

# CHAPTER XI.—AGRICULTURE

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

Agriculture, including stock raising and horticulture, is the most important of the primary industries of the Canadian people, employing, according to the Census of 1941, 25·2\* p.c. of the total gainfully occupied population and 30·5\* p.c. of the gainfully occupied males. In addition, agriculture provides the raw materials for many Canadian manufactures, and its products in raw or manufactured form constitute a very large percentage of Canadian exports. For a statement of the occupied and the available agricultural lands in Canada, see pp. 16-17 of this volume.

An introductory outline of the historical background of Canadian agriculture is given at pp. 187-190 of the 1939 Year Book.† The present Chapter treats of current governmental activities and includes comprehensive statistics of agriculture, such as: farm income, values of agricultural production and farm capital, field crops, farm live stock and poultry, dairying, fruit, special crops, prices and miscellaneous statistics. World statistics of agriculture, formerly compiled from the publications of the International Institute of Agriculture, were not available during the War but statistics of grain production for world countries will be found at pp. 455-458.

### Section 1.—The 1948-49 National Agricultural Program and Policy‡

The financial strength and expansion in Canadian agriculture, experienced at the beginning of 1948, continued throughout the year. In the early months of 1949 some farm prices declined slightly and there was an indication that some minor farm products were not flowing as freely to international markets as previously.

\* Including persons on Active Service normally employed in agriculture.

† See list of reprints under "Agriculture", at the front of this edition.

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