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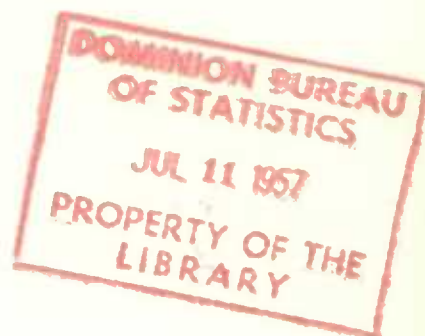
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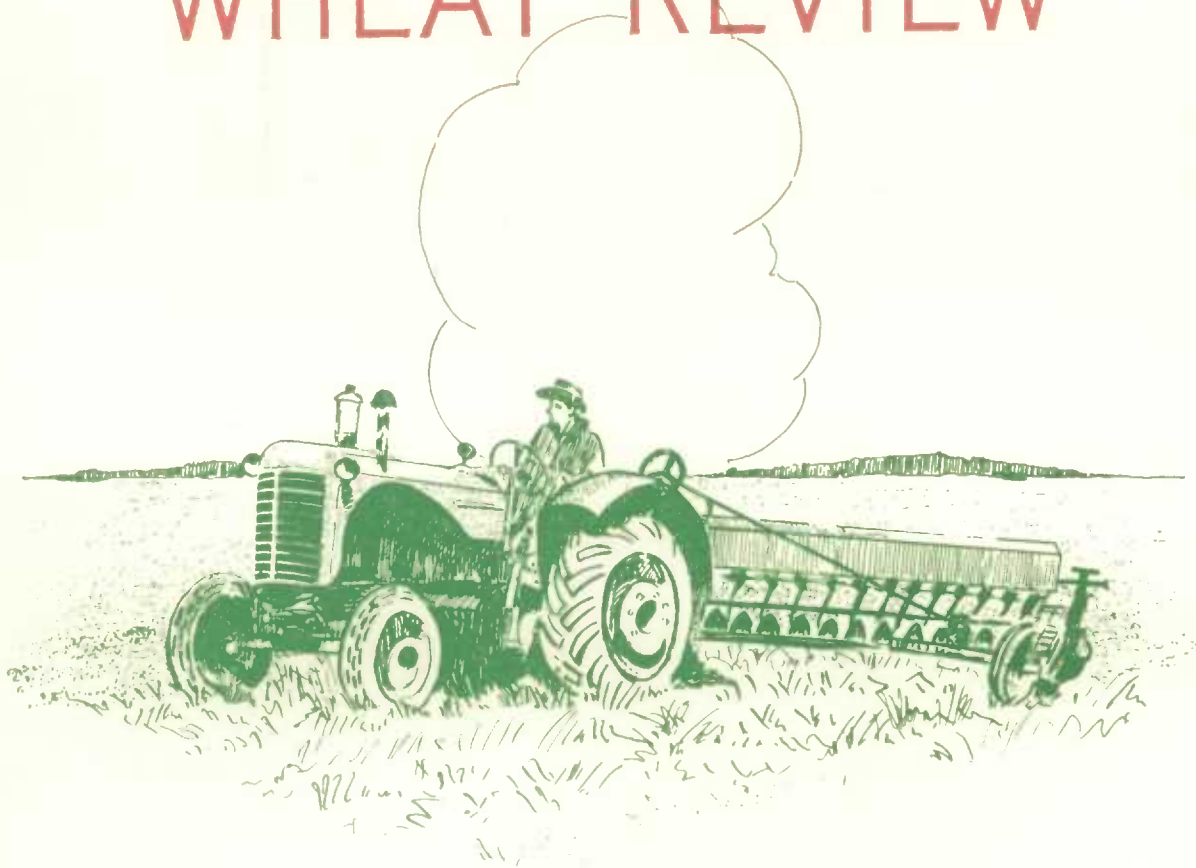


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WORLD WHEAT SITUATION

Current Supplies Latest available estimates indicate that supplies of wheat remaining on or about June 1, 1957 in the four major exporting countries amounted to some 1,853.3 million bushels, about 5 per cent less than the 1,943.9 million available a year ago. Supplies at June 1, 1957 (in millions of bushels) were held as follows, with comparable 1956 figures in brackets: United States, 943.4 (1,081.0); Canada 703.0 (615.8); Argentina, 117.2 (85.6); and Australia, 89.7 (161.5). Estimates for both years include on-farm stocks as well as those in commercial positions.

Exports Total exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat equivalent from the four major exporting countries during the first ten months (August-May) of the current Canadian crop year amounted to 856.4 million bushels, some 25 per cent greater than the 684.8 million exported during the corresponding period of 1955-56. Shipments from each of the four countries during the period August 1956-May 1957 and during the same ten months of the preceding six crop years are shown in the table below.

Exports of Wheat and Flour in Terms of Wheat, August-May, 1956-57
with Comparisons

| August-May | United States | Canada | Argentina | Australia | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| - million bushels - | | | | | |
| 1950-51 | 304.6 | 178.8 | 75.8 | 106.5 | 665.7 |
| 1951-52 | 413.5 | 268.5 | 24.1 | 81.1 | 787.2 |
| 1952-53 | 279.8 | 297.5 | 19.2 | 84.8 | 681.3 |
| 1953-54 | 170.7 | 209.1 | 94.1 | 52.2 | 526.1 |
| 1954-55 | 226.4 | 209.7 | 112.0 | 81.8 | 629.9 |
| 1955-56 <u>1/</u> | 267.7 | 234.6 | 97.9 | 84.6 | 684.8 |
| 1956-57 <u>2/</u> | 451.2 | 215.4 | 80.9 | 108.9 | 856.4 |

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary.

Record World Wheat Trade in 1956-57 According to the June 28 issue of "The Wheat Situation" preliminary data indicate that world wheat exports in 1956-57 will exceed the previous record by a substantial margin. The 1956-57 estimate (July-June crop year) of 1,210 million bushels exceeds the former record of 1,066 million bushels in 1951-52 by more than 13 per cent. Exports at this level will be 17 per cent above those of 1955-56 and 29 per cent above the 10-year 1946-55 average of 941 million bushels.

The increase in world trade is attributed to decreased domestic supplies in Europe due to serious crop damage in the winter of 1955-56, the very large increase in United States exports, due chiefly to special export programmes such as Public Law 480; and some increases in wheat consumption in various countries such as Japan. The larger wheat exports indicated for 1956-57 reflects much larger exports from the United States, substantial increases from Australia but decreases in exports from Canada and Argentina.

Notes on Northern Hemisphere Crops Preliminary reports indicate a relatively favourable outlook for the 1957 wheat crop in the Northern Hemisphere countries. A larger wheat crop than in 1956 now seems to be assured in Europe despite dry conditions reported in a number of areas. Increased production will be especially marked in France, where heavy winterkill reduced the outturn sharply last year. Other Western European countries reporting better prospects for this year's crop include

Yugoslavia, Italy, and Portugal. Prospects for other Danube Basin countries and Central Europe are also somewhat better than at this time last year. In 1956 crops in these countries were somewhat below average.

Wheat harvests recently completed in India and Pakistan were larger than in 1956, on the basis of preliminary reports. The crop in India is now placed at 321 million bushels, second only to the record 1954 production and 50 per cent above the 1945-1949 average. A larger wheat acreage accounts for the near-record outturn. Pakistan's current harvest is estimated at 135 million bushels, about the same as in 1954. Both acreage and yields are larger than in 1956.

Preliminary estimates place Japan's production at about 46.5 million bushels. This is less than the crops of the past 3 years and is somewhat less than had been expected earlier in the season. The reduction is attributed to drought. In Turkey also, drought is a factor in current prospects. Drought for a second year in the important producing Anatolian Plateau makes the outlook there uncertain. Wheat development is about 3 weeks later than usual, and the extent of rainfall during the remainder of the season will determine the final returns.

The United States wheat crop is forecast at 971 million bushels, compared with 997 million in 1956. The reduction is in spring wheat, now forecast at 235 million bushels, compared with 262 million. Mexico's wheat production is at an alltime high. The current estimate of 44 million bushels exceeds the previous record in 1956 by 9 per cent. Both acreage and yields are larger than in 1956. In Canada, crop conditions are quite favourable apart from rather extensive areas in Saskatchewan and Alberta where rain is needed to halt deterioration.

FAO Grains Group
Holds First Session

The Food and Agriculture Organization Group on Grains established by the Committee on Commodity Problems last March, held its first session at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) from May 27 to 31. This Group is an intergovernmental body charged with studying world economic problems in connection with wheat and coarse grains. The terms of reference of the FAO Group on Grains embrace the gathering and dissemination of statistical information on grain production, consumption and trade; the study of world market trends and the analysis of national policies and their international repercussions.

This first session will be of a preparatory character, dealing mainly with organizational matters and the preparation of a programme of work. The latter will include such topics as:

The supply and demand situation; production, trade and price trends and outlook;

Improvement of statistics so as to give a more complete picture of supplies and utilization of grains in more countries;

Repercussions on the world market of national policies in regard to production, prices and trade and on the volume and structure of international transactions; and the possibilities of lessening the present imbalance in the grain supply and demand situation - particularly through measures to prevent the accumulation of surpluses.

Membership in the Group is open to all interested countries. The International Wheat Council is participating and arrangements are being made for the collaboration of its Secretariat with that of FAO in servicing the Group.

International Wheat Agreement Sales and Purchases for Crop Year 1956-57

| Importing Countries | Guaranteed Quantities | S O U R C E | | | | | | | Total Purchases | Remainder |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| | | Canada | Argentina | Australia | France | Sweden | U.S.A. | | | |
| | | 1/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | | | |
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 3,674 | 90 | - | - | - | - | 373 | 463 | 3,211 | |
| Belgium | 16,535 | 1,741 | - | 4 | - | - | 5,062 | 6,807 | 9,728 | |
| Bolivia | 4,042 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,356 | 3,356 | 686 | |
| Brazil | 7,349 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,349 | |
| Costa Rica | 1,470 | 392 | - | - | - | - | 1,031 | 1,423 | 47 | |
| Cuba 4/ | 7,422 | 236 | - | - | - | - | 7,264 | 7,500 | - | |
| Denmark 4/ | 1,837 | 120 | - | - | - | 169 | 1,586 | 1,875 | - | |
| Dominican Republic .. | 1,102 | 334 | - | - | - | - | 706 | 1,040 | 62 | |
| Ecuador | 1,837 | 489 | - | - | - | - | 465 | 954 | 883 | |
| Egypt | 11,023 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11,023 | |
| El Salvador | 919 | 181 | - | - | - | - | 658 | 839 | 80 | |
| Germany | 55,116 | 17,308 | - | 6,652 | - | 5,539 | 25,681 | 55,180 | - | |
| Greece | 11,023 | - | - | - | - | - | 8,936 | 8,936 | 2,087 | |
| Guatemala 4/ | 1,470 | 191 | - | - | - | - | 1,279 | 1,470 | - | |
| Haiti | 2,204 | 239 | - | - | - | - | 1,317 | 1,556 | 648 | |
| Honduras Republic ... | 919 | 24 | - | - | - | - | 301 | 325 | 594 | |
| Iceland | 73 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 52 | 55 | 18 | |
| India 4/ | 7,349 | - | - | 7,177 | - | - | 173 | 7,350 | - | |
| Indonesia 4/ | 5,144 | - | - | 4,644 | - | - | 534 | 5,178 | - | |
| Ireland | 5,512 | 2,807 | - | 653 | - | - | 1,096 | 4,556 | 956 | |
| Israel | 8,267 | 1,669 | - | - | - | - | 5,493 | 7,162 | 1,105 | |
| Italy | 3,674 | - | - | - | - | - | 363 | 363 | 3,311 | |
| Japan 4/ | 36,744 | 16,008 | - | - | - | - | 21,390 | 37,398 | - | |
| Korea | 2,205 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,205 | |
| Lebanon | 2,756 | - | - | - | - | - | 254 | 254 | 2,502 | |
| Liberia | 73 | 9 | - | - | - | - | 42 | 51 | 22 | |
| Mexico | 3,674 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,674 | |
| Netherlands | 25,721 | 1,399 | - | 52 | - | 68 | 15,404 | 16,923 | 8,798 | |
| New Zealand 4/ | 5,879 | - | - | 5,879 | - | - | - | 5,879 | - | |
| Nicaragua | 367 | 109 | - | - | - | - | 254 | 363 | 4 | |
| Norway | 6,614 | 3,603 | 919 | - | - | 114 | 1,842 | 6,478 | 136 | |
| Panama | 1,102 | 165 | - | - | - | - | 532 | 697 | 405 | |
| Peru | 7,349 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 617 | 618 | 6,731 | |
| Philippines 4/ | 6,063 | 2,805 | - | 282 | - | - | 3,088 | 6,175 | - | |
| Portugal | 5,879 | 280 | - | 636 | - | - | 3,157 | 4,073 | 1,806 | |
| Saudi Arabia | 3,674 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,322 | 1,322 | 2,352 | |
| Spain | 4,593 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,593 | |
| Switzerland | 6,981 | 4,626 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,626 | 2,355 | |
| Union of S.Africa ... | 5,512 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,512 | |
| Vatican City 4/ | 551 | - | - | - | - | - | 551 | 551 | - | |
| Venezuela 4/ | 6,246 | 2,044 | - | - | - | - | 4,236 | 6,280 | - | |
| Yugoslavia | 3,674 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,517 | 3,517 | 157 | |
| Totals | 293,618 | 56,873 | 919 | 25,979 | - | 5,890 | 121,932 | 211,593 | | |
| Guaranteed Quantities (Exporting Countries) | | 99,739 | 14,246 | 29,329 | 16,027 | 6,233 | 128,044 | 293,618 | | |
| Balance | | 42,866 | 13,327 | 3,350 | 16,027 | 343 | 6,112 | 82,025 | | |

1/ Canadian Sales through June 25, 1957.

2/ Sales recorded by International Wheat Council through June 21, 1957.

3/ The quantities are the unfulfilled balances of the total guaranteed quantities for the year.

4/ Quota filled.

CANADIAN SITUATION

United States Import
Quota on Rye

On July 2, 1957 The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, referred to the announcement made on June 28 by the President of the United States to the effect that import restrictions on rye will be renewed for a further two years, as of July 1st. These restrictions, which limit imports of rye into the United States to 186,000,000 pounds per twelve-month period, and set a quota for Canada at 182,280,000, have been in effect for the last three years and were due to expire on June 30.

The United States Tariff Commission had recommended that the import quota on rye be reduced to 95,200,000 pounds, of which 93,296,000 pounds would be allocated to Canada and that it be maintained for an indefinite period. Mr. Churchill said that the Canadian Government had last week made strong representations to the United States Government urging that the restrictions on rye be discontinued.

He said that, while appreciating the decision by the United States Government to set a substantially higher quota than that which had been recommended by the Tariff Commission, he regretted that the United States Government had not found it possible to remove entirely these restrictions on Canadian trade.

Canadian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1955-56 1/ | 1956-57 2/ |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover in North America at beginning of crop year (August 1) | 499.7 | 540.6 |
| New crop | 494.1 | 537.8 |
| Imports of wheat, August-March | 3/ | 0.1 |
| Total estimated supplies | 993.9 | 1,078.4 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 144.2 | 160.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 849.7 | 918.4 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Overseas clearances of wheat as grain, August-May | 195.5 | 180.9 |
| Exports of Canadian wheat to U.S., August-May | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| Total exports of wheat | 201.2 | 185.4 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, August-May ... | 32.8 4/ | 30.0 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 233.9 | 215.4 |
| Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover | 615.8 | 703.0 |

- 1/ Subject to revision. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Less than 50,000 bushels.
4/ Adjusted for time lag in returns made by Customs.

Supply Position

Total supplies of wheat in Canada for the 1956-57 crop year, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 540.6 million bushels, the 1956 production of 537.8 million and August-March imports of some 0.1 million amount to an estimated 1,078.4 million bushels, about 9 per cent above the comparable 1955-56 total

of 993.9 million. After making an allowance of 160.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements a total of 918.4 million are available for export and for carry-over compared with 849.7 million in 1955-56.

Total exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first ten months of the 1956-57 crop year amounted to 215.4 million bushels, 8 per cent below the 233.9 million exported during the August-May period of 1955-56. The balance remaining on June 1, 1957 for export and for carry-over was estimated at 703.0 million bushels, 14 per cent greater than the 615.8 million available at June 1, 1956.

Marketings of wheat by farmers in the Prairie Provinces up to June 12 of the current crop year totalled 277.8 million bushels, exceeding by 12 per cent the comparable 1955-56 total of 248.7 million but 6 per cent below the ten-year (1945-46-1954-55) average marketings for the period of 296.4 million bushels. Deliveries during the four weeks, May 16 to June 12 amounted to 37.2 million bushels exceeding by a considerable margin the total of 26.1 million entering export and domestic channels, (Overseas clearances plus imports into United States plus Canadian domestic use). As a result, the visible supply of Canadian wheat, although declining slightly at the week ending May 22 increased from 364.2 million bushels at the week ending May 15 to 376.5 million at the week ending June 12. The corresponding totals in both 1956 and 1955 were considerably lower, at 333.3 million and 334.4 million bushels, respectively.

Wheat stocks in country elevators at June 12 this year amounted to 219.6 million bushels compared with 197.6 million a year ago and 181.8 million two years ago. "In transit rail" in the Western Division accounted for 14.3 million bushels, somewhat above both the 1956 figure of 11.3 million and the 1955 total of 10.9 million bushels. Lakehead stocks, at 40.5 million bushels were below last year's comparable total of 44.1 million but above the 35.3 million in this position two years ago. "In transit lake" accounted for 5.6 million bushels at June 12, 1957 compared with 7.9 million and 5.4 million at approximately the same date in 1956 and 1955, respectively. The 36.0 million bushels in Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports were considerably greater than last years total of 26.8 million but below the 40.6 million in 1955. Supplies in Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports, at 24.3 million bushels were sharply above last year's total of 6.6 million but relatively little changed from the 23.9 million of two years ago. Supplies in West coats ports (Vancouver-New Westminster, Victoria, Prince Rupert) amounted to 11.5 million bushels above the 9.4 million in this position at approximately June 12 in 1956 but relatively little changed from the 11.1 million in 1955.

May Exports of
Wheat and Flour Total
23.0 Million Bushels

Reflecting a substantial increase in exports of wheat as grain, combined exports of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during May 1957, amounted to 23.0 million bushels, exceeding by 46 per cent the April total of 15.7 million, but

46 per cent below the May 1956 figure of 42.3 million and 18 per cent below the ten-year (1946-1955) May average of 28.2 million bushels. Exports of wheat as grain totalled 20.7 million bushels as against 12.7 million during the preceding month and 38.5 million during May 1956. Preliminary Customs returns indicate that the equivalent of 2.3 million bushels of wheat was exported in the form of flour during May 1957, 24 per cent below the 3.1 million exported during April 1957 and 40 per cent lower than the adjusted May 1956 figure of 3.8 million bushels.

Total exports of wheat as grain during the August-May period of the current crop year amounted to 185.4 million bushels, 8 per cent below the comparable 1955-56 total of 201.2 million. The United Kingdom, as Canada's leading purchaser of wheat as grain received shipments totalling 66.3 million bushels, or 36

per cent of the August-May total. During the August-May period of 1955-56 shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom amounted to 77.6 million bushels. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat as grain during the first ten months of the current crop year with figures for the corresponding period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in millions of bushels: Federal Republic of Germany, 31.6 (22.6); Japan, 26.8 (20.2); Belgium, 11.8 (13.3); Switzerland, 9.2 (4.9); Netherlands, 8.1 (6.3); Poland, 5.7 (12.9); United States, 4.6 (5.7); Norway, 3.6 (3.3); Peru, 2.8 (0.1); Ireland, 2.4 (2.2); Italy, 2.3 (5.8); and France, 2.2 (1.0).

Cumulative exports of wheat flour during the first ten months of the 1956-57 crop year, based on preliminary Customs returns were the equivalent of 30.0 million bushels of wheat, 9 per cent lower than the adjusted August-May 1955-56 total of 32.8 million. As with wheat as grain the United Kingdom remained as the principal market for Canadian wheat flour. Shipments of flour to that country during the period under review amounted to the equivalent of 9.8 million bushels, accounting for 33 per cent of the ten-month total. Other major markets for Canadian wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, with revised data for the August-May period of the preceding crop year in brackets, were as follows, in thousands of bushels; Philippine Islands, 4,745 (5,105); Venezuela, 2,543 (2,998); United States, 1,489 (858); Trinidad and Tobago, 1,269 (1,829); Jamaica, 1,220 (1,222); Leeward and Windward Islands, 773 (881); Gold Coast, 729 (575); and Japan, 646 (586).

Delivery Policy

Durum Wheat The Canadian Wheat Board, in its Instructions to the Trade, re Quotas No. 106, under date of June 11, 1957 announced in part that "Effective Friday, June 14th, 1957, the delivery quota on Durum Wheat will be increased from twelve (12) bushels to fifteen (15) bushels per seeded acre of Durum Wheat, as shown on the individual producer's delivery permit book, subject to a minimum delivery quota of five hundred (500) bushels.

Crop and Weather Conditions

The telegraphic crop report, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on July 3, summarized crop conditions in each of the Prairie Provinces as follows:

The Manitoba crop outlook remains well above normal and favourable yields are in prospect if present conditions prevail. Except for local thunderstorms the weather was comparatively dry in western and northern sections during the past week. However, serious flooding occurred in the southeast of the province around St. Malo and Arnaud where as much as 50 per cent of the crop was destroyed. Weed spraying has been greatly hampered by wet weather in many areas. Fall rye is headed and filling, wheat and barley are in the shot blade and flax is up from two to eight inches. Thinning of sugar beets is about 60 per cent completed but some low spots have drowned out and weeds are a major problem. Grasshopper development has been retarded due to wet weather and luxuriant growth. Wherever necessary spraying programmes are being carried out with good results. Harvesting of a satisfactory hay crop is just getting under way. Pastures are good.

Throughout Saskatchewan crop progress has been variable during the past week but growth has been generally good where rain was received. However, at many points rainfall was only light and the crop advanced slowly. Some 50 per cent of the fields are in shot blade while in the central, west-central, and western portions of the northwest districts some early fields are heading. Wheat averages 11 inches and coarse grain 9 inches high. The general appearance and prospects are fair to good in most parts of the southern and central districts and also in parts of the northeast but additional rain is required to advance growth. The driest area is in the northwest where rain is urgently required to promote growth and prevent deterioration.

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Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from the Opening of Navigation to June 12, 1957
and to Approximately the Same Date, 1947 to 1956*

| Year | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed | Total |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | |
| 1947 | 45,593 | 13,592 | 6,256 | 1,527 | - | 66,968 |
| 1948 | 27,853 | 4,279 | 5,090 | 302 | 2,136 | 39,660 |
| 1949 | 59,124 | 6,820 | 8,001 | 4,304 | 3,923 | 82,171 |
| 1950 | 51,636 | 5,127 | 7,306 | 1,320 | 140 | 65,529 |
| 1951 | 44,002 | 15,684 | 11,881 | 2,762 | 405 | 74,734 |
| 1952 | 74,775 | 28,652 | 24,198 | 2,944 | 1,701 | 132,270 |
| 1953 | 88,255 | 24,387 | 35,992 | 4,278 | 1,453 | 154,365 |
| 1954 | 33,013 | 19,067 | 17,896 | 2,709 | 1,456 | 74,140 |
| 1955 | 58,140 | 10,496 | 23,828 | 4,876 | 2,189 | 99,528 |
| 1956 | 71,014 | 8,229 | 24,238 | 5,908 | 1,330 | 110,719 |
| 1957 | 57,275 | 11,757 | 16,713 | 2,323 | 4,492 | 92,559 |

* Shipments to the following dates: June 14, 1947; June 10, 1948; June 9, 1949; June 15, 1950; June 14, 1951; June 12, 1952; June 11, 1953; June 14, 1954; June 15, 1955, and June 13, 1956.

Total shipments of the five major grains out of Lakehead terminals from the opening of navigation to June 12 this year amounted to 92.6 million bushels compared with 110.7 million during the corresponding period of last year. However, the official opening of navigation was twelve days earlier last year, April 11 in 1956 as against April 23 in 1957. Shipments of wheat, at 57.3 million bushels, were below the 1956 comparable figure of 71.0 million, but accounted for 62 per cent of the current total. Shipments of oats and flaxseed were above 1956 levels but the movement of both barley and rye was smaller this year than last.

General Quota Position By June 25, 1957 the Canadian Wheat Board had been able to place 422 out of a total of 2,076 shipping points in the Western Division on a quota of 6 bushels per specified acre. Of the remainder, 1,044 were on a 5-bushel quota, 584 were on a 4-bushel quota while 26 stations were reported as "closed".

Summary of Elevator Shipping Points in Each Quota Group
as at June 25, 1957

| Province | General Quota in Bushels per Specified Acre | | | Closed Stations | Total |
|------------------------|--|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|
| | Four | Five | Six | | |
| Ontario | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Manitoba | 92 | 237 | 46 | 3 | 378 |
| Saskatchewan | 488 | 529 | 81 | 4 | 1,102 |
| Alberta | 3 | 277 | 292 | 18 | 590 |
| British Columbia | - | 1 | 3 | - | 4 |
| All Provinces | 584 | 1,044 | 422 | 26 | 2,076 |

Farmers' Marketings of Wheat in the Prairie Provinces, 1956-57

| Week ending | | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | Total | Last Year <u>1/</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| - bushels - | | | | | | |
| August | 8, 1956 | 826 | 70,774 | 14,549 | 86,149 | - |
| | 15 | 18,055 | 742,851 | 66,158 | 827,064 | 184,387 |
| | 22 | 142,030 | 1,413,145 | 329,074 | 1,884,249 | 2,360,263 |
| | 29 | 459,983 | 2,813,251 | 676,293 | 3,949,527 | 3,506,512 |
| September | 5 | 279,055 | 2,240,920 | 662,721 | 3,182,696 | 6,666,139 |
| | 12 | 312,017 | 2,681,903 | 745,801 | 3,739,721 | 7,118,649 |
| | 19 | 753,369 | 3,796,364 | 1,210,781 | 5,760,514 | 5,500,102 |
| | 26 | 1,772,551 | 4,293,970 | 1,522,428 | 7,588,949 | 3,018,220 |
| October | 3 | 1,510,041 | 4,790,015 | 2,457,413 | 8,757,469 | 3,866,628 |
| | 10 | 701,543 | 4,546,551 | 1,909,027 | 7,157,121 | 3,219,087 |
| | 17 | 918,095 | 5,422,458 | 2,288,436 | 8,628,989 | 3,973,996 |
| | 24 | 808,607 | 4,382,256 | 1,654,890 | 6,845,753 | 4,059,785 |
| | 31 | 1,159,223 | 5,805,260 | 2,920,981 | 9,885,464 | 4,097,732 |
| November | 7 | 936,430 | 5,894,263 | 2,542,238 | 9,372,931 | 4,782,434 |
| | 14 | 1,183,105 | 4,771,580 | 1,946,311 | 7,900,996 | 5,677,437 |
| | 21 | 1,432,780 | 4,609,244 | 2,410,512 | 8,452,536 | 5,617,423 |
| | 28 | 1,167,345 | 4,625,076 | 2,352,640 | 8,145,061 | 4,989,243 |
| December | 5 | 1,056,185 | 5,519,720 | 1,920,911 | 8,496,816 | 5,108,611 |
| | 12 | 485,589 | 3,904,761 | 1,102,641 | 5,492,991 | 6,497,442 |
| | 19 | 567,595 | 3,459,072 | 2,283,976 | 6,310,643 | 3,593,376 |
| | 26 | 596,199 | 3,320,846 | 1,588,953 | 5,505,998 | 2,915,047 |
| January | 2, 1957 | 687,364 | 4,183,037 | 2,683,372 | 7,553,773 | 3,869,362 |
| | 9 | 535,604 | 3,198,329 | 2,266,357 | 6,000,290 | 4,770,429 |
| | 16 | 381,414 | 1,642,591 | 1,393,851 | 3,417,856 | 5,720,894 |
| | 23 | 490,515 | 3,196,076 | 2,126,468 | 5,813,059 | 4,478,362 |
| | 30 | 336,162 | 3,341,732 | 1,043,217 | 4,721,111 | 5,621,608 |
| February | 6 | 411,892 | 4,471,145 | 2,682,972 | 7,566,009 | 4,688,793 |
| | 13 | 585,632 | 3,078,350 | 3,066,024 | 6,730,006 | 6,197,106 |
| | 20 | 454,761 | 3,698,074 | 2,823,268 | 6,976,103 | 2,522,791 |
| | 27 | 278,892 | 1,890,272 | 1,718,236 | 3,887,400 | 2,205,904 |
| March | 6 | 522,505 | 3,351,221 | 3,053,176 | 6,926,902 | 4,787,779 |
| | 13 | 396,488 | 2,487,210 | 3,723,007 | 6,606,705 | 3,136,556 |
| | 20 | 432,056 | 3,231,897 | 3,426,382 | 7,090,335 | 5,580,466 |
| | 27 | 450,331 | 3,507,781 | 2,697,603 | 6,655,715 | 6,383,786 |
| April | 3 | 417,685 | 2,495,677 | 1,487,871 | 4,401,233 | 3,103,210 |
| | 10 | 404,545 | 2,574,481 | 1,297,037 | 4,276,063 | 3,774,280 |
| | 17 | 475,886 | 2,967,102 | 1,263,883 | 4,706,871 | 4,384,065 |
| | 24 | 218,207 | 1,629,774 | 1,073,992 | 2,921,973 | 6,628,976 |
| May | 1 | 550,962 | 2,398,325 | 951,650 | 3,900,937 | 12,606,713 |
| | 8 | 749,231 | 5,627,130 | 1,134,343 | 7,510,704 | 13,015,095 |
| | 15 | 596,345 | 3,414,103 | 1,006,920 | 5,017,368 | 10,537,042 |
| | 22 | 422,537 | 3,461,466 | 1,057,151 | 4,941,154 | 8,490,497 |
| | 29 | 513,248 | 5,954,792 | 1,449,303 | 7,917,343 | 10,672,907 |
| June | 5 | 1,075,062 | 8,353,887 | 1,860,873 | 11,289,822 | 13,831,658 |
| | 12 | 1,471,558 | 9,071,658 | 2,480,333 | 13,023,549 | 14,907,284 |
| Totals | | 29,119,505 | 168,330,390 | 80,374,023 | 277,823,918 | 248,668,076 |
| Average similar period | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 — 1954-55 | | 34,782,095 | 172,525,944 | 89,106,669 | 296,414,708 | |

