

Farm Population and Farm Workers.—Table 44 shows the number of farm workers in 1930, made up of male and female members of the family and permanently and temporarily hired men. It should be pointed out in connection with the number of temporarily employed men that these represent help for seasonal work from farm to farm such as fruit picking, crop harvesting, etc., and therefore the same individual may be counted a number of times from a number of different farms.

Unfortunately, no really comparable statistics are available from the Census of 1921, which recorded only the cost of hired farm help amounting to \$131,677,166 for Canada in 1920 as compared with \$100,425,980 in 1930, but general wage rates were at a very much higher level in 1920 than in 1930. The most instructive figures in Table 44 are those showing the number of members of the family who were farm workers and the number of weeks of hired labour. In Canada as a whole farm workers who were male and female members of the family constituted 33.2 p.c. of the total farm population.

Of the 728,623 farms in Canada only 281,044 or 38.6 p.c. employed hired help. The percentage of farms employing hired help was highest in Ontario with 44.6 p.c. and Prince Edward Island with 43.2 p.c. and lowest in Nova Scotia with 27.9 p.c. and Quebec with 28.2 p.c. On those farms reporting hired labour there was an average of 26.2 weeks of such labour for the whole of Canada, 17.1 weeks in Prince Edward Island, 18.3 in Nova Scotia, 16.9 in New Brunswick, 20.5 in Quebec, 28.3 in Ontario, 31.2 in Manitoba, 27.1 in Saskatchewan, 26.3 in Alberta and 37.5 weeks per farm reporting help in British Columbia. The average cost of hired labour per week was highest in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan and lowest in Prince Edward Island.

44.—Farm Population, Workers, Weeks of Hired Labour and Cost of Labour, by Provinces, Census of 1931.

NOTE.—The numbers of farms and of farm population are as of June 1, 1931. The remaining statistics apply to the calendar year 1930.

Item.	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.
FARM POPULATION,¹ 1931.					
Farms reported..... No.	12,865	39,444	34,025	135,957	192,174
Farm populations..... " "	55,478	177,690	180,214	777,017	800,960
Average persons per farm..... " "	4.31	4.50	5.29	5.72	4.16
FARM WORKERS, 1930.					
Members of the family, male..... No.	17,518	50,312	46,373	225,061	260,628
" " female..... " "	1,236	4,658	3,196	29,264	20,736
Permanent hired help, male..... " "	834	1,612	1,415	6,865	25,276
Temporary hired help, male..... " "	13,303	16,700	16,179	43,727	111,163
Weeks of hired labour..... " "	95,182	200,798	183,739	785,761	2,428,517
Costs of labour (including cash and board)..... \$	1,071,210	2,460,200	2,345,170	9,454,530	29,674,820
Average costs of labour per week..... \$	11.25	12.25	12.76	12.04	12.22
Farms reporting hired help..... No.	5,566	10,991	10,879	38,323	85,890
Item.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Total, Nine Provinces.
FARM POPULATION,¹ 1931.					
Farms reported..... No.	54,199	136,472	97,408	26,079	728,623
Farm populations..... " "	256,305	564,012	375,097	102,367	3,289,140
Average persons per farm..... " "	4.72	4.13	3.95	3.56	4.51
FARM WORKERS, 1930.					
Members of the family, male..... No.	78,601	172,309	120,776	32,185	1,003,763
" " female..... " "	8,120	11,516	8,301	2,593	89,620
Permanent hired help, male..... " "	6,118	11,744	7,200	3,066	64,130
Temporary hired help, male..... " "	42,897	107,697	84,888	27,599	464,153
Weeks of hired labour..... " "	721,745	1,548,037	1,038,418	366,470	7,368,671
Costs of labour (including cash and board)..... \$	9,564,000	23,408,040	16,608,260	5,841,750	100,425,980
Average costs of labour per week..... \$	13.26	15.22	16.00	15.94	13.63
Farms reporting hired help..... No.	23,134	57,047	39,454	9,760	281,044

¹ Includes population on farms located in urban localities. For this distribution of rural and urban farm population by provinces, see Table 43, p. 156.