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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about March 1, 1953 in the four major exporting countries for export and carryover at the end of their respective crop years amounted to 1,468.2 million bushels, some 66 per cent greater than the 885.6 million available a year ago. Supplies at March 1, 1953 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with last year's figures in brackets: United States, 668.2 (411.6); Canada, 533.3 (391.2); Argentina, 160.3 (2.1), and Australia, 106.4 (80.7). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

World Breadgrain Production According to the latest estimates released by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations (Foreign Crops and Markets March 16) "World breadgrain production in 1952 was about 264 million short tons. ... This is about 3 million tons above the previous estimate and 23 million tons larger than the 1951 production. The current estimate for breadgrains (wheat and rye) is the largest of record, exceeding the previous high outturn in 1938-39 by 6 per cent. Principal revisions from the previous estimate are for Argentina and Australia, harvest returns from both countries having exceeded earlier forecasts. ...

The increase brings the world wheat estimate to 7,320 million bushels, 85 million bushels more than the previous estimate. This is 840 million bushels larger than the 1951 production and 1,295 million bushels above the prewar average (1935-39). A large part of the increase over the prewar level is in North America, with production in both Canada and the United States showing a sharp increase over that period. In addition to the large increase in North America, the 1952 harvest was moderately above the prewar level in all other continents. Increases over the 1951 crop were also general, and especially marked in the principal exporting countries."

Wheat production (as estimated by Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations) by continents in millions of bushels with 1951 figures in brackets is as follows: North America, 1,997 (1,550); Europe, 1,650 (1,585); Asia 1,630 (1,610); Africa, 175 (160); South America, 375 (155), and Oceania, 192 (164).

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases Transactions recorded by the International Wheat Council from August 1, 1952 through March 20, 1953 (except for Canadian sales which were reported through March 24) totalled 445.5 million bushels or 76.7 per cent of the 1952-53 guaranteed quantities. Sales reported (in millions of bushels) for the period under review by the four exporting nations supporting the Agreement with 1952-53 guaranteed quantities in brackets, were as follows: United States, 200.2 (253.1); Canada, 159.3 (235); Australia, 82.9 (88.7), and France, 3.1 (4.1). Details of transactions under the I.W.A. are set out in the following table. These data include flour in terms of wheat.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1952-53

| Importing Countries | Guaranteed Quantities | Source | | | | Total Purchases | Remainder |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | | Canada 1/ | Australia 2/ | France 2/ | U.S.A. 2/ | | |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 11,023 | - | - | - | 6,530 | 6,530 | 4,493 |
| Belgium | 20,209 | 13,614 | - | - | 5,217 | 18,831 | 1,378 |
| Bolivia 3/ | 2,756 | 2,436 | - | - | 366 | 2,802 | - |
| Brazil | 13,228 | 2,546 | - | - | 9,340 | 11,886 | 1,342 |
| Ceylon 2/ | 6,614 | - | 6,131 | - | 483 | 6,614 | - |
| Costa Rica | 1,213 | 365 | - | - | 611 | 976 | 237 |
| Cuba | 7,422 | 1,534 | - | - | 3,541 | 5,075 | 2,347 |
| Denmark | 1,617 | 812 | - | - | 759 | 1,571 | 46 |
| Dominican Republic | 876 | 198 | - | - | 567 | 765 | 111 |
| Ecuador 3/ | 1,286 | 599 | - | - | 688 | 1,287 | - |
| Egypt 2/ | 14,697 | 7,183 | - | - | 7,514 | 14,697 | - |
| El Salvador | 404 | 114 | - | - | 287 | 401 | 3 |
| Germany | 66,139 | 4,964 | 3,129 | 2,756 | 31,672 | 42,521 | 23,618 |
| Greece | 15,726 | 14 | - | - | 5,879 | 5,893 | 9,833 |
| Guatemala | 919 | 239 | - | - | 500 | 739 | 180 |
| Haiti | 1,029 | 92 | - | - | 756 | 848 | 181 |
| Honduras Republic 3/ .. | 367 | 68 | - | - | 303 | 371 | - |
| Iceland | 404 | 25 | - | - | 201 | 226 | 178 |
| India | 55,116 | 11,200 | 16,790 | - | 18,356 | 46,346 | 8,770 |
| Indonesia 4/ | 3,674 | 54 | 2,360 | - | 1,076 | 3,490 | 184 |
| Ireland | 10,104 | 5,917 | 2,563 | - | 1,166 | 9,646 | 458 |
| Israel 3/ | 5,879 | 2,163 | - | - | 3,750 | 5,913 | - |
| Italy | 40,418 | 11,023 | 2,172 | - | 14,750 | 27,945 | 12,473 |
| Japan | 18,372 | 3,674 | 2,519 | - | 10,657 | 16,850 | 1,522 |
| Lebanon | 2,388 | 372 | - | - | 1,734 | 2,106 | 282 |
| Liberia 3/ | 37 | 21 | - | - | 17 | 38 | - |
| Mexico | 12,860 | - | - | - | 8,237 | 8,237 | 4,623 |
| Netherlands | 24,802 | 7,940 | 1,928 | 367 | 13,740 | 23,975 | 827 |
| New Zealand | 4,593 | - | 4,570 | - | - | 4,570 | 23 |
| Nicaragua | 331 | 133 | - | - | 169 | 302 | 29 |
| Norway 5/ | 7,716 | 2,987 | 611 | - | 4,064 | 7,662 | - |
| Panama 4/ | 625 | 487 | - | - | 107 | 594 | 31 |
| Peru 2/ | 5,512 | 2,344 | - | - | 3,278 | 5,622 | - |
| Philippines | 7,202 | 3,339 | 1 | - | 2,748 | 6,088 | 1,114 |
| Portugal | 5,626 | 728 | 17 | - | 4,816 | 5,561 | 65 |
| Saudi Arabia 4/ | 1,837 | - | 86 | - | 1,149 | 1,235 | 602 |
| Spain | 4,373 | - | - | - | 3,089 | 3,089 | 1,284 |
| Sweden 3/ | 2,756 | - | 1,095 | - | 1,659 | 2,754 | - |
| Switzerland | 6,430 | 3,674 | - | - | 1,761 | 5,435 | 995 |
| Union of South Africa .. | 11,023 | 7,280 | - | - | 2,389 | 9,669 | 1,354 |
| United Kingdom | 177,068 | 58,760 | 38,977 | - | 24,264 | 122,001 | 55,067 |
| Venezuela | 6,246 | 2,388 | - | - | 1,977 | 4,365 | 1,881 |
| Totals | 580,917 | 159,287 | 82,949 | 3,123 | 200,167 | 445,526 | |
| Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries) .. | | 235,000 | 88,700 | 4,089 | 253,128 | 580,917 | |
| Balance | | 75,713 | 5,751 | 966 | 52,961 | 135,391 | |

1/ Canadian Sales through March 24th, 1953.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through March 20th, 1953.

3/ Quota filled.

4/ Sales may not be made until further notice.

5/ Quota filled March 20th, 1953.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Major Changes Announced in Delivery Quota Policy

On March 3 the Canadian Wheat Board, in "Instructions to the Trade re Quotas", announced important changes in its delivery quota policy for the current crop year.

The changes included the removal of the delivery quota on rye; the establishment of a basic quota of 15 bushels per seeded acre for wheat, oats and barley at all delivery points in the designated area; and the provision for supplementary quotas and alternate delivery points. Speaking in the House of Commons on the following day on these and other aspects of the marketing of the western grain crop, the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, made the following statement:

.... "On February 18 and on February 26 I indicated that I was hopeful that delivery quotas in the Prairie Provinces would be increased very shortly. I thought I should take this opportunity of making a few comments on the revised quota policy which was announced yesterday by the Canadian Wheat Board.

First of all I want to point out that deliveries of grain in the Prairie Provinces are now nearing the 500 million bushel mark. Apart from the year 1928-29, this is the largest delivery of grain in the Prairie Provinces during a comparable period of time, and deliveries this year are very close to the level of 1928-29. Considering that country elevator capacity, after allowing for working space, amounts to about 265 million bushels and that about 135 million bushels of old crop grain were in store in country elevators when 1952 harvesting commenced, I think members of the House will agree that an amazing degree of progress has taken place in respect to the marketing of the 1952 Prairie grain crop. With an early opening of navigation on the Great Lakes in prospect, there will be a large-scale movement of grain out of country elevators in the near future. The transport controller and the railways are already preparing for this movement and the Canadian Wheat Board has adjusted its quota policy accordingly.

Yesterday's announcement provided for increasing the delivery quotas on wheat, oats and barley in the province of Saskatchewan to 15 bushels per seeded acre. This brings the Saskatchewan quotas into line with those prevailing in Manitoba and Alberta. In making this quota increase, the Board is well aware that a large volume of transportation will be required at Saskatchewan delivery points to make these new delivery quotas effective. The railways have been advised of car requirements and have received a special list of delivery points where cars are required in volume. It is the intention of the Board that the coming spring movement of grain to the Lakehead and other destinations will, as far as possible, relieve the badly congested delivery points in Saskatchewan. In many cases this will involve the shipping out of all grain stocks in store at the present time in elevators and a large volume of replacement stocks.

