

Section 3.—Statistics of Agriculture*

Crop-Reporting Service.—Through the voluntary crop-reporting service of the Federal 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; see pp. 390-396 for recent data on the Quinquennial Census.

Subsection 1.—Farm Cash Income

A preliminary estimate indicates that, during 1947, Canadian farmers' cash returns from the sale of farm products established an all-time recorded high of \$1,990.6 million. When compared with the revised estimate for 1946 of \$1,752.7 million, the 1947 figure represents a gain of \$237.9 million or 13.6 p.c. As against the previously recorded high of \$1,829.0 million in 1944, the 1947 cash income exhibits an increase of \$161.6 million, or 8.8 p.c. Including supplementary payments, cash receipts in 1947 amounted to \$2,002.2 million as compared with \$1,769.6 million in 1946.

An increase of \$128.6 million from the sale of grain, seed and hay in 1947 over 1946 is largely attributable to generally higher prices and substantial payments made on wheat participation certificates as well as adjustment payments made on wheat and barley deliveries. Generally, larger marketings and higher prices for hogs served to offset the decline in the marketings of other classes of live stock to give total receipts from the sale of live stock of \$590.1 million in 1947 as against \$574.6 million a year ago. Cash income from the sale of farm products is higher in 1947 in all provinces except Nova Scotia. The decline in Nova Scotia is accounted for, in large part, by lower income from potatoes and fruits.

The estimates contained herein are based on reports of marketings and prices received by farmers for principal farm products and are subject to revision as more complete data become available. The estimates include the amounts paid on account of wheat participation certificates, the oats and barley equalization payments and those Federal and Provincial Government payments which farmers receive as subsidies to prices. Payments made under the Wheat Acreage Reduction Act, the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the Prairie Farm Income Act are not included with cash income from the sale of farm products but are included in the totals 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.