

**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 because of 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 27 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.

**27.—Average Wages and Board of Farm Help in Canada, as Estimated by Crop Correspondents, 1914, 1920, 1930 and 1939-40, and by Provinces, 1939-40**

NOTE.—M=Males. F=Females.

Province and Year	Wages		Board		Wages and Board		Province and Year	Wages		Board		Wages and Board	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada..... 1914	155	57	168	132	323	189	Ont..... 1939	252	165	188	155	440	320
1920	543	275	278	217	821	492	1940	289	186	194	159	483	345
1930	326	210	233	199	559	409	Man..... 1939	221	124	177	143	398	267
1939	245	140	179	143	424	283	1940	239	134	170	142	409	276
1940	275	151	181	145	456	296	Sask..... 1939	218	122	163	140	381	262
P.E. I..... 1939	219	128	153	131	372	259	1940	243	134	164	136	407	270
1940	231	132	168	136	399	268	Alta..... 1939	251	143	180	152	431	295
N.S..... 1939	271	143	181	128	452	271	1940	288	157	187	158	475	315
1940	299	142	173	123	472	265	B.C..... 1939	285	172	240	198	525	370
N.B..... 1939	293	143	146	121	439	264	1940	314	183	237	196	551	379
1940	353	151	165	133	518	284	Que..... 1939	243	124	155	116	398	240
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**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 gives statistics of wage-earners, by sex, and their earnings, for the census years 1911, 1921 and 1931.

**Section 9.—The Regulation of Minimum-Wage Rates in Canada**

The regulation of minimum wages is under provincial jurisdiction. All of the provinces, except Prince Edward Island, have legislation in effect providing for the establishment of minimum-wage rates for employees in certain industries and occupations. Authorized boards establish and enforce these minimum rates. Such legislation was enacted between 1918 and 1920 in all of these provinces except New Brunswick. In Nova Scotia the legislation is applicable to female workers only, but in the other provinces it applies both to male and female workers. There is also legislation for the restriction of hours of labour that are regulated in some of the provinces by the minimum-wage boards but in the others only under

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