

### Subsection 10.—Agricultural Statistics of the Census.

A selection of the more important agricultural statistics of the Census of 1921 was published at pp. 269-271 of the 1929 edition of the Year Book. Further, certain agricultural statistics of the Prairie Provinces collected at their Quinquennial Census of 1926 were published at pp. 271-273 of the same volume. The complete agricultural statistics of the Census of 1921 and the Census of the Prairie Provinces of 1926 will be found in the published census reports for that year.

A summary of the more important agricultural statistics compiled from the Census of 1931 was published at pp. 295-301 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book. The review included statistics of tenure of farms, farm values, mortgage indebtedness, farm expenditures, farm population, farm workers, and cost of labour, farm machinery and facilities. The complete agricultural statistics of the Census of 1931 are to be published as Volume VIII, Census of 1931. In lieu of repeating the 1931 statistics, it has been considered advisable to give these references and utilize the space available in reviewing in summary form the growth in agriculture in Canada as shown by the censuses since Confederation.

**Growth of Agriculture in Canada, 1881-1931.**—Table 42 which follows gives in tabular form the development which has taken place in Canadian agriculture since 1881. No figures are given for 1871 because at the time of the taking of the first census of Canada only the four provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario had entered Confederation.

#### 42.—Persons Employed in Agriculture, Number of Farms, Areas, Principal Crops<sup>1</sup> and Live Stock, Canada, 1881-1931.

Item.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.
Persons employed in agriculture..... No.	662,266	735,207	716,860	933,735	1,041,618	1,128,154
Numbers of farms... "	464,025	620,486 <sup>2</sup>	511,073	682,329	711,090	728,623
Areas occupied..... acres.	45,358,141	60,287,730 <sup>3</sup>	63,422,338	108,968,715	140,887,903	163,114,034
Areas improved..... "	21,899,181	28,537,242 <sup>3</sup>	30,166,033	48,733,823	70,769,548	85,732,172
Areas under field crops..... "	15,112,284	15,662,811	19,763,740	35,261,338	49,680,918	57,925,483
Orchards; vineyards and small fruits... "	401,335	464,462	361,706	430,927	321,884	408,364
<b>Principal Crops—</b>						
Wheat..... { acres.	2,366,554	2,723,883	4,224,542	8,864,514	17,835,734	25,564,939
{ bush.	32,350,269	42,144,779	55,572,368	132,077,547	226,508,411	370,027,014
Barley..... { acres.	<sup>4</sup>	881,095	871,800	1,283,094	2,043,669	4,925,789
{ bush.	16,844,868	17,148,198	22,224,366	28,848,310	42,956,049	100,755,219
Oats..... { acres.	<sup>4</sup>	4,128,160	5,367,655	8,656,179	13,879,257	11,647,799
{ bush.	70,493,131	82,515,413	151,497,407	245,393,425	364,989,218	298,942,399
Rye..... { acres.	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	176,679	114,728	484,708	1,147,511
{ bush.	2,097,180	1,328,322	2,316,793	1,542,219	6,215,515	14,759,079
Cultivated hay... { acres.	4,458,349	6,210,527	6,543,423	8,344,211	8,696,168	9,657,187
{ tons.	5,055,810	7,693,733	6,943,715	10,521,556	8,847,613	10,768,118
<b>Live Stock—</b>						
Horses..... No.	1,059,358	1,594,135	1,577,493	2,598,958	3,610,494	3,215,431
Cattle..... "	3,514,989	4,120,586	5,576,451	6,526,083	8,519,434	8,099,883
Sheep..... "	3,048,678	2,563,781	2,510,239	2,174,300	3,203,966	3,627,116
Swine..... "	1,207,619	1,733,850	2,353,828	2,634,778	3,404,730	4,774,828
Poultry..... "	<sup>4</sup>	14,105,102	17,922,658	31,793,261	50,325,248	70,856,218
Hives of bees... "	<sup>4</sup>	199,288	189,986	180,372	185,530	279,453

<sup>1</sup> Figures for crops are for the year preceding the census.

<sup>2</sup> Includes plots of less than one acre.

<sup>3</sup> In certain parts of Quebec the *arpent* (.845 of an acre) was treated as an acre. The 1891 figures, therefore show a greater increase than actually occurred.

<sup>4</sup> Not available.