

Hives and Honey.—The number of hives of bees in Canada was 189,986 in 1901, 180,372 in 1911, 185,530 in 1921 and 279,453 in 1931. The quantity of honey produced was 3,569,567 lb. in 1900, 6,089,784 lb. in 1910, 6,370,300 lb. in 1920 and 18,459,972 lb. in 1930. The above figures show that there has been a pronounced expansion in apiculture in the decade from 1920 to 1930 which is covered by Table 35. Ontario and Quebec have always been the chief honey-producing provinces, but, while these two provinces produced nearly 95 p.c. of the total for Canada in 1920, in 1930 their production was little over 80 p.c. of the total. The most notable development of the decade was the great increase in both the number of hives and the production of honey in the Prairie Provinces. In 1920 the production of these three provinces amounted to only 2 p.c. of the total for Canada, while in 1930 it had increased to over 16 p.c. of the total.

35.—Numbers of Hives of Bees and Quantities and Values of Honey Produced in Canada, as Recorded at the Censuses of 1921 and 1931.

Province.	On Farms.							
	Hives.		Quantities of Honey.		Quantities of Wax.		Values of Honey and Wax.	
	1921.	1931.	1920.	1930.	1920.	1930.	1920.	1930.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	41	194	2,355	8,224	—	81	596	1,088
Nova Scotia.....	616	905	19,362	34,693	167	455	6,397	5,073
New Brunswick.....	1,738	1,240	26,211	48,787	402	648	7,602	8,575
Quebec.....	49,130	64,542	1,559,885	3,259,796	25,741	41,909	386,321	360,912
Ontario.....	84,571	116,871	3,146,198	7,925,824	42,060	89,975	802,780	688,552
Manitoba.....	3,737	15,918	66,047	1,475,225	600	14,757	22,148	143,703
Saskatchewan.....	1,470	3,813	4,523	284,538	148	2,218	1,607	38,365
Alberta.....	227	3,208	7,274	284,036	52	2,028	2,542	31,960
British Columbia.....	6,575	8,658	105,200	345,411	1,235	4,353	32,841	48,002
Canada.....	148,105	215,349	4,937,955	13,666,534	70,405	156,424	1,262,834	1,326,230
Province.	Not on Farms.				Totals.			
	Hives.		Quantities of Honey.		Hives.		Quantities of Honey.	
	1921.	1931.	1920.	1930.	1921.	1931.	1920.	1930.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	No.	No.	lb.	lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	34	6	370	420	75	200	2,725	8,644
Nova Scotia.....	226	85	8,129	2,215	842	990	27,491	36,908
New Brunswick.....	868	187	20,817	6,892	2,606	1,427	47,028	55,679
Quebec.....	9,500	12,784	358,420	664,311	58,630	77,326	1,918,305	3,924,107
Ontario.....	22,982	38,869	963,240	2,957,538	107,553	155,740	4,109,438	10,883,362
Manitoba.....	1,538	4,637	45,568	465,608	5,275	20,555	111,615	1,940,833
Saskatchewan.....	15	1,286	177	60,360	1,485	5,099	4,700	344,898
Alberta.....	351	2,467	6,095	460,890	578	5,675	13,369	744,926
British Columbia.....	1,911	3,783	30,429	175,204	8,486	12,441	135,629	520,615
Canada.....	37,425	64,104	1,433,245	4,793,438	185,530	279,453	6,370,300	18,459,972

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, 1934. These estimates show a honey production in 1933 amounting to 19,543,500 lb., the average value per lb. 9 cents and the total value \$1,706,800.