

**Flax Fibre.**—Table 34, compiled from information furnished by the Economic Fibre Production Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms, shows that the expansion in the industry which began in 1940 was continued in 1941 when there were 43,715 acres of flax grown for fibre purposes. This was more than double the acreage of the previous year. A preliminary estimate places the value of the 1941 crop at \$3,958,000, an increase of 129·2 p.c. over 1940.

### 34.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Flaxseed, Fibre and Tow in Canada, 1931-41

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1915-30 will be found at p. 284 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

Year	Area	Production			Values			
		Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Total
	acres	bu.	lb.	tons	\$	\$	\$	\$
1931.....	4,220	35,870	25,000	3,019	53,805	4,000	120,760	178,565
1932.....	5,135	35,945	200,000	3,552	56,156	18,000	95,964	170,120
1933.....	5,091	30,546	Nil	3,055	65,227	—	96,233	161,460
1934.....	5,965	41,755	45,000	4,361	128,268	7,200	114,450	249,918
1935.....	6,200	37,200	90,000	5,950	142,800	16,200	162,250	321,250
1936.....	6,242	31,210	635,100	3,094	106,185	114,318	77,350	297,853
1937.....	7,907	39,535	1,368,600	2,654	40,220	211,880	79,620	331,720
1938.....	10,225	77,992	2,662,000	2,246	189,752	241,850	87,000	518,602
1939.....	10,536	63,216	4,079,640	2,230	245,667	914,084	89,200	1,248,951
1940.....	20,275	81,300	5,977,500 <sup>1</sup>	1,027	345,925	1,315,050 <sup>1</sup>	65,600	1,726,575
1941 <sup>2</sup> .....	43,715	130,935	12,394,500 <sup>1</sup>	725	327,300	3,594,400 <sup>1</sup>	36,300	3,958,000

<sup>1</sup> Including turbine tow.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to revision.

**Apiculture.**—The revised estimate of the 1940 honey crop showed a decrease of 18 p.c. as compared with that of 1939. Preliminary estimates of the 1941 crop indicate a production of some 26,026,400 lb., which is an increase of 9·9 p.c. over that of 1940, but a decrease of 12·5 p.c. as compared with the five-year (1935-39) average of 29,746,500 lb., and of 2·5 p.c. as compared with the ten-year (1930-39) average of 26,696,000 lb. The total value of honey and wax in 1940 shows a decrease of 3·7 p.c. as compared with 1939, but the value for 1941 should register an increase as, in addition to the increase in quantity, prices paid to producers in 1941 were higher than those of 1940; a tentative estimate, based on conditions as they existed during September-November of 1941, indicates an increase in value of 17 p.c.

*Quality of the 1941 Crop.*—Although reduced in volume, the Maritime crop was of average quality and much superior to the crop of the previous year: colour, flavour and density were good for the most part although there was wide variation in the New Brunswick crop. The Quebec crop was of average colour and low moisture content and the quality of the Ontario crop was above average, being decidedly superior to the 1940 crop. The Manitoba crop was reported the best in years; Saskatchewan honey was also of very good quality; the Alberta crop graded mostly water white, with a moisture content of 14·6 to 17·6 p.c. and the flavour was generally excellent. The British Columbia honey was of good average quality.

Exports of honey in the calendar year 1941 amounted to 4,113,578 lb. as compared with 10,780,498 lb. in 1940 and 4,706,914 lb. in 1939. Imports of honey and imitations thereof totalled 208,015 lb. in 1941, 2,768,566 lb. in 1940 and 28,417 lb. in 1939.