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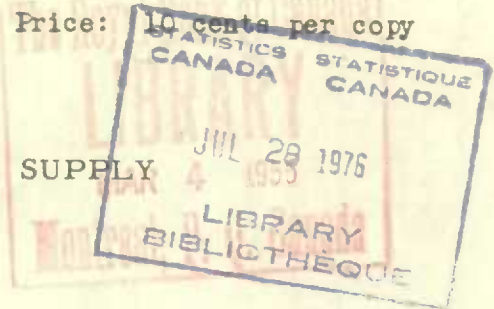
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Wool production in Canada^{1/} during 1954 was 8,480,000 pounds, about 1.6 per cent below the estimate for 1953. With average fleece weight unchanged from last year (7.4 pounds), shorn wool production was slightly higher due to an increase in sheep numbers. Pulled wool recovery, however, was considerably below that of 1953.

The average farm price of shorn wool was 37.6 cents per pound in 1954 as compared with 38.5 cents per pound in 1953 and the estimated farm value of shorn wool \$2,561,000 as compared with \$2,565,000 in 1953.

Exports of wool during 1954 totalled 2,865,000 pounds, a decrease of almost 24 per cent from 1953 exports. Imports of 41,487,000 pounds amounted to only about 2/3 the quantity imported in 1953. The apparent domestic disappearance of wool in Canada accounted for on the basis of production, exports and imports, amounted to 47,102,000 in 1954 as compared with almost 68,000,000 pounds in the previous year. This difference, however, is not to be interpreted as representing the difference in utilization of wool between the two years, since stock changes (data on which are not available) are not taken into consideration.

Table 1: Production^{1/}, Exports, Imports and Domestic Disappearance of Wool in Canada, 1951-54
(Greasy Basis)

Year	Production			Exports	Imports	Domestic Disappearance ^{2/}
	Shorn	Pulled	Total			
- thousand pounds -						
1951	5,700	1,182	6,882	2,656	69,012	73,238
1952	6,378	1,313	7,691	3,639	49,537	53,589
1953	6,659	1,962	8,621	3,756	63,088	67,953
1954	6,810	1,670	8,480	2,865	41,487	47,102

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland, for which data are not available.
^{2/} Not adjusted for stock changes.

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Table 2: Estimated Production, Value and Disposition of Shorn Wool,
Canada,^{1/} by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

Year and Province	Sheep Shorn	Average Yield per Fleece	Total Production	Average Farm Price per Pound	Total Farm Value	Quantity Sold	Quantity Used On Farms
	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	cts.	\$'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
<u>1953</u>							
Prince Edward Island	19,200	7.0	134	40	54	114	20
Nova Scotia	51,100	6.0	307	40	123	258	49
New Brunswick	33,300	6.3	210	40	84	157	53
Quebec	176,300	6.5	1,146	40	458	730	416
Ontario	208,800	7.7	1,608	39	627	1,594	14
Manitoba	31,900	7.1	226	35	79	204	22
Saskatchewan	90,800	8.1	735	37	272	728	7
Alberta	242,100	8.2	1,985	38	754	1,933	52
British Columbia	42,200	7.3	308	37	114	298	10
Canada	895,700	7.4	6,659	38.5	2,565	6,016	643
<u>1954</u>							
Prince Edward Island	19,400	7.2	140	43	60	123	17
Nova Scotia	54,100	6.0	325	43	140	274	51
New Brunswick	34,500	6.3	217	43	93	164	53
Quebec	179,000	6.4	1,146	41	470	747	399
Ontario	207,000	7.7	1,594	39	622	1,591	3
Manitoba	29,300	6.9	202	33	67	177	25
Saskatchewan	83,000	7.6	631	34	215	562	69
Alberta	270,000	8.2	2,214	35	775	2,167	47
British Columbia	42,600	8.0	341	35	119	335	6
Canada	918,900	7.4	6,810	37.6	2,561	6,140	670

^{1/} Not including Newfoundland for which data are not available. The 1951 Census of Agriculture reported approximately 73,600 sheep in Newfoundland and wool production of 134,000 pounds in 1950.

