10.—Agricultural Statistics of the Census of 1921.

The Agricultural Statistics of the Census of 1921.—For the census of 1921, a farm was defined as a tract of land of one acre or over which produced in the year 1920 crops of any kind to the value of $50 or more. In previous censuses the minimum area was not clearly defined, with the consequence that some plots of less than one acre were included. For the whole of Canada these numbered 33,615 in 1901 and 30,141 in 1911. They have been deducted from the total numbers of farms in their respective years wherever the latter are given in the comparative tables below, but as total acreage and production are affected only to a very slight extent by such farms, no deductions have been made in these respects. The figures relating to number of farms, farm areas, size and tenure of farms, are for June 1, 1921, the date of the census.

In this census of 1921 the areas devoted to agriculture on Indian reserves in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have not been counted as farms, although the improved land on the reserves has been included in the total of farm acreage. This improved land on reserves has not been classified by kind of tenure; 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 **49** 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 **50.** 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 **50,** that rented farms are gradually becoming a larger percentage of the total number. Statistics of farm holdings, farm areas and condition of farm lands are given by provinces as in 1921 in Table **51.**

The increase in the area of occupied and of improved land in Canada since 1871 is shown in the following diagram.

AREA OF OCCUPIED AND IMPROVED LANDS 1871–1921

YEAR	ACRES		
1871	36,046,401 / 17,335,818		
1881	45,358,141 / 21,899,181	OCCUPIED LAND / IMPROVED LAND	
1891	58,997,995 / 28,537,242		
1901	63,334,815 / 30,166,033		
1911	109,948,988 / 48,733,823		
1921	140,887,903 / 70,769,548		