

The area sown to flax for fibre in Canada for the year 1929 was 6,280 acres, of which about 6,000 acres were in the province of Ontario.

Hives and Honey.—A table on page 277 of the 1925 Year Book shows the production and value of honey and beeswax in 1920, according to the Census of 1921. The principal honey-producing provinces were Ontario and Quebec, which between them produced in 1920 more than 94 p.c. of the recorded total of 6,461,450 lb., valued at \$1,633,251.

There are at present no uniform annual statistics of hives and honey for all the provinces, but a synopsis of the existing provincial estimates for recent years was given in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for March, 1929, pp. 79-81. These estimates showed a large increase since 1920, the total estimated honey production in 1928 being about 22,489,909 lb. and the average value per lb. 12 cents.

Subsection 8.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—The average wages paid to farm helpers in Canada for the year 1928 show a slight increase compared with 1927. 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. in the three years. In 1926 there was a very slight reduction, followed by increases in 1927 and 1928, and no general change in 1929. On the whole, farm wages may be said to have remained fairly uniform for the past five years.

In Table 42 the value of wages and board is given for the years 1914, 1920, 1925, 1927 and 1928, both for the summer season and for the year, distinction being made in all cases between wages and board.

42.—Average Wages of Farm Help in Canada, as estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914, 1920, 1925, 1927 and 1928.

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
	1925	40	22	23	19	63	41	383	244	258	218	641	462
	1927	40	23	22	19	62	42	384	247	245	220	629	467
	1928	40	24	23	20	63	44	382	251	252	225	634	476
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
	1925	31	18	16	13	47	31	293	175	176	138	469	313
	1927	30	17	16	13	47	30	285	184	187	150	472	334
	1928	32	18	17	13	49	31	310	198	203	157	513	355
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
	1925	36	18	20	15	56	33	347	199	221	161	568	360
	1927	36	17	19	13	55	30	350	189	212	151	562	340
	1928	34	17	19	15	53	32	359	200	208	163	567	368