

**Economic Advancement of the Indians in the Past Decade.**—The Indians of Canada have made steady if rather slow progress in economic status during the past decade. When the fact is kept in mind that the Indians, unlike the whites, are not increasing rapidly in numbers, the significance of the figures which follow will be better appreciated. The area of the land under cultivation by Indians was in 1926 224,896 acres as compared with 173,198 acres in 1916. Their live stock in 1926 included 43,585 horses and 54,930 cattle, as compared with 35,315 horses and 37,188 cattle in 1916. The total income of the Indians was \$10,189,696 in 1926, as compared with \$6,241,497 in 1916. If the Department's annual estimate of the number of Indians is used, the per capita figure of income is \$97 in 1926 as compared with \$59 in 1916. Information showing the acreage and value of Indian lands in 1926, the crops raised in 1925, the live stock owned by Indians in 1926, the sources and values of the income of Indians in 1925, is given by provinces in Tables 15 to 18.

**15.—Acreage and Value of Indian Lands, by Provinces, 1926.**

Provinces.	Total acreage of reserves.	Land cleared but not under cultivation.	Land under cultivation.	Value of Lands.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	1,527	404	397	20,000
Nova Scotia.....	21,926	3,590	995	110,410
New Brunswick.....	34,507	1,056	375	70,708
Quebec.....	175,320	17,317	10,266	1,439,345
Ontario.....	1,017,014	76,021	63,294	4,830,918
Manitoba.....	482,487	114,227	13,587	3,047,989
Saskatchewan.....	1,280,949	293,755	45,465	14,537,019
Alberta.....	1,297,578	848,340	64,779	18,170,092
British Columbia.....	734,419	248,014	25,738	14,300,550
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5,026,227</b>	<b>2,102,724</b>	<b>224,896</b>	<b>56,527,051</b>

**16.—Area and Yield of Principal Field Crops of Indians, by Provinces, 1926.<sup>1</sup>**

Provinces.	Wheat.		Oats.		Other Grain.	
	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.
Prince Edward Island.....	11	85	43	705	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	1	23	52	825	3	50
New Brunswick.....	11	133	124	1,925	24	295
Quebec.....	247	3,552	2,222	33,726	502	5,969
Ontario.....	2,682	42,063	12,614	354,973	3,755	85,708
Manitoba.....	1,806	28,182	3,101	74,661	3,553	61,973
Saskatchewan.....	13,989	243,466	18,196	256,681	1,429	27,264
Alberta.....	15,849	198,366	10,203	169,210	1,231	22,313
British Columbia.....	1,910	35,955	3,682	86,755	415	7,710
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>36,506</b>	<b>551,825</b>	<b>45,237</b>	<b>979,461</b>	<b>10,972</b>	<b>311,253</b>

  

Provinces.	Peas, Beans, etc.		Potatoes.		Other Roots.		Hay and Fodder.
	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	
Prince Edward Island.....	-	-	18	1,800	1	25	105
Nova Scotia.....	15	98	104	3,793	17	548	504
New Brunswick.....	8	105	70	6,595	14	1,535	560
Quebec.....	153	2,400	987	26,539	69	2,839	4,315
Ontario.....	651	11,394	2,195	96,136	1,231	31,005	29,522
Manitoba.....	88	1,152	355	26,017	35	1,821	19,846
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	213	12,470	60	1,749	31,797
Alberta.....	-	-	255	21,763	89	5,140	21,627
British Columbia.....	728	19,987	2,397	248,274	956	58,689	26,813
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,643</b>	<b>35,136</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>443,437</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>103,351</b>	<b>135,089</b>

<sup>1</sup>Season of 1925.