1/ Revised.

Visible Supply of Canadian Wheat, June 12, 1957
Compared with Approximately the Same Date, 1955 and 1956

| Position | 1955 | 1956. | 1957 |
|--|----------------------|---------|---------|
| | - thousand bushels - | | |
| Country elevators - Manitoba | 19,993 | 19,675 | 23,593 |
| Saskatchewan | 97,879 | 105,635 | 123,972 |
| Alberta | 63,930 | 72,318 | 72,074 |
| Totals | 181,801 | 197,628 | 219,638 |
| Interior private and mill | 6,449 | 7,294 | 6,927 |
| Interior terminals | 15,314 | 14,235 | 11,817 |
| Vancouver-New Westminster | 10,235 | 9,077 | 11,027 |
| Victoria | 842 | 317 | 439 |
| Prince Rupert | 53 | 37 | - |
| Churchill | 2,400 | 4,206 | 4,801 |
| Fort William-Port Arthur | 35,324 | 44,101 | 40,491 |
| In transit rail (Western Division) | 10,914 | 11,327 | 14,273 |
| Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports | 40,646 | 26,821 | 36,040 |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Ports | 23,917 | 6,639 | 24,268 |
| In transit lake | 5,404 | 7,885 | 5,577 |
| In transit rail (Eastern Division) | 726 | 3,047 | 907 |
| United States ports | 380 | 704 | 271 |
| Totals | 334,405 | 333,319 | 376,475 |

Grading of Wheat Inspected, August-May, 1956-57 with Comparisons

| Grade | Crop Year | | August-May | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Average | 1955-56 | 1955-56 | | 1956-57 | |
| | 1950-51— | | cars | per cent | cars | per cent |
| | 1954-55 | per cent | | | | |
| 1 Hard | 1/ | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 Manitoba Northern ... | 4.9 | 3.3 | 4,961 | 3.3 | 2,150 | 1.4 |
| 2 Manitoba Northern ... | 26.8 | 35.9 | 49,540 | 33.3 | 44,398 | 28.6 |
| 3 Manitoba Northern ... | 19.1 | 22.4 | 33,349 | 22.4 | 39,711 | 25.6 |
| 4 Manitoba Northern ... | 9.0 | 8.5 | 11,657 | 7.8 | 17,998 | 11.6 |
| 5 Wheat | 8.7 | 9.8 | 15,724 | 10.6 | 22,963 | 14.8 |
| 6 Wheat | 4.6 | 3.1 | 5,215 | 3.5 | 6,008 | 3.9 |
| Feed Wheat | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1,005 | 0.7 | 295 | 0.2 |
| Garnet | 0.6 | 0.4 | 569 | 0.4 | 193 | 0.1 |
| Amber Durum | 1.9 | 4.1 | 7,226 | 4.9 | 9,210 | 5.9 |
| Alberta Winter | 0.2 | 0.6 | 916 | 0.6 | 1,238 | 0.8 |
| Toughs 2/ 3/ | 18.2 | 6.5 | 11,679 | 7.9 | 5,473 | 3.5 |
| Dumps 2/ 4/ | 3.6 | 1/ | 16 | 1/ | 36 | 1/ |
| Rejected 2/ | 1.0 | 4.2 | 5,989 | 4.0 | 4,598 | 3.0 |
| All others | 0.5 | 0.6 | 807 | 0.5 | 872 | 0.6 |
| Totals | 100.0 | 100.0 | 148,653 | 100.0 | 155,143 | 100.0 |

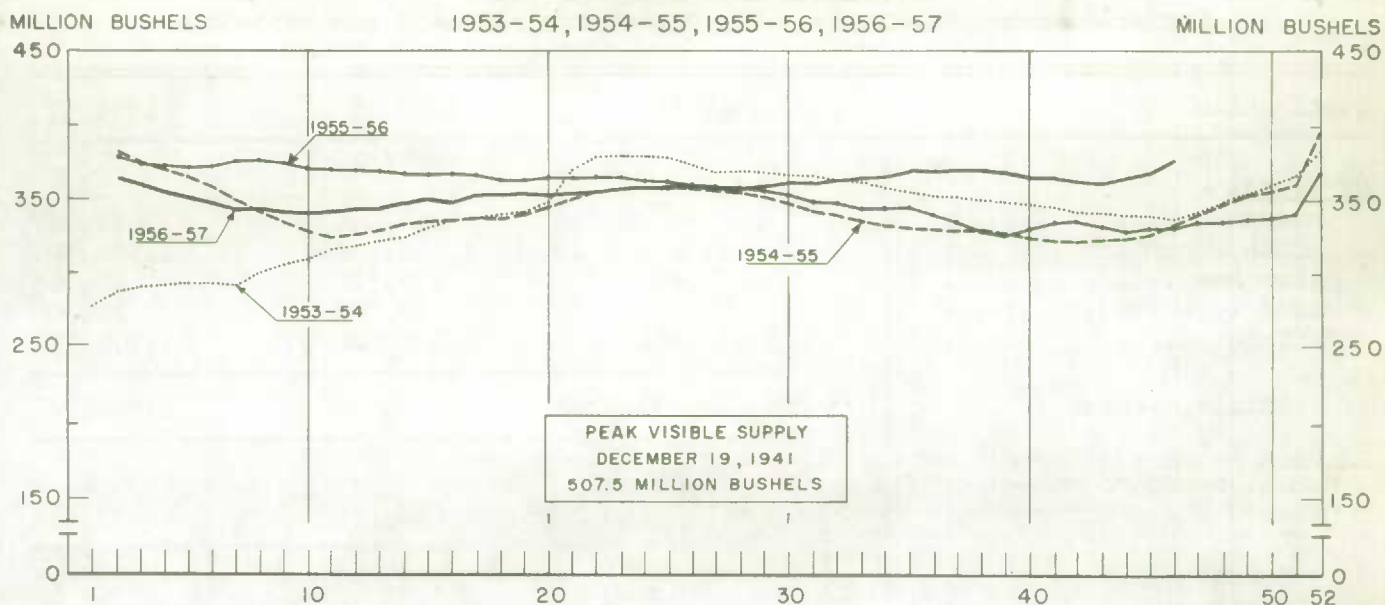
1/ Less than .05 per cent.

2/ All varieties and grades.

