

Subsection 2.—Provincial Distribution of Production, 1941-46

All nine provinces participated in the expansion of wartime production during 1940-45. Generally speaking, the relative gains during the war period were greater in the eastern provinces, being influenced by the concentration of industry and its diversified wartime manufactures.

The increase of \$547,454,262 in the net commodity production of Ontario during the period 1941 to 1946 exceeded in absolute amount the record for any other province. This figure was \$122,546,274 lower than the peak war year of 1944.

Net value produced in Quebec was \$1,785,407,464 in 1946 compared with \$1,251,896,590 in 1941, an increase of 43 p.c. compared with 27 p.c. in Ontario. This amount also was \$114,416,867 below that of 1944.

Prince Edward Island recorded a percentage increase of 109 during the period 1941-46, the net value having risen from \$10,649,062 to \$22,244,191. The output of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick showed gains of 54 p.c. and 68 p.c., respectively. As manufacturing increased in the east, so agricultural production for supplying food to overseas markets expanded in the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and net output in these Provinces during these years gained 68 p.c., 123 p.c. and 92 p.c., respectively.

British Columbia showed an increase of 58 p.c. in production during the years 1941-46.

3.—Gross and Net Values of Production, by Provinces, 1945 and 1946

Province or Territory	1945				1946			
	Gross Value	Net Value			Gross Value	Net Value		
		Amount	P.C. of Total	Per Capita ¹		Amount	P.C. of Total	Per Capita ¹
\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	
P.E.I.....	36,292,631	20,658,906	0.34	224.55	38,485,051	22,244,191	0.34	236.64
N.S.....	339,955,413	186,931,838	3.07	301.02	351,820,499	197,767,578	3.05	323.15
N.B.....	258,227,358	139,435,407	2.29	297.94	301,398,163	161,947,268	2.50	337.39
Que.....	3,314,173,776	1,716,038,573	28.20	481.90	3,442,459,182	1,785,407,464	27.57	491.85
Ont.....	5,054,495,222	2,510,200,208	41.24	626.92	5,060,202,869	2,560,422,986	39.54	624.34
Man.....	559,892,930	280,458,384	4.61	381.06	628,034,340	328,453,444	5.07	451.79
Sask.....	568,566,436	339,755,726	5.58	402.08	636,880,150	393,878,839	6.08	472.84
Alta.....	596,276,054	340,703,182	5.60	412.47	710,419,493	428,908,507	6.62	534.13
B.C.....	940,842,242	547,416,908	8.99	576.84	1,054,195,480	591,478,855	9.13	589.71
Yukon and N.W.T.....	5,152,997	4,656,619	0.08	273.92	7,374,991	6,598,538	0.10	274.94
Canada.....	11,673,875,059	6,086,255,751	100.00	502.21	12,231,270,218	6,477,107,670	100.00	526.30

¹ Based on estimated population figures as given at p. 139.

Per Capita Production.—The Dominion total of per capita production in 1941 was \$389. This was \$133 above the 1938 figure and by 1944 it had reached the highest level on record, \$563. With the peak of wartime production past, per capita production dropped to \$502 in 1945 but increased slightly in 1946 to \$526.

Ontario.—With its pre-eminent industrial position, Ontario was the leader on a per capita basis during the period 1941-46. The increase was steady and rose from \$531 in 1941 to \$677 in 1944 or by \$146; in 1946 this figure was \$624.