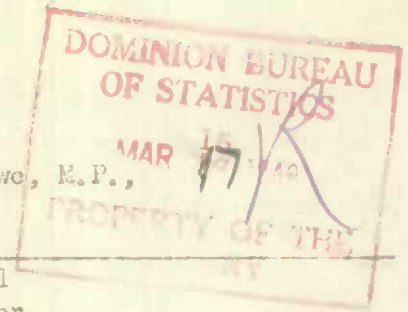


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FIBRE FLAX REPORT

OTTAWA, March 16, 1949 - 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 1948-49.

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The acreage of fibre flax in 1948 shows an increase over that of 1947 reversing the trend of the previous three years. The acreage is currently estimated at 14,116 acres or 3,113 acres more than was harvested in 1947. Flax fibre of spinnable quality produced during the 1948-49 season is at present estimated at 1,000 tons while scutched tow production is estimated at 850 tons. Corresponding estimates for the 1947-48 season are 411 tons and 515 tons respectively. The value of production during the 1948-49 season, including fibre and seed, is at present estimated at \$1,330,000. This is 70 per cent more than the value of production during 1947-48 which was estimated at \$782,000.

TABLE 1.- AREA OF FIBRE FLAX IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES 1946 - 1948

	<u>1946</u> acres	<u>1947</u> acres	<u>1948</u> acres
CANADA-	15,762	11,003	14,116
Quebec	10,755	5,708	10,933
Ontario	4,572	4,658	2,740
Alberta	133	250	123 1/2
British Columbia	302	387	320

1/2 Seed only.

Price: 10 cents



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 TABLE 2.- PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF FIBRE FLAX PRODUCTS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES,
 1946-47 to 1948-49

Province and Product	Production			Value		
	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49
	bu.	bu.	bu.	\$	\$	\$
CANADA-						
Seed	81,000	50,000	50,000	405,000	300,000	275,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	460	411	1,000	322,000	328,000	800,000
Graded scutched tow	433	515	850	130,000	154,000	255,000
Total Values				857,000	782,000	1,330,000
QUEBEC-						
Seed	53,800	26,000	39,000	269,000	156,000	214,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	318	218	780	223,000	174,000	624,000
Graded scutched tow	298	273	663	89,000	82,000	199,000
Total Values				581,000	412,000	1,037,000
ONTARIO-						
Seed	22,900	21,000	9,500	115,000	126,000	52,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	133	177	200	93,000	141,000	160,000
Graded scutched tow	126	221	170	38,000	66,000	51,000
Total Values				246,000	333,000	263,000
ALBERTA-						
Seed	1,300	1,000	500	6,000	6,000	3,000
Total Values				6,000	6,000	3,000
BRITISH COLUMBIA-						
Seed	3,000	2,000	1,000	15,000	12,000	6,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	9	16	20	6,000	13,000	16,000
Graded scutched tow	9	21	17	3,000	6,000	5,000
Total Values				24,000	31,000	27,000