Farm Areas.—The total area of occupied farms in Canada was slightly greater in 1951 than in 1941. Excluding Newfoundland, for which 1941 figures are not available, the 1951 total shows an increase of 395,551 acres or 0·2 p.c. over that of 10 years earlier. Increases in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia more than offset decreases in each of the eastern provinces.

Area of improved land increased by 5·7 p.c. in the 10-year period, but this increase was entirely owing to increases in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. Decreases were recorded in each of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario. Similarly, while there was an increase of 10·5 p.c. in the area under crops for Canada as a whole, this increase was confined to the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

The total area of owner-operated farm land increased by 6·3 p.c. in 1951 as compared with 1941, increases in the western provinces outweighing decreases in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario. The largest increase in farm land owned by the operator was in Manitoba (18·8 p.c.) followed by British Columbia (14·8 p.c.) and Saskatchewan (13·2 p.c.). Nova Scotia recorded the largest decrease, having 15·6 p.c. less land owned by farm operators in 1951 than in 1941. Each province except British Columbia showed a decrease in the area rented by farm operators, the decrease for Canada being 14·0 p.c. This decrease in rented land ranged from 8·5 p.c. in Alberta to 49·5 p.c. in Nova Scotia; British Columbia recorded an increase of 23·8 p.c.

52.—Condition and Tenure of Occupied Farm Land, by Province, 1941 and 1951

Item	Newfoundland		Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia	
	1941	1951	1941	1951	1941	1951
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Condition—						
Under crops	...	20,271	470,351	426,210	575,934	477,459
Pasture	...	5,885	237,062	197,937	175,236	155,108
Summer fallow	...	..	3,943	1,806	3,748	2,524
Other	...	2,825	26,044	19,842	57,485	26,884
Totals, Improved Land	...	28,981	737,400	645,795	812,403	661,975
Woodland	...	37,394	315,780	346,191	2,075,245	1,845,648
Other	...	18,665	115,688	103,318	928,998	666,068
Totals, Unimproved Land	...	56,059	431,468	449,509	3,004,243	2,511,716
Tenure—						
Farm area operated by owner[1]	...	79,770	1,116,579	1,068,013	3,674,000	3,101,578
Farm area operated by tenant	...	5,270	52,289	27,291	142,646	72,113
Totals, Farm Area	...	**85,040**	**1,168,868**	**1,095,304**	**3,816,646**	**3,173,691**

	New Brunswick		Quebec		Ontario	
	1941	1951	1941	1951	1941	1951
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Condition—						
Under crops	865,914	711,647	6,137,521	5,790,359	9,261,626	8,645,302
Pasture	296,776	243,872	2,519,354	2,685,217	3,237,865	3,235,345
Summer fallow	8,472	6,927	6,776	47,084	320,765	333,764
Other	64,269	43,931	399,020	306,308	543,105	478,839
Totals, Improved Land	1,235,431	1,006,377	9,062,671	8,828,968	13,363,361	12,693,250

[1] Includes "operated by manager".