

Of the 728,623 farms in Canada, 281,044 or 38.5 p.c. employed hired labour for 7,368,671 weeks at a cost for wages and board of \$100,425,980. On the average, therefore, each farm engaging help employed a hired man for 26.2 weeks at a cost of \$13.62 per week.

### Section 10.—Literacy.

Literacy in Canada has shown most encouraging progress since the opening of the twentieth century.

In 1901, 14.38 p.c. of the population of five years of age and over could neither read nor write; the corresponding percentage for 1911 was 10.50; for 1921, 9.25; and for 1931 it was only 7.18. (See Table 32.)

32.—Ability to Read and Write of the Population 5 Years of Age and Over, by Provinces, 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931.

Province.	Total Population.	5 Years of Age and Over.	Numbers 5 Years and Over.			Percentages 5 Years and Over.		
			Can Read and Write.	Can Read only.	Can neither Read nor Write.	Can Read and Write.	Can Read only.	Can neither Read nor Write.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
<b>CANADA—</b>								
1901	5,371,315	4,728,831	3,918,915	129,584	680,132	82.88	2.74	14.38
1911	7,206,643	6,319,160	5,622,844	32,863	663,453	88.98	0.52	10.50
1921	8,787,946	7,730,400	6,957,168	58,242	714,999	90.00	0.75	9.25
1931	10,376,786	9,302,371	8,582,985	51,709	667,677	92.27	0.56	7.18
<b>Prince Edward Island—</b>								
1901	103,255	91,860	77,372	4,591	9,897	84.23	5.00	10.77
1911	93,728	83,792	76,259	1,153	6,390	91.01	1.38	7.61
1921	88,615	78,968	72,147	1,335	5,487	91.36	1.69	6.95
1931	88,038	78,893	73,260	800	4,833	92.86	1.01	6.13
<b>Nova Scotia—</b>								
1901	459,574	407,152	331,007	18,143	58,002	81.30	4.46	14.24
1911	492,338	433,801	384,605	4,358	44,838	89.66	1.00	10.34
1921	523,837	463,442	413,952	6,026	43,464	89.32	1.30	9.38
1931	512,846	459,587	419,760	4,342	35,485	91.33	0.94	7.72
<b>New Brunswick—</b>								
1901	331,120	290,732	233,060	10,618	47,054	80.16	3.65	16.19
1911	351,889	306,896	261,160	2,622	43,114	85.10	0.85	14.05
1921	387,876	338,996	293,454	3,286	42,258	86.57	0.97	12.46
1931	408,219	360,633	316,224	3,507	40,902	87.69	0.97	11.34
<b>Quebec—</b>								
1901	1,648,898	1,411,324	1,099,693	61,614	250,017	77.92	4.37	17.71
1911	2,005,776	1,714,545	1,483,301	12,977	218,267	86.51	0.76	12.73
1921	2,360,665	2,043,748	1,814,709	17,943	211,096	88.79	0.88	10.33
1931	2,874,255	2,521,360	2,275,342	21,656	224,362	90.24	0.86	8.90
<b>Ontario—</b>								
1901	2,182,947	1,958,635	1,758,427	28,830	171,378	89.78	1.47	8.75
1911	2,527,292	2,264,419	2,108,485	7,302	148,632	93.11	0.32	6.57
1921	3,933,662	2,632,085	2,447,588	15,207	169,290	92.99	0.58	6.43
1931	3,431,683	3,124,014	2,959,132	9,254	155,628	94.72	0.30	4.98
<b>Manitoba—</b>								
1901	255,211	219,290	184,295	3,683	31,912	84.04	1.41	14.55
1911	461,394	398,078	340,870	1,231	55,977	85.63	0.31	14.06
1921	610,119	532,306	464,369	4,011	63,926	87.24	0.75	12.01
1931	700,139	633,540	582,689	2,647	48,204	91.97	0.42	7.61
<b>Saskatchewan—</b>								
1901	91,279	78,185	49,941	797	27,447	63.88	1.02	35.10
1911	492,432	421,432	362,768	926	57,739	86.08	0.22	13.70
1921	757,510	644,335	566,038	4,609	73,689	87.85	0.71	11.44
1931	921,785	816,559	747,024	4,079	65,456	91.48	0.50	8.02