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FIBRE FLAX PRODUCTION, 1947-1949

The acreage devoted to the production of flax fibre in 1949 shows a sharp decline from that of the previous season. The area is currently estimated at 6,065 acres compared with 13,993 acres harvested in 1948. In addition to the acreage harvested for fibre in 1949 there were 1,453 acres which produced seed only. In the previous year the area devoted to seed amounted to 123 acres. There were 452 tons of graded scutched flax and 551 tons of tow produced during the 1949-50 season compared with the previous year's production of 1,000 tons of flax and 850 tons of tow. The total value of production for the 1949-50 crop year including fibre and seed, was \$531,000 while in the previous season these crops had a value of \$1,330,000.

TABLE 1.- AREA OF FIBRE FLAX IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1947-1949

	<u>1947</u> acres	<u>1948</u> acres	<u>1949</u> acres
CANADA-	11,003	14,116	7,518
Quebec	5,708	10,933	4,840
Ontario	4,658	2,740	2,607 ^{1/}
Manitoba	-	-	52
Alberta	250	123 ^{2/}	-
British Columbia	387	320	19 ^{2/}

^{1/} Includes 1,434 acres for seed only.

^{2/} For seed only.

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TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF FIBRE FLAX PRODUCTS IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES,
1947-48 to 1949-50

Province and Product	Production			Value		
	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
	bu.	bu.	bu.	\$	\$	\$
<u>CANADA-</u>						
Seed	50,000	50,000	35,800	300,000	275,000	179,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	411	1,000	452	328,000	800,000	246,000
Graded scutched tow	515	850	551	154,000	255,000	106,000
Total Values				782,000	1,330,000	531,000
<u>QUEBEC-</u>						
Seed	bu. 26,000	bu. 39,000	bu. 21,800	156,000	214,000	109,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	218	780	363	174,000	624,000	198,000
Graded scutched tow	273	663	425	82,000	199,000	85,000
Total Values				412,000	1,037,000	392,000
<u>ONTARIO-</u>						
Seed	bu. 21,000	bu. 9,500	bu. 13,600	126,000	52,000	68,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	177	200	89	141,000	160,000	48,000
Graded scutched tow	221	170	97	66,000	51,000	19,000
Total Values				333,000	263,000	135,000
<u>MANITOBA-</u>						
Seed	bu. -	bu. -	bu. 200	-	-	1,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched tow	-	-	29 ¹ / ₂	-	-	2,000
Total Values				-	-	3,000
<u>ALBERTA-</u>						
Seed	bu. 1,000	bu. 500	bu. -	6,000	3,000	-
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA-</u>						
Seed	2,000	1,000	200	12,000	6,000	1,000
	tons	tons	tons			
Graded scutched flax	16	20	-	13,000	16,000	-
Graded scutched tow	21	17	-	6,000	5,000	-
Total Values				31,000	27,000	1,000

3 Upholstery tow.