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OTTAWA, March 5, 1948 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Plant Products Division of the Department of Agriculture, issues to-day a report on the acreage, production and value of Fibre Flax and fibre flaxseed in Canada for the crop year 1947-48.

FIBRE FLAX REPORT

Continuing the downward trend of the past two years, acreage and production of fibre flax in the 1947-48 season is well below the 1946-47 level. The area devoted to flax in 1947 according to preliminary estimates is 11,003 acres compared with 15,762 acres in 1946. Production of flax seed of fibre varieties is estimated at 50,000 bushels this season compared with 81,000 bushels a year ago. The yield of scutched fibre is slightly below the 1946 level at 411 tons compared with 460 tons, while scutched tow production increased to 515 tons from 433 tons. The value of production, including flax fibre and seed, during the 1947-48 season is currently estimated at \$782,000 compared with the value of production in 1946-47 of \$857,000.

TABLE 1 - Area Planted for Fibre Flax in Canada,  
by Provinces, 1945-1947

Province	1945 acres	1946 acres	1947 acres
Quebec	15,372	10,755	5,708
Ontario	5,562	4,572	4,658
Manitoba	286 a/	N.A.	N.A.
Alberta	107 a/	133	250 b/
British Columbia	230	302	387
CANADA	21,557	15,762	11,003

a/ Seed and Green Tow only

b/ Seed only

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

Province and Product	Production			Value		
	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48
	bu.	bu.	bu.	\$	\$	\$
Canada-						
Seed	68,747 tons	81,000 tons	50,000 tons	344,000	405,000	300,000
Graded Scutched Flax	960	460	411	960,000	322,000	328,000
" " Tow	1,528	433	515	458,000	130,000	154,000
Green Tow	650	-	-	43,000	-	-
Total Value				1,805,000	857,000	782,000
Quebec-	bu.	bu.	bu.			
Seed	46,116 tons	53,800 tons	26,000 tons	231,000	269,000	156,000
Graded Scutched Flax	704	318	218	704,000	223,000	174,000
" " Tow	1,116	298	273	335,000	89,000	82,000
Green Tow	300	-	-	20,000	-	-
Total Value				1,290,000	581,000	412,000
Ontario -	bu.	bu.	bu.			
Seed	16,686 tons	22,900 tons	21,000 tons	83,000	115,000	126,000
Graded Scutched Flax	238	133	177	238,000	93,000	141,000
" " Tow	395	126	221	118,000	38,000	66,000
Green Tow	150	N.A.	N.A.	10,000	N.A.	N.A.
Total Value				449,000	246,000	333,000
Manitoba -	bu.	bu.	bu.			
Seed	2,575 tons	N.A. tons	N.A. tons	13,000	N.A.	N.A.
Graded Scutched Flax	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " Tow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Tow	150	N.A.	N.A.	10,000	N.A.	N.A.
Total Value				23,000	N.A.	N.A.
Alberta -	bu.	bu.	bu.			
Seed	1,070 tons	1,300 tons	1,000 tons	5,000	6,000	6,000
Graded Scutched Flax	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " Tow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Tow	50	N.A.	N.A.	3,000	N.A.	N.A.
Total Value				8,000	6,000	6,000
British Columbia -	bu.	bu.	bu.			
Seed	2,300 tons	3,000 tons	2,000 tons	12,000	15,000	12,000
Graded Scutched Flax	18	9	16	18,000	6,000	13,000
" " Tow	17	9	21	5,000	3,000	6,000
Total Value				35,000	24,000	31,000