

Subsection 4.—Provincial Agricultural Colleges and Schools

A treatment of this subject appears at pp. 203-213 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Section 2.—Statistics of Agriculture*

Crop-Reporting Service.—Through the voluntary crop-reporting service of the Dominion Government, accurate, timely and independent reports on crop conditions throughout the Dominion are published.

Census Statistics.—In addition to the statistics collected annually, which are the subject of this Section, valuable information is published following each Decennial Census of the Dominion and each Quinquennial Census of the Prairie Provinces. The more important data at present available from the 1941 Census, are given at pp. 250-254 of the 1946 Year Book.

Subsection 1.—Farm Cash Income

Canadian farmers received a cash income (exclusive of supplementary payments) of \$1,742,300,000 from the sale of farm products in 1946 as compared with receipts totalling \$1,697,700,000 in 1945. The 1946 income was \$86,200,000 less than that received in the record year 1944, when receipts totalled \$1,828,500,000.

Cash receipts from sales of grains, seeds and hay increased \$15,900,000 in 1946, as a result of payments on wheat participation certificates for preceding crop years amounting to \$33,300,000. Gains were also recorded for 1946 in receipts from fruits, vegetables and special crops. However, these increases were offset to a considerable extent by a decline in cash income from the sale of live stock due to a much lower volume of hog marketings. Cash income from the sale of farm products was higher in 1946 in all provinces except New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The decline in New Brunswick was accounted for in large part by lower income from potatoes and live stock; in Saskatchewan and Alberta lower marketings of grain and live stock were responsible for the decreases.

The estimates of cash income are based on reports of marketings and prices received by farmers for principal farm products and include the amounts paid on account of wheat participation certificates, the oats and barley equalization payments and those Dominion and Provincial Government Payments that farmers receive as subsidies to prices. Payments made under the Wheat Acreage Reduction Act, the Prairies Farm Assistance Act and the Prairie Farm Income Act are not included with cash income but are included in the total in the year in which payment is made under the heading "Supplementary Payments"

* Revised in the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This Branch collects and publishes both primary and secondary statistics of agriculture, including statistics of the production and distribution of agricultural commodities. The primary statistics relate mainly to the reporting of crop conditions, crop and live-stock estimates, values of farm lands, wages of farm labour and monthly and annual prices received by farmers for their products. The secondary statistics relate to the marketing of grain and live stock, dairying, milling, and sugar industries and cold-storage holdings.