

Apiculture.—The data on beekeeping in Canada for the years 1934 and 1935, as given in the following table, have been furnished by the provincial Departments of Agriculture and compiled in consultation with the Dominion Apiarist. The estimates for Ontario have been compiled on a new basis and are not strictly comparable with estimates published for the years prior to 1933. Values are as quoted by the provincial Departments and represent for the most part average wholesale prices; for British Columbia, the values, as in previous years, have been calculated on what is considered a fair average of the wholesale and retail prices.

Statistics of beeswax, where not furnished by the provinces, have been estimated at 1.5 p.c. of the honey crop and valued at the average price of 27 cents per pound in 1935 and 25 cents per pound in 1934.

Table 32 shows for Canada, by provinces, the number of beekeepers, number of hives, average production per colony, and the production and value of honey and wax for the years 1934 and 1935. While the production in 1935 was slightly greater than in 1934, lower prices reduced the value of the crop by nearly 10 p.c. below that of the previous year.

Figures of honey production, as at the Censuses of 1921 and 1931, were given at p. 285 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book.

32.—Production and Value of Honey and Beeswax in Canada, by Provinces, 1934 and 1935.

Province and Year.	Bee-keepers.	Hives.	Honey.				Beeswax.		Total Value, Honey and Wax.
			Average Yield per Hive.	Total Production.	Average Price per lb.	Total Value.	Production.	Value.	
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cents.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	1	1	1	5,500	8.5	468	66	17	485
1935	1	1	1	9,500	10.0	950	143	39	989
Nova Scotia.....	250	1,300	39.2	51,000	15.4	7,850	612	153	8,003
1935	246	1,250	40.0	50,000	15.0	7,500	800	200	7,700
New Brunswick.....	1	1	1	75,000	12.4	9,375	900	225	9,600
1935	1	1	1	50,000	13.0	6,500	750	203	6,703
Quebec.....	5,555	71,382	68.0	3,654,800	10.0	356,700	50,700	10,100	366,800
1935	5,800	60,000	67.0	4,013,600	9.5	380,800	46,800	12,636	393,436
Ontario.....	8,500	187,000	65.0	12,155,000	8.4	1,028,500	150,700	37,700	1,066,200
1935	8,200	195,000	60.0	11,700,000	7.4	864,500	152,100	42,500	907,000
Manitoba.....	3,133	41,701	112.0	4,669,158	8.6	400,252	44,998	9,000	409,252
1935	3,300	51,416	97.0	5,018,700	7.1	354,565	49,500	12,375	366,940
Saskatchewan.....	2,358	11,225	57.6	647,232	11.2	72,419	7,767	1,942	74,361
1935	2,680	14,079	74.7	1,051,400	11.2	117,686	15,771	4,258	121,944
Alberta.....	1,013	9,391	159.7	1,500,000	10.0	150,000	18,750	2,810	152,810
1935	1,000	13,058	84.2	1,100,000	9.0	99,000	13,750	3,713	102,713
British Columbia.....	3,081	22,260	60.4	1,512,070	14.5	219,250	15,120	3,780	223,030
1935	3,129	22,747	56.9	1,291,200	15.0	193,696	12,912	3,328	197,024
Canada.....	—	—	—	24,269,760	9.2	2,244,814	289,613	65,727	2,310,541
1935	—	—	—	24,284,400	8.3	2,025,197	292,526	79,252	2,104,449

¹Information not available.