

The Budget—Mr. Fair

The second table gives for the years 1939 to 1945 the same information as that contained in the one I have just placed on *Hansard*, and breaks this information down by provinces. The table is as follows:

Province	Returns assessed with tax	
	Number of farmers	Tax levied
1939-40 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	13	\$ 4,213
Nova Scotia	29	1,844
New Brunswick	(x)	(x)
Quebec	33	2,743
Ontario	671	63,998
Manitoba	157	7,389
Saskatchewan	123	7,110
Alberta	644	61,649
British Columbia	51	2,603
Canada	1,721	151,549
Average tax paid, \$88.		
1940-41 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	4	\$ 3,300
Nova Scotia	13	955
New Brunswick	(x)	(x)
Quebec	18	40,592
Ontario	569	54,566
Manitoba	186	6,992
Saskatchewan	437	30,821
Alberta	575	59,931
British Columbia	67	7,162
Canada	1,869	204,319
Average tax paid, \$109.32.		
1941-42 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	12	\$ 1,334
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick	(x)	(x)
Quebec	49	13,874
Ontario	239	20,922
Manitoba	107	6,725
Saskatchewan	666	59,771
Alberta	275	38,155
British Columbia	140	9,322
Canada	1,488	150,103
Average tax paid, \$100.88.		
1942-43 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	12	\$ 1,539
Nova Scotia	17	5,690
New Brunswick	11	459
Quebec	72	5,205
Ontario	784	79,834
Manitoba	392	34,661
Saskatchewan	1,544	205,835
Alberta	497	63,113
British Columbia	240	43,876
Canada	3,569	440,212
Average tax paid, \$123.34.		

(x) Less than 3 taxpayers, grouped to conceal identity.

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Province	Returns assessed with tax	
	Number of farmers	Tax levied
1943-44 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	70	\$ 9,811
Nova Scotia	25	10,784
New Brunswick.....	41	6,833
Quebec	129	20,180
Ontario	1,234	181,270
Manitoba	1,903	176,446
Saskatchewan	2,450	416,737
Alberta	1,060	176,121
British Columbia	659	113,705
Canada	7,571	\$1,111,937
Average tax paid, \$146.87.		

1944-45 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	82	21,573
Nova Scotia	83	29,125
New Brunswick	44	5,392
Quebec	251	73,935
Ontario	4,000	810,023
Manitoba	5,562	1,012,045
Saskatchewan	3,465	828,167
Alberta	1,316	342,379
British Columbia	911	213,069
Canada	15,714	\$3,335,870
Average tax paid, \$212.29.		

1945-46 Fiscal Year		
Prince Edward Island..	190	24,209
Nova Scotia	56	33,085
New Brunswick	72	25,294
Quebec	280	59,913
Ontario	5,589	1,086,178
Manitoba	7,955	1,866,590
Saskatchewan	7,958	2,587,632
Alberta	4,459	1,114,000
British Columbia	852	317,025
Canada	27,411	\$7,113,926
Average tax paid, \$259.52.		

In 1945, the best year so far, the percentage of farmers in the provinces paying income tax is listed below:

	Per cent
Prince Edward Island	2.1
Nova Scotia	1.0
New Brunswick3
Quebec7
Ontario	3.1
Manitoba	17.0
Saskatchewan	18.4
Alberta	12.1
British Columbia	11.6

Today the Minister of Agriculture told us that in all of Canada 3.7 per cent of farmers were entitled to pay income tax. That, in my opinion, will give a better picture of the condition of Canadian farmers than any tables which could be shown or speeches made by people who do not know what they are