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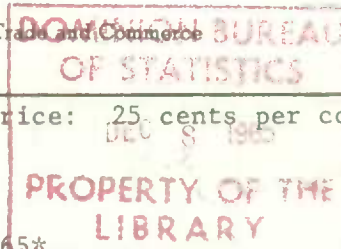
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FIRST ESTIMATE OF HONEY PRODUCTION 1965*

Preliminary estimates indicate that a honey crop of 46.2 million pounds was produced in 1965. This was the largest crop on record in Canada and was about 31 per cent greater than the 1964 outturn of 35.1 million pounds. It is also well above the 28.5 million pound average for the period 1953-62. The increase in output this year compared with 1964 was due to a higher average yield per colony as well as an increase in the total number of colonies. In 1965 honey production in Alberta and British Columbia increased markedly. Yields were particularly good this year in the Peace River area of these provinces.

The average yield per colony was higher in 1965 than in 1964 in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Manitoba. In Ontario, one of the largest producing areas, the 1965 crop was considerably reduced this season, to 8.7 million pounds from 10.8 million pounds in 1964. Dry, cool weather early in the season was largely the cause of this.

Colony numbers in 1965 were higher than in the previous season with the greatest expansion having occurred in Alberta. However, increases in colony numbers was recorded in all the western provinces as well as in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The total number of beekeepers estimated at 10,350 this year, was below the 1964 total of 10,760 and substantially less than the average of 13,440 for the 1953-62 period.

* Source: Estimates for the province of Quebec are prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce, of that province. For all other provinces, except Newfoundland, for which data are not available, the estimates are prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Provinces. Three mail questionnaire surveys are conducted, one in July to obtain the number of colonies and another in September to determine yields. This report is based on the results of the July and September surveys. A final yield and price survey is conducted later. Provincial officials provide the mailing lists of beekeepers and aid in the interpretation of survey results. In addition, in August of 1965, information on crop prospects at that time was obtained from a number of large beekeepers.

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Preliminary Estimates of the Number of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees and
Production of Honey in Canada(1), by Province, 1963, 1964 and 1965(2)
with 10-year Averages, 1953-62

Province and Year		H O N E Y			
		Beekeepers no.	Colonies no.	Average Yield per Colony	Total Production
				lb.	'000 lb.
P.E.I.	1953-62	100	850	71	60
	1963	60	600	107	64
	1964	70	650	80	52
	1965	60	730	66	48
N.S.	1953-62	400	2,520	63	160
	1963	300	2,700	79	213
	1964	280	3,400	70	238
	1965	280	3,500	75	262
N.B.	1953-62	240	1,490	60	90
	1963	210	1,410	89	125
	1964	270	1,540	65	100
	1965	200	1,300	68	88
Que.	1953-62	2,720	53,110	60	3,200
	1963	2,010	49,700	83	4,125
	1964	1,880	48,900	52	2,543
	1965	1,800	44,300	54	2,392
Ont.	1953-62	3,100	140,760	62	8,770
	1963	2,630	130,300	84	11,000
	1964	2,560	130,000	83	10,810
	1965	2,580	129,700	67	8,720
Man.	1953-62	1,040	40,130	132	5,310
	1963	700	42,750	170	7,285
	1964	810	46,000	128	5,880
	1965	820	47,000	124	5,850
Sask.	1953-62	2,360	29,560	117	3,470
	1963	1,650	36,700	166	6,100
	1964	1,550	39,000	135	5,265
	1965	1,400	41,000	154	6,310
Alta.	1953-62	1,510	47,690	124	5,900
	1963	1,100	71,600	162	11,600
	1964	1,450	83,850	102	8,590
	1965	1,320	114,000	160	18,240
B.C.	1953-62	1,970	16,700	89	1,490
	1963	2,000	24,300	67	1,630
	1964	1,890	28,900	58	1,670
	1965	1,890	31,500	135	4,250
CANADA	1953-62	13,440	332,810	86	28,460
	1963	10,660	360,060	117	42,142
	1964	10,760	382,240	92	35,148
	1965	10,350	413,030	112	46,160

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

(2) Subject to revision.