

of labour, four beet sugar companies began operations in 1902 with the aid of a bounty provided by Act of the Ontario Legislature, bonuses voted by the rate-payers of Dresden (\$40,000) and Wallaceburg (\$30,000), and customs concessions from the Dominion Government for the importation of machinery. These companies were the Ontario Sugar Co., Ltd., of Berlin (now Kitchener), the Dresden Sugar Co., Ltd., the Wallaceburg Sugar Co. and the Wiarnton Beet Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd. From 1903 to 1914, when it went out of business, there was also in operation the Knight Sugar Co., at Raymond, Alberta. In this province, bounties for sugar beets were provided by the Alberta Government for the five years ended 1910. During the first four years, the tonnage of Canadian-grown beets increased from 51,067 in 1902 to 118,095 in 1905, and the value of sugar from \$385,678 to \$1,045,288. In the same period \$1,442,961 was paid to farmers for beets, \$525,045 to employees for wages and the value of the sugar manufactured was \$2,728,853.<sup>1</sup> The bonus of the Ontario Government was  $\frac{1}{2}$  a cent per lb., and was paid from 1903 to 1907, when it expired. In 1909, when the Ontario beet sugar industry had been seven years in operation, only the two factories at Wallaceburg, Ontario, and Raymond, Alberta, were active. The Wiarnton factory was closed after two seasons, the Dresden factory had been dismantled and the plant removed to Wisconsin, U.S.A., and the Berlin factory was idle pending reorganization. Eventually in 1909, three factories situated at Chatham, Wallaceburg and Kitchener came under the control of the Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., of Chatham, but during the years 1921 to 1924 only the two factories at Chatham and Wallaceburg have been in operation.<sup>2</sup> A new sugar beet factory at Raymond, Alberta, known as the Canadian Sugar Factory, Ltd., began operations in 1924, and sugar beets for this factory have been grown under promising conditions during the season of 1925.

### 36.—Area, Yield and Value of Sugar Beets in Canada and Production of Refined Beetroot Sugar, 1911-1924.

(Production contracted for by factories).

Years.	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.....	18,000	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
1921.....	25,535	7.80	199,334	9.90	1,974,384	52,862,377
1922.....	14,955	8.55	127,807	7.56	966,521	29,911,770
1923.....	17,941	8.87	159,200	12.08	1,922,668	39,423,160
1924.....	31,111	9.50	295,177	5.78	1,704,791	85,770,709

<sup>1</sup> Canada Year Book, 1905, pp. xxiii-xxiv.

<sup>2</sup> These notes are derived partly from an article on "The Beet Sugar Industry in Canada," Labour Gazette, April, 1903, pp. 762-771, and Bulletin IX "The Beet Sugar Industry," Census and Statistics Office, Ottawa, 1909.