

Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.—There are three sugar factories in Canada which manufacture sugar from Canadian grown sugar beets. They are situated at Chatham, Wallaceburg and Kitchener, in the province of Ontario, and are under the control of the Dominion Sugar Company, Ltd., of Chatham. From 1903 until 1914, when it went out of business, there was also in operation the Knight Sugar Company of Raymond in Alberta. Table 46 gives particulars respecting the area, yield and value of sugar beet as a farm crop and of the production of refined sugar made from Canadian-grown sugar beets for the year 1920, with the comparative figures for the years 1911-19.

46.—Area, Yield and Value of Sugar Beets in Canada and Production of Refined Beetroot Sugar, 1911-1920.

Year.	Acres grown.	Yield per acre.	Total yield.	Average price per ton.	Total value.	Production of refined beetroot sugar.
	Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	\$	\$	lb.
1911.....	20,677	8.50	175,000	6.59	1,154,000	21,329,689
1912.....	18,900	10.50	201,000	5.00	1,005,000	26,767,287
1913.....	17,000	8.75	148,000	6.12	906,000	26,149,216
1914.....	12,100	9.00	108,600	6.00	651,000	31,314,763
1915.....	13,000	7.75	141,000	5.50	775,500	39,515,802
1916.....	15,000	4.75	71,000	6.20	440,000	17,024,377
1917.....	14,000	8.40	117,600	6.75	793,800	23,376,850
1918.....	18,000	11.25	204,000	12.71	2,593,715	50,092,835
1919.....	18,800	9.50	180,000	14.61	2,630,027	37,839,271
1920.....	34,491	9.94	343,000	15.47	5,307,243	89,280,719

The results for the year 1920 constituted a record, whether as regards the area, yield and value of the roots grown or the production of refined beetroot sugar. The area and yield of the roots grown were nearly double and the value of the roots as well as the quantity of refined sugar was more than double the returns of 1919. The value of the beetroot sugar produced in 1920 was \$12,856,424, representing an average wholesale price per lb. of 14.4 cents, as compared with \$3,924,411 and 10.4 cents per lb. in 1919 and \$4,358,077 and 8.7 cents per lb. in 1918.

Maple Sugar.—The maple sugar industry of Canada is carried on in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. From 1851 to 1861 the average yearly production was about 13,500,000 lb., from 1861 to 1871 about 17,500,000 lb., from 1871 to 1881, 19,000,000 lb., and from 1881 to 1891 about 22,000,000 lb. During the next decade the yearly average fell to about 21,200,000 lb., and in more recent years to little less than 20,000,000 lb. In the Maritime Provinces the yearly output has rarely exceeded 500,000 lb. Quebec produces about 14,300,000 lb. and Ontario 5,000,000 lb. per annum. It is estimated that the industry, which represents an annual value of almost \$2,000,000, is carried on by about 50,000 growers. Table 47 shows the production and value of maple products in the province of Quebec according to the annual statistics of the Dominion and Quebec Bureaus of Statistics as follows: