

Section 2.—The Provincial Distribution of Production.

The net production of the Maritime Provinces recovered slightly in 1933 from the low level of the preceding year. The maximum point of the 12-year period ended in 1933, was reached in 1928. The high level of production in that year was followed by four years of decline. Nova Scotia in the post-war period was susceptible to cyclical influences to a greater extent than New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island.

The expansion in the net production of Ontario was continuous from 1921 to 1929, the total net value in the latter year being \$1,658,000,000. This compares with \$1,116,000,000 in 1921, a gain of 48.6 p.c. during the nine years. The total in 1933 was \$886,500,000, a gain of 0.2 p.c. from 1932. Industrial revenues in Quebec made very slight progress toward recovery from 1921 to 1924, but in other respects the curve of values of net production showed close correlation with that of Ontario. The total in 1933 was \$531,200,000 compared with \$557,700,000 in the preceding year, a decline of 4.7 p.c.

The Prairie Provinces, especially Saskatchewan and Alberta, were favoured from 1925 to 1928 with excellent grain crops and relatively profitable prices. From 1929 to 1933 yields were not so bountiful and drastic declines were shown in agricultural prices. The net value of production in the three provinces reached high levels from 1925 to 1928. Subsequent to that period the decline was well defined, and the total production in 1933, at \$346,900,000, was 7.6 p.c. lower than in the preceding year. The dependence on the grain crop was a factor during recent years in the wide fluctuation in the value of net production in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The steady advance shown in British Columbia during the long cycle from 1922 to 1929 was reversed in following years. The gain, however, in 1933 from the preceding year was nearly 7 p.c.

Comparison of 1933 and 1932 by Provinces.—Four of the nine provinces showed gains in net production in 1933 over the preceding year. A slight increase was shown in the output of the Maritime Provinces, due to gains in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The latter recorded a gain of nearly 4 p.c., while Prince Edward Island scored with an increase of more than 14 p.c. The decline in New Brunswick was 7.5 p.c.

Showing a reversal of the downward trend apparent for three years, the net production of Ontario showed a slight gain in 1933. The decline in Quebec on the other hand, was 4.7 p.c. Further declines were shown in the Prairie Provinces, the total for the economic area being down 7.6 p.c. The gain in British Columbia was nearly 7 p.c.

The values of gross and net production are given by provinces for the years 1929 to 1933 in Table 3.

3.—Gross and Net Values of Production in Canada, by Provinces, 1929-33.

GROSS VALUES OF PRODUCTION.

| Province. | 1929. | 1930. ¹ | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. |
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| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 32,807,542 | 25,062,519 | 17,278,144 | 15,943,467 | 17,447,324 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 199,016,575 | 171,754,197 | 136,853,405 | 102,795,156 | 109,724,555 |
| New Brunswick..... | 141,493,983 | 125,424,481 | 100,055,694 | 84,667,778 | 81,942,674 |
| Quebec..... | 1,770,707,067 | 1,476,554,451 | 1,146,334,391 ¹ | 919,858,072 | 890,881,668 |
| Ontario..... | 2,999,318,714 | 2,450,074,078 | 1,832,254,080 | 1,459,572,816 | 1,491,873,834 |
| Manitoba..... | 342,731,190 | 271,141,256 | 199,685,515 | 164,911,278 | 166,727,298 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 432,316,508 | 293,119,731 | 173,336,852 | 172,862,819 | 161,805,633 |
| Alberta..... | 409,642,138 | 330,271,695 | 255,519,947 | 214,177,072 | 207,770,454 |
| British Columbia..... | 512,628,119 | 421,191,045 | 295,592,071 | 228,538,264 | 244,042,986 |
| Yukon..... | 5,509,564 | 4,465,130 | 4,260,226 | 3,183,840 | 3,325,953 |
| Canada..... | 6,846,171,400 | 5,569,058,583 | 4,161,500,325¹ | 3,366,510,562 | 3,375,542,379 |