

### Subsection 8.—Special Crops

**Tobacco.**—The chief tobacco-growing area is located in southern Ontario in the counties adjacent to Lake Erie. Most of the cigarette tobacco comes from this district. In 1950, 87,330 acres of flue-cured or Bright Virginia type tobacco and 4,652 acres of Burley tobacco were harvested. These are the most important types grown, though dark air-cured and fire-cured tobacco as well as cigar tobacco are grown on a more limited scale. The only other important production comes from Quebec. In 1950, 4,630 acres of flue-cured tobacco, 3,212 acres of cigar tobacco and 1,321 acres of pipe tobacco were harvested in that Province.

A study of Department of National Revenue reports of tax-paid withdrawals of tobacco products reveals changes in the smoking habits of Canadians during the past three decades. In 1922, the first year for which comparable figures are available, the Canadian per capita consumption of cigarettes was 229, cigars 20, cut tobacco 1.26 lb., plug tobacco 1.14 lb. and snuff about 1.25 oz. By 1951, the annual per capita consumption of cigarettes had increased to 1,118, cigars had dropped to 12.1, cut tobacco went up to 1.95 lb. and plug declined considerably.

#### 35.—Acreages, Production and Values of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco, 1946-50, with Five-Year Averages, 1941-45

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1946 will be found in the corresponding tables of previous editions of the Year Book.

Year	Harvested Area	Average Yield per Acre	Total Production	Average Farm Price per lb.	Gross Farm Value
	acres	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$
Av. 1941-45.....	80,440	1,121	90,149,000	27.1	24,429,000
1946.....	110,358	1,281	141,384,000	35.0	49,472,000
1947.....	125,267	852	106,688,000	35.1	37,460,000
1948.....	110,590	1,145	126,629,000	39.7	50,272,000
1949.....	109,053	1,282	139,820,000	39.7	55,453,000
1950.....	101,839	1,182	120,298,000	42.6	51,292,000

#### 36.—Acreages, Production and Values of the Commercial Crop of Leaf Tobacco, by Provinces, 1946-50, with Five-Year Averages, 1941-45

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1934-38 will be found at p. 229 of the 1939 Year Book and for the years 1939-45 at p. 387 of the 1948-49 edition.

Year	Quebec			Ontario			British Columbia		
	Harvested Area	Production	Value	Harvested Area	Production	Value	Harvested Area	Production	Value
	acres	'000 lb.	\$	acres	'000 lb.	\$	acres	'000 lb.	\$
Av. 1941-45...	9,916	8,763	1,872,000	70,224	81,045	22,483,000	300	341	74,000
1946.....	11,821	11,695	3,383,000	98,386	129,519	46,034,000	151	170	55,000
1947.....	11,918	8,940	2,313,000	113,231	97,627	35,116,000	118	121	31,000
1948.....	12,932	13,753	3,977,000	97,634	112,857	46,287,000	24	19	8,000
1949.....	9,790	8,016	1,992,000	99,182	131,717	53,432,000	81	87	29,000
1950.....	9,163	9,556	2,732,000	92,556	110,610	48,505,000	120	132	55,000