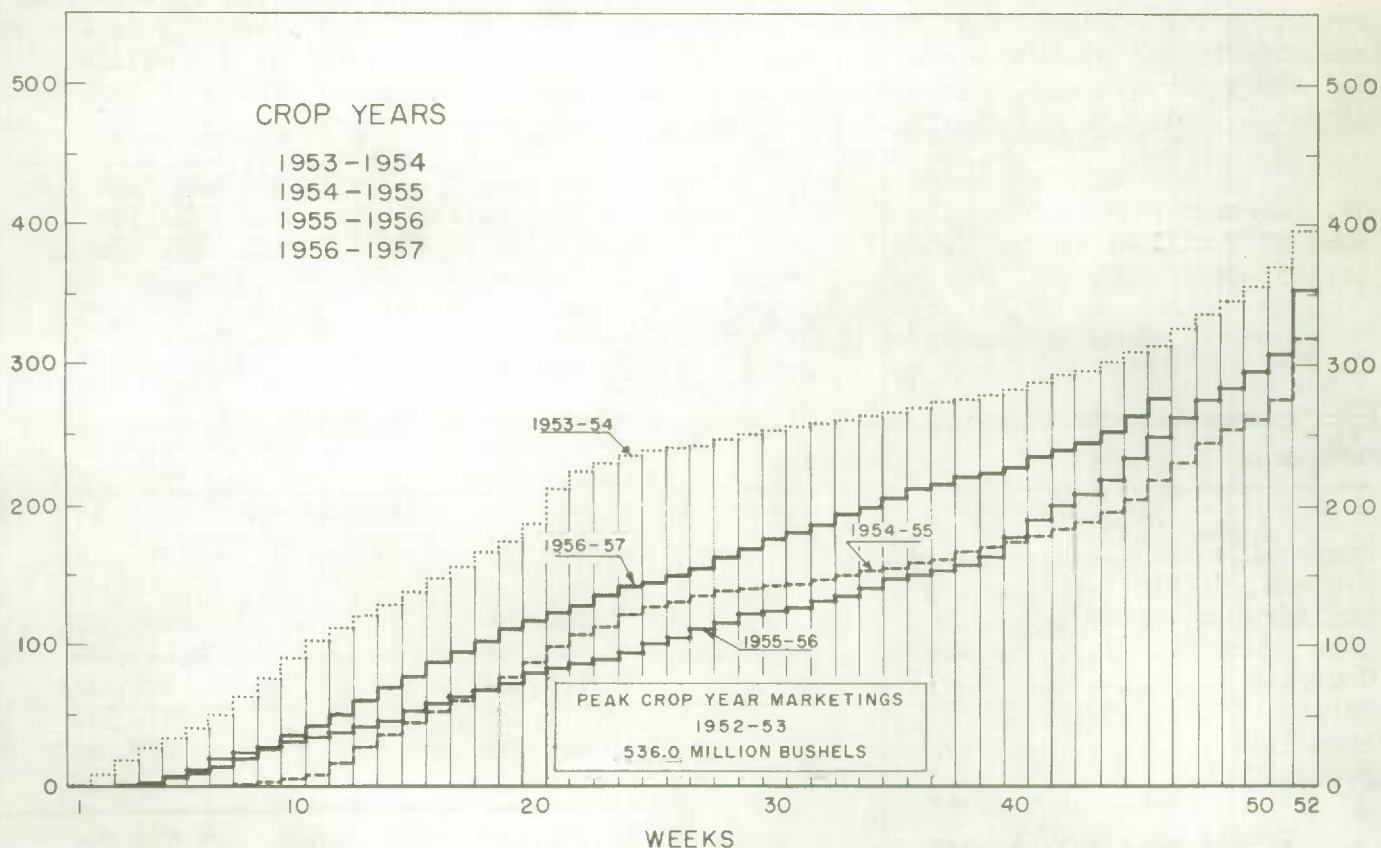
3/ Moisture content 14.9 to 17 per cent for Durum, 14.6 to 17 per cent for all other varieties.

4/ Moisture content over 17 per cent.

WEEKLY VISIBLE SUPPLY OF CANADIAN WHEAT



CUMULATIVE RECORD OF WHEAT MARKETINGS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES BY WEEKS



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

Wheat Shipments* to the United States by Destination
August 1, 1956 - June 12, 1957
Compared with Approximately the Same Period 1954-55 and 1955-56

| Destination | 1954-55 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | - bushels - | |
| <u>By Vessel</u> | | | |
| Chicago | - | 341,044 | 89,487 |
| Duluth Superior | 26,619 | 1,144,406 | 1,564,727 |
| Milwaukee | 71,923 | 170,524 | 27,745 |
| Huron | 80,000 | 40,000 | 30,000 |
| Buffalo | 3,450,161 | 4,305,420 | 2,976,268 |
| Totals, Vessel | 3,628,703 | 6,001,394 | 4,688,227 |
| <u>By Rail</u> | | | |
| U.S.A. Seaboard Ports ... | 35,822 | 1,335 | - |
| Other U.S.A. Points | 941,674 | 2,089,131 | 933,616 |
| Totals, Rail | 977,496 | 2,090,466 | 933,616 |
| Totals, Shipments | 4,606,199 | 8,091,860 | 5,621,843 |

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

Total shipments of wheat to the United States, either for re-export or retention for domestic use, from the beginning of the current crop year to June 12 amounted to 5.6 million bushels, below the comparable 1955-56 total of 8.1 million but above the 4.6 million bushels shipped during the corresponding period of 1954-55. Almost 4.7 million bushels of the current total was shipped by vessel.

Rail shipments of wheat to Maritime Ports from Bay, Lake and Upper St. Lawrence Ports during the first ten months of the current crop year totalled some 23.7 million bushels compared with 32.3 million shipped during the same months in 1955-56.

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

| Origin of Shipments | August 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956 | August 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | - bushels - | |
| Port McNicoll | 9,549,113 | 7,831,679 |
| Midland, Tiffin | 13,696,052 | 10,755,574 |
| Collingwood | 1,466,896 | 650,987 |
| Owen Sound | 3,505,705 | 2,143,234 |
| Goderich | 575,289 | 924,114 |
| Sarnia | 3,223,539 | 831,376 |
| Lakefield | 245,063 | 579,649 |
| Prescott | - | 3,112 |
| Totals | 32,261,657 | 23,719,725 |

Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, 1953-54-1956-57

| Month | 1953-54 | 1954-55 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| - bushels - | | | | |
| August | 191,336 | 61,070 | 56,951 | 100,667 |
| September | 236,030 | 50,633 | 64,033 | 70,324 |
| October | 173,043 | 46,053 | 63,975 | 120,535 |
| November | 138,440 | 81,253 | 148,576 | 240,628 |
| December | 347,824 | 179,272 | 477,622 | 613,482 |
| January | 510,486 | 352,109 | 2,340,921 | 792,000 |
| February | 368,662 | 318,009 | 1,735,097 | 490,778 |
| March | 555,518 | 245,958 | 1,599,503 | 338,534 |
| April | 378,681 | 169,137 | 300,913 | 161,104 |
| May | 253,606 | 68,878 | 91,534 | 73,212 |
| June | 37,349 | 43,600 | 91,162 | |
| July | 74,020 | 57,619 | 102,560 | |
| Totals | 3,264,995 | 1,673,591 | 7,072,847 | |

Distribution of Rail Shipments of Wheat from Fort William-Port Arthur, May, 1957

| Grade | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | U.S.A. |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| - bushels - | | | | | | |
| 2 Northern | - | - | - | - | 1,986 | - |
| 5 Wheat | 500 | 625 | - | 4,583 | 8,000 | - |
| 6 Wheat | - | 1,500 | 7,615 | 1,500 | - | 3,500 |
| Toughs | - | - | - | 2,869 | - | - |
| Rejected | - | - | - | 10,500 | - | - |
| Amber Durum | - | - | - | 9,500 | 15,000 | - |
| All Others | - | - | - | - | 5,534 | - |
| Totals | 500 | 2,125 | 7,615 | 28,952 | 30,520 | 3,500 |

Overseas Exports of Canadian Grain by Ports of Loading, August 1, 1956-June 12, 1957, with Comparisons

| Ports | Wheat | Oats | Barley | Rye | Flaxseed |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| - bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>Pacific Seaboard</u> | | | | | |
| Vancouver-New Westminster ... | 86,763,228 | 308,199 | 20,087,931 | - | 1,986,402 |
| Victoria | 873,003 | - | - | - | 632,523 |
| Prince Rupert | 37,417 | - | 7,714,419 | - | - |
| <u>Churchill</u> | 16,250,320 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>St. Lawrence</u> | | | | | |
| Montreal | 42,674,355 | 179,459 | 14,988,970 | 229,937 | 8,960,324 |
| Sorel | 5,796,426 | - | 3,916,533 | - | 165,076 |
| Three Rivers | 7,478,200 | - | 853,520 | - | - |
| Quebec | 8,403,108 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Maritime</u> | | | | | |
| Saint John | 1,077,066 | - | - | - | 35,993 |
| West Saint John | 8,862,007 | - | 784,512 | 5,946 | 4,719,318 |
| Halifax | 8,867,673 | - | - | 818,496 | 2,647,550 |
| <u>U.S. Atlantic Seaboard</u> | 480,137 | - | - | - | 195,983 |
| Totals | 187,562,940 | 487,658 | 48,345,885 | 1,054,379 | 19,343,169 |
| August 1, 1955-June 13, 1956 .. | 214,043,549 | 1,697,599 | 28,132,176 | 6,808,484 | 10,323,097 |

Freight Assistance Shipments Claims filed for payment up to May 31, 1957 represent the movement of some 14.8 million bushels of wheat from the Prairie Provinces to Eastern Canada and British Columbia under the freight assistance policy during the August-April period of the current crop year. This preliminary total, subject to upward revision with the filing of additional claims, already surpasses by 13 per cent the revised total of 13.1 million bushels moved during the same period of the 1955-56 crop year. Shipments amounting to 6.5 million bushels to Ontario and 4.8 million to Quebec accounted for 44 per cent and 33 per cent, respectively, of the nine-month total.

Provincial Distribution of Wheat Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-April, 1956-57 and 1955-56

| Month | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | B.C. | Total |
|----------------------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | | | | |
| August, 1956 | 7 | 44 | 99 | 52 | 600 | 1,109 | 303 | 2,214 |
| September | 8 | 26 | 92 | 58 | 742 | 782 | 226 | 1,934 |
| October | 14 | 15 | 116 | 60 | 741 | 796 | 283 | 2,024 |
| November | 14 | 9 | 90 | 63 | 605 | 787 | 268 | 1,837 |
| December | 10 | 31 | 97 | 37 | 534 | 734 | 249 | 1,691 |
| January, 1957 | 8 | 16 | 96 | 43 | 500 | 633 | 269 | 1,565 |
| February | 4 | 13 | 87 | 33 | 367 | 579 | 148 | 1,230 |
| March | 6 | 11 | 78 | 38 | 442 | 544 | 135 | 1,254 |
| April | 4 | 13 | 75 | 28 | 313 | 579 | 13 | 1,025 |
| Totals 1/ | 75 | 179 | 830 | 411 | 4,844 | 6,542 | 1,892 | 14,773 |
| Same period 1955-56: | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary 2/ | 61 | 177 | 691 | 414 | 4,750 | 4,625 | 1,645 | 12,363 |
| Revised 1/ | 68 | 189 | 714 | 429 | 4,921 | 4,824 | 1,915 | 13,059 |

Preliminary data on millfeed shipments under the freight assistance policy indicate the movement of 382,116 tons during the first nine months of the 1956-57 crop year, only 1 per cent below the comparable 1955-56 figure of 385,796 tons. As with freight-assisted shipments of wheat, the current crop year total is based on claims submitted up to May 31, 1957 and may be subject to considerable upward revision with the filing of additional claims. Shipments amounting to 184,473 tons and 119,705 tons to destinations in Quebec and Ontario, respectively, accounted for a combined 80 per cent of the August-April total.

