

46.—Distribution of the Canadian Wheat Crop, 1909-20—concluded.

B. DISTRIBUTION.

Crop Year.	Available for distribution.	Exports of wheat.	Exports of wheat flour.	Total exports.	Retained for seed.	Balance for home consumption.
	000 bush.	000 bush.	000 bush.	000 bush.	000 bush.	000 bush.
1909-10.....	155,085	52,299	15,641	67,940	15,510	52,430
1910-11.....	120,571	52,099	14,952	67,051	19,426	34,094
1911-12.....	194,942	78,929	19,587	98,516	19,244	77,182
1912-13.....	200,388	97,872	20,047	117,919	19,276	63,193
1913-14.....	209,205	111,663	21,387	133,050	19,659	56,496
1914-15.....	147,869	62,377	22,445	84,822	26,441	36,606
1915-16.....	363,146	253,598	36,197	289,795	26,897	46,454
1916-17.....	216,069	134,024	36,779	170,803	25,823	19,443
1917-18.....	216,256	105,613	49,622	155,235	30,369	30,652
1918-19.....	170,021	59,207	44,331	103,538	33,470	33,013
Totals.....	1,993,552	1,007,681	280,988	1,288,669	236,115	449,563
1919-20.....	176,838	63,926	25,541	89,467	31,841	55,530

From the last column of Table 46 (B) it will be observed that the balance of wheat available for home consumption has varied from the maximum of 77,182,000 bushels in 1911-12 to the minimum of 19,443,000 bushels in 1916-17, a critical year of the war. Adding together the balances for the ten years and dividing by ten shows the average annual consumption to be 44,956,000 bushels, or, in round numbers, 45,000,000 bushels, which is 5 million bushels less than the quantity usually estimated as sufficient for a year's food of the people of Canada, allowing $6\frac{1}{4}$ bushels per capita for a population of 8 millions. For the five years ended August 31, 1910-14, the annual average available for home consumption was 56,679,000 bushels and for the four war years ended August 31, 1915 to 1919, it was 33,289,000 bushels.

The rate of $6\frac{1}{4}$ bushels, which it has been customary to regard as the average consumption per head of wheat in Canada, is based upon the census data of 1911, and it does not differ greatly from the average of $6\frac{3}{4}$ bushels per head, which was given in the Statistical Year Book of Canada for 1891 (page 270) as the result of calculations extending over the ten years 1881 to 1890. Having now data for a period of ten years 1909-10 to 1918-19, based upon estimates more complete and trustworthy than were available in 1891, it is interesting to ascertain what the apparent annual average per capita consumption of wheat has been during this decennium. Accordingly, in Table 47 are the figures of population for the ten years, as estimated on March 31, excepting for 1911, which are the actual figures of the Census.