Another feature of the delivery quota policy announced by the Board has to do with the basis of delivery quotas from now until the end of the crop year. The fifteen bushel delivery quota now prevailing throughout the Prairie Provinces will be known as the "basic quota". In addition, supplementary delivery quotas will be established from time to time. These supplementary quotas will be based on seeded acreages and producers may decide whether they wish to deliver wheat, oats or barley or any combination of these grains on the supplementary quotas. After supplementary delivery quotas have been in effect for fourteen days at any delivery point, such delivery point will automatically become an alternative delivery point. Under these supplementary delivery quotas, producers will be given more choice as to which grain

or combination of grains they wish to deliver and it is expected that more effective use will be made of all available storage capacity in the Prairie Provinces. In announcing these changes the Board also removed delivery quotas on rye."

Supply Position The official opening of navigation at the Lakehead on April 1, the earliest date since 1902, set the scene for what is expected to be another unusually heavy lake shipping season. This year's early opening, less than three and one-half months after the sailing of the last vessel from the Lakehead in the 1952 season, should do much to relieve the congestion in both country elevators and terminals. This in turn will permit the large stocks of grain still on farms to be moved to market in considerably greater volume than has been possible during the winter months.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1952-53 <u>1/</u> | 1951-52 <u>2/</u> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| - million bushels - | | |
| Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) | 213.0 | 189.2 |
| New crop | 687.9 | 552.7 |
| Imports of wheat, August—January | <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> |
| Total estimated supplies | 900.9 | 741.9 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | <u>160.0</u> | <u>173.1</u> |
| Available for export and carryover | 740.9 | 568.8 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August—February | 158.2 | 129.7 |
| Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August—February | <u>17.4</u> | <u>23.0</u> |
| Total exports of wheat | 175.6 | 152.7 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August—February | <u>32.0</u> | <u>24.9 <u>4/</u></u> |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 207.6 | 177.6 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and carryover | 533.3 | 391.2 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

4/ Adjusted for time lag in returns made by Customs.

As an indication of the size of the task still facing handling and transportation agencies, country elevator stocks of wheat at March 19, 1953 amounted to 145.4 million bushels, only slightly below the crop-year peak reached on November 13. This year's stocks were almost 50 million bushels greater than at the same time in 1952 and some 24.1 million greater than in 1951. The bulk of

this year's March 19 country elevator stocks, 86.2 million bushels, was in Saskatchewan. This total representing about 54 per cent of total licensed country elevator capacity in Saskatchewan, was considerably higher than at the same time in either 1952 or 1951. Country elevator stocks in Alberta, at 49.9 million bushels, were also well above those of the two previous years. Movement of wheat from the latter province has been considerably retarded during recent weeks by the strike at some of the major West Coast terminals.

Although Lakehead wheat stocks, at 35.9 million bushels, were not as high as a year ago, a sizable part of the 21.8 million bushels of wheat in rail transit in the Western Division was waiting to be unloaded at the Lakehead as soon as space in the terminals became available. Stocks in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports, at 19.4 million bushels, were considerably higher than those of the preceding two years. Although stocks in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports, at 8.3 million bushels, were practically the same as in 1952, they were more than double the 1951 level. In addition, a heavy rail movement from the Lakehead to the Atlantic seaboard has been maintained during the January—March period. With adequate supplies in Eastern ports and the early opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence as well as on the Great Lakes, overseas clearances of wheat may be expected to show a substantial increase over the levels of recent months.

Exports of Canadian wheat as grain during February 1953 amounted to 14.0 million bushels, the lowest monthly total for the current crop year to date. Wheat shipments during February may normally be expected to be lower than those of other winter months due to the smaller number of shipping days. An additional factor this year, however, was the strike of elevator workers at several of the larger West Coast terminals normally handling a substantial share of the export movement. Although this year's February wheat exports were some 4.7 million bushels lower than in January and 4.6 million below those of February 1952, they were 3.8 million greater than in February 1951.

Preliminary data indicate that the equivalent of an additional 3.0 million bushels was exported in the form of wheat flour during February 1953 as against adjusted totals of 4.2 million in February 1952 and 4.7 million in February 1951. Total exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during the month amounted to 17.0 million bushels.

Combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat during the August—February period of the current crop year amounted to 207.6 million bushels, an increase of 16.9 per cent over the 177.6 million exported during the first seven months of 1951-52. Of the current crop year's total to date, exports of wheat as grain accounted for 175.6 million bushels, an increase of 15 per cent over the 152.7 million bushels exported during the August—February period of 1951-52.

Some 42.9 million bushels of wheat, representing 24.4 per cent of the total exports for the seven months ending February 28, 1953 went to the United Kingdom. Other principal export markets for Canadian wheat as grain for this period, with quantities in millions of bushels, were as follows: the United States, 17.4 (of which 3.2 million were for milling in bond); Belgium, 13.8; Federal Republic of Germany, 13.7; Yugoslavia, 8.7; Brazil, 8.0; Japan, 8.0; the Netherlands, 7.5; India, 7.4; Pakistan, 6.8; and Italy, 6.1. Altogether, shipments of Canadian wheat as grain went to forty countries and colonies during the first seven months of 1952-53. Preliminary data indicate that exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat for the same period amounted to 32.0 million bushels, compared with an adjusted total of 24.9 million for the seven months ending February 29, 1952. The balance remaining on March 1, 1953 for export and carryover was estimated at 533.3 million bushels, as against the 391.2 million available a year ago

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1952-53

| Week ending | | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | Total | Last Year |
|-------------|---------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| - bushels - | | | | | | |
| August | 7, 1952 | 204,790 | 1,154,774 | 1,579,863 | 2,939,427 | 2,018,886 |
| | 14 | 236,286 | 600,836 | 311,610 | 1,148,732 | 829,250 |
| | 21 | 1,814,726 | 1,015,243 | 435,602 | 3,265,571 | 851,986 |
| | 28 | 4,057,987 | 8,725,185 | 2,110,058 | 14,893,230 | 1,318,203 |
| September | 4 | 1,516,658 | 10,508,053 | 2,238,480 | 14,263,191 | 805,779 |
| | 11 | 1,382,648 | 9,691,272 | 3,199,088 | 14,273,008 | 4,239,842 |
| | 18 | 1,604,993 | 7,466,642 | 3,424,495 | 12,496,130 | 13,846,465 |
| | 25 | 1,888,528 | 7,633,260 | 4,582,277 | 14,104,065 | 20,099,662 |
| October | 2 | 2,007,184 | 15,352,866 | 7,653,604 | 25,013,654 | 7,532,902 |
| | 9 | 1,125,450 | 11,640,224 | 6,890,852 | 19,656,526 | 16,554,874 |
| | 16 | 882,818 | 7,868,908 | 4,578,098 | 13,329,824 | 43,684,161 |
| | 23 | 916,507 | 7,180,359 | 3,662,333 | 11,759,199 | 27,209,381 |
| | 30 | 917,626 | 5,150,812 | 2,563,512 | 8,631,950 | 13,773,440 |
| November | 6 | 2,318,994 | 6,420,954 | 2,935,288 | 11,675,236 | 9,465,279 |
| | 13 | 1,905,372 | 7,571,378 | 2,969,211 | 12,445,961 | 7,645,329 |
| | 20 | 1,829,784 | 7,621,546 | 2,858,916 | 12,310,246 | 8,024,765 |
| | 27 | 1,542,787 | 8,128,934 | 2,773,031 | 12,444,752 | 8,167,976 |
| December | 4 | 1,071,012 | 6,433,981 | 2,435,503 | 9,940,496 | 10,343,181 |
| | 11 | 1,012,732 | 7,353,877 | 2,633,921 | 11,000,530 | 10,603,977 |
| | 18 | 1,005,219 | 7,315,274 | 2,673,219 | 10,993,712 | 6,950,882 |
| | 23 | 164,834 | 4,772,645 | 850,954 | 5,788,433 | 6,405,705 |
| | 30 | 613,133 | 4,513,146 | 3,046,483 | 8,172,762 | 5,333,677 |
| January | 8, 1953 | 300,981 | 6,204,482 | 3,019,209 | 9,524,672 | 8,472,260 |
| | 15 | 203,139 | 5,342,144 | 1,622,507 | 7,167,790 | 7,365,497 |
| | 22 | 138,245 | 5,114,767 | 3,416,473 | 8,669,485 | 3,237,709 |
| | 29 | 178,574 | 6,651,710 | 3,682,523 | 10,512,807 | 2,995,225 |
| February | 5 | 141,927 | 3,898,839 | 2,802,089 | 6,842,855 | 6,209,169 |
| | 12 | 133,253 | 4,083,520 | 4,199,324 | 8,416,097 | 5,227,821 |
| | 19 | 173,694 | 3,209,800 | 2,822,378 | 6,205,872 | 5,546,923 |
| | 26 | 115,965 | 3,392,568 | 1,650,577 | 5,159,110 | 4,473,456 |
| March | 5 | 71,803 | 3,004,757 | 1,247,568 | 4,324,128 | 5,986,720 |
| | 12 | 120,900 | 8,149,505 | 1,342,009 | 9,612,414 | 5,835,038 |
| | 19 | 176,091 | 7,543,296 | 1,584,003 | 9,303,390 | 4,683,505 |
| Totals | | 31,774,640 | 210,715,557 | 93,795,058 | 336,285,255 | 285,738,925 |