Provincial Distribution of Millfeed Shipments under the Freight Assistance Policy
August-April, 1956-57 and 1955-56

| Province | 1955-56 | | 1956-57 |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| | Preliminary 2/ | Revised 1/ | Preliminary 1/ |
| - tons - | | | |
| Newfoundland | 2,530 | 2,897 | 3,207 |
| Prince Edward Island | 5,582 | 5,932 | 5,028 |
| Nova Scotia | 25,463 | 26,898 | 25,808 |
| New Brunswick | 22,358 | 23,498 | 20,121 |
| Quebec | 190,838 | 203,316 | 184,473 |
| Ontario | 110,522 | 116,694 | 119,705 |
| British Columbia | 28,503 | 32,756 | 23,774 |
| Totals | 385,796 | 411,991 | 382,116 |

1/ Based on claims filed up to May 31, 1957.

2/ Based on claims filed up to May 31, 1956.

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

| Year and Month | Overseas Clearances of Canadian Wheat 1/ | Exports of Canadian Wheat to U.S.A. for Domestic Use and Milling in Bond 2/ | Customs 3/ Exports of Canadian Wheat Flour | Total | Customs 3/ Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour |
|----------------------|--|---|--|---------|---|
| - thousand bushels - | | | | | |
| <u>1954-55</u> | | | | | |
| August | 15,666 | 185 | 3,326 | 19,177 | 18,481 |
| September | 25,744 | 209 | 3,699 | 29,653 | 28,460 |
| October | 20,046 | 882 | 4,063 | 24,990 | 28,269 |
| November | 20,160 | 331 | 3,145 | 23,636 | 21,526 |
| December | 16,201 | 131 | 3,132 | 19,465 | 22,001 |
| January | 14,792 | 335 | 2,850 | 17,976 | 17,184 |
| February | 14,102 | 96 | 3,181 | 17,379 | 17,706 |
| March | 16,719 | 173 | 3,564 | 20,456 | 17,603 |
| April | 12,705 | 152 | 4,844 | 17,701 | 20,080 |
| May | 15,041 | 531 | 3,649 | 19,221 | 20,175 |
| June | 18,510 | 1,048 | 2,710 | 22,268 | 21,992 |
| July | 17,143 | 386 | 2,458 | 19,987 | 19,491 |
| Totals .. | 206,829 | 4,458 | 40,622 | 251,909 | 252,968 |
| <u>1955-56</u> | | | | | |
| August | 19,777 | 469 | 3,003 | 23,250 | 22,228 |
| September | 14,877 | 292 | 3,816 | 18,985 | 16,718 |
| October | 14,075 | 416 | 3,091 | 17,582 | 19,776 |
| November | 16,447 | 440 | 3,839 | 20,726 | 21,362 |
| December | 10,323 | 429 | 2,810 | 13,562 | 15,953 |
| January | 19,053 | 476 | 2,742 | 22,270 | 20,969 |
| February | 16,985 | 537 | 3,069 | 20,592 | 22,066 |
| March | 17,631 | 130 | 3,353 | 21,115 | 23,027 |
| April | 28,974 | 1,333 | 3,207 | 33,514 | 32,360 |
| May | 37,350 | 1,768 | 3,846 | 42,964 | 39,712 |
| June | 42,219 | 1,246 | 3,656 | 47,121 | 49,735 |
| July | 24,233 | 322 | 3,565 | 28,120 | 29,724 |
| Totals .. | 261,943 | 7,858 | 40,000 | 309,801 | 313,630 |
| <u>1956-57 4/</u> | | | | | |
| August | 26,107 | 223 | 3,434 | 29,764 | 27,147 |
| September | 24,477 | 146 | 2,781 | 27,403 | 26,467 |
| October | 20,683 | 222 | 3,359 | 24,265 | 27,449 |
| November | 20,577 | 875 | 3,196 | 24,648 | 25,790 |
| December | 17,028 | 834 | 2,907 | 20,770 | 22,936 |
| January | 14,431 | 487 | 3,343 | 18,261 | 22,624 |
| February | 11,938 | 115 | 2,797 | 14,850 | 17,348 |
| March | 13,735 | 168 | 2,776 | 16,680 | 15,924 |
| April | 12,380 | 296 | 3,055 | 15,731 | 16,737 |
| May | 19,494 | 1,231 | 2,317 | 23,041 | 21,161 |
| Totals .. | 180,852 | 4,595 | 29,967 | 215,414 | 223,584 |

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/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Exports for crop years 1954-55 and 1955-56 adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs for both wheat and wheat flour. Wheat flour conversion rate: 4.5 bushels per barrel of 196 pounds for 1954-55 and 2.3 bushels per cwt. for 1955-56.

4/ Subject to revision. Unadjusted Customs returns. Wheat flour conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1956-57

| Destination | February | May | | August-May | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 3/ |
| | | | - bushels - | | |
| <u>COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 752,482 | 946,712 | 5,595,127 | 9,823,953 | 66,340,794 |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| British East Africa | - | - | - | 1,030 | - |
| Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland . | 1,030 | 1,030 | 24,267 | 6,044 | 166,507 |
| Gambia | - | - | - | 9,248 | - |
| Gold Coast | 80,328 | 41,239 | - | 729,114 | - |
| Mauritius and Seychelles | - | - | - | 773 | - |
| Nigeria | 28,336 | 12,390 | - | 212,807 | - |
| Other British West Africa | - | - | - | 12,880 | - |
| Sierra Leone | 19,688 | 9,660 | - | 183,176 | - |
| Union of South Africa | - | - | - | - | 473,872 |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Ceylon | - | 51,520 | - | 440,496 | - |
| Cyprus | - | - | - | - | 371,000 |
| Hong Kong | 49,360 | 33,515 | 19,600 | 463,314 | 297,836 |
| India | - | - | - | 173 | - |
| Malaya and Singapore | 53,696 | 27,013 | - | 348,581 | - |
| Pakistan | - | - | - | 3,087 | 975,533 |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Gibraltar | 10,304 | 5,152 | - | 77,936 | - |
| Malta | - | - | 39,280 | - | 1,177,867 |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| Bahamas | 11,650 | 25,528 | - | 215,407 | - |
| Barbados | 16,378 | 10,704 | - | 221,140 | 833 |
| Bermuda | 10,596 | 9,584 | - | 98,428 | - |
| British Honduras | - | 662 | - | 13,227 | - |
| Jamaica | 80,744 | 140,829 | - | 1,219,819 | 4,600 |
| Leeward and Windward Islands | 81,413 | 37,847 | - | 772,559 | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 122,509 | 53,179 | - | 1,268,832 | - |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| British Guiana | 2,406 | 2,450 | - | 245,898 | - |
| Totals, Commonwealth Countries .. | 1,320,920 | 1,409,014 | 5,678,274 | 16,367,922 | 69,808,842 |
| <u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | | |
| Azores and Madeira | 844 | - | - | 19,884 | - |
| Belgian Congo | 5,957 | 13,782 | - | 301,737 | - |
| Liberia | 736 | 844 | - | 9,786 | - |
| Morocco | 253 | - | - | 15,433 | - |
| Portuguese East Africa | 1,546 | 2,576 | - | 17,549 | 142,800 |
| Portuguese West Africa | 4,313 | 1,210 | - | 28,916 | - |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | | |
| Arabia | 2,611 | 773 | - | 32,879 | 18,660 |
| Iran | 202 | - | - | 202 | - |
| Israel | - | - | - | - | 1,668,800 |
| Japan | 40,733 | 56,203 | 3,184,779 | 646,447 | 26,790,980 |
| Lebanon | 15,355 | - | - | 253,474 | - |
| Okinawa | - | - | - | - | 189,243 |
| Philippine Islands | 760,647 | 225,462 | - | 4,744,610 | - |
| Portuguese Asia | 25,116 | 14,885 | - | 144,527 | - |
| Syria | - | - | - | 775 | - |
| Thailand | 35,907 | 6,152 | - | 365,670 | - |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| Austria | - | - | 37,333 | - | 1,716,027 |
| Belgium | 15,456 | 36,165 | 707,093 | 485,971 | 11,781,217 |
| Denmark | - | - | - | 9,120 | 326,517 |

Exports of Canadian Wheat and Wheat Flour by Destination, 1956-57

| Destination | February | May | | August-May | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Wheat Flour 1/ | Wheat Flour 1/ | Wheat 2/ - bushels - | Wheat Flour 2/ | Wheat 2/ |
| <u>FOREIGN COUNTRIES</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | | |
| France | - | - | 1,094,613 | - | 2,203,753 |
| Germany, Federal Republic | - | - | 1,821,652 | 115 | 31,580,092 |
| Greece | - | - | - | 2,583 | - |
| Iceland | - | 1,610 | - | 9,343 | - |
| Ireland | - | - | 212,800 | - | 2,435,814 |
| Italy | - | - | - | 2,300 | 2,346,595 |
| Netherlands | 644 | 322 | 937,122 | 4,669 | 8,064,327 |
| Norway | - | - | 92,736 | - | 3,602,797 |
| Poland | - | - | 5,183,879 | - | 5,711,399 |
| Portugal | 3,668 | - | - | 39,433 | - |
| Sweden | 1,518 * | 253 | - | 5,775 | - |
| Switzerland | - * | - | 447,270 | 230 | 9,172,584 |
| Yugoslavia | - | - | - | 2,703 | - |
| <u>North America</u> | | | | | |
| American Virgin Islands | 805 | 690 | - | 8,890 | - |
| Costa Rica | 31,073 | 36,919 | - | 372,993 | - |
| Cuba | 16,238 | 14,605 | - | 263,359 | 1,916 |
| Dominion Republic | 30,633 | 25,300 | - | 329,546 | - |
| El Salvador | 11,385 | 11,847 | - | 208,603 | 11,023 |
| French West Indies | 460 | - | - | 5,463 | - |
| Guatemala | 7,475 | 3,543 | 22,046 | 114,128 | 123,104 |
| Haiti | 14,260 | 10,465 | - | 212,361 | - |
| Honduras | 5,290 | 1,955 | - | 50,637 | - |
| Netherlands Antilles | 13,317 | 8,333 | - | 113,767 | - |
| Nicaragua | 25,206 | 14,283 | - | 208,748 | - |
| Panama | 24,826 | 12,593 | - | 181,284 | - |
| St. Pierre and Miquelon | 1,838 | 5,311 | - | 20,797 | - |
| United States | | | | | |
| Flour in terms of wheat | 167,325 | 299,782 | - | 1,488,797 | - |
| For Milling in bond 4/ | - | - | 858,581 | - | 989,042 |
| For Domestic use 4/ | - | - | 371,925 | - | 3,606,086 |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | | |
| French Oceania | - | - | - | 28,228 | - |
| Guam | 1,840 | 1,840 | - | 17,250 | - |
| <u>South America</u> | | | | | |
| Chile | - | - | - | 115 | - |
| Colombia | 4,255 | 4,370 | - | 108,946 | - |
| Ecuador | - | - | 74,666 | - | 322,446 |
| Peru | 1,150 | 575 | - | 16,675 | 2,805,600 |
| Surinam | 14,628 | 7,981 | - | 161,377 | - |
| Venezuela | 132,899 | 86,977 | - | 2,542,639 | 27,759 |
| Totals, Foreign Countries | 1,420,409 | 907,605 | 15,046,495 | 13,598,734 | 115,638,581 |
| Totals, All Countries | 2,741,329 | 2,316,619 | 20,724,769 | 29,966,656 | 185,447,423 |

1/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Adjusted to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

2/ In terms of wheat equivalent. Unadjusted Canadian Customs returns. Conversion rate: 2.3 bushels per cwt.

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.

* November figures in the March 1957 issue of this publication should read: Sweden 2,535 bushels and Switzerland nil instead of Sweden nil and Switzerland 2,535 bushels.

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Fort William-Port Arthur

| Class and Grade | Week ending | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | May 31 | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 |

- cents and eighths per bushel -

Initial Payment to Producers

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Northern | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| 2 Northern | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 3 Northern | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| 4 Northern | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
| 5 Wheat | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| 6 Wheat | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 |
| Feed Wheat | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 117 | 117 | 117 | 117 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 119 | 119 | 119 | 119 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 147 | 147 | 147 | 147 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |

International Wheat Agreement

and Domestic Sales

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 163/2 | 162/6 | 162/5 | 162/4 |
| 2 Northern | 159/2 | 158/6 | 158/5 | 158/4 |
| 3 Northern | 153/5 | 152/6 | 152/5 | 152/3 |
| 4 Northern | 145/5 | 144/6 | 144/5 | 144/3 |
| 5 Wheat | 134/5 | 133/6 | 132/3 | 129/1 |
| 6 Wheat | 125/6 | 123/6 | 123/2 | 121/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 124/6 | 122/6 | 122/2 | 120/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147 | 146/6 | 146/5 | 146/4 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 154/6 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 151/6 | 150/6 | 150/5 | 150/4 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 149/6 | 148/6 | 148/5 | 148/4 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 196/7 | 196/6 | 196/5 | 196/4 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 195/7 | 195/6 | 195/5 | 195/4 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 193/7 | 193/6 | 193/5 | 193/4 |

Exports - Class II

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Northern | 163/2 | 162/6 | 162/5 | 162/4 |
| 2 Northern | 159/2 | 158/6 | 158/5 | 158/4 |
| 3 Northern | 153/5 | 152/6 | 152/5 | 152/3 |
| 4 Northern | 145/5 | 144/6 | 144/5 | 144/3 |
| 5 Wheat | 134/5 | 133/6 | 132/3 | 129/1 |
| 6 Wheat | 125/6 | 123/6 | 123/2 | 121/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 124/6 | 122/6 | 122/2 | 120/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147 | 146/6 | 146/5 | 146/4 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 236/7 | 236/6 | 236/5 | 236/4 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 235/7 | 235/6 | 235/5 | 235/4 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 233/7 | 233/6 | 233/5 | 233/4 |

Canadian Wheat Board Weekly Average Cash Wheat Prices
Basis in Store Vancouver

| Class and Grade | Week ending | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | May 31 | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 |
| - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | |
| <u>Initial Payment to Producers</u> | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| 2 Northern | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 3 Northern | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| 4 Northern | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
| 5 Wheat | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| 6 Wheat | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 |
| Feed Wheat | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 122 | 122 | 122 | 122 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 117 | 117 | 117 | 117 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 119 | 119 | 119 | 119 |
| 1 C.W. Amber Durum | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| 2 C.W. Amber Durum | 147 | 147 | 147 | 147 |
| 3 C.W. Amber Durum | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| <u>International Wheat Agreement</u> | | | | |
| <u>and Domestic Sales</u> | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 168 | 167/6 | 167/5 | 167/4 |
| 2 Northern | 164 | 163/6 | 163/5 | 163/4 |
| 3 Northern | 158 | 157/6 | 157/5 | 157/4 |
| 4 Northern | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 5 Wheat | 139/3 | 138/6 | 137/3 | 134/4 |
| 6 Wheat | 130 | 128/6 | 128/2 | 126/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 129 | 127/6 | 127/2 | 125/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147 | 146/6 | 146/5 | 146/4 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 154/6 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 151/6 | 150/6 | 150/5 | 150/4 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 149/6 | 148/6 | 148/5 | 148/4 |
| <u>Export - Class II</u> | | | | |
| 1 Northern | 168 | 167/6 | 167/5 | 167/4 |
| 2 Northern | 164 | 163/6 | 163/5 | 163/4 |
| 3 Northern | 158 | 157/6 | 157/5 | 157/4 |
| 4 Northern | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 5 Wheat | 139/3 | 138/6 | 137/3 | 134/4 |
| 6 Wheat | 130 | 128/6 | 128/2 | 126/6 |
| Feed Wheat | 129 | 127/6 | 127/2 | 125/6 |
| 1 C.W. Garnet | 154 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 C.W. Garnet | 150 | 149/6 | 149/5 | 149/4 |
| 3 C.W. Garnet | 147 | 146/6 | 146/5 | 146/4 |
| 1 Alberta Red Winter | 154/6 | 153/6 | 153/5 | 153/4 |
| 2 Alberta Winter | 151/6 | 150/6 | 150/5 | 150/4 |
| 3 Alberta Winter | 149/6 | 148/6 | 148/5 | 148/4 |

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLING SITUATION

Production Wheat flour production by Canadian mills during May 1957 amounted to 2,968,000 hundredweight, 4 per cent above the April output of 2,858,000 hundredweight, but 13 per cent below the May 1956 total of 3,398,000 hundredweight and 21 per cent lower than the ten-year (1947-1956) average production for the month of May of 3,748,000 hundredweight. Mills reporting operations during May 1957 had a total rated capacity of 179,073 hundredweight per 24-hour day and on the basis of a 26-day working period 63.7 per cent of this rated capacity was effective.

Wheat milled for flour during May 1957 amounted to 6.7 million bushels compared with 6.4 million bushels milled during the previous month and 7.8 million bushels milled during May 1956. Of the wheat milled for flour during May 1957 some 6,075,000 bushels were Western Canadian spring wheat (other than Durum), while the remainder consisted of Ontario winter wheat (393,000 bushels), Durum (89,000 bushels) and all other (128,000 bushels).

Exports Based on preliminary Customs returns, exports of Canadian wheat flour during May 1957 amounted to 1,007,000 hundredweight (2,317,000 bushels of wheat equivalent) representing a decrease of 24 per cent from the April total of 3,055,000 bushels and 40 per cent below the adjusted May 1956 total of 3,846,000 bushels. Flour shipments during the month went to forty-eight countries with exports to the United Kingdom amounting to 947,000 bushels of wheat equivalent and accounting for 41 per cent of the May total. Other leading markets for Canadian wheat flour during the month with shipments in thousands of bushels of wheat equivalent were as follows: United States, 300; Philippines Islands, 225; Jamaica, 141; and Venezuela, 87.

