

38.—Average Prices per lb. paid by farmers for Grade No. 1 Clover and Grass Seed, by provinces, during April and May, 1923, and Average Prices for Canada during April and May, 1919-23.

Provinces.	Red Clover.	Alsike.	Alfalfa.	Sweet Clover.	Western Rye.	Timothy.	Brome Grass.
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.
Prince Edward Island.....	33	25	—	19	—	13	—
Nova Scotia.....	31	23	43	19	—	14	—
New Brunswick.....	30	22	28	21	—	14	—
Quebec.....	30	23	30	13	—	14	—
Ontario.....	26	18	28	10	—	11	—
Manitoba.....	35	28	42	15	12½	15	13
Saskatchewan.....	45	43	65	16	13½	18½	14½
Alberta.....	48	38	41	20	14	18	16½
British Columbia.....	36	28½	59	22½	14½	16½	16½
Canada, 1923.....	29	21	34	13	13	13½	14
“ 1922.....	32½	26½	38½	15½	17½	14	19½
“ 1921.....	40½	41½	51½	20½	21½	16½	20
“ 1920.....	74½	69	65	45	38	23½	43
“ 1919.....	53½	44	43½	40	32	18½	37½

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Prince Edward Island.....	28	19	—	12	—	10	—
Nova Scotia.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Brunswick.....	28	17	—	—	—	11½	—
Quebec.....	26	19	13	09	—	12	—
Ontario.....	18	12	21	07	—	08	—
Manitoba.....	—	—	—	08	09	09	08
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	08	08	15	09
Alberta.....	—	—	—	—	06	08	—
British Columbia.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada, 1923.....	20	13	20½	07½	08	09	08½
“ 1922.....	21	16½	23½	11½	10½	09	09
“ 1921.....	29	28	26½	11	11½	12½	14
“ 1920.....	66	56	55	29	25	20½	29
“ 1919.....	44	36	38	23½	27	16	30½

Index Numbers of Agricultural Prices.—Records of the average prices received by farmers for agricultural produce have been collected annually since 1909 through the crop correspondents of the Census and Statistics Office and Dominion Bureau of Statistics. From these records, annual index numbers have been calculated for each crop and for the field crops as a whole. The average prices for the five-year pre-war period 1909-1913 have in each case been taken as 100, and the figures for each year are expressed as a percentage of these. In calculating the index numbers for the combined field crops, the various crops have been weighted according to the proportion which the value of each crop in each year bears to the total value for that year. Table 40 and its accompanying diagram (p. 293) show the great increase which took place in agricultural prices during the war period and the fall which took place in 1920, 1921 and 1922. The years 1921 and 1922 are especially memorable for the great and sudden fall in the prices of agricultural produce, and the index numbers provide a convenient means of measuring its extent, and of making comparisons with previous years, and especially with the maximum prices, which were reached in 1919. For wheat the index number in 1922 was 123.2, a slight increase over 1921, when it was 117.4, a figure which represented a drop of 117.3 points, as compared with 1920 and of