

**Wool.** In 1913 wool sold at 12c. to 15c. per lb.; in 1914, at 20c.; in 1915, at 27c.; in 1916, at 32c., and in 1917, for the first time wool was sold co-operatively. Over 1,600 farmers made shipments to the winter fair building at Guelph where the wool was graded by an expert. Over 200,000 lbs. were sold and the price averaged over 60c. per lb.

**Swine.** Ontario cannot compete with the U.S. in the fat hog, because for competitive marketing it must be fed on large quantities of cheap corn, not here obtainable and Canada has comparatively little home demand for lard. The weight limits of the bacon hog are fixed at 160 to 200 lbs. live weight. Success depends upon close adherence to type by the farmer, buying on a quality basis and regular production each month. For the production of bacon the Yorkshire hog is considered best, though the Tamworth and Berkshire are also suitable. Pork factories are established at Toronto, Hamilton, Ingersoll, Stratford, Peterboro and Ottawa. From 1½ to 2 million hogs are annually slaughtered in the province. In 1918 there were 1,656,386 swine in the province.

**MAPLE SUGAR AND SYRUP.** The average annual sugar output of Canada was about 19,600,000 lbs. during the decade 1901-'911; of this, Ontario contributed 5,000,000 lbs. The average selling price has been about 10 cents per lb. Canada supplies three-sevenths of the world's output. The trees are generally tapped in the latter part of March and April. Moderately warm days followed by freezing nights are ideal conditions to promote flow. Seasons vary, but the cost of fitting up a modern sugar camp is a paying investment even at low market prices. A stringent Act has been passed by the Dominion Government to prevent adulterated imitations. Maple sugar is found on the Royal Table and in most hotels and large stores in London.

**BY-PRODUCTS.** As by-products in the manufacture of syrup there can be obtained a very good vinegar, malic acid and bi-malate of lime, the best known acid constituent of baking powder.

**POULTRY.** The farmers of the province are each year realizing more and more the large profits that may be made from a flock of poultry. A large number of poultry associations have been organized throughout the province for the purpose of raising the standard of poultry breeding, and the Provincial Government is helping this object by the distribution of pure-bred eggs for hatching, to the rural schools. Ontario breeders have for many years been winning a large number of the principal prizes at the leading American Shows. At the Provincial Winter Fair