Marketings of wheat by farmers in the Prairie Provinces from the beginning of the current crop year to March 19 amounted to 336.3 million bushels, an increase of 17.7 per cent over the 285.7 million for the corresponding period of 1951-52. Farmers in Saskatchewan accounted for 210.7 million bushels or 62.7 per cent of this year's total, while those in Alberta and Manitoba marketed 93.8 million (27.9 per cent) and 31.8 million (9.4 per cent) respectively.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, March 19, 1953, Compared with
Approximately the same Date, 1952 and 1951

| Position | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 |
|--|----------------------|---------|---------|
| | - thousand bushels - | | |
| Country elevators - Manitoba | 9,301 | 8,442 | 11,040 |
| Saskatchewan | 86,230 | 57,658 | 68,242 |
| Alberta | 49,854 | 29,523 | 41,955 |
| Totals | 145,386 | 95,623 | 121,237 |
| Interior private and mill | 6,859 | 6,118 | 4,147 |
| Interior terminals | 13,534 | 10,893 | 9,473 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 6,392 | 10,120 | 3,925 |
| Victoria | 113 | - | - |
| Prince Rupert | - | 352 | - |
| Churchill | 2,048 | 1,997 | 461 |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 35,889 | 41,172 | 35,492 |
| Storage afloat | 1,186 | - | - |
| In transit rail (Western Division) | 21,832 | 15,722 | 2,765 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports | 19,365 | 12,558 | 8,044 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime ports | 8,324 | 8,481 | 3,477 |
| Storage afloat | 3,388 | 2,101 | 366 |
| In transit rail (Eastern Division) | 8,285 | 3,521 | 2,320 |
| United States ports | 1,740 | 3,820 | 361 |
| In transit U.S.A. | 322 | 150 | 123 |
| Totals | 274,663 | 212,627 | 192,190 |

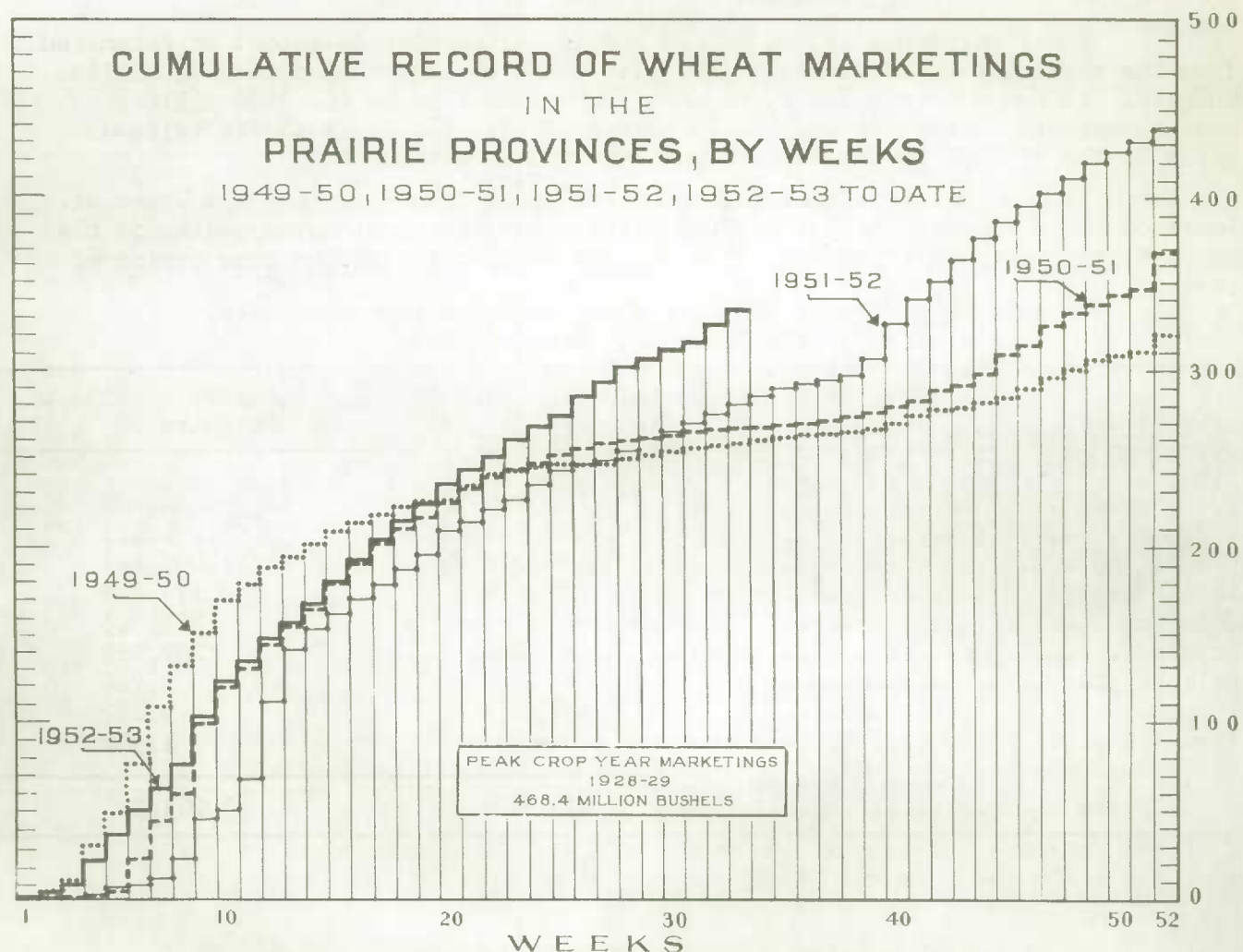
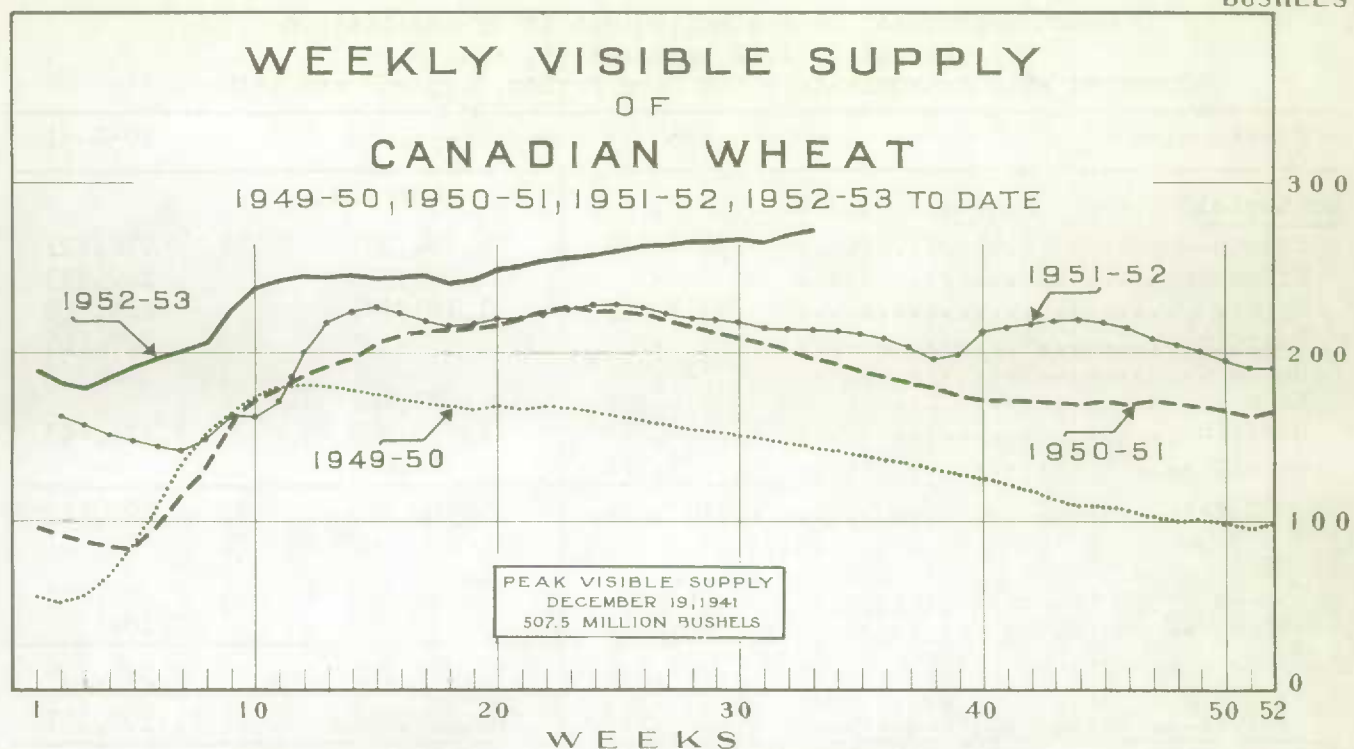
Grading of Wheat Inspected, August—February, 1952-53 with Comparison

| Grade | August—February | | | | Average 1946-47— 1950-51 |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | 1952-53 | | 1951-52 | | |
| | cars | per cent | cars | per cent | per cent |
| 1 Hard | 49 | 1/ | - | - | 1/ |
| 1 Northern | 10,968 | 7.0 | 847 | 0.6 | 14.8 |
| 2 Northern | 41,847 | 26.7 | 7,600 | 5.4 | 37.6 |
| 3 Northern | 29,174 | 18.6 | 20,911 | 14.8 | 13.0 |
| 4 Northern | 18,063 | 11.5 | 12,273 | 8.7 | 4.4 |
| 5 Wheat | 17,324 | 11.1 | 10,546 | 7.5 | 3.7 |
| 6 Wheat | 6,183 | 3.9 | 8,424 | 6.0 | 2.2 |
| Feed Wheat | 983 | 0.6 | 1,186 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Garnet | 881 | 0.6 | 460 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| Amber Durum | 3,586 | 2.3 | 2,090 | 1.5 | 3.5 |
| Alberta Winter | 226 | 0.1 | 262 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Toughs 2/ 3/ | 24,783 | 15.8 | 52,645 | 37.3 | 15.6 |
| Damps 2/ 4/ | 219 | 0.1 | 22,607 | 16.0 | 1.3 |
| Rejected 2/ | 1,554 | 1.0 | 654 | 0.5 | - |
| All Others | 701 | 0.4 | 500 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Totals | 156,541 | 100.0 | 141,005 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

1/ Less than .05 per cent. 2/ All varieties and grades. 3/ Moisture content 14.9 to 17 per cent for durum, 14.6 to 17 per cent for all other varieties.

