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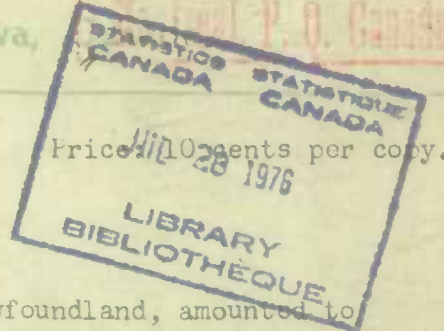
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WOOL PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY * 1949

Wool production in Canada during 1949, not including Newfoundland, amounted to 9,835,000 pounds, 17.5 per cent below the 11,915,000 pounds produced in 1948 and approximately half as much as in the peak production year, 1945. The 1935-39 average was 16,022,000 pounds. A decrease in shorn wool production from 8,423,000 pounds in 1948 to 7,759,000 pounds in 1949 was largely due to the decrease in the stock sheep population from 1,181,000 at June 1, 1948 to 1,066,000 at June 1, 1949. Average fleece weight in 1949 was 7.4 pounds as compared with 7.2 pounds in 1948. There was a very marked reduction in wool pulled from domestic skins. Fulleries reported a recovery of 2,076,000 pounds in 1949 as against 3,492,000 pounds in 1948, a drop of approximately 30 per cent. While this sharp decline can be accounted for in part by an 18 per cent decrease in inspected slaughtering of sheep and lambs, an increase in special processing of skins may have been a contributing factor.

Exports of wool in 1949, totalling 3,920,000 pounds were about a million pounds below 1948 exports, while imports amounted to 70,720,000 pounds as compared with 95,181,000 pounds in 1948 and an annual average of 52,822,000 during the five-year period 1935-39. Because data on wool inventories are not available, total domestic use cannot be calculated with any degree of precision. Assuming no change in stocks, the domestic disappearance was 76,635,000 pounds in 1949 as compared with 102,167,000 pounds in 1948.

The weighted farm price of shorn wool for Canada as a whole rose from 28.9 cents per pound in 1948 to 29.4 cents per pound in 1949. Farm cash income from the sale of shorn wool declined from \$2,141,000 in 1948 to \$1,988,000 in 1949.

TABLE I: Production, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1940-49 and Five-Year Average 1935-39 (Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports 1/	Imports 2/	Domestic Disappearance 3/
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
Average 1935-39	12,243	3,779	16,022	6,580	52,822	62,264
1940	11,549	3,346	14,895	2,681	86,170	98,384
1941	11,630	3,624	15,254	3,025	93,070	105,299
1942	12,867	3,610	16,477	384	114,428	130,521
1943	13,929	3,889	17,818	2,316	104,364	119,866
1944	15,128	4,151	19,279	15,520	52,690	56,449
1945	14,513	5,113	19,626	11,927	59,506	67,205
1946	11,457	5,290	16,747	6,409	100,042	110,380
1947	10,176	3,914	14,090	5,103	79,895	88,882
1948	8,423	3,492	11,915	4,929	95,181	102,167
1949	7,759	2,076	9,835	3,920	70,720	76,635

1/ Exports of wool for the years 1935-45 consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured, and wool pulled or slipped, converted to a greasy basis. From 1946 to 1949 they include, in addition, wool noils and wool tops, greasy basis. 2/ Imports of wool consist of wool in the grease, wool washed or scoured, wool pulled or slipped, noils, worsted tops, and garnetted wool waste in the white, converted to a greasy basis. 3/ Not adjusted for stock changes. * Former title "Wool Production".

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TABLE 2: PRODUCTION AND FARM VALUE OF SHORN WOOL AND FARM CASH INCOME FROM
SALES OF SHORN WOOL, BY PROVINCES, 1948 AND 1949

Year and Province	Sheep Shorn	Average Yield per Fleece	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound	Total Farm Value	Quantity Sold	Farm Cash Income
	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	cts.	\$'000	'000 lb.	\$'000
<u>1948</u>							
P.E. Island	22,900	6.8	156	30.9	48	136	42
Nova Scotia	68,100	6.1	415	32.0	133	375	120
New Brunswick	41,300	6.0	248	32.3	80	198	64
Quebec	249,300	6.0	1,496	30.9	462	715	221
Ontario	290,800	7.5	2,181	30.0	654	2,166	650
Manitoba	73,600	6.7	493	27.4	135	467	128
Saskatchewan	133,800	7.8	1,044	27.7	289	1,028	285
Alberta	238,700	8.3	1,981	26.2	519	1,965	515
Br. Columbia	52,400	7.8	409	28.6	117	406	116
CANADA	1,170,900	7.2	8,423	28.9	2,437	7,456	2,141
<u>1949 1/</u>							
P.E. Island	21,500	7.0	150	30.8	46	130	42
Nova Scotia	63,700	6.0	382	33.5	128	337	110
New Brunswick	35,600	6.4	228	30.4	69	194	59
Quebec	216,200	6.5	1,405	31.3	440	632	198
Ontario	253,000	7.7	1,948	30.3	590	1,935	586
Manitoba	64,200	6.6	424	26.8	114	403	108
Saskatchewan	123,000	8.3	1,021	27.6	282	1,011	279
Alberta	230,800	8.0	1,846	27.6	509	1,827	504
Br. Columbia	47,300	7.5	355	28.6	102	353	101
CANADA	1,055,300	7.4	7,759	29.4	2,280	6,822	1,988

1/ Data for Newfoundland not available.