

It is estimated that the average price for Ontario tobacco of the season of 1923 is 18 cents per lb., this being based upon an average of 30 cents per lb. for flue-cured tobacco and 8 cents per lb. for White Burley. The total value of the Ontario crop may therefore be estimated at \$1,943,500 (10,797,000 lb. at 18 cents per lb.), as compared with \$2,757,967 in 1922 (11,031,870 lb. at 25 cents per lb.). For Quebec the all-round average price is placed at 15 cents per lb., representing a total for the province of \$1,575,000 (10,500,000 lb. at 15 cents), as compared with \$1,789,884 in 1922 (14,915,700 lb. at 12 cents per lb.). The total value for Canada (i.e., the two tobacco growing provinces of Quebec and Ontario) is, therefore, for 1923, \$3,518,500 (21,297,000 lb. at 16 cents per lb.), as compared with \$4,547,851 (25,947,570 lb. at 17 cents per lb.) in 1922.

Onions.—Table 39 shows the area and commercial production of onions in Canada for each of the years 1920 to 1923, as estimated by the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

39.—Area and Production of Commercial Onions in Canada, 1920-1923.

Provinces.	1920.		1921.		1922.		1923.	
	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.
Quebec.....	900	8,100	750	5,250	750	6,000	600	3,600
Ontario.....	1,550	13,950	1,375	9,625	1,807	16,263	1,807	9,250
British Columbia.	1,450	13,050	720	5,075	1,078	8,624	948	8,500
Total.....	3,900	35,100	2,845	19,915	3,635	30,887	3,355	21,350

8.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—On the whole the average wages of farm help showed a slight advance for 1923, as compared with 1922. For Canada, the average wages per month of farm helpers during the summer season of 1923, including board, were for men \$61, as against \$59 in 1922, and for women \$39, the same as in 1922. The value of the board was returned the same as for 1922, viz., \$21 for men and \$17 for women. By the year, the average wages for males, including board, was \$611 in 1923, as compared with \$594 in 1922, and \$422 for women, as compared with \$418 in 1922. The value of the yearly board was returned as \$239 for men, as against \$235 in 1922, and for women \$191 for both years. By provinces, the average monthly wages for men and women respectively in the summer season, including board, were in 1923 as follows, the figures for 1922 being given within parentheses for comparison: Prince Edward Island \$43 and \$28 (\$40 and \$27); Nova Scotia \$56 and \$32 (\$50 and \$29); New Brunswick \$59 and \$32 (\$53 and \$32); Quebec \$59 and \$32 (\$53 and \$29); Ontario \$59 and \$39 (\$57 and (\$37); Manitoba \$62 and \$42 (\$63 and \$43); Saskatchewan \$65 and \$44 (\$64 and \$46); Alberta \$70 and \$48 (\$64 and \$45); British Columbia \$76 and \$53 (\$75 and \$54).