4/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.

MILLION
BUSHELS



(Data in both charts for crop years beginning August 1)

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1952 to March 19, 1953
Compared with Approximately the Same Period, 1951-52 and 1950-51

| Destination | 1952-53 | 1951-52 | 1950-51 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <hr/> | | | |
| By Vessel | - bushels - | | |
| Duluth-Superior | 2,643,223 | 4,264,331 | 978,121 |
| Milwaukee | - | 298,326 | 140,673 |
| Chicago | 313,443 | 1,161,571 | 269,510 |
| Detroit | - | - | 287,165 |
| Huron | 320,734 | - | - |
| Erie | 276,567 | 93,107 | - |
| Buffalo | 11,446,101 | 14,635,273 | 7,121,643 |
| Oswego | 1,102,391 | 514,005 | - |
| Totals, Vessel | 16,102,459 | 20,966,613 | 8,797,112 |
| By Rail | | | |
| U.S.A. Seaboard Ports | 602,908 | 1,903,416 | 293,075 |
| Other U.S.A. Points | 3,694,208 | 3,939,933 | 2,106,304 |
| Totals, Rail | 4,297,116 | 5,843,349 | 2,399,379 |
| Totals, Shipments | 20,399,575 | 26,809,962 | 11,196,491 |

*Either for re-export or retention for domestic use.

Wheat shipments to the United States, either for re-export or retention from the beginning of the current crop year to March 19 amounted to 20.4 million bushels. Although this quantity is about 24 per cent below the 26.8 million bushels shipped during the comparable period of 1951-52, it is almost twice as great as the 1950-51 movement for the period under review.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports amounted to 9.1 million bushels for the first seven months of the current crop year, well above the 7.0 million shipped during the same period of 1951-52.

Rail Shipments of Wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake,
and Upper St. Lawrence Ports

| Ports | August 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953 | August 1, 1951 to February 29, 1952 |
|---------------------|--|--|
| <hr/> | | |
| | - bushels - | |
| Collingwood | 120,996 | 34,600 |
| Midland | 4,590,991 | 3,274,421 |
| Owen Sound | 400,078 | 1,099,885 |
| Port McNicoll | 3,097,409 | 2,173,813 |
| Goderich | - | 123,745 |
| Sarnia | 461,284 | 287,788 |
| Walkerville | - | 1,786 |
| Toronto | 454,143 | 5,672 |
| Prescott | - | 1,500 |
| Totals | 9,124,901 | 7,003,210 |

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1949-50--1952-53

| Month | 1952-53 | 1951-52 | 1950-51 | 1949-50 |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| - bushels - | | | | |
| August | 191,711 | 283,914 | 122,532 | 158,893 |
| September | 1,181,046 | 435,068 | 123,256 | 131,711 |
| October | 936,757 | 159,667 | 73,543 | 122,482 |
| November | 651,957 | 465,193 | 133,847 | 92,334 |
| December | 464,914 | 1,387,828 | 1,517,624 | 342,946 |
| January | 6,550,958 | 5,839,567 | 4,394,047 | 277,502 |
| February | 9,566,151 | 3,618,007 | 3,303,248 | 240,087 |
| March | | 1,564,586 | 3,476,161 | 423,774 |
| April | | 107,061 | 1,196,236 | 2,305,727 |
| May | | 132,496 | 462,676 | 124,533 |
| June | | 196,083 | 356,443 | 96,626 |
| July | | 113,827 | 199,603 | 52,122 |
| Totals | | 14,303,297 | 15,359,216 | 4,368,737 |

Rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead during February 1953 amounted to 9.6 million bushels, the highest monthly total in recent years and an increase of 3.0 million bushels over the January shipments of 6.6 million bushels. Comparable figures for February in each of the preceding three crop years were 3.6 million, 3.3 million and 0.2 million bushels, respectively. Total rail shipments of wheat from the Lakehead for the first seven months of the crop year amounted to 19.5 million bushels as against 12.2 million and 9.7 million bushels, respectively, for the comparable periods in 1951-52 and 1950-51.

Distribution of the February 1953 wheat shipments by grade and destination is shown in the table below. Some 8.7 million bushels, representing about 91 per cent of the total, went to destinations in the Maritime Provinces.

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur February, 1953

| Grade | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | U.S.A. |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| - bushels - | | | | | | |
| 1 Hard | - | - | 14,570 | - | - | - |
| 1 Northern | - | - | 1,365,500 | 10,000 | 53,000 | - |
| 2 Northern | - | 2,255,000 | 2,071,000 | 23,500 | 81,000 | - |
| 3 Northern | - | 987,500 | 908,000 | - | 25,000 | - |
| 4 Northern | - | 90,000 | 328,000 | 6,000 | 21,500 | - |
| 5 Wheat | - | 253,500 | 396,500 | 45,500 | 290,500 | - |
| 6 Wheat | 42 | 3,000 | 10,533 | 39,833 | 4,500 | - |
| Feed wheat | - | - | 3,000 | 100 | - | - |
| Amber Durum | - | - | 10,059 | 31,451 | 15,138 | - |
| Toughs | - | - | - | 6,000 | 37,000 | - |
| All Others | 4,964 | 11,657 | 3,000 | 44,645 | 112,101 | 3,558 |
| Totals | 5,006 | 3,600,657 | 5,110,162 | 207,029 | 639,739 | 3,558 |

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to February 28, 1953, represent shipments of some 7.6 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance plan during the August—January period of the current crop year. The comparable preliminary figure for last season was 8.0 million bushels indicating that current shipments may be running slightly below last year's levels. Revised data based on claims submitted up to February 28, 1953, place the August—January 1951-52 total at 9.0 million bushels.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Wheat Shipments,
August—January, 1952-53 and 1951-52

| Month | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | B.C. | Total |
|----------------------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | | | |
| August, 1952 | 11 | 32 | 70 | 63 | 536 | 486 | 239 | 1,436 |
| September | 12 | 21 | 68 | 48 | 534 | 471 | 262 | 1,416 |
| October | 11 | 12 | 72 | 50 | 518 | 479 | 234 | 1,377 |
| November | 5 | 20 | 70 | 39 | 539 | 540 | 186 | 1,400 |
| December | 8 | 18 | 71 | 42 | 429 | 517 | 132 | 1,217 |
| January, 1953 | 2 | 13 | 58 | 37 | 288 | 335 | 38 | 771 |
| Totals 1/ | 50 | 116 | 410 | 278 | 2,844 | 2,827 | 1,091 | 7,616 |
| Same period 1951-52: | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary 2/ ... | 30 | 119 | 383 | 276 | 3,254 | 2,949 | 1,007 | 8,019 |
| Revised 1/ | 37 | 129 | 411 | 291 | 3,471 | 3,221 | 1,450 | 9,009 |

Preliminary data on millfeeds moving under the freight assistance plan represent shipments of 247,868 tons during the first six months of the current crop year. This total, based on claims filed up to February 28, 1953, is slightly above the preliminary total for the comparable period of 1951-52. Revised figures for the August—January period of 1951-52 show a total of 281,352 tons shipped under the plan. As with wheat, data on freight assisted millfeed shipments are subject to upward revision as additional claims are filed.

Provincial Distribution of Freight-Assisted Millfeed Shipments,
August—January, 1952-53 and 1951-52

| Province | 1952-53 | 1951-52 | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Preliminary 1/ | Preliminary 2/ | Revised 1/ |
| - tons - | | | |
| Newfoundland | 1,788 | 1,452 | 1,792 |
| Prince Edward Island | 3,873 | 3,322 | 3,648 |
| Nova Scotia | 18,965 | 19,954 | 21,942 |
| New Brunswick | 17,433 | 16,333 | 17,846 |
| Quebec | 120,779 | 119,194 | 130,646 |
| Ontario | 66,906 | 66,130 | 78,048 |
| British Columbia | 18,124 | 19,214 | 27,430 |
| Totals | 247,868 | 245,599 | 281,352 |

1/ Based on claims filed up to February 28, 1953.

2/ Based on claims filed up to February 29, 1952.

