

Comparative Value of Field Crops 1916 and 1917.—Table 5 gives the results of calculations intended to show for each of the principal field crops the increase or decrease in total value for 1917 as compared with 1916 that was due (a) to difference in price and (b) to difference in quantity. Thus, for wheat, the actual value in 1917 was \$453,039,000. If the prices of 1916 had continued to prevail in 1917 the value would have been only \$306,047,000, or \$146,992,000 less than it actually was. The production being smaller in 1917 than in 1916 the value from this cause was less by \$38,049,000; so that the net increase of value in 1917 was \$108,943,000. Similarly, with regard to the total value of all the field crops, their value in 1917 was \$1,144,635,000, as compared with \$886,494,000 in 1916. At the prices of 1916, the value in 1917 would have been only \$881,833,000, a decrease of \$4,661,000 instead of a net increase of \$258,141,000. Of the net difference, \$262,802,000 was an increase due to higher values and \$4,661,000 was a decrease due to smaller quantities. The actual increase was in the percentage ratio of 29·1; the increase due to higher prices was 29·8 p.c. and the decrease due to smaller quantities was at the rate of 0·5 p.c.

5.—Field Crops of Canada, compared as to Quantity and Value, for 1916 and 1917
(000 omitted).

Field Crops.	Actual Value 1917.	Value at prices of 1916.	Actual Value 1916.	Increase (+) or decrease (-)	Due to higher (+) or lower (-) prices.	Due to larger (+) or smaller (-) quantities.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fall wheat.....	32,337	23,947	27,118	+5,219	+8,390	-3,171
Spring wheat.....	420,702	282,100	316,978	+103,724	+138,602	-34,878
All wheat.....	453,039	306,047	344,096	+108,943	+146,992	-38,049
Oats.....	277,065	207,257	210,957	+66,108	+69,808	-3,700
Barley.....	59,654	45,086	35,024	+24,630	+14,568	+10,062
Rye.....	6,267	3,174	3,196	+3,071	+3,093	-22
Peas.....	10,724	6,711	4,919	+5,805	+4,013	+1,792
Beans.....	9,493	6,723	2,223	+7,265	+2,770	+4,495
Buckwheat.....	10,443	7,627	6,375	+4,068	+2,816	+1,252
Mixed grains.....	18,802	14,197	9,301	+9,501	+4,605	+4,896
Flax.....	15,737	12,136	16,890	-1,153	+3,601	-4,754
Corn for husking.....	14,307	8,337	6,747	+7,560	+5,970	+1,590
Potatoes.....	80,804	64,348	50,982	+29,822	+16,456	+13,366
Turnips, mangolds, etc....	29,253	24,625	14,329	+14,924	+4,628	+10,296
Hay and clover.....	141,377	158,781	168,548	-27,171	-17,404	-9,767
Fodder corn.....	13,835	13,250	9,396	+4,439	+585	+3,854
Sugar beets.....	794	729	440	+354	+65	+289
Alfalfa.....	3,041	2,805	3,066	-25	+236	-261
Totals.....	1,144,635	881,833	886,494	+258,141 p.c. +29·1	+262,802 p.c. +29·8	-4,661 p.c. -0·5