

26—Flax grown for Fibre in Ontario, 1915-18.

| Description.                      | 1915.   | 1916.   | 1917.     | 1918.                |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------------|
| Area..... acres                   | 4,000   | 5,200   | 8,000     | 20,000               |
| Yield of fibre per acre..... lb.  | 200     | 57      | 350       | 310                  |
| Total yield of fibre..... tons    | 800     | 300     | 1,400     | 3,100                |
| Total yield of tow..... "         | 80      | 175     | -         | 900                  |
| Yield of seed per acre..... bush. | 12      | 48      | 9         | 8 <sup>1</sup>       |
| Total yield of seed..... "        | 48,000  | 25,000  | 72,000    | 110,000              |
| Value of fibre per ton..... \$    | 400     | 600     | 1,100     | 350                  |
| Total value of fibre..... \$      | 320,000 | 180,000 | 1,540,000 | 1,085,000            |
| Total value of tow..... \$        | 2,800   | 5,000   | -         | 270,000              |
| Value of seed per bushel..... \$  | 1.60    | 3       | 5.50      | 8.50 <sup>1</sup>    |
| Total value of seed..... \$       | 76,800  | 75,000  | 396,000   | 930,769 <sup>1</sup> |

<sup>1</sup> Seed of fibre quality shipped to Ireland.

In 1916, there were in addition about 800 tons of flax straw, valued at \$15 per ton, or \$12,000. The total value of the products for 1918 was about \$2,285,750, exclusive of the value of seed not of fibre quality.

**Tobacco.**—In Quebec, statistics of the area and yield of tobacco in 1919 were jointly collected and compiled by the Quebec Bureau of Statistics and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The results show a great expansion in the cultivation of tobacco in Quebec, due to the large increase in selling price. The area planted to tobacco in Quebec in 1919 was 22,360 acres, as compared with 12,257 acres returned for 1910 by the Census of 1911. At an estimated average yield per acre of 750 lb., the total yield of tobacco in Quebec amounted to 16,770,000 lb., representing, at the average rate of 40 cents per lb., a total value of \$6,708,000. For Ontario, according to information furnished by the Tobacco Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms, the total yield of tobacco was 10,609,400 lb. from 9,226 acres, representing an average yield per acre of 1,150 lb. The Ontario crop was harvested without damage by frosts. It was the largest and the best crop that had been grown in Ontario since the Tobacco Division began the issue of an annual statistical crop report. In 1911 the production was larger if tradition be correct, but no figures are available for that year. There is a tendency for a general expansion of tobacco growing in all the Ontario district including the southwestern peninsula. The prices paid for the tobacco crop in Ontario in 1919 were still higher than those of 1918. There was a real rush at buying time between the competing manufacturers, and the whole of the Ontario crop was purchased in less than a week. The average price paid for White Burley may be placed at about 50 cents per lb., while most of the flue-cured tobacco sold at prices ranging from 55 to 65 cents per lb.

Placing together the results for the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and comparing them with the published estimates for the two previous years, the totals are as shown in Table 27.