Monthly Export Clearances, Etc., in Comparison with the Customs Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour

| Year and Month | Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat <u>1/</u> | Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond <u>2/</u> | Customs exports of Canadian Wheat Flour <u>3/</u> | Total | Customs <u>4/</u> Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|--|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>1950-51</u> | | | | | |
| August | 11,957 | 459 | 3,060 | 15,475 | 15,247 |
| September | 13,172 | 904 | 2,273 | 16,349 | 15,257 |
| October | 12,950 | 900 | 3,652 | 17,502 | 19,715 |
| November | 15,801 | 2,007 | 5,669 | 23,477 | 20,140 |
| December | 8,030 | 2,149 | 4,157 | 14,335 | 20,424 |
| January | 9,891 | 1,935 | 5,700 | 17,526 | 16,315 |
| February | 9,259 | 929 | 4,727 | 14,915 | 14,180 |
| March | 9,969 | 1,097 | 5,221 | 16,287 | 17,663 |
| April | 9,604 | 3,105 | 5,809 | 18,518 | 16,870 |
| May | 15,140 | 2,558 | 6,677 | 24,375 | 21,748 |
| June | 23,302 | 2,198 | 4,813 | 30,313 | 25,968 |
| July | 25,662 | 2,062 | 4,163 | 31,888 | 33,097 |
| Totals | 164,736 | 20,303 | 55,921 | 240,961 | 236,624 |
| <u>1951-52</u> | | | | | |
| August | 16,921 | 2,240 | 2,581 | 21,742 | 27,182 |
| September | 16,726 | 2,376 | 3,151 | 22,253 | 22,161 |
| October | 23,764 | 3,830 | 3,851 | 31,445 | 24,212 |
| November | 29,830 | 5,687 | 4,033 | 39,550 | 34,671 |
| December | 12,075 | 4,701 | 3,683 | 20,459 | 37,347 |
| January | 14,382 | 1,620 | 3,407 | 19,409 | 18,523 |
| February | 16,010 | 2,574 | 4,180 | 22,764 | 18,472 |
| March | 15,876 | 1,215 | 5,354 | 22,445 | 21,904 |
| April | 16,657 | 3,342 | 4,389 | 24,387 | 30,516 |
| May | 35,550 | 2,725 | 5,735 | 44,010 | 38,138 |
| June | 33,770 | 4,554 | 6,101 | 44,425 | 40,894 |
| July | 34,478 | 3,818 | 4,639 | 42,935 | 44,782 |
| Totals | 266,039 | 38,683 | 51,103 | 355,825 | 358,803 |
| <u>1952-53 ^{5/}</u> | | | | | |
| August | 26,089 | 2,559 | 3,364 | 32,011 | 38,946 |
| September | 21,208 | 3,312 | 4,960 | 29,480 | 27,326 |
| October | 24,106 | 2,950 | 6,277 | 33,332 | 35,611 |
| November | 34,339 | 3,677 | 5,052 | 43,068 | 36,052 |
| December | 21,777 | 2,883 | 5,693 | 30,354 | 44,468 |
| January | 17,518 | 1,206 | 3,718 | 22,442 | 23,562 |
| February | 13,135 | 847 | 2,969 | 16,951 | 18,220 |
| Totals | 158,172 | 17,434 | 32,032 | 207,638 | 224,185 |

1/ Compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada.

2/ Compiled by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

3/ Exports for crop years 1950-51 and 1951-52 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

4/ Unadjusted, as published by the International Trade Division, D.B.S.

5/ Subject to revision.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1952-53

| Destination | November | February | | August—February | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/2/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ |
| - bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 2,340,364 | 1,161,040 | 3,765,107 | 12,149,509 | 42,889,846 |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| Gambia | 504 | - | - | 1,053 | - |
| Gold Coast | - | 13,527 | - | 19,035 | - |
| Nigeria | 13,761 | 3,276 | - | 68,616 | - |
| Sierra Leone | 2,011 | 5,112 | - | 21,307 | - |
| Union of South Africa | - | - | 185,776 | - | 734,346 |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Ceylon | - | - | - | 486,491 | - |
| Hong Kong | 186,255 | 106,110 | - | 889,934 | 2,417 |
| India | - | - | 1,515,597 | 243 | 7,431,897 |
| Malaya and Singapore | 65,493 | 38,029 | - | 276,547 | - |
| Pakistan | - | - | 1,738,980 | - | 6,820,290 |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Gibraltar | 15,421 | 16,889 | - | 76,437 | - |
| Malta | - | - | - | - | 1,078,033 |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| Bahamas | 31,937 | 17,951 | - | 151,623 | - |
| Barbados | 11,461 | 21,357 | - | 234,450 | 850 |
| Bermuda | 14,018 | 8,586 | - | 64,026 | - |
| British Honduras | 4,482 | 5,360 | - | 30,339 | - |
| Jamaica | 14,846 | 117,837 | - | 455,504 | - |
| Leeward and Windward Islands | 90,779 | 77,076 | - | 592,911 | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 204,507 | 48,096 | - | 1,146,740 | 500 |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| British Guiana | 101,169 | 87,259 | - | 564,610 | - |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries ... | 3,097,008 | 1,727,505 | 7,205,460 | 17,229,375 | 58,958,179 |
| <u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| Azores and Madeira | 5,594 | 1,962 | - | 18,117 | - |
| Belgian Congo | 15,201 | 31,284 | - | 93,271 | - |
| Egypt | 803,272 | - | 1,237,083 | 4,840,884 | 5,852,246 |
| French Africa | - | - | - | 14,585 | - |
| Liberia | 459 | 567 | - | 6,304 | - |
| Libya | - | - | 182,373 | - | 504,000 |
| Morocco | 32,450 | 31,630 | - | 351,855 | - |
| Portuguese Africa | 3,132 | 1,543 | - | 14,476 | 204,400 |
| Spanish Africa | - | - | - | 7,578 | - |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Arabia | 1,836 | 12,015 | 18,375 | 103,478 | 36,747 |
| Formosa (Taiwan) | 2,066 | - | - | 6,998 | 59,583 |
| Indonesia | 41,189 | - | - | 57,483 | - |
| Israel | - | - | - | 11,934 | 2,162,892 |
| Japan | 42,755 | 106,065 | 422,494 | 503,928 | 7,954,555 |
| Lebanon | 671,004 | 210,119 | 149,333 | 2,123,267 | 1,736,800 |
| Philippine Islands | 499,829 | 344,345 | - | 3,007,346 | - |
| Portuguese Asia | 34,294 | 7,609 | - | 59,665 | - |
| Syria | - | - | - | 49 | - |
| Thailand | 56,538 | 14,333 | - | 210,119 | - |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Belgium | - | - | 435,766 | - | 13,767,643 |
| Denmark | - | - | - | - | 1,112,867 |
| France | - | - | - | - | 1,287,165 |

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1952-53

| Destination | November | February | | August -February | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/2/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ |
| - bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | 13,954 | 74,898 | - | 126,365 | 13,742,483 |
| Greece..... | - | 5,742 | - | 5,742 | 698,163 |
| Iceland | - | - | - | 26,793 | - |
| Ireland | - | - | 343,467 | - | 3,956,068 |
| Italy | 2,619 | 5,701 | - | 48,384 | 6,051,571 |
| Netherlands | - | - | 508,144 | 27,297 | 7,456,713 |
| Norway | - | - | 713,968 | - | 2,836,556 |
| Portugal | 1,642 | - | 324,000 | - | 660,000 |
| Sweden | - | - | - | - | 734,084 |
| Switzerland | - | - | - | - | 5,071,200 |
| Yugoslavia | 3,213 | 6,196 | - | 27,315 | 8,742,946 |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| Alaska | - | - | - | 9 | - |
| Costa Rica | 18,180 | 25,272 | - | 253,031 | 50,000 |
| Cuba | 17,442 | - | 81,947 | 76,212 | 726,573 |
| Dominican Republic | 1,436 | 2,066 | - | 47,439 | - |
| El Salvador | 14,859 | 3,101 | - | 155,003 | - |
| French West Indies | - | 288 | - | 4,635 | - |
| Guatemala | 16,596 | 4,055 | - | 129,569 | - |
| Haiti | 24,773 | 1,813 | - | 169,029 | - |
| Honduras | 459 | 459 | - | 918 | 6,667 |
| Mexico | - | 229 | - | 229 | - |
| Netherlands Antilles | 10,435 | 12,258 | - | 95,661 | - |
| Nicaragua | 8,375 | 13,793 | - | 94,473 | - |
| Panama | 19,687 | 28,746 | - | 171,405 | - |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | 1,602 | 2,038 | - | 11,074 | - |
| <u>United States</u> | | | | | |
| Flour in terms of wheat | 9 | - | - | 17,671 | - |
| For milling in bond 4/ | - | - | - | - | 3,237,242 |
| For domestic use 4/ | - | - | 847,334 | - | 14,196,609 |
| Virgin Islands | - | 59 | - | 4,995 | - |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | | |
| Hawaii | - | - | - | 117 | - |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| Argentina | - | - | - | 4 | - |
| Bolivia | - | - | 283,338 | 2,295 | 1,588,158 |
| Brazil | 68,670 | - | 1,092,913 | 320,445 | 7,989,478 |
| Chile | - | - | - | - | 1,477,534 |
| Colombia | 16,960 | 22,666 | - | 113,481 | 82,605 |
| Ecuador | 4,459 | 18,864 | 44,092 | 74,470 | 147,705 |
| Peru | 3,442 | 2,295 | 92,129 | 42,475 | 2,480,361 |
| Surinam | 14,211 | 13,797 | - | 94,383 | - |
| Venezuela | 77,260 | 235,454 | - | 1,230,764 | 36,000 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 2,549,902 | 1,241,262 | 6,776,756 | 14,803,020 | 116,647,614 |
| Totals, All Countries | 5,646,910 | 2,968,767 | 13,982,216 | 32,032,395 | 175,605,793 |

1/ Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Source: Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 4 1/2 bushels of wheat equal 1 barrel of 196 pounds of wheat flour.

3/ Overseas clearances as reported by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, for all countries except the United States. Subject to revision.

4/ Compiled from returns of Canadian elevator licensees and shippers and advice from American grain correspondents.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Fort William—Port Arthur or Vancouver

| Class and Grade | Week ending | | | |
|--|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Feb. 28 | Mar. 7 | Mar. 14 | Mar. 21 |
| - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | |
| <u>Initial Payment to Producers 1952-53 Pool</u> | | | | |
| 1 Hard | 140 | 160 | 160 | 160 |
| 1 Northern | 140 | 160 | 160 | 160 |
| 2 Northern | 137 | 157 | 157 | 157 |
| 3 Northern | 134 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| 4 Northern | 126 | 146 | 146 | 146 |
| 5 Wheat | 116 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 6 Wheat | 106 | 126 | 126 | 126 |
| Feed Wheat | 100 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| <u>Domestic and Export 1/</u> | | | | |
| (International Wheat Agreement) | | | | |
| 1 Hard | 176/6 | 177 | 177/2 | 177/3 |
| 1 Northern | 176/6 | 177 | 177/2 | 177/3 |
| 2 Northern | 174/6 | 175 | 175/2 | 175/3 |
| 3 Northern | 172/6 | 173 | 173/2 | 173/3 |
| 4 Northern | 166/6 | 167 | 167/2 | 167/3 |
| 5 Wheat | 162/6 | 163 | 163/5 | 164/3 |
| 6 Wheat | 157/4 | 158 | 158/5 | 159/3 |
| Feed Wheat | 152/4 | 153 | 153/5 | 154/3 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 174/6 | 175 | 175/2 | 175/3 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 173/6 | 174 | 174/2 | 174/3 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 170/6 | 171 | 171/2 | 171/3 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 176/6 | 177 | 177/2 | 177/3 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 174/6 | 175 | 175/2 | 175/3 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 172/6 | 173 | 173/2 | 173/3 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 176/6 | 177 | 177/2 | 177/3 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 174/6 | 175 | 175/2 | 175/3 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 173/6 | 174 | 174/2 | 174/3 |
| <u>Export - Class II</u> | | | | |
| 1 Hard | 220/1 | 219/5 | 219/7 | 220/6 |
| 1 Northern | 220/1 | 219/5 | 219/7 | 220/6 |
| 2 Northern | 218/1 | 217/5 | 217/7 | 218/6 |
| 3 Northern | 216/1 | 215/5 | 215/7 | 216/6 |
| 4 Northern | 210/1 | 209/5 | 209/7 | 210/6 |
| 5 Wheat | 168/6 | 169 | 169/5 | 170/3 |
| 6 Wheat | 163/4 | 164 | 164/5 | 165/3 |
| Feed Wheat | 158/4 | 159 | 159/5 | 160/3 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 281/1 | 280/5 | 282/7 | 289/7 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 279/1 | 278/5 | 280/7 | 287/7 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 278/1 | 277/5 | 279/7 | 286/7 |

1/ Plus 6 cents carrying charge.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production reported by Canadian mills for February 1953 amounted to some 1,797,000 barrels, slightly above the January output of 1,772,000 barrels. Production in February this year was practically unchanged from the February 1952 total of 1,800,000 barrels but was 5.4 per cent below the ten-year (1943-1952) average of 1,900,000. Total output for the first seven months of 1952-53, at 13,954,000 barrels, was about 9.3 per cent above the comparable total of 12,769,000 barrels for the August-February period of 1951-52. Mills reporting operations during February 1953 had a total rated capacity of 96,810 barrels and, on the basis of a 26-day working period, 70.1 per cent of the rated capacity was effective.

Exports Preliminary Customs returns indicate that exports of Canadian wheat flour during February 1953 amounted to 659,726 barrels (2,969,000 bushels of wheat equivalent). Flour shipments during the month went to 48 countries and colonies, with the United Kingdom taking the largest amount, some 1.2 million bushels of wheat equivalent. Other major shipments, in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent, went to the Philippine Islands (344), Venezuela (235), Lebanon (210), Jamaica (118), Hong Kong 106), and Japan (106).

Wheat Milled for Flour, and Production and Exports of Wheat Flour, Canada

| Crop Year | Wheat Milled for Flour | Wheat Flour | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | | Production | Exports 1/ |
| | - bushels - | - barrels of 196 pounds - | |
| 1935-36-1939-40 average | 67,845,114 | 15,002,781 | 4,899,970 |
| 1940-41-1944-45 average | 99,704,638 | 22,402,166 | 12,091,605 |
| 1945-46 | 118,074,774 | 26,435,341 | 14,470,177 |
| 1946-47 | 127,775,176 | 28,588,456 | 16,896,233 |
| 1947-48 | 109,822,011 | 24,159,696 | 13,661,573 |
| 1948-49 | 90,896,984 | 20,379,997 | 10,687,561 |
| 1949-50 | 90,082,917 | 20,259,200 | 10,151,090 |
| 1950-51 | 106,748,343 | 23,630,180 | 12,426,996 |
| 1951-52 | 104,494,021 | 22,842,441 | 11,356,288 |
| <u>1952-53 2/</u> | | | |
| August | 8,809,102 | 1,943,274 | 747,518 |
| September | 9,557,709 | 2,120,469 | 1,102,225 |
| October | 10,330,803 | 2,302,489 | 1,394,807 |
| November | 9,858,945 | 2,182,652 | 1,122,627 |
| December | 8,170,237 | 1,835,627 | 1,265,133 |
| January | 7,887,271 | 1,771,786 | 826,274 |
| February | 7,951,654 | 1,797,376 | 659,726 |
| Totals | 62,565,721 | 13,953,673 | 7,118,310 |
| Same period 1951-52 (Revised) .. | 58,595,120 | 12,769,150 | 5,530,178 |

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1951-52 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ Wheat milled for flour and wheat flour production subject to revision from August 1952.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position The March 5 issue of 'The Wheat Situation' estimates total domestic disappearance of wheat for 1952-53 at from 673 to 688 million bushels, including 495-500 million for food use (continental civilians, territories and military), 90-100 million for feed, and about 88 million for seed. Should the present rate of shipments be maintained through June, exports for the 1952-53 year would total about 325 million bushels giving a total disappearance of from 998 to 1,013 million bushels.

'The Wheat Situation' estimates total supplies for the 1952-53 season at 1,572 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1952 carryover of 256 million, production of 1,291 million and probable imports of about 25 million (of which 17.5 million were received in the first eight months of the crop year, see table below). The indicated carryover at July 1, 1953 (total supplies less total disappearance) would accordingly fall within a range of from 560-575 million bushels. A carryover of this size, although below the record level of 631 million on July 1, 1942, would be far above the 1942-51 average of 335 million bushels.

United States Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1952-53 <u>1/</u> | 1951-52 |
|---|---------------------|---------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) | 255.6 | 396.2 |
| New crop | 1,291.4 | 980.8 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 1,547.0 | 1,377.0 |
| Imports of wheat for domestic use, July-February | 17.5 | 21.7 |
| Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> | 1,564.5 | 1,398.7 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u> .. | 680.0 <u>4/</u> | 677.7 |
| Available for export and carryover | 884.5 | 721.0 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, July-February | 188.2 | 279.6 |
| Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of | | |
| wheat, July-February | 28.1 | 29.8 |
| Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and macaroni. | 216.3 | 309.4 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and carryover | 668.2 | 411.6 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for March-June period.

3/ Includes allowances for shipments of United States wheat and wheat products to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands and Wake Island. These shipments are not included in exports as set out in the table. 4/ Revised.

Preliminary data on exports of wheat as grain in the July-February period of the current crop year indicate shipments of 188.2 million bushels, a decrease of

33 per cent from the 279.6 million exported during the comparable period of 1951-52. Exports of wheat flour and macaroni in terms of wheat at 28.1 million bushels were slightly below the 29.8 million exported during the first eight months of 1951-52. Total exports of wheat, wheat flour, and macaroni during the eight months ending February 28, 1953 amounted to 216.3 million bushels, representing a decline of 30 per cent from the 309.4 million shipped in the corresponding period of 1951-52. The balance remaining for export and carryover on March 1, 1953 was estimated at 668.2 million bushels as against 411.6 million for the same date a year ago.

Prospective Plantings
of Spring Wheat

ment of Agriculture:

The following report on prospective plantings of spring wheat in the United States is taken from the March 19 report of the Crop Reporting Board, United States Depart-

"Prospective seedings of all spring wheat for 1953 total 21.6 million acres, slightly more than the 21,518,000 acres seeded last year and 12 per cent over the 1942-51 average seedings. A total of 76,961,000 acres of all wheat is indicated by combining the current prospective acreage of spring wheat with the seeded acreage of winter wheat as estimated last December. The total seeded acreage of all wheat for the 1952 crop was 77,447,000 acres.

If early intentions materialize, the 1953 seeded acreage of other spring wheat is expected to be 19,455,000 acres. This would be an increase of 1.3 per cent over a year ago and 17 per cent above the average. In the North Central area, comprising the Dakotas, Nebraska and nearby States to the east, farmers expect to seed a 5 per cent smaller acreage of other spring wheat than in 1952. However, in the Pacific Northwest, farmers expect to sharply expand their spring wheat seedings over a year ago. This increase is due primarily to inability to seed winter wheat last fall because of extremely dry soil conditions.

Intended plantings of Durum Wheat are indicated at 2,145,000 acres, 7 per cent less than the 2,306,000 acres seeded last year. Minnesota farmers anticipate seeding an acreage equal to that sown a year earlier. In North Dakota, most of the 4 per cent decline is expected to result from reduced seedings outside the main durum area. The intended seedings in South Dakota are 25 per cent below the 1952 acreage level. Durum wheat has experienced a favourable price relationship, compared with the other spring varieties, during the 1952 marketing season. However, in recent years the later maturity of durums has exposed this crop to added production hazards, such as rust in 1950 and 1952 and the wet season in 1951.

If the prospective acreages materialize and yields attained this season should equal the 1947-51 average, by States, the all spring wheat crop would approximate 310 million bushels. This plus a winter wheat crop of the size indicated last December would total 921 million bushels for all wheat. In 1952, all wheat production totalled 1,291 million bushels, the third largest of record."

Record Quantities of Wheat
Under Price Support

According to official sources, farmers placed a record 455.8 million bushels of 1952-crop wheat under price support through January 31, 1953—the last date for which price support on the 1952-crop was available. This compares with a total of 212.1 million of 1951-crop wheat placed under support, 196.3 million of 1950-crop and 408.1 million bushels of the 1942 crop, the previous record.

Daily Cash Wheat Prices on the Kansas City and Minneapolis Markets

| No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City | | | No. 1 Northern Spring, Minneapolis | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Date | Price | | Date | Price | |
| | cents per bushel | | | cents per bushel | |
| March 2, 1953 | 236 3/4 - 239 1/2 | | March 2, 1953 | 238 7/8 - 240 7/8 | |
| 3 | 235 3/4 - 243 1/4 | | 3 | 237 - 239 | |
| 4 | 235 1/2 - 241 1/4 | | 4 | 236 3/4 - 238 3/4 | |
| 5 | 235 1/4 - 243 | | 5 | 236 7/8 - 239 7/8 | |
| 6 | 236 - 244 1/2 | | 6 | 237 5/8 - 240 5/8 | |
| 9 | 234 3/4 - 243 1/2 | | 9 | 237 1/8 - 240 1/8 | |
| 10 | 234 1/2 - 243 1/2 | | 10 | 237 - 240 | |
| 11 | 236 - 244 1/2 | | 11 | 238 3/4 - 241 3/4 | |
| 12 | 237 - 244 3/4 | | 12 | 238 7/8 - 241 7/8 | |
| 13 | 237 1/2 - 246 1/2 | | 13 | 239 5/8 - 242 5/8 | |
| 16 | 238 1/2 - 245 | | 16 | 239 1/2 - 242 1/2 | |
| 17 | 237 3/4 - 246 1/2 | | 17 | 239 7/8 - 242 7/8 | |
| 18 | 241 1/4 - 241 3/4 | | 18 | 240 7/8 - 243 7/8 | |
| 19 | 240 - 245 | | 19 | 241 5/8 - 244 5/8 | |
| 20 | 239 1/4 - 247 1/4 | | 20 | 241 1/4 - 244 1/4 | |
| 23 | 238 1/2 - 246 1/2 | | 23 | 239 1/4 - 242 1/4 | |
| 24 | 238 3/4 - 245 1/4 | | 24 | 240 - 243 | |
| 25 | 237 1/2 - 238 1/2 | | 25 | 239 1/4 - 242 1/4 | |
| 26 | 237 1/4 - 242 | | 26 | 239 1/4 - 242 1/4 | |
| 27 | - | | 27 | 239 7/8 - 242 7/8 | |
| 30 | 234 1/2 - 240 3/4 | | 30 | 236 7/8 - 239 7/8 | |
| 31 | 233 - 238 3/4 | | 31 | 236 5/8 - 239 5/8 | |

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

| Date | March | May | July | September | December |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| | - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | |
| March 2, 1953 | 225/3 | 229/4 | 231/4 | 233/6 | 237/2 |
| 3 | 224/4 | 229 | 231/1 | 233/4 | 237/1 |
| 4 | 223/6 | 228/1 | 230/5 | 233 | 236/7 |
| 5 | 225 | 229/4 | 231/3 | 233/5 | 237/2 |
| 6 | 225/2 | 229/5 | 231/4 | 233/5 | 237/3 |
| 9 | 224 | 228/4 | 230/4 | 233 | 236/6 |
| 10 | 223/3 | 227/6 | 230 | 232/4 | 236/3 |
| 11 | 225/5 | 229/7 | 232/1 | 234/6 | 238/5 |
| 12 | 225/6 | 229/4 | 231/6 | 234/4 | 238/3 |
| 13 | 226/6 | 230/7 | 232/7 | 235/5 | 239/3 |
| 16 | 225/6 | 229/4 | 231/3 | 234/1 | 238 |
| 17 | 226/3 | 230 | 231/6 | 234/5 | 238/4 |
| 18 | 227/6 | 231/1 | 232/5 | 235/4 | 239/4 |
| 19 | 228/1 | 231/4 | 233/1 | 235/7 | 239/7 |
| 20 | 227/2 | 230/5 | 232/4 | 235/1 | 239/1 |
| 23 | | 228/3 | 230/5 | 233/5 | 237/4 |
| 24 | | 229/6 | 232 | 235/2 | 239/2 |
| 25 | | 228/1 | 230/4 | 234 | 238 |
| 26 | | 228/2 | 230/6 | 233/4 | 237/7 |
| 27 | | 229/2 | 231/6 | 234/4 | 238/7 |
| 30 | | 225/2 | 227/4 | 230 | 234/2 |
| 31 | | 224/5 | 226/5 | 229/3 | 234/1 |

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position In announcing the second official estimate of the current wheat crop, the Ministry of Agriculture placed it at 286.6 million bushels, some 15.2 million bushels higher than the previous figure. This is the largest crop since 1940-41, and the third largest on record. In addition, the quality of the wheat is excellent. Taking the carryover of 1.8 million bushels into consideration, total supplies for 1952-53 amount to an estimated 288.4 million bushels. With domestic requirements for the current crop year estimated at 125 million bushels, some 163.5 million bushels should be available for export and carryover. The export movement is still slow, amounting to only 3.2 million bushels for the first quarter of the current crop year.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1952-53 <u>1/</u> | 1951-52 |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) | 1.8 | 18.4 |
| New crop | 286.6 <u>2/</u> | 75.3 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 288.4 | 93.7 |
| Imports of wheat for domestic use | - | 7.9 <u>3/</u> |
| Total estimated supplies | 288.4 | 101.6 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year ... | 124.9 | 96.0 |
| Available for export and carryover | 163.5 | 5.6 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December—February | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December—February | <u>4/</u> | <u>4/</u> |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and carryover | 160.3 | 2.1 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Official estimate as of February 27, 1953. 3/ Imported under barter arrangement in exchange for Argentine corn. 4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

The following account of the Argentine situation has been extracted from a report from Mr. W. B. McCullough, Agricultural Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Buenos Aires, under date of March 16, 1953, and is reproduced with the kind permission of the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce. Where practicable, conversions from Argentine to Canadian measures have been made for the convenience of our readers. Currency conversions have been made at the rate of 5 pesos to the United States dollar.

Weather and Crops Since the record rainfall in January there have been good rains over the entire grain belt. Soil moisture conditions continue excellent, the best in years and it is also reported that there is a fair supply of reserve moisture. Ploughing has been general for some weeks interrupted by rain but not from dry weather as is frequently the case at this season of the year. Farmers will be able to seed coarse grains for winter pasture under ideal conditions and as there is adequate moisture these crops will be off to a good start. Harvesting of corn has commenced with very variable yields, according to the district and date of planting. Pastures in all areas are excellent, particularly for the summer season. There is plenty of feed which is reflected in the reduced entries of cattle to local markets.

Wheat - 1952-53 Crop The Ministry of Agriculture announced their second official estimate of the current wheat crop and place it at 7.8 million metric tons (286.6 million bushels) some 414,000 (15.2 million bushels) higher than their previous figure. The trade estimates are somewhat lower, mostly from 7.3 million tons to 7.5 million (268.2 million to 275.6 million bushels). However, this is the largest crop since 1940-41 and about the third largest crop on record. The quality of the wheat is excellent, the specific weight being above 81 kilos per hectolitre (64.8 pounds per bushel) against a standard of 78 (62.4 pounds per bushel).

It is understood that early in March, Argentina and Brazil concluded a trade agreement under which Argentina undertook to sell Brazil 1.5 million tons (55.1 million bushels) of wheat at U\$S 112 per ton (\$3.05 per bushel) f.o.b., in exchange for supplies of lumber, coffee, steel and fruit. This is reported to be one of the largest operations of its kind conducted by Argentina and the wheat is to be delivered in the calendar year.

The earmarking of 1.5 million metric tons (55.1 million bushels) of wheat for Brazil has reduced Argentina's exportable surplus about 4.4 million tons (161.7 million bushels) to a manageable level. In addition to Brazil, the quantities actually committed are: India 255,000 tons (9,370,000 bushels) at U\$S 73.40 per ton (\$2.00 per bushel) f.o.b. under a barter for jute, Italy 300,000 tons (11,023,000 bushels) under their trade agreement at the unconfirmed price of U\$S 103 to U\$S 106 per ton (\$2.80 to \$2.88 per bushel) and Paraguay 70,000 tons (2,572,000 bushels) at U\$S 125 (\$3.40 per bushel). It is reported that Germany is negotiating for about 250,000 tons (9,186,000 bushels) and that Japan is interested in a similar amount. Exporters are reported to have purchased some 40,000 tons (1,470,000 bushels) at 43.00 pesos per 100 kilos, (\$2.34 per bushel), payment in free dollars, believed to be destined for Pakistan. This would leave Argentina with approximately 1.7 million tons (62.5 million bushels) and of this quantity the Government will want to hold at least half to one million tons (18.4 to 36.7 million bushels) as a reserve.

Official Grain The Ministry of Agriculture announced their second estimates
Estimates - 1952-53 on wheat and flax, the former being revised upwards by 414,000 tons (15,212,000 bushels) and the latter being revised downwards by 50,000 tons (1,968,000 bushels). There were no changes announced on the oats, barley and rye estimates. The new estimates and comparative figures for previous years are as follows:

Argentine Grain

| Grain | Acreage | | | Production | | |
|---------------|--------------------|---------|---|----------------------|---------|---|
| | 1952-53 | 1951-52 | Ten-year Average ended 1951-52 | 1952-53 | 1951-52 | Ten-year Average ended 1951-52 |
| | - thousand acres - | | | - thousand bushels - | | |
| Wheat | 14,962 | 11,834 | 14,979 | 286,601 <u>1/</u> | 77,162 | 189,403 |
| Oats | 3,538 | 2,936 | 3,907 | 65,931 | 28,400 | 47,678 |
| Barley | 2,741 | 2,153 | 2,234 | 50,880 | 15,446 | 30,125 |
| Rye | 5,768 | 4,932 | 4,522 | 49,391 | 3,197 | 13,810 |
| Flaxseed | 2,443 | 1,584 | 3,993 | 22,440 <u>1/</u> | 12,338 | 33,809 |

1/ Second official estimate.

Grain Shipments Wheat comprised 55,164 metric tons (2,027,000 bushels) of the month's total grain shipments of 147,971 tons. India received 35,871 tons (1,318,000 bushels) of wheat, bringing the total receipts to date under the 255,000 tons (9,370,000 bushels) barter deal for jute to 57,382 tons (2,108,000 bushels). The month marked the first shipment of wheat to Italy since 1951, totalling 13,640 tons (501,000 bushels) in February and 9,200 tons (338,000 bushels) are presently being loaded at Bahia Blanca for that country, the first shipment to be made from the current harvest from the southern grain belt. Paraguay received 5,653 tons (208,000 bushels) of wheat in February.

France was the principal customer for corn in February, receiving 31,251 tons (1,230,000 bushels) of the total of 62,095 tons (2,445,000 bushels), followed by the United Kingdom with 13,766 tons (542,000 bushels). Sweden, Brazil and Italy received 8,300 tons (327,000 bushels) 5,603 tons (221,000 bushels) and 3,000 tons (118,000 bushels) respectively, the balance of 175 tons (7,000 bushels) being shipped to the Netherlands.

Barley shipments at 21,677 tons (996,000 bushels) were destined for the the United Kingdom, 13,327 tons (612,000 bushels); Finland, 6,850 (315,000 bushels) and Israel, 1,500 tons (69,000 bushels). Norway and France received 5,335 tons (210,000 bushels) and 1,000 tons (39,000 bushels) of rye respectively and Switzerland was the sole customer for oats with 2,700 tons (175,000 bushels).

Cumulative grain shipments in the first two months of 1953 total 279,133 tons compared with 411,563 tons in the corresponding period last year and 550,727 tons in 1951, 839,323 in 1950 and 797,811 tons in 1949. The following table shows shipments of allgrains in the first two months of 1953 with comparative data for recent years:

Argentine Grain Shipments, January—February, 1953

| Destination | Wheat | Corn | Flax | Oats | Rye | Barley |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | |
| Belgium | - | - | - | - | - | 92 |
| Brazil | - | 1,951 | - | - | - | - |
| Finland | - | - | - | - | - | 315 |
| France | - | 2,393 | - | - | 39 | - |
| India | 2,108 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Israel | - | - | - | - | - | 253 |
| Italy | 501 | 126 | - | - | - | - |
| Netherlands | - | 7 | - | - | - | - |
| Norway | - | - | - | - | 210 | - |
| Paraguay | 338 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sweden | - | 327 | - | - | - | - |
| Switzerland | - | - | - | 175 | - | - |
| United Kingdom .. | - | 1,004 | - | - | - | 1,285 |
| Totals | 2,948 | 5,808 | - | 175 | 249 | 1,944 |
| Same period: | | | | | | |
| 1952 | 2,008 | 6,973 | 817 | 1,879 | 2,133 | 3,484 |
| 1951 | 17,473 | 150 | 2,041 | 484 | 239 | 276 |
| 1950 | 20,228 | 7,646 | - | 2,576 | 401 | 2,051 |
| 1949 | 16,151 | 12,114 | - | 1,168 | 715 | 660 |

Shipments during the first quarter of the crop year 1952-53 totalled 376,068 tons compared with 562,903 tons and 732,905 tons in 1951-52 and 1950-51 respectively. The following table gives the breakdown of grains shipped:

Argentine Grain Shipments, December 1, 1952—February 28, 1953

| First Quarter Crop Year | Wheat | Corn | Flax | Oats | Rye | Barley |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | |
| 1952-53 | 3,167 | 9,126 | - | 175 | 249 | 2,252 |
| 1951-52 | 3,529 | 8,685 | 1,352 | 3,350 | 2,808 | 4,084 |
| 1950-51 | 22,425 | 295 | 2,914 | 1,614 | 239 | 463 |

Increase in Price of Bread The Confederation of Bakers' on February 11 announced an increase of 40 centavos per kilo (3.6 cents per pound) in the retail price of bread. This brings the price of French type bread to 1.60 pesos per kilo (14.5 cents per pound) in the Federal Capital and is a provisional arrangement until such time as a definite price is fixed. The price of flour to bakers is 8.05 pesos and 7.85 pesos per 10 kilos (\$7.30 and \$7.12 per hundredweight) for 1st and 2nd grades respectively compared with 5.80 pesos (\$5.26 per hundredweight) established last year for 2nd grade.

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

A revised estimate of the 1952 wheat crop in Australia places it at 193.0 million bushels, 13.2 million over the previous estimate of 179.8 million. This increase brings the total estimated supplies for the current crop year to 209.9 million bushels, some 30.8 million over the 1951-52 figure. With domestic requirements estimated at 85.0 million bushels, the amount available for export and carryover for the crop year 1952-53 stands at 124.9 million bushels as compared with 97.7 million for 1951-52.

Australian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1952-53 <u>1/</u> | 1951-52 <u>2/</u> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) | 16.9 | 19.4 |
| New crop | 193.0 <u>3/</u> | 159.7 |
| Total estimated supplies | 209.9 | 179.1 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 85.0 | 81.4 |
| Available for export and carryover | 124.9 | 97.7 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 to February 28 .. | 8.9 | 9.4 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 to February 28 | 9.6 | 7.6 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 18.5 | 17.0 |
| Balance on March 1 for export and carryover | 106.4 | 80.7 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Subject to revision.

3/ Official estimate as of March 23, 1953.

Exports of wheat as grain in the period December 1 to February 28 of the current crop year amounted to 8.9 million bushels, slightly lower than the 9.4 million bushels exported in the same period last year. On the other hand, exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat at 9.6 million bushels exceed last year's shipments for the same period by two million bushels. The balance remaining on March 1, 1953 for export and carryover amounts to 106.4 million bushels as compared with 80.7 million at the same time last year.

Australian Cable The following cable, dated March 19, has been received from the Agricultural Secretary for Canada in Melbourne:

"Australian wheat stocks at March 14th totalled 157,722,000 bushels. Wheat shipments from December 1st 1952 to March 14th 1953 totalled 12,712,000 bushels. Flour exports from December 1st 1952 to March 14th 1953 totalled 221,248,000 long tons, with 63,635 tons to Ceylon, 35,610 tons to Malaya, 33,553 tons to the United Kingdom, 19,101 tons to India, 11,586 to Indonesia. Receipts of wheat by Wheat Board total 179 million bushels."

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

- March 3 - Major changes in the delivery quota for Western grains during the current crop year were announced by the Canadian Wheat Board following indications of an early opening of navigation on the Great Lakes. Changes effective immediately include the removal of delivery restrictions on rye, raising quotas on wheat, oats and barley to 15 bushels per seeded acre in Saskatchewan, bringing it in line with Alberta and Manitoba; and the removal of the embargo on shipments of grain from Manitoba to the Lakehead.
- March 6 - Broomhall reports a wheat barter deal between Argentina and Brazil. The barter agreement (according to the Broomhall report) covers some 55,000,000 bushels of Argentine wheat for which Brazil is to exchange unspecified quantities of bananas, coffee, timber and scrap iron.
- March 12 - The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimates wheat flour production in January at 19,783 thousand sacks. The average output per working day in January amounted to 942 thousand sacks, compared with 863 thousand sacks the previous month and 964 thousand sacks in January 1952. Wheat flour production in January 1953, amounted to 87.3 per cent of capacity, compared with 79.3 per cent the previous month.
- March 16 - The Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations estimates the 1952 world wheat crop at 7,320 million bushels. The 1951 world wheat crop was placed at 6,480 million.
- March 19 - In an announcement dated March 19 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, places the prospective seedings of all spring wheat for 1953 at 21.6 million acres, slightly more than the 21.5 million seeded last year and 12 per cent above the 1942-1951 average seedings. A total of 77.0 million acres of all wheat is indicated by combining the current prospective acreage of spring wheat with the seeded acreage of winter wheat as estimated last December. The total seeded acreage of all wheat for the 1952 crop was 77.4 million acres.
- March 23 - In a cable dated today the Commonwealth Statistician states the current Australian wheat crop is now estimated at 192,971,000 bushels from 10,107,000 acres. This is an increase of 13,161,000 bushels over the previous estimate.
- April 1 - According to press reports the Board of Governors of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange at a meeting yesterday morning declared the official opening of navigation would be effective at 10 a.m. today. This is the earliest official opening since 1902.

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