



III.—TENURE OF FORESTED LAND IN THE PROVINCES, 1949

(Source: National Forest Inventory, 1949.)

NOTE.—The 123,000 sq. miles of forested land in the Northwest Territories and Yukon are classed as unalienated Crown lands.

Province	Private Lands			Crown Lands					
	Farm Wood-lots	Corporations and Individuals	Total Private Lands	Pulp and Paper Licences	Saw Timber Licences	Permit Berths and Timber Sales	Total Alienated Crown Lands	Unalienated Crown Lands	Total Crown Lands
	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles	sq. miles
P. E. Island.....	493	115	608	—	—	—	—	2	2
Nova Scotia.....	3,243	5,222	8,465	700	—	44	744	2,346	3,090
New Brunswick...	3,455	7,685	11,140	3,833	6,912	—	10,745	305	11,050
Quebec.....	9,317	17,588	26,905	68,039	10,485	—	78,524	250,630	329,154
Ontario.....	6,039	8,201	14,240	66,254	12,095	—	78,349	144,611	222,960
Manitoba.....	1,821	5,142	6,963	2,620	328	489	3,437	82,600	86,037
Saskatchewan.....	3,347	4,000	7,347	—	125	50	175	78,628	78,803
Alberta.....	3,295	5,743	9,038	—	1,076	381	1,457	120,125	121,582
British Columbia.	1,584	6,336	7,920	756	2,921	2,996	6,673	199,863	206,536
TOTALS, NINE PROVINCES¹...	32,594	60,032	92,626	142,202	33,942	3,960	180,104	879,110	1,059,214

¹ Data for Newfoundland not available.

Much of the expansion of the agricultural acreage in Canada in the past has been at the expense of the forests. Since 1938 forested lands have been cleared for agricultural use to the extent of about 4,200 square miles in the Prairie Provinces, 1,500 square miles in Quebec, and 1,000 square miles in the Maritimes. Ontario and British Columbia, on the other hand, recorded during the same period a net increase in their forested lands of 700 and 1,700 square miles, respectively. In all provinces a certain amount of settled land proves unprofitable to farm and is allowed to revert to its original forest cover.

Timber Resources and their Commercial Development.—Estimates are given in Table 1, p. 442, of the timber resources by forest type and size class, in commercial units, for the provinces (exclusive of Newfoundland). In order to provide a more convenient comparison these data are presented for conifers only in Statement IV in equivalent volumes of merchantable cubic feet.