

Section 5.—Supervision of Race-Track Betting

The supervision of race-track betting, under the pari-mutuel system, has been under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Agriculture since it first operated during the racing season of 1921. The actual supervision is carried out by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Table 11 brings the data up to the year 1948.

11.—Race-Track Betting in Canada, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1939-48 and by Provinces, 1947 and 1948

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1924-38 are given at p. 1076 of the 1940 Year Book.

Year	Associations	Days Racing	Amounts Wagered	Pari-Mutuel Receipts Retained	Prize Money
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Totals, 1939	26	285	21,695,523	1,594,438	1,070,770
Totals, 1940	26	284	21,355,037	2,189,746	1,051,824
Totals, 1941	25	282	21,363,629	2,107,025	1,073,625
Totals, 1942	24	275	25,470,913	2,531,126	1,061,290
Totals, 1943	22	283	33,145,013	3,137,726	1,178,550
Totals, 1944	25	298	37,068,199	3,487,489	1,427,582
Totals, 1945	26	307	42,193,258	3,944,758	1,588,345
Totals, 1946	27	305	48,667,506	4,660,908	1,816,690
1947					
Quebec.....	4	50	2,491,268	287,837	239,200
Ontario.....	11	126	29,034,232	2,695,334	1,231,900
Manitoba.....	2	28	4,134,448	400,740	182,400
Saskatchewan.....	3	15	743,760	103,530	45,675
Alberta.....	4	40	3,220,272	320,716	177,050
British Columbia.....	5	70	8,895,929	964,963	447,450
Totals, 1947	29	329	48,519,909	4,773,120	2,323,675
1948					
Quebec.....	4	56	3,157,975	406,423	269,100
Ontario.....	11	144	37,368,215	3,778,225	1,574,600
Manitoba.....	2	28	4,216,707	496,460	207,500
Saskatchewan.....	2	12	773,903	113,037	50,600
Alberta.....	4	39	3,447,711	393,709	198,500
British Columbia.....	5	70	7,213,980	891,133	485,400
Totals, 1948	28	349	56,178,491	6,078,987	2,785,700