

## 7.—Special Agricultural Crops.

**Maple Sugar and Syrup.**—The Canada Year Book, 1924, contained a description of the process of maple sugar-making on pages 247 and 248. Table 35 gives the production and value of maple sugar and syrup in Canada for the years 1924 and 1925, as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.<sup>1</sup>

**35.—Production and Value of Maple Sugar and Maple Syrup in Canada, by Provinces, 1924 and 1925.**

Provinces and Years.	Maple Sugar.			Maple Syrup.			Total Value of Sugar and Syrup.
	Quantity.	Average price per lb.	Value.	Quantity.	Average price per gallon.	Value.	
	lb.	cents.	\$	gal.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Canada.....</b>							
1924	9,385,415	20	1,907,599	1,970,696	2.07	4,083,542	5,991,141
1925	9,791,359	17	1,692,595	1,672,093	2.05	3,440,226	5,132,821
<b>Nova Scotia.....</b>							
1924	51,500	34	17,510	9,565	2.64	25,252	42,762
1925	89,910	30	26,973	10,139	2.68	27,173	54,146
<b>New Brunswick.....</b>							
1924	50,110	34	17,037	10,649	2.57	27,368	84,405
1925	73,290	34	24,919	2,067	2.33	4,816	29,735
<b>Quebec.....</b>							
1924	8,876,525	20	1,775,305	1,176,656	1.90	2,235,646	4,010,951
1925	9,549,837	17	1,623,472	954,984	1.79	1,709,421	3,332,893
<b>Ontario.....</b>							
1924	407,280	24	97,747	773,826	2.32	1,795,276	1,893,023
1925	78,322	22	17,231	704,903	2.41	1,698,816	1,716,047

The table shows that for the whole of Canada the estimated production of maple sugar in 1925 was 9,791,359 lb. of the value of \$1,692,595, as compared with 9,385,415 lb. of the value of \$1,907,599 in 1924. The production in 1925 was, therefore, 405,944 lb. more than in 1924, but the value was \$215,004 less, owing to the average price per lb. being 17 cents in 1925, as against 20 cents in 1924. The estimated production of maple syrup in 1925 was 1,672,093 gallons of the value of \$3,440,226, as compared with 1,970,696 gallons of the value of \$4,083,542 in 1924. In this case the production is less in 1925 by 298,603 gallons, and the value is less by \$643,316; the value per gallon is \$2.05, as against \$2.07 in 1924. The total value of maple sugar and maple syrup in 1925 was \$5,132,821, as compared with \$5,991,141 in 1924.

**Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.**—The earliest attempts to establish a beet-sugar industry in Canada were made about 35 years ago, and for some time large beet sugar factories were operated at Farnham, Coaticook and elsewhere in the province of Quebec, under a system of bounties from the Dominion Government. Annual experiments at the Ontario Agricultural College, from about the year 1889, demonstrated the suitability of the soil and climate of Ontario for the production of beetroots with sugar percentage and coefficient of purity practically equal to those grown on the continent of Europe. Choosing localities with the other necessary requisites of abundant water, transportation facilities and a plentiful supply

<sup>1</sup> See Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, June, 1925, pp. 164-5.