

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 1925, 1926 and 1927, as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.¹

35.—Production and Value of Maple Sugar and Maple Syrup in Canada, by Province 1925-1927.

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.	\$	gallons.	\$	\$		
Canada.....	1925	10,496,262	18	1,847,672	1,672,093	2-05	3,440,226	5,287,898
	1926	7,137,303	19	1,320,837	1,746,570	2-05	3,575,538	4,896,375
	1927	9,831,697	14	1,365,045	2,154,705	1-66	3,569,766	4,934,811
Nova Scotia.....	1925	89,910	30	26,973	10,139	2-68	27,173	54,146
	1926	32,270	36	11,617	3,640	2-92	10,629	22,246
	1927	53,950	30	16,085	4,414	2-60	11,476	27,561
New Brunswick.....	1925	73,200	34	24,919	2,067	2-33	4,816	29,735
	1926	23,180	32	7,418	3,946	2-75	10,852	18,270
	1927	47,000	32	15,040	5,744	2-55	14,647	29,687
Quebec.....	1925	9,549,837	17	1,623,472	954,984	1-79	1,709,421	3,332,898
	1926	6,406,143	18	1,152,928	960,772	1-32	1,743,605	2,901,531
	1927	9,104,174	13	1,183,543	1,423,986	1-35	1,922,381	3,105,924
Ontario.....	1925	783,225	22	172,308	704,903	2-41	1,698,816	1,871,124
	1926	676,710	22	148,876	778,212	2-32	1,805,452	1,954,328
	1927	626,573	24	150,377	720,561	2-25	1,621,262	1,771,639

The table shows that for the whole of Canada the estimated production of maple sugar in 1927 was 9,831,697 lb., of the value of \$1,365,045, as compared with 7,137,303 lb., value \$1,320,837, in 1926 and 10,496,262 lb., value \$1,847,672, in 1925. The average price per lb. works out to 14 cents in 1927, 19 cents in 1926 and 18 cents in 1925. The estimated production of maple syrup in 1927 was 2,154,705 gallons of the value of \$3,569,766, as compared with 1,746,570 gallons of the value of \$3,575,538 in 1926 and with 1,672,093 gallons, value \$3,440,226, in 1925. The total estimated value of maple sugar and maple syrup produced in commercial quantities was \$4,934,811 in 1927, \$4,896,375 in 1926 and \$5,287,898 in 1925. The average price of syrup per gallon was \$1-66 in 1927, \$2-05 in 1926 and \$2-05 in 1925.

Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.—A brief account of the development of the beetroot sugar industry in Canada will be found in the Canada Year Book, 1925, pp. 255-256. At the present time two companies are operating in Canada, the Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., with factories at Chatham and Wallaceburg in Ontario, and the Canadian Sugar Factory, Ltd., with a plant at Raymond, Alberta.

Table 36 shows the area, yield and value of sugar beets grown in Canada in the years 1911-1928.

¹ See for details Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, July 1927, p. 236.