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in June and the values in December of farm live stock in 1914 and 1915. The figures are arrived at by multiplication of the numbers, as estimated in June, by the average values per head as calculated from the returns at the end of January. They have not the exactitude of census returns, and can only be regarded as approximate.

**Values of Farm Land.**—Table 7 shows the average values per acre of occupied farm lands in Canada, as estimated by correspondents in each of years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914 and 1915. For the whole of Canada the average value of farm land held for agricultural purposes, whether improved or unimproved, and including the value of dwelling houses, farms, stables and other farm buildings, was approximately \$39 per acre. In 1914 the average value was returned as \$38.41. By provinces the averages per acre range from \$22.48 in New Brunswick to about \$125 in British Columbia, the values for the other provinces being as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$37.64; Nova Scotia, \$28; Quebec, \$51.36; Ontario, \$52.49; Manitoba, \$30.36; Saskatchewan, \$24.20 and Alberta, \$23.15. In British Columbia the higher average is due to orcharding and fruit growing.

7.—Average Values per acre of Occupied Farm Lands in Canada, as estimated by Correspondents, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914 and 1915.

Provinces.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1914.	1915.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	35.70	38.60	38.45	38.41	39.70
Prince Edward Island.....	33.70	32.07	31.24	38.65	37.64
Nova Scotia.....	25.00	30.50	24.72	27.99	28.00
New Brunswick.....	21.40	23.77	18.50	25.61	22.48
Quebec.....	41.90	43.37	42.50	47.00	51.36
Ontario.....	47.30	50.22	48.00	54.45	52.49
Manitoba.....	27.30	28.94	28.67	31.67	30.36
Saskatchewan.....	20.40	21.54	22.00	23.82	24.20
Alberta.....	18.20	20.46	24.00	21.03	23.15
British Columbia.....	76.10	73.44	74.00	150.00	125.00

**Wages of Farm Help in Canada.**—The wages paid for farm labour in 1914 fell to a lower point than in any recent year. The causes for this decrease were the small crops of 1914, for the gathering of which fewer hands were required, the release of other labourers on the outbreak of the war and the increased cost of board. In 1915, owing to the abundant harvest and the effects of recruiting for the army, there was some reaction, and the average wages paid were more than in 1914 if not quite equal to those paid in 1910, the date of the previous inquiry. As shown by Table 8, for the Dominion the average wages per month during the summer, including board, were \$37.10 for male and \$20.20 for female help, as compared with \$35.55 and \$18.81 in 1914. For the year 1915, including board, the average wages were \$341 for males and \$200 for females, as compared with \$323.30 and \$189.35 in 1914. The average value of board per month works out to \$14.57 for males and \$11.45 for females, the corresponding figures of 1914 being \$14.27