

1895, and in the session of 1895 the bounty was fixed at 75 cents per 100 lbs. and an additional one cent per 100 lbs. for each degree over 70 degrees polariscope test, the bounty, however, never to exceed \$1.00 per 100 lbs. the time was extended to June 30, 1897.

In all, the province of Quebec paid out \$122,419 and the Dominion \$93,283 making a total of \$215,702.

The enterprises, however, failed of success.

The Farnham Company closed in 1893 and the Berthier Company after passing through different hands was closed in 1896 and was in 1897 turned into a gin distillery.

No further assistance was given by either the Dominion or the Provincial Governments till the Legislature of Ontario during the session of 1901 passed an Act for the purpose of encouraging the growth of sugar beets and the establishment of factories within the province for the manufacture of refined sugar from beets.

The sum appropriated for the purpose was \$225,000 payable to the extent of \$75,000 a year at the rate of one-half cent per pound for the product of first and second years operations and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent per pound for the third year.

The result of this governmental stimulation was the formation of several companies. These began operation in 1902. The results of the first year's efforts, with other data follow :—

	Ontario Sugar Co.	Wallaceburg Sugar Co.	Dresden Sugar Co.	Warton Sugar Co.
Capacity, tons per day..	600	600	600	350
Cost .....	\$510,000	575,000	525,000	400,000
Days worked.....	90	45	60	—
Beets sliced, tons.....	32,000	18,000	20,000	12,000
Sugar produced, lbs. ....	6,500,000	3,500,000	4,000,000	1,500,000

making in all 15,500,000 pounds produced.

About 160 farmers provided the beets required for these companies. The average sugar content for the total quantity of beets supplied was 15.06 per cent and the average receipts per acre amounted to \$51.36.

The Federal Parliament under chap. 22 Acts of 1901 assisted the industry by admitting free of customs duty, structural iron and machinery used in the manufacture of sugar from beet root. Under this Act, during the year it was in force, the value of the machinery imported was \$655,781. The government proposed in the session of 1903 to admit such machinery free of duty for a year.