

As will be noticed from the table, there has been during the last two years a considerable increase in the acreage and production of sugar beet and in the production of refined beetroot sugar, the latter having increased from 23,376,850 lb. in 1917 to 50,092,835 lb. in 1918, receding to 37,839,271 lb. in 1919. The value of refined beetroot sugar produced was \$4,358,077 in 1918 and \$3,924,411 in 1919; consequently the wholesale price per pound of the sugar was 8.7 cents in 1918 and 10.4 cents in 1919.

**Maple Sugar.**—The maple sugar industry in Canada is confined to the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. From 1851 to 1861 the average yearly production was about 13,500,000 lb., from 1861 to 1871 about 17,500,000 lb., from 1871 to 1881 19,000,000 lb. and from 1881 to 1891 about 22,500,000 lb. During the next decade the yearly average fell to about 21,200,000 lb., and in more recent years to little less than 20,000,000 lb. In the Maritime Provinces the yearly output has rarely exceeded 500,000 lb. Quebec turns out about 14,300,000 lb. and Ontario 5,000,000 lb. per annum. It is estimated that the industry, which represents an annual value of almost \$2,000,000, is carried on by about 50,000 growers. The production of maple sugar and maple syrup in the province of Quebec, according to the annual statistics of the Dominion and Quebec Bureaus of Statistics was as follows: Maple sugar, 12,157,498 lb. in 1919, as compared with 10,173,622 lb. in 1918; maple syrup, 1,470,775 gallons in 1919, as compared with 1,928,201 gallons in 1918. The value of maple products in Quebec in 1919 was estimated at \$6,348,605, as compared with \$4,418,344 in 1918.<sup>1</sup>

**Stocks of Grain in Canada.**<sup>2</sup>—In Table 41 are given the results of the compilation of returns from crop correspondents estimating the quantities of wheat, barley, oats, rye and flaxseed in the hands of farmers at the close of the Canadian crop year on August 31, 1920. The corresponding figures for wheat, barley and oats for the years 1918 and 1919 are included in the table.

41.—Stocks of Grain in Farmers' Hands in Canada on August 31, 1918, August 30, 1919, and August 31, 1920.

| Field Crops.  | Total production in 1917. |       | In farmers' hands Aug. 31, 1918. |  | Total production in 1918. |       | In farmers' hands Aug. 30, 1919. |  | Total production in 1919. |       | In farmers' hands Aug. 31, 1920. |  |
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|               | bush.                     | p. c. | bush.                            |  | bush.                     | p. c. | bush.                            |  | bush.                     | p. c. | bush.                            |  |
| Wheat.....    | 233,743                   | 0.19  | 431,340                          |  | 189,075                   | 1.14  | 2,149,000                        |  | 193,260,400               | 1.10  | 2,122,300                        |  |
| Barley.....   | 55,058                    | 0.64  | 354,210                          |  | 77,287                    | 1.86  | 1,437,100                        |  | 56,389,400                | 1.39  | 751,100                          |  |
| Oats.....     | 403,010                   | 2.13  | 8,577,800                        |  | 426,313                   | 3.79  | 16,137,100                       |  | 394,387,000               | 2.16  | 8,515,200                        |  |
| Rye.....      | —                         | —     | —                                |  | —                         | —     | —                                |  | 10,207,400                | 0.62  | 62,900                           |  |
| Flaxseed..... | —                         | —     | —                                |  | —                         | —     | —                                |  | 5,472,800                 | 1.45  | 79,200                           |  |

Data as to stocks of grain in the elevators and in flour mills at the end of August are added to the estimates of grain in farmers' hands, as in Table 42. The figures for 1920 include stocks in unlicensed

<sup>1</sup>See Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, May 1920 (Vol. 13, No. 141), p. 118.

<sup>2</sup>See Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, September, 1920 (Vol. 13, No. 145), p. 239, and April, 1921 (Vol. 14, No. 152, p. 142).