

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 231,957 acres in 1927, as compared with 173,198 acres in 1916. Their live stock in 1927 included 42,996 horses and 51,798 cattle, as compared with 35,315 horses and 37,188 cattle in 1916. The total income of the Indians was \$9,650,740 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 \$92 in 1927 as compared with \$59 in 1916. Information showing the acreage and value of Indian lands in 1927, the crops raised in 1926, the live stock owned by Indians in 1927, the sources and values of the income of Indians in 1926, is given by provinces in Tables 15 to 18.

15.—Acreage and Value of Indian Lands, by Provinces, 1927.

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.....	21,289	3,596	994	90,675
New Brunswick.....	34,507	1,056	375	70,308
Quebec.....	177,420	17,735	11,063	1,367,075
Ontario.....	1,017,014	76,234	63,560	4,928,840
Manitoba.....	465,240	119,432	18,931	2,917,654
Saskatchewan.....	1,305,640	761,672	49,299	14,259,559
Alberta.....	1,278,858	861,397	67,620	18,510,380
British Columbia.....	740,380	251,645	24,714	13,546,797
Yukon.....	2,211	—	4	—
Total.....	5,844,066	2,093,191	231,957	53,711,288

16.—Area and Yield of Principal Field Crops of Indians, by Provinces, 1927.¹

Provinces.	Wheat.		Oats.		Other Grain.	
	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.
Prince Edward Island.....	9	92	50	800	1	12
Nova Scotia.....	2	24	50	930	6	62
New Brunswick.....	6	78	109	1,585	16	160
Quebec.....	250	3,238	2,299	32,361	562	6,231
Ontario.....	2,254	30,638	12,395	155,892	4,038	67,522
Manitoba.....	1,589	26,110	2,971	52,128	3,546	67,083
Saskatchewan.....	15,839	238,752	10,235	160,288	1,575	22,160
Alberta.....	18,495	247,013	8,855	78,044	1,262	26,002
British Columbia.....	1,822	40,695	3,433	75,191	303	6,631
Total.....	49,326	586,640	49,337	557,219	11,309	195,913

Provinces.	Peas, Beans, etc.		Potatoes.		Other Roots.		Hay and Fodder.
	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	acres.	bush.	tons.
Prince Edward Island.....	—	—	15	1,450	1	50	122
Nova Scotia.....	12	135	103	4,407	17	528	559
New Brunswick.....	6	83	61	6,295	12	1,428	155
Quebec.....	149	2,111	1,097	26,952	96	2,616	4,613
Ontario.....	712	12,149	2,283	91,850	1,120	22,041	29,547
Manitoba.....	33	524	391	20,492	51	559	15,449
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	193	10,532	55	2,040	27,364
Alberta.....	—	—	220	15,538	68	1,421	20,475
British Columbia.....	435	14,265	2,305	195,985	778	43,930	22,477
Yukon and N.W.T.....	—	—	2	110	—	50	10
Total.....	1,347	29,267	6,679	373,661	2,168	74,633	120,771

¹Season of 1926.