

**13.—Average Wages of Farm Help in Canada, as estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914-1919—concluded.**

Provinces.	Per month in summer season, including board.		Per year, including board.		Average value of board per month.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>British Columbia</b> ....1914	48	31	460	324	21	18
1915	49	31	463	287	19	16
1916	50	29	543	325	22	18
1917	78	48	803	481	25	21
1918	89	57	903	589	28	23
1919	96	64	1,065	715	31	27

NOTE.—For corresponding averages of the years 1909 and 1910, see Canada Year Book, 1918, pp. 190 and 191.

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**Creameries and Cheese Factories, 1916, 1917 and 1918.—**

The total number of creameries and cheese factories making returns in Canada in 1918 was 3,373, as compared with 3,418 in 1917, and 3,446 in 1916. Of the total in 1918, 990 were creameries, 1,885 were cheese factories, 476 were combined factories making butter and cheese, and 22 were condensed milk factories. The great majority both of creameries and cheese factories were in Quebec and Ontario. In Quebec there were 628 creameries, 900 cheese factories, 425 combined factories and 1 condensed milk factory. In Ontario, creameries numbered 164, cheese factories 910, combined factories 37 and condensed milk factories 15. The total number of patrons (i.e., farmers supplying milk and cream) was 252,416 in 1918, as compared with 250,505 in 1917, and 221,192 in 1916. In 1918, the patrons numbered 80,011 in Quebec and 92,397 in Ontario. The total value of the capital invested in the creameries and cheese factories of Canada in 1918 was \$23,131,620. The number of employees was 10,155, and their salaries and wages amounted to \$6,221,457. The amount paid to patrons was \$83,637,391, the total expenditure was \$101,364,912, and the value of products was \$107,340,850, as compared with an expenditure of \$86,488,260 and a value of products of \$93,879,326 in 1917.

**Production and Value of Creamery Butter.—**The total production of creamery butter in 1918 (Table 14) was 93,298,348 lb., value \$41,859,156, as compared with 87,526,939 lb., value \$34,274,218, in 1917, and 82,564,130 lb., value \$26,966,355, in 1916. Quebec and Ontario together produced about 71 p.c. of the total creamery butter in Canada. The production of Quebec in 1918 was 36,761,057 lb., value \$16,364,950, as compared with 34,392,562 lb., value \$13,689,310, in 1917, and 34,323,275 lb., value \$11,516,148, in 1916. Ontario in 1918 produced 29,452,422 lb., value \$13,163,938, as compared with 28,756,758 lb., value \$11,236,839, in 1917, 24,680,109 lb., value \$8,031,997, in 1916. For all Canada the average wholesale price of creamery butter worked out at 45 cents per lb. in 1918, as compared with 39 cents per lb. in 1917 and 33 cents in 1916.