

AGRICULTURE

Production of Flax Fibre in Ontario.—The estimated area of flax grown for fibre in southern Ontario during 1915 was about 4,000 acres. From this area the production of flax fibre was about 800 tons, which at the average price of approximately 20 cents per lb., or \$400 per ton, was of the total value of \$320,000. In addition, 80 tons of tow at \$35 per ton realized \$2,800. The same crop also produced seed at the average rate of nearly 12 bushels per acre, or a total yield of 48,000 bushels, the value of which, at the average rate of \$1.60 per bushel, was \$76,800. About 30 per cent. of the total production of fibre is shipped to Ireland, the rest being exported to New England States.

Beetroot Sugar.—It is estimated by the Census and Statistics Office that in 1915 18,000 acres of sugar beetroots were grown for manufacturing purposes in Canada and in the province of Ontario. In 1914 the corresponding area was 12,100 acres, of which 12,000 acres were in Ontario and 100 acres in Alberta. The total yield of sugar beets in Canada in 1915 was 141,000 tons, as compared with 108,600 tons in 1914, the average yield per acre being 7.83 tons, as compared with 8.98 tons in 1914. The total value of the crop in 1915 was \$775,500, as compared with \$651,000 in 1914, the average price per ton being \$5.50 in 1915 and \$6 in 1914. As the result of special inquiries addressed to the three Sugar Beet factories of Canada, revised figures of the quantities of refined sugar manufactured from Canadian grown sugar beets during the five years 1911 to 1915 have been returned as follows:—

	lb.
1911.....	21,329,689
1912.....	26,767,287
1913.....	26,149,216
1914.....	31,314,763
1915.....	39,515,802

For 1912 a small part of the total production is estimated. One of the factories did not operate during the year 1915.

Tobacco.—In 1910 the total production of tobacco in Canada, as returned by the Census of 1911, was 17,632,342 lb. from 18,928 acres. Since this date no definite statistics of the area and yield of tobacco in Canada have been published. The acreage and yield of tobacco in Quebec and Ontario in 1913, 1914 and 1915 are estimated as in Table 13.

13.—Estimated Areas and Yields of Tobacco in Canada, 1913-1915.

Provinces.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1913.	1914.	1915.
	acres	acres	acres	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb. per acre.	lb. per acre.	lb. per acre.
Quebec.....	5,000	4,750	4,500	4,500,000	5,000,000	4,050,000	900	950	900
Ontario.....	6,000	5,000	4,500	8,000,000	6,000,000	4,950,000	1,300	1,200	1,100
Total.....	11,000	9,750	9,000	12,500,000	11,000,000	9,000,000	1,136	1,128	1,000

The season for tobacco in 1915 was rather cool and very wet, particularly in Ontario, where the White Burley crops suffered greatly from the Tobacco Root Rot, *Thielavia basicola*. However, the Virginia