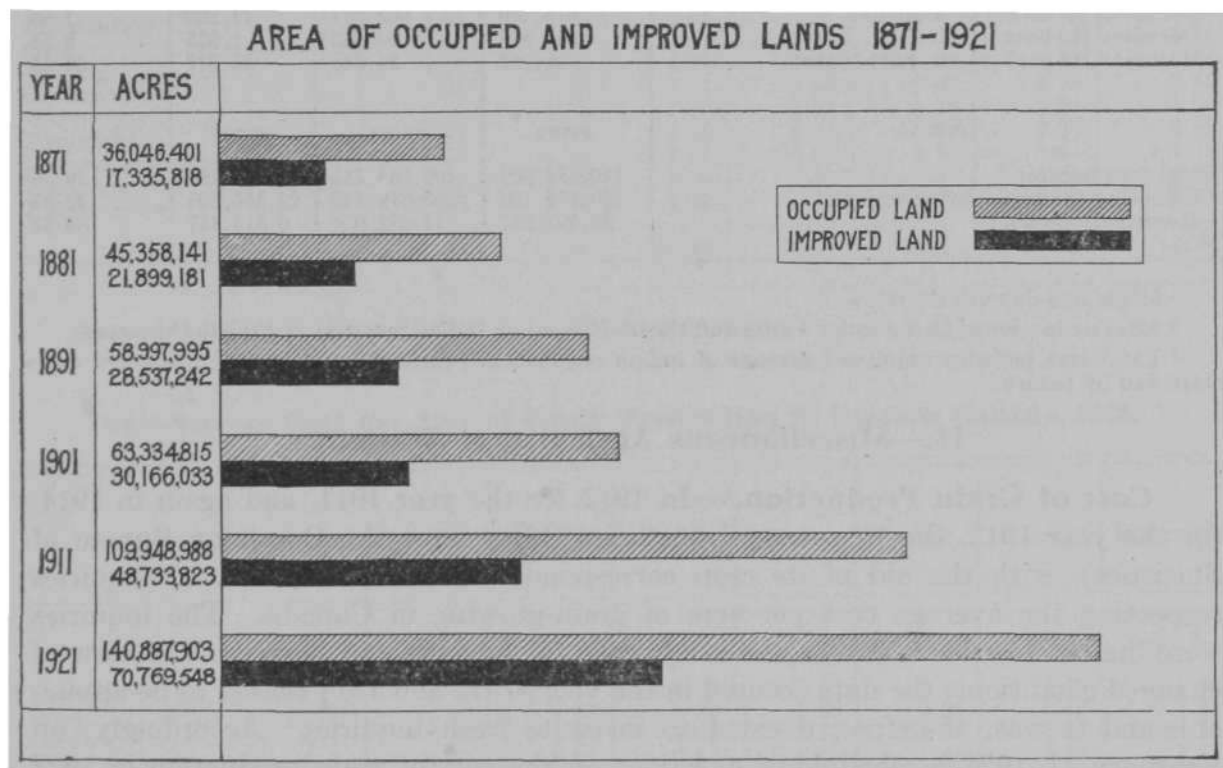


so that it is necessary to subtract it from the total farm acreage before the calculation of percentages in which the classes by tenure are involved.

In Table 51 are given comparative statistics of farm holdings for 1901, 1911 and 1921, while figures of farm holdings for 1911 and 1921 are given by tenure in Table 52. A specially notable fact is the increase in the size of the average farm from 124 acres in 1901 to 198 acres in 1921—an increase of nearly 60 p.c., due, in the main, to the increasing use of machinery. It is also apparent from Table 52, that rented farms are gradually becoming a larger percentage of the total number.



51.—Population, Farm Holdings and Areas, 1901, 1911 and 1921.

Items.		1921	1911	1901
		June 1.	June 1.	March 31.
Population of Canada ¹	No.	8,775,853	7,191,624	5,323,967
Urban.....	"	4,350,816	3,269,082	2,005,080
Rural.....	"	4,425,037	3,922,542	3,318,887
Number of occupied farms.....	"	711,090	682,329 ³	511,073 ²
Land area of provinces.....	acres	1,401,316,388	1,401,316,388	1,401,316,388
Area of occupied farms.....	"	140,887,903	108,968,715 ⁴	63,422,338
Improved.....	"	70,769,548	48,733,823	30,166,033
Unimproved.....	"	70,118,355	60,234,892 ⁴	33,256,305
In field crops.....	"	49,680,666	35,261,338	19,763,740
In orchard.....	"	297,053	403,596	356,106
In vineyard.....	"	7,090	9,836	5,600
In small fruits.....	"	17,741	17,495	
Number of rural inhabitants, per farm ¹	No.	6.18 ⁶	5.70 ⁶	6.49 ⁶
Average area of farm.....	acres	197.97 ⁶	159.60 ⁶	124.10
Average area of improved land in farm.....	"	99.36 ⁶	71.33 ⁶	59.02
Per cent of total land area in occupied farms ¹	p.c.	10.05	7.78	4.53
Per cent of farm land improved.....	"	50.23	44.72	47.56

¹ Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories. The total population of Canada in 1921 was 8,788,483, while the total land area is placed at 3,603,909 square miles.

² After deduction of 33,615 farms under 1 acre (the minimum area taken in 1921).

³ Exclusive of 30,141 farms under 1 acre (see Note 2) and 2,176 farms located on Indian reserves in the Prairie Provinces.

⁴ After deduction of unimproved acreage on Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces.

⁵ Not separately given in 1901.

⁶ Exclusive of Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces.