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### APPENDIX B.

# PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

ITS SOIL—CLIMATE—METEOROLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS—TOPO-  
GRAPHICAL FEATURES—CULTIVABLE AREA AND  
PRODUCTS—AND THE PROGRESS AND  
CONDITION OF HUSBANDRY.

The information contained in the following tables has been compiled from answers to questions addressed by circular to the Reeves and Clerks of the several Township Municipalities of the Province. It has usually been prepared at meetings of the Councils, attended, on invitation, by the Reeves and Clerks, and by the leading ratepayers and agriculturists of the municipality.

It is not, of course, to be expected that the whole of the information thus obtained will, in a statistical sense, be of absolute precision and accuracy of returns collected by officials specially detailed for the purpose, and remunerated for giving their time and attention to an exhaustive examination of every detail.

But, on the other hand, it is believed that a fair and truthful report, under the several above heads, has been secured by the means employed, and that an honest and unprejudiced view of the agricultural resources and progress of Ontario has, so far as this part of the Commissioners' inquiry extends, been faithfully presented.

The summary by which each county group is prefaced, has been compiled from the contents of the tables, supplemented by other oral and documentary evidence collected by the Commission.

The county maps will assist the reader in his reference to the tabular statements.

A meteorological table and map with a report on the meteorology of the Province, carefully prepared by Mr. T. H. Monk, a member of the Dominion Meteorological Service, together with the oral evidence on the same subject taken by the Commission, are appended.