

## 50.—Population, Farm Holdings and Areas, 1901, 1911 and 1921.

Items.		1921, June 1.	1911, June 1.	1901, March 31.
Population of Canada <sup>1</sup> .....	No.	8,775,853	7,191,624	5,323,967
Urban.....	"	4,350,816	3,269,082	2,005,080
Rural.....	"	4,425,037	3,922,542	3,318,887
Number of occupied farms.....	"	711,090	682,329 <sup>2</sup>	511,073 <sup>3</sup>
Land area of provinces.....	acres	1,401,316,388	1,401,316,388	1,401,316,388
Area of occupied farms.....	"	140,887,903	108,968,715 <sup>4</sup>	63,422,338
Improved.....	"	70,769,848	48,735,823	30,166,033
Unimproved.....	"	70,118,355	60,234,892 <sup>4</sup>	33,256,305
In field crops.....	"	49,680,666	35,261,338	19,763,740
In orchard.....	"	297,053	403,596	356,196
In vineyard.....	"	7,090	9,836	5,600
In small fruits.....	"	17,741	17,495	*
Number of rural inhabitants, per farm <sup>1</sup> .....	No.	6.18 <sup>5</sup>	5.70 <sup>6</sup>	6.49 <sup>6</sup>
Average area of farm.....	acres	197.97 <sup>7</sup>	159.60 <sup>8</sup>	124.10
Average area of improved land in farm.....	"	99.30 <sup>8</sup>	71.33 <sup>8</sup>	59.02
Per cent of total land area in occupied farms <sup>1</sup> .....	p.c.	10.05	7.78	4.53
Per cent of farm land improved.....	"	50.23	44.72	47.56

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories. The total population of Canada in 1921 was 8,788,483, while the total land area is placed at 3,654,200 square miles.

<sup>2</sup> After deduction of 33,615 farms under 1 acre (the minimum area taken in 1921).

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 30,141 farms under 1 acre (see note 2) and 2,176 farms located on Indian reserves in the Prairie Provinces.

<sup>4</sup> After deduction of unimproved area of 980,273 acres on Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces included in diagram on p. 283.

<sup>5</sup> Not separately given in 1901.

<sup>6</sup> Exclusive of Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces.

## 51.—Farm Holdings and Areas, by Tenure, 1911 and 1921.

Items.	1921.		1911.		Increase in 1921.	
	No.		No.		No.	p.c.
NUMBER OF FARMS.						
All occupied farms.....	711,090		682,329 <sup>1</sup>		28,761	4.22
Occupied by owner or manager.....	615,180		603,971 <sup>1</sup>		11,209	1.86
Occupied by tenant.....	55,948		54,013 <sup>1</sup>		1,935	3.58
Occupied by part owner, part tenant.....	39,962		24,345 <sup>1</sup>		15,617	64.15
AREA.						
Total area occupied.....	acres.	140,887,903 <sup>2</sup>	acres.	108,968,715 <sup>2</sup>	acres.	31,919,188
Owned or managed by occupier.....		120,175,428		97,819,420		22,356,008
Rented by occupier.....		20,598,347		11,082,900		9,515,447
						p.c.
						29.29
						22.85
						85.86

<sup>1</sup> After deduction of farms under 1 acre and those situated on Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces.

<sup>2</sup> Total area includes improved acreage of Indian reserves in Prairie Provinces which has not been classified by tenure.

**Area suitable for Agriculture.**—Various estimates of the areas of agricultural land in Canada have been made. Such estimates must necessarily be of a very tentative character, especially in view of the fact that every advance in the art of evolving more frost-resistant and drought-resistant species of cultivated grains, etc., increases the area of potential agricultural land, while the same result follows from the introduction of improved methods of tilling the soil, as in dry-farming. Of the grand total land area of Canada, now estimated at 2,270,227,200 acres, 1,332,855,040 acres are within the nine provinces, and Table 52, taken from p. XI of the Introduction to Vol. V of the Census of 1921, is presented as a fair estimate of the possible farm land in these provinces under present conditions.