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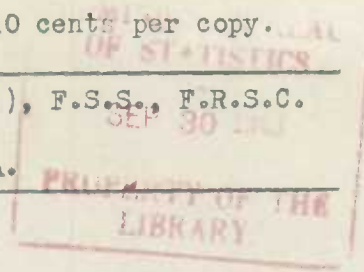
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THE 1943 HONEY CROP

The 1943 honey crop is tentatively estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 32.5 million pounds. This first estimate is based on reports as of September 15 furnished by provincial apiarists and marketing organizations and is subject to revision when data on extracting operations are complete. The 1943 crop was one of the best on record. It exceeded the 1942 crop of 24.1 million pounds by 8.4 millions or 35 per cent and the 10-year (1932-41) average production of 27.3 millions by 19 per cent. Although there was a slight decline in the number of producing colonies this year the average yield was 78 pounds per colony as compared with only 56 pounds in 1942 and the long-term average yield of 70 pounds. About 28 million pounds, or 87 per cent of the crop was light honey.

One-third of the total Canadian crop was produced in Ontario where production is estimated at 12 million pounds as compared with the short crop of 7.8 million pounds in the year previous. Production in the Prairie Provinces totalled about 14 million pounds, which is considerably in excess of the 10.6 million pounds produced in 1942. A good crop of approximately 5 million pounds of honey was extracted in Quebec. Production in British Columbia was estimated at 1.3 million pounds, which is slightly less than the amount produced in 1942. Production in the Maritime Provinces was also less than in the previous year.

About 50 per cent of the crop had already been marketed when retail sales of honey were suspended by government order prior to the introduction of coupon rationing for this commodity effective September 2. Prior to that date the greater proportion of sales had been made direct to the consumer with very little honey moving through normal trade channels.

Honey Production in Canada, 1934 to 1943

	<u>Production</u>	<u>Index of Production</u>
	lb.	(1935-39 = 100)
1934	27,063,000	91.0
1935	26,815,000	90.1
1936	31,938,000	107.4
1937	23,197,000	78.0
1938	37,910,000	127.4
1939	28,873,000	97.1
1940	23,671,000	79.6
1941	27,472,000	92.4
1942	24,086,000	80.9
1943 ^{1/}	32,520,000	109.3

^{1/} Preliminary.



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