

MISCELLANEOUS AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

Production of Flax Fibre, 1919.—According to information furnished by the Economic Fibre Production Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms, 19,262 acres of flax for fibre were grown in Ontario, 800 acres in Quebec and 200 acres in Manitoba, making a total area of 20,262 acres for Canada in 1919, as compared with 20,000 acres in 1918, and 8,000 acres in 1917, grown in Ontario. The average yield per acre in 1919 of pure linen fibre was 218 lb., which was valued at from 80 cents to \$1 per lb. according to grade. Although the yield per acre was much lower than that of 1918, viz., 310 lb. per acre, the quality was more uniform. There were in addition 1,162 tons of coarse tow, which was graded at prices ranging from 18 cents to 32 cents per lb. There were 90,000 bushels of inspected seed shipped to Ireland, the price realized being \$10.75 per bushel, f.o.b. the mills in Canada.

Table 37 is a statement of the area, yield and value of flax grown for fibre and of allied products for each of the years 1915 to 1919.

37.—Production and Value of Flax Fibre and Allied Products, 1915-19.

Description.		1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Area.....	acres	4,000	5,200	8,000	20,000	20,262
Yield of fibre per acre.....	lb.	200	57	350	310	218
Yield of fibre.....	tons	800	300	1,400	3,100	2,208
Yield of tow.....	"	80	175	—	900	1,162
Yield of flax straw.....	"	—	800	—	—	—
Yield of seed per acre.....	bush.	12	48	9	8 ¹	—
Yield of seed.....	"	48,000	25,000	72,000	110,000 ¹	90,000 ²
Value of fibre per ton.....	\$	400	600	1,100	350	1,800
Value of fibre.....	\$	320,000	180,000	1,540,000	1,085,000	3,975,400
Value of tow.....	\$	2,800	5,000	—	270,000	581,000
Value of flax straw per ton.....	\$	—	15	—	—	—
Value of flax straw.....	\$	—	12,000	—	—	—
Value of seed per bush.....	\$	1.60	3	5.50	8.50 ¹	10.75 ²
Value of seed.....	\$	76,800	75,000	396,000	930,769 ¹	967,500 ²
Total value of all products.	\$	399,600	272,000	1,936,000	2,285,769	5,523,900

¹Seed of fibre quality shipped to Ireland.

²Inspected seed shipped to Ireland.

It will be seen from the table that for 1919 the total value of all flax fibre products amounted to \$5,523,900, as compared with \$2,285,769 in 1918 and with \$399,600 in 1915, the first year of record. For 1920 the area sown to flax for fibre was 31,300 acres, or 11,038 acres more than in 1919.¹

Tobacco.—According to statistics published jointly by the Dominion and Quebec Bureaus of Statistics, the area planted to tobacco in the province of Quebec for 1920 was 33,000 acres, and the average yield per acre was 800 lb., representing a total yield of 26,400,000 lb., the largest on record. The Tobacco Division of the Dominion Experimental Farms estimated the total production of

¹See Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, July, 1920 (Vol. 13, No. 143), p. 165.