

Wages of Farm Labour.—Rates of pay for farm labour reached their highest point in 1920. In the next two years farm wages dropped considerably, while from 1923 to 1929 there was little change. With the downward trend of prices of farm produce due to the depression, farm wages also showed marked reductions that continued from 1930 to 1933. Since 1934 there have been small increases in each year, but the average rates for both males and females are still far below the rates paid in the year 1930.

The figures in Table 28 include only those persons employed as wage-earners on farms. All female wage-earners on farms are included, even though they may be employed in a purely domestic capacity.

28.—Average Wages and Board of Farm Help in Canada, as Estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914, 1920, 1930, and 1938-39, and by Provinces, 1938-39.

NOTE.—M = Males. F = Females. Average wages per month in the summer months for a two-year period, and average wages per year for a five-year period are shown in the February issue of the "Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics".

Province and Year.	Per Month in Summer Season.						Per Year.					
	Wages.		Board.		Wages and Board.		Wages.		Board.		Wages and Board.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada1914	22	8	14	11	36	19	155	57	168	132	323	189
.....1920	60	27	26	20	86	47	543	275	278	217	821	492
.....1930	34	20	22	18	56	38	326	210	233	199	559	409
.....1938	24	12	17	13	41	25	230	135	175	140	405	275
.....1939	24	12	16	13	40	25	245	140	179	143	424	283
P. E. Island.....1938	20	10	13	11	33	21	205	130	159	130	364	260
.....1939	18	9	12	11	30	20	219	128	153	131	372	259
Nova Scotia.....1938	25	11	16	12	41	23	269	145	170	132	439	277
.....1939	25	12	15	11	40	23	271	143	181	128	452	271
New Brunswick...1938	26	12	15	11	41	23	280	128	152	119	432	247
.....1939	25	12	14	12	39	24	293	143	146	121	439	264
Quebec.....1938	24	11	14	11	38	22	247	122	151	113	398	235
.....1939	24	11	15	11	39	22	243	124	155	116	398	240
Ontario.....1938	24	15	18	15	42	30	228	152	183	151	411	303
.....1939	24	15	17	14	41	29	252	165	188	155	440	320
Manitoba.....1938	23	11	16	13	39	24	207	116	166	136	373	252
.....1939	22	11	15	13	37	24	221	124	177	143	398	267
Saskatchewan....1938	22	10	15	13	37	23	203	113	160	134	363	247
.....1939	22	11	16	13	38	24	218	122	163	140	381	262
Alberta.....1938	25	12	18	15	43	27	237	137	181	152	418	289
.....1939	25	12	17	15	42	27	251	143	180	152	431	295
British Columbia.....1938	28	16	22	19	50	35	284	170	238	195	522	365
.....1939	28	15	21	19	49	34	285	172	240	198	525	370

Subsection 2.—Earnings in the Census Year 1931.*

The total number of wage-earners in Canada reporting earnings for the census year ended June 1, 1931, was 2,476,414 or 96.35 p.c. of all wage-earners and the total amount of their earnings was \$2,100,552,700. A table at p. 789 of the 1937 Year Book shows statistics of wage-earners, by sex, and their earnings, for the census years 1911, 1921, and 1931.

* This information is compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.