

Onions.—Table 38 shows the area and commercial production of onions in Canada for each of the years 1921 to 1924, as estimated by the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

38.—Area and Commercial Production of Onions in Canada, 1921-1924.

Provinces.	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.	
	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.	acres.	tons.
Quebec.....	750	5,250	750	6,000	600	3,000	650	2,925
Ontario.....	1,375	9,625	1,807	16,263	1,807	9,250	1,987	23,844
British Columbia.....	720	5,075	1,078	8,624	948	8,500	810	4,050
Total.....	2,845	19,950	3,635	30,887	3,355	21,350	3,447	30,819

Hives and Honey.—According to the census of 1921, the total production of honey and wax in Canada in 1920 was 6,461,450 lb., valued at \$1,633,251, of which about 78 p.c. was produced on farms. The chief honey-producing provinces were Quebec and Ontario, which together accounted for about 95 p.c. of the total production.

There are at present no uniform annual statistics of hives and honey for all the provinces of Canada, but a synopsis of the existing provincial estimates for recent years was given in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for May, 1925, pp. 128-131. These estimates showed a large increase since 1921, the estimated honey production of Canada in 1924 being about 15,804,000 lb., and the average value 16 cents per lb.

8.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—Only slight changes, either in the direction of increase or decrease, are indicated in the average wages paid to farm helpers during the year 1924. For the whole of Canada, the average wages per month of farm helpers during the summer season of 1924, were for men \$40, as in 1923, and for women \$23, as against \$22 in 1923. In addition they received board, the value of which is placed for men at \$22, as against \$21 in 1923, and for women at \$19, as against \$17 in 1923. By the year, the average wages for males, including board, were \$636, as compared with \$611, and for females \$461, as compared with \$422. The value of the yearly board is given as \$256 for men (\$239 in 1923) and \$217 for women (\$191 in 1923). By provinces, the average monthly wages for men and women respectively in the summer season, including the value of board, were in 1924 as follows, the averages for 1923 being given in parentheses:—Prince Edward Island \$43; \$28 (\$43; \$28); Nova Scotia \$55; \$30 (\$56; \$32); New Brunswick \$53; \$31 (\$59; \$32); Quebec \$56; \$31 (\$59; \$32); Ontario \$57; \$38 (\$59; \$39); Manitoba \$59; \$40 (\$62; \$42); Saskatchewan \$66; \$44 (\$65; \$44); Alberta \$66; \$45 (\$70; \$48); British Columbia \$75; \$50 (\$76; \$53).

In Table 39 the value of wages and board is given for the years 1914, 1920-1924, both for the summer season and for the year, distinction being made in all cases between wages and board.