829	95,159,403	101,261,096
Quebec.....	545,070,050	611,828,946	660,810,503	721,348,397	755,247,641
Ontario.....	1,099,962,376	1,198,568,793	1,237,723,059	1,295,797,122	1,340,853,693
Manitoba.....	188,284,222	200,314,027	219,559,349	225,700,542	225,912,673
Saskatchewan.....	262,201,711	269,661,903	280,457,734	286,607,918	283,963,876
Alberta.....	353,924,513	383,609,186	402,560,725	442,191,585	474,001,753
British Columbia.....	256,166,048	298,957,204	324,972,114	325,269,939	345,370,730
Yukon and N.W.T.....	—	4,245,811 <sup>2</sup>	4,734,949 <sup>2</sup>	8,939,770	11,518,629
<b>Totals, Gross Sales.....</b>	<b>2,902,470,607</b>	<b>3,178,065,069</b>	<b>3,349,209,171</b>	<b>3,544,856,742</b>	<b>3,690,678,245</b>
Refunds and exemptions.....	675,490,362	721,076,713	723,118,141	812,898,257	826,000,245
<b>Totals, Net Sales.....</b>	<b>2,226,980,245</b>	<b>2,456,988,356</b>	<b>2,626,091,030</b>	<b>2,731,958,485</b>	<b>2,864,678,000</b>
DIESEL OIL					
	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.	gal.
<b>Totals, Net Sales.....</b>	<b>50,667,242</b>	<b>70,779,820</b>	<b>92,832,457</b>	<b>95,479,919</b>	<b>120,129,508</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes exports.

<sup>2</sup> Yukon only.

**Motor Carriers—Freight.\***—Statistics of the common carrier segment of the inter-city and rural motor carrier industry have been collected since 1941. However, 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 each year have created many problems in the collection of statistics; these are gradually being overcome. Statistics of contract carriers were collected for the first time in 1958. The 3,565 common carrier firms from which usable returns were secured in 1959 reported gross operating revenues of \$349,037,573 compared with 3,510 firms reporting \$292,719,406 in 1958. Usable returns for contract carriers reported a gross operating revenue of \$72,379,453 in 1959.

\* Statistics are given in more detail in DBS annual report *Motor Carriers—Freight* (Catalogue No. 53-205).