

**Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.**—A brief account of the development of the beetroot-sugar industry in Canada will be found in the Canada Year Book, 1925, pp. 255-256. At the present time four companies are operating in Canada: the Canada and Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., with factories at Chatham and Wallaceburg, Ont., the Canadian Sugar Factories, Ltd., with plants at Raymond and Picture Butte, Alta., the Manitoba Sugar Company, Ltd., at Fort Garry (Winnipeg), Man., and a new company opened at St. Hilaire, Que., in 1944.

### 33.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Sugar Beets Grown in Canada and Quantities of Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced, 1937-43

NOTE.—For the years 1911-20, see the 1932 Year Book, p. 1057; for 1921-30, see the 1933 Year Book, p. 257; and for 1931-36, see the 1942 Year Book, p. 222.

Year	Sugar Beets					Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced		
	Seeded Area	Yield per Acre	Total Yield	Average Price per Ton	Total Value	Quantity	Value	Price per Pound
	acres	tons	tons	\$	\$	lb.	\$	cts.
1937.....	46,669	9.05	422,152	6.69	2,825,006	120,440,235	5,230,971	4.3
1938.....	45,322	10.99 <sup>1</sup>	498,102	6.83	3,403,635	143,013,847	6,001,380	4.2
1939.....	59,603	9.84	586,444	7.53	4,417,372	169,320,343	8,063,332	4.8
1940.....	82,270	10.03	825,344	7.30	6,022,670	213,602,511	10,853,665	5.1
1941.....	70,803	10.01	708,616	8.16 <sup>1</sup>	5,781,151 <sup>1</sup>	215,879,271 <sup>1</sup>	11,639,825 <sup>1</sup>	5.4
1942.....	64,768	10.84	701,884	9.17	6,434,517	189,066,870	11,349,746	6.0
1943.....	57,483	8.25	474,378	9.68	4,592,240	129,268,010	8,728,995	6.8

<sup>1</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1943-44 Year Book.

**Fibre Flax.**—Table 34 shows that under the stimulus of the wartime demand for fibre-producing crops, the area devoted to this crop increased from 10,536 acres in 1939 to 47,070 acres in 1942. Through action of the Agricultural Supplies Board the entire industry is on a mechanized basis and mill-processing machinery as well as mechanical pullers and lifters for field work are now manufactured in Canada. Products from Canadian mills are finding a ready market in Great Britain and the United States. The need for fibre and tow in Great Britain is urgent in view of the fact that the War has closed several sources of this valuable raw material. At the request of the British Ministry of Supply, a Canadian goal of 75,000 acres was set for 1943, but weather conditions at seeding time were so unfavourable that the acreage planted in the spring of 1943 was lower than in the previous year. Some increase in acreage occurred in 1944 but yields were somewhat lower than in 1943.

### 34.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Flaxseed, Fibre and Tow in Canada, 1937-44

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1915-30 will be found at p. 284 of the 1934-35 Year Book, and for 1931-36 at p. 224 of the 1942 edition.

Year	Area	Production			Values			
		Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Seed	Fibre	Green Tow	Total
		bu.	lb.	tons	\$	\$	\$	\$
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	189,750	241,850	87,000	518,600
1939.....	10,536	63,216	4,079,600	2,230	245,700	914,100	89,200	1,249,000
1940.....	20,275	81,300	5,977,500 <sup>1</sup>	1,027	345,925	1,315,050 <sup>1</sup>	65,600	1,426,575
1941.....	44,467	137,930	11,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	755	482,750	2,597,500 <sup>1</sup>	37,750	3,118,000
1942.....	47,070	195,915	9,312,000	875	439,827	2,528,778	33,645	3,001,700
1943.....	35,297	157,957	8,742,000 <sup>2</sup>	815	631,828	1,970,400	48,900	2,651,128
1944 <sup>3</sup> .....	39,102	122,487	7,050,000	1,015	502,948	1,806,500	50,750	2,360,198

<sup>1</sup> Including turbine tow. previous processing year.

<sup>2</sup> Includes estimated production from 8,040 acres carried over from Subject to revision.