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## FARM WAGES IN CANADA 1/ MAY 1955

This memorandum sets forth the average rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms as at May 15, 1955 and, for comparative purposes, the corresponding figures for 1953 and 1954. In addition to the regular daily and monthly rates, information is now being provided concerning hourly and yearly rates. In all cases, wage rates are shown with and without board provided by the employer. As in the case of daily and monthly rates, hourly rates are shown for the Maritimes and for each of the remaining provinces. Reports for the annual rates were not sufficient to provide reliable provincial estimates with the result that these rates are being presented only for eastern and western Canada. The wage rates presented in this report purport to reflect the average of the wages paid to all farm help regardless of age and skill.

### AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER HOUR AS AT MAY 15, 1953, 1954 & 1955

| Province         | With Board |      |      | Without Board |      |      |
|------------------|------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
|                  | 1955       | 1954 | 1953 | 1955          | 1954 | 1953 |
|                  | \$         | \$   | \$   | \$            | \$   | \$   |
| Maritimes        | 0.51       | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.62          | 0.61 | 0.67 |
| Quebec           | 0.55       | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.70          | 0.70 | 0.71 |
| Ontario          | 0.71       | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.91          | 0.86 | 0.83 |
| Manitoba         | 0.71       | 0.73 | 0.66 | 0.87          | 0.86 | 0.85 |
| Saskatchewan     | 0.77       | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.96          | 1.02 | 1.01 |
| Alberta          | 0.80       | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.98          | 0.95 | 1.02 |
| British Columbia | 0.94       | 0.94 | 1.04 | 1.16          | 1.15 | 1.20 |
| CANADA           | 0.63       | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.79          | 0.80 | 0.78 |

### AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER DAY AS AT MAY 15, 1953, 1954 & 1955

| Province         | With Board |      |      | Without Board |      |      |
|------------------|------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
|                  | 1955       | 1954 | 1953 | 1955          | 1954 | 1953 |
|                  | \$         | \$   | \$   | \$            | \$   | \$   |
| Maritimes        | 4.50       | 4.20 | 4.30 | 5.40          | 5.10 | 5.30 |
| Quebec           | 4.60       | 4.60 | 4.80 | 5.90          | 5.80 | 6.00 |
| Ontario          | 5.20       | 5.00 | 5.10 | 6.60          | 6.20 | 6.30 |
| Manitoba         | 5.10       | 5.00 | 5.30 | 6.70          | 6.20 | 6.90 |
| Saskatchewan     | 5.40       | 5.80 | 6.00 | 6.80          | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| Alberta          | 5.50       | 5.70 | 6.20 | 7.30          | 7.30 | 7.60 |
| British Columbia | 6.60       | 5.90 | 6.10 | 7.90          | 7.50 | 7.90 |
| CANADA           | 4.90       | 4.80 | 5.00 | 6.10          | 6.00 | 6.20 |

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.

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**AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER MONTH AS AT MAY 15, 1953, 1954 & 1955**

| Province         | With Board    |               |               | Without Board |               |               |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                  | 1955          | 1954          | 1953          | 1955          | 1954          | 1953          |
|                  | \$            | \$            | \$            | \$            | \$            | \$            |
| Maritimes        | 92.00         | 87.00         | 87.00         | 116.00        | 111.00        | 115.00        |
| Quebec           | 92.00         | 91.00         | 95.00         | 126.00        | 125.00        | 127.00        |
| Ontario          | 91.00         | 87.00         | 90.00         | 123.00        | 118.00        | 123.00        |
| Manitoba         | 99.00         | 104.00        | 105.00        | 127.00        | 135.00        | 140.00        |
| Saskatchewan     | 116.00        | 118.00        | 122.00        | 141.00        | 145.00        | 148.00        |
| Alberta          | 112.00        | 115.00        | 115.00        | 145.00        | 148.00        | 154.00        |
| British Columbia | 114.00        | 111.00        | 108.00        | 153.00        | 156.00        | 160.00        |
| <b>CANADA</b>    | <b>103.00</b> | <b>102.00</b> | <b>105.00</b> | <b>133.00</b> | <b>133.00</b> | <b>138.00</b> |

**AVERAGE WAGES OF MALE FARM HELP PER YEAR AS AT MAY 15, 1953, 1954 & 1955**

|                | With Board      |                 |                 | Without Board   |                 |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                | 1955            | 1954            | 1953            | 1955            | 1954            | 1953            |
|                | \$              | \$              | \$              | \$              | \$              | \$              |
| Eastern Canada | 925.00          | 955.00          | 1,075.00        | 1,425.00        | 1,425.00        | 1,425.00        |
| Western Canada | 1,100.00        | 1,180.00        | 1,145.00        | 1,480.00        | 1,535.00        | 1,500.00        |
| <b>CANADA</b>  | <b>1,015.00</b> | <b>1,065.00</b> | <b>1,090.00</b> | <b>1,460.00</b> | <b>1,475.00</b> | <b>1,450.00</b> |