

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, 1932, pp. 64-68. These estimates showed a large increase since 1920, the total estimated honey production in 1931 being about 27,867,397 lb. and the average value per lb. 7 cents.

Subsection 8.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—The average wages paid to farm helpers in Canada for the year 1931 show a considerable decrease compared with 1930. 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 a slight decrease in 1929. In 1930, however, there was a decided reduction in the average of yearly wages and board, amounting to 11 p.c. for men and 12 p.c. for women. In 1931 further reductions of 21 p.c. for both men and women were registered.

In Table 38 the value of wages and board is given for the years 1914, 1920, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, both for the summer season and for the year, distinction being made in all cases between wages and board.

38.—Average Wages and Board of Farm Help in Canada, as Estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914, 1920, 1925 and 1928-31.

NOTE.—M=Males. F=Females.

Province.	Year.	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
	1928	40	24	23	20	63	44	382	251	252	225	634	476
	1929	40	23	23	20	63	43	373	242	254	223	627	465
	1930	34	20	22	18	56	38	326	210	233	199	559	409
	1931	25	15	18	15	43	30	240	159	199	163	439	322
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
	1928	32	18	17	13	49	31	310	198	203	157	513	355
	1929	34	19	18	13	52	32	327	196	207	159	534	355
	1930	32	16	18	14	50	30	308	179	205	165	513	344
	1931	25	15	14	10	39	25	250	153	163	131	413	284
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	181	588	380
	1928	34	17	19	15	53	32	359	200	208	163	567	363
	1929	33	19	19	15	57	34	383	212	222	179	605	391
	1930	34	17	20	14	54	31	353	187	209	157	562	344
	1931	27	15	17	14	44	29	269	161	196	155	465	316