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OTTAWA, January 22, 1947- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Flax Administrator of the Agricultural Supplies Board, issues to-day a report on the acreage, production and value of Fibre Flax and Fibre Flaxseed in Canada for the crop year 1946-47.

FIBRE FLAX REPORT

The acreage devoted to Fibre Flax production in Canada this season is down sharply from that of a year ago, at 15,762 acres compared with the acreage in 1945 of 21,557 acres. While Fibre Flaxseed production was much heavier than in 1945 both scutched flax and scutched tow show a sharp reduction. The average value of scutched flax is greatly reduced from last season at \$700.00 per ton compared with \$1,000. per ton. Tow, on the other hand, shows a slight increase in value from \$300.00 per ton in 1945-46 to \$312.00 per ton during the current season.

TABLE 1- Area Planted for Fibre Flax in Canada  
By Provinces 1944-1946

Province	1944	1945	1946
	acres	acres	acres
Quebec	28,231	15,372	10,755
Ontario	9,948	5,562	4,572
Manitoba	161 <u>a/</u>	286 <u>a/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Alberta	150 <u>a/</u>	107 <u>a/</u>	133 <u>c/</u>
British Columbia	612	230	302
CANADA	39,102	21,557	15,762

a/ Seed and Green Tow only b/ None reported c/ Seed only

TABLE 2- Production and Value of Fibre Flax Products  
in Canada- By Provinces

Province & Product	Production			Value		
	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Canada- Seed	bu. 122,487	bu. 68,747	bu. 81,000	\$ 502,900	\$ 343,700	\$ 405,000
Graded Scutched Flax	tons 927	tons 1,250	tons 750	968,500	1,250,000	525,000
" " Tow	1,957	1,750	950	587,100	525,000	296,000
Green Tow	1,015	650	-	50,800	42,300	-
Total Value				2,109,300	2,161,000	1,226,000
Quebec- Seed	bu. 84,693	bu. 46,116	bu. 53,800	338,800	230,600	269,000
Graded Scutched Flax	tons 520	tons 917	tons 517	543,300	917,000	362,000
" " Tow	1,258	1,278	655	377,400	383,400	204,000
Green Tow	550	300	-	27,500	19,500	-
Total Value				1,287,000	1,550,500	835,000



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Province & Product	Production			Value		
	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
	bu.	bu.	bu.	\$	\$	\$
Ontario						
Seed	29,844	16,686	22,900	119,300	83,400	115,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded Scutched Flax	303	310	218	316,500	310,000	153,000
"      "      Tow	634	452	276	190,200	135,600	86,000
Green Tow	300	150	-	15,000	9,800	-
Total Value				641,000	538,800	354,000
Manitoba						
Seed	1,450	2,575	-	5,800	12,900	-
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded Scutched Flax	-	-	-	-	-	-
"      "      Tow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Tow	100	150	-	5,000	9,700	-
Total Value				10,800	22,600	-
Alberta						
Seed	1,500	1,070	1,300	9,000	5,300	6,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded Scutched Flax	-	-	-	-	-	-
"      "      Tow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Tow	65	50	-	3,300	3,300	-
Total Value				12,300	8,600	6,000
British Columbia						
Seed	5,000	2,300	3,000	30,000	11,500	15,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded Scutched Flax	104	23	15	108,700	23,000	10,000
"      "      Tow	65	20	19	19,500	6,000	6,000
Green Tow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Value				158,200	40,500	31,000





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