

Farm Machinery and Electrification.—The numbers of most types of machinery on farms increased considerably between 1951 and 1961 as shown in Table 53. However, technological changes were reflected in a reduction in the numbers of such items as threshing machines and grain binders since these types of harvesting equipment are rapidly being replaced by combines.

The proportion of farms reporting electric power increased in all provinces during the same period, although the fact that there were fewer farms resulted in a decrease in the number reporting electric power in certain provinces. The most important increases occurred in Prince Edward Island where the proportion of farms reporting electric power was 22 p.c. in 1951, 40 p.c. in 1956 and 78 p.c. in 1961; in Newfoundland where the increase was from 38 p.c. in 1951 to 44 p.c. in 1956 and 66 p.c. in 1961; in Saskatchewan where the increase was from 16 p.c. in 1951 to 42 p.c. in 1956 and 66 p.c. in 1961; and in Alberta where it was from 25 p.c. to 52 p.c. and 72 p.c. for the same years.

53.—Farm Machinery, by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1961

Item and Year	Newfound-land	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Automobiles.....1951	185	4,147	6,970	7,999	41,602	114,870
1961	323	4,713	6,618	6,872	55,385	110,773
Motor trucks.....1951	507	1,679	5,687	4,786	19,167	41,486
1961	715	3,253	5,965	4,657	26,597	62,812
Tractors.....1951	126	2,776	4,307	5,221	31,971	105,204
1961	462	5,713	7,074	8,102	70,697	150,046
Grain combines.....1951	—	18	16	211	420	10,031
1961	2	644	154	770	3,046	22,387
Threshing machines.....1951	5	2,973	826	2,450	30,360	15,946
1961	4	1,656	482	915	15,340	16,843
Grain binders.....1951	4	5,956	2,101	4,149	43,467	85,135
1961	1	3,222	1,363	1,827	33,647	43,802
	Manitoba	Saskat-chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Automobiles.....1951	32,060	62,963	46,314	12,557	—	329,667
1961	34,619	72,152	52,167	14,322	7	357,951
Motor trucks.....1951	21,163	52,626	39,723	9,291	7	196,122
1961	31,806	82,669	71,508	12,004	26	302,012
Tractors.....1951	50,984	106,664	79,282	13,148	3	399,686
1961	61,463	126,613	102,624	16,974	21	549,789
Grain combines.....1951	15,268	42,997	20,852	687	—	90,500
1961	23,662	65,084	38,530	1,331	1	155,611
Threshing machines.....1951	9,425	19,221	14,768	717	—	96,691
1961	5,613	11,623	13,006	572	3	66,057
Grain binders.....1951	31,410	70,584	57,930	2,638	—	303,374
1961	12,725	29,998	32,476	1,509	5	160,575