

8.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—The average wages paid to farm helpers in Canada for the year 1925 show a very small increase over 1924. The cost of farm labour reached its highest point in 1920. In the next two years there was a rapid drop, so that the average of yearly wages including board for male help in 1922 was nearly 28 p.c. less than in 1920. Since 1922 the trend has been slightly upward, the average for 1925 representing an increase of 8 p.c. for the three years. Farm wages may therefore be said to have remained fairly uniform for the past three years. Although there was a drop of about 28 p.c. in the average wages in the two years following 1920, there was a much greater drop in the average price of farm products. It is not surprising, therefore, that the upward readjustment of those prices in the past two or three years has had no appreciable effect upon wages.

In Table 39 the value of wages and board is given for the years 1914, 1920-1925, both for the summer season and for the year, distinction being made in all cases between wages and board.

39.—Average Wages of Farm Help in Canada, as estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914, 1920-1925.

NOTE.—M=Males; F=Females.

Provinces.	Years	Per month in summer season.						Per year.					
		Wages.		Board.		Wages and Board.		Wages.		Board.		Wages and Board.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	1914	21	8	14	11	36	19	155	57	168	132	323	189
	1920	60	27	26	20	86	47	543	275	278	217	821	492
	1921	45	24	22	18	67	42	421	249	248	200	669	449
	1922	38	22	21	17	59	39	359	227	236	191	594	418
	1923	40	22	21	17	61	39	372	231	239	191	611	422
	1924	40	23	22	19	62	42	380	244	256	217	636	461
	1925	40	22	23	19	63	41	383	244	258	218	641	462
P.E. Island.....	1914	15	5	10	8	25	13	101	40	120	96	221	136
	1920	42	18	18	14	60	32	371	212	201	160	572	272
	1921	29	15	16	12	45	27	282	151	178	136	460	287
	1922	26	15	14	12	40	27	247	165	168	130	415	295
	1923	28	16	15	12	43	28	302	173	170	136	472	309
	1924	28	16	15	12	43	28	261	178	180	145	441	323
	1925	31	18	16	13	47	31	293	175	178	138	469	313
Nova Scotia.....	1914	20	7	11	8	31	15	169	59	132	96	301	155
	1920	49	21	24	17	73	38	472	218	263	190	735	408
	1921	36	17	20	14	56	31	364	182	228	170	592	352
	1922	31	16	19	13	50	29	327	177	209	150	536	327
	1923	36	18	20	14	56	32	328	182	227	158	555	340
	1924	36	17	19	13	55	30	356	189	215	147	571	336
	1925	36	18	20	15	56	33	347	199	221	161	568	360
New Brunswick	1914	21	7	11	8	32	15	170	60	132	96	302	165
	1920	56	19	23	16	79	35	531	213	254	178	785	391
	1921	35	17	19	14	54	31	361	183	214	149	675	332
	1922	34	17	19	15	53	32	328	168	192	149	529	317
	1923	41	18	18	14	59	32	415	209	200	155	615	364
	1924	35	16	18	15	53	31	332	172	206	160	538	332
	1925	37	18	17	13	54	31	370	210	191	151	561	361
Quebec.....	1914	21	7	13	9	34	16	140	44	156	108	296	152
	1920	62	24	24	16	86	40	524	235	243	172	767	407
	1921	39	18	19	14	58	32	360	193	199	142	559	335
	1922	35	17	18	12	53	29	322	176	188	130	510	306
	1923	40	19	19	13	59	32	356	194	203	140	559	334
	1924	37	18	19	13	56	31	332	185	189	132	521	317
	1925	37	19	19	13	56	32	340	190	196	141	536	331