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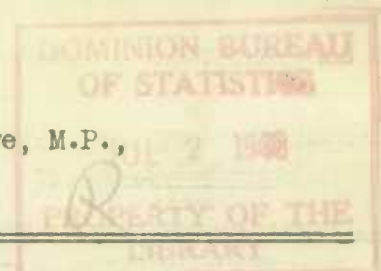
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MAPLE PRODUCTS

Ottawa, June 30, 1948.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, issues today a report on production and value of maple products in 1948.

PRODUCTION

Production of maple products in 1948 shows a sharp decline from the record levels achieved in 1947. The crop this year, expressed as syrup, is estimated at 2,394,000 gallons compared with the 1947 crop of 3,923,000 gallons. This year's crop is 13 per cent smaller than the 10-year, 1938-47, average of 2,750,000 gallons. Total production of syrup this year is estimated at 2,159,000 gallons compared with 3,580,000 gallons a year ago. Production of syrup in 1948, by provinces, with comparable data for 1947 in brackets is as follows: Nova Scotia, 8,000 gallons (9,000 gallons); New Brunswick, 12,000 gallons (23,000 gallons); Quebec, 1,750,000 gallons (2,831,000 gallons); Ontario, 389,000 gallons (717,000 gallons). Maple sugar production in 1948 with 1947 production in brackets is: Canada, 2,350,000 pounds (3,434,000 pounds); Nova Scotia 16,000 pounds (14,000 pounds); New Brunswick, 124,000 pounds (93,000 pounds); Quebec, 2,187,000 pounds (3,260,000 pounds); Ontario 23,000 pounds (67,000 pounds).

THE 1948 SEASON

The season was generally poor in all provinces. The ground was not frozen to any depth and the snow disappeared rapidly. There were few bright, sunny days and limited night frost which combined to reduce the flow of sap. Growers reported the sap as having below normal sugar content. The quality of the syrup generally was below average.

MARKETS AND PRICES

The average price of syrup in Canada was only slightly below the 1947 level at \$3.58 compared with \$3.59. While prices in the Maritimes and Quebec show a slight increase over last year, the prices paid in Ontario are down somewhat. Average prices paid to farmers for syrup this year by provinces with 1947 prices in brackets are: Nova Scotia \$4.08 per gallon (\$3.94); New Brunswick \$4.28 per gallon (\$4.25); Quebec \$3.49 per gallon (\$3.48); Ontario \$3.93 per gallon (\$4.00). Prices of sugar this year, with corresponding prices for 1947 in brackets are: Nova Scotia \$.46 per pound (\$.52); New Brunswick \$.49 per pound (\$.50); Quebec \$.34 per pound (\$.37); Ontario \$.35 per pound (\$.41); Canada \$.349 per pound (\$.374).

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Table 1

Production and Value of Maple Products in Canada, 1936-48

Year	Maple Syrup	Maple Sugar	Total Expressed as Syrup	Gross Farm Value
	'000 gal.	'000 lb.	'000 gal.	\$ '000
1936	2,022	9,233	2,946	3,714
1937	1,233	4,412	1,674	2,245
1938	2,955	3,454	3,300	3,849
1939	2,302	2,899	2,593	3,444
1940	2,755	3,438	3,098	4,210
1941	2,037	2,390	2,276	3,562
1942	2,877	3,737	3,251	6,716
1943	2,058	2,416	2,299	5,750
1944	2,870	2,207	3,090	9,057
1945	1,338	1,920	1,530	4,497
1946	1,889	2,543	2,144	6,282
1947	3,580	3,434	3,923	14,139
1948	2,159	2,350	2,394	8,541

Table 2

Production and Value of Maple Syrup in Canada, by Provinces,
1947 and 1948

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	gal.	gal.	\$ per gal.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia <u>1/</u>	9,000	8,000	3.94	4.08	35,000	33,000
New Brunswick <u>1/</u>	23,000	12,000	4.25	4.28	98,000	51,000
Quebec	2,831,000	1,750,000	3.48	3.49	9,852,000	6,108,000
Ontario	717,000	389,000	4.00	3.93	2,868,000	1,529,000
CANADA	3,580,000	2,159,000	3.59	3.58	12,853,000	7,721,000

1/ Sold chiefly in bottles direct to consumers.

Table 3

Production and Value of Maple Sugar in Canada, by Provinces,
1947 and 1948

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	lb.	lb.	cents per lb.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia <u>1/</u>	14,000	16,000	52	46	7,000	7,000
New Brunswick <u>1/</u>	93,000	124,000	50	49	46,000	61,000
Quebec	3,260,000	2,187,000	37	34	1,206,000	744,000
Ontario	67,000	23,000	41	35	27,000	8,000
CANADA	3,434,000	2,350,000	37.4	34.9	1,286,000	820,000

1/ Quantities and prices include maple sugar, cream and butter.

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