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

| Crop Year | Wheat Milled for Flour - bushels - | Wheat Flour | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| | | Production | Exports 1/ |
| | | - hundredweight - | |
| 1935-36-1939-40 average | 67,845,114 | 29,405,451 | 9,603,941 |
| 1940-41-1944-45 average | 99,704,638 | 43,908,245 | 23,699,546 |
| 1945-46 | 118,074,774 | 52,018,498 | 28,361,546 |
| 1946-47 | 127,775,176 | 56,033,374 | 33,116,617 |
| 1947-48 | 109,822,011 | 47,353,004 | 26,776,683 |
| 1948-49 | 90,896,984 | 39,944,794 | 20,947,620 |
| 1949-50 | 90,082,917 | 39,708,032 | 19,896,137 |
| 1950-51 | 106,748,343 | 46,315,153 | 24,356,912 |
| 1951-52 | 104,494,021 | 44,771,184 | 22,258,324 |
| 1952-53 | 106,727,237 | 46,776,625 | 24,609,199 |
| 1953-54 | 91,855,269 | 40,769,909 | 20,142,824 |
| 1954-55 | 92,406,768 | 40,606,599 | 17,692,945 |
| 1955-56 | 91,755,469 | 40,142,498 | 17,391,300 |
| 1956-57 2/ | | | |
| August | 7,872,881 | 3,448,590 | 1,493,103 |
| September | 7,229,802 | 3,192,582 | 1,209,186 |
| October | 8,038,284 | 3,540,745 | 1,460,602 |
| November | 8,296,852 | 3,635,956 | 1,389,730 |
| December | 7,118,382 | 3,144,057 | 1,264,042 |
| January | 6,952,052 | 3,074,467 | 1,453,559 |
| February | 6,735,550 | 2,992,154 | 1,216,050 |
| March | 6,684,160 | 2,982,776 | 1,207,110 |
| April | 6,428,757 | 2,857,550 | 1,328,373 |
| May | 6,683,825 | 2,967,866 | 1,007,226 |
| Totals | 72,040,545 | 31,836,743 | 13,028,981 |
| Same period 1955-56 (revised) ... | 76,291,890 | 33,356,033 | 14,251,600 |

1/ Based on Customs returns. Exports for the crop years 1945-46-1955-56 revised to remove effect of time lag in the returns made by Customs.

2/ Subject to revision.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated domestic supplies of wheat for the 1956-57 (July-June) crop year, amount to 2,031.1 million bushels, consisting of the July 1, 1956 carryover of 1,033.9 million and the 1957 crop of 997.2 million. Imports of wheat, including wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent, from Canada for all purposes during the first ten months of the current United States crop year amounted to 5.5 million bushels compared with 6.5 million during the July-May period of 1955-56. Total estimated supplies, at 2,036.6 million bushels were slightly above the comparable 1955-56 figure of 1,977.4 million. After deducting some 598.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 1,438.6 million are available for export and for carryover during 1956-57 compared with 1,375.9 million in the preceding crop year.

United States Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1955-56 | 1956-57 <u>1/</u> |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (July 1) | 1,036.2 | 1,033.9 |
| New crop | 934.7 | 997.2 |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 1,970.9 | 2,031.1 |
| Imports of wheat for domestic use, July-May | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| Total estimated supplies <u>2/</u> | 1,977.4 | 2,036.6 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year <u>3/</u> .. | 601.5 | 598.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 1,375.9 | 1,438.6 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, July-May | 249.6 | 431.2 |
| Exports of wheat flour and products in terms of wheat, July-May | 45.2 | 64.0 |
| Total exports of wheat, wheat flour and products <u>4/</u> . | 294.9 | 495.2 |
| Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover | 1,081.0 | 943.4 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Excluding imports for June. 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/ Revisions have been made to include exports by private donations, church organizations, etc. which have been excluded in previous data. For January-May 1956 data exclude macaroni and semolina.

Exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the July-May period of the current crop year amounted to 495.2 million bushels, as against 294.9 million exported during the same months of 1955-56. The balance remaining on June 1, 1957 for export and for carryover was estimated at 943.4 million bushels, a decline of 13 per cent from the 1,081.0 million at June 1, 1956.

1957 Wheat Crop
Forecast at 971
Million Bushels

In a report released on June 10, the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture stated in part that "All wheat production in 1957 is forecast at 971 million bushels. A crop of this size would be 3 per cent less than the 1956 production of 997 million bushels and 14 per cent less than average.

The prospective winter wheat crop of 736 million bushels is practically the same as the 1956 crop and production of all spring wheat in 1957 is expected to be 10 per cent smaller than the 1956 crop.

Winter wheat production is estimated at 736 million bushels. This is an increase of 33 million bushels from May 1 forecast and compares with 735 million bushels produced in 1956 and the average of 862 million bushels. Increases from May 1 prospects occurring largely in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado more than offset decreases in several South Central and Southeastern States.

The indicated yield at 23.6 bushels per acre for harvest is the highest of record, being sharply above the 1956 yield of 20.6 bushels and the average of 18.6 bushels. Yield prospects are uniformly good throughout the winter wheat producing area with all States except Utah expecting above average yields and New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Maryland, West Virginia and Arizona expecting record yields. Adequate to excessive moisture was received during May throughout the winter wheat producing areas with beneficial effects more than offsetting losses from too much moisture. As the winter wheat crop is now approaching maturity, continued wet weather would reduce the quality of the grain.

Production of all spring wheat, based on conditions, as of June 1 is indicated at 235 million bushels. This would be 10 per cent below the 1956 crop of 262 million bushels and compares with the average of 269 million bushels. Moisture conditions during May were generally favourable for germination and early development of spring wheat in all major producing States. Precipitation was normal or above during the first three weeks of May and was followed by dry, warm weather. The crop has sufficient moisture at present but due to heavy stands, normal rainfall will be required to carry the crop through with the present yield prospects. Wild oats in North Dakota, weeds in South Dakota and spotted infestations of grasshoppers in western North Dakota and eastern Montana pose as threats to the crop. The acreage seeded is indicated to be larger in Idaho than was expected March 1, however, seedings in Minnesota may be slightly lower.

A durum wheat crop of about 30 million bushels is indicated for the Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota. This compares with last year's production of 40 million bushels and equals the average production. Durum growers in the Dakotas and Montana apparently seeded their intended acreage but in Minnesota the seedings were much above intentions due mostly to changes in wheat allotment legislation. Except for some acreage in north central Montana, moisture is adequate and the crop has a good start. Much of the acreage in the leading State of North Dakota has been seeded with rust resistant varieties and to date there is no evidence of rust which caused heavy damage to durum in the Dakotas and Minnesota for several years prior to 1956.

Production of spring wheat other than durum is indicated to be 205 million bushels, 18 million bushels less than the 1956 crop and 34 million bushels below average."

1957-Crop Soil Bank
Certificate Redemption
Plans Announced

On May 23, 1957 the United States Department of Agriculture announced that "Plans are for exchanging grains in CCC-owned inventory for Soil Bank certificates earned by farmers for reducing 1957 acreages of wheat, corn, and rice. Certificates

may also be redeemed for cash. In any exchange for CCC-owned grain, certificates earned by reducing wheat acreage may be exchanged for wheat, barley, rye, oats or grain sorghums but not for other two basic grains -- corn and rice. The same type of exchange limitation will apply to certificates earned by reducing corn or rice acreages. Thus, corn certificates may be used to obtain corn, barley, rye, oats, or grain sorghums but not rice or wheat, and rice certificates may be used to obtain rice, barley, rye, oats or grain sorghums but not corn or wheat. For exchange purposes, value of CCC-owned corn, barley, rye, oats, rice or grain sorghums stored in area of production will be set at current support price for grade, class, and location of grain less 5 per cent. Value of CCC-owned wheat will be at current support rate. Grain not stored at production points will be valued on same basis but with average transportation costs from production points to storage point added. CCC-owned grain exchanged for certificates will be made available from commercial warehouses or CCC binsites. Provision is also being made to enable producers to obtain their own farm-stored or warehouse-stored grain which is still under price-support loan at same price they would pay for CCC-owned grain at binsite or warehouse."

Preliminary Vote Shows
Producers Approve
Marketing Quotas for
1958 Wheat Crop

Preliminary returns from referendum held June 20 in 36-State commercial wheat-producing area show that 83.3 per cent of farmers voting favour marketing quotas on 1958-crop wheat. Incomplete returns show vote of 172,216 counted last night. Of these, 143,333 (83.3 per cent) favoured marketing quotas

on 1958-crop wheat and 28,883 (16.7 per cent) were opposed. Although tabulation is not final because complete returns from number of States have been delayed by adverse weather, final count is not expected to change result. Because wheat marketing quotas proclaimed by Secretary Benson last April 19 are effective on approval by 2/3 or more of farmers voting in the referendum, marketing quotas will be in effect for 1958 crop. Yesterday's referendum marked seventh time farmers have voted favourably on marketing quotas for wheat. They approved quotas for 1941 crop by 81 per cent favourable vote, 1942 crop by 82.4 per cent, 1954 crop by 87.2 per cent, 1955 crop by 73.3 per cent, 1956 crop by 77.3 per cent, and 1957 crop by 87.4 per cent.

U.S. Import Quota for
Canadian Wheat Filled

Established quotas for imports of Canadian wheat and wheat flour into the United States were filled at the opening moment of the current quota year, 12 noon, May 29, 1957, according

to an announcement of the U.S. Bureau of Customs.

Total import quotas were established by Presidential Proclamation on May 28, 1941. They provide for entry of 800,000 bushels of wheat and 4,000,000 pounds of flour or other wheat products for domestic consumption. Of that total, Canada's quota is 795,000 bushels of wheat and 3,815,000 pounds of products. For a number of years, Canada's entire quota has been filled at the opening moment of the quota year.

In addition to the quota wheat, imports of wheat unfit for human consumption are permitted. Significant quantities of that feed or treated seed wheat normally enter the United States at a duty rate of 5 per cent ad valorem, in contrast with the duty of 21 cents per bushel paid on wheat for human consumption.

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 - | |
| June 3, 1957 .. | 219 1/2 | | June 3, 1957 . | 219 5/8 - 220 5/8 | |
| 4 | 218 1/2 - 229 1/2 | | 4 | 219 1/2 - 220 1/2 | |
| 5 | 218 3/4 - 230 | | 5 | 219 5/8 - 220 5/8 | |
| 6 | 222 1/2 - 233 3/4 | | 6 | 221 1/8 - 222 1/8 | |
| 7 | 222 - 233 1/2 | | 7 | 222 5/8 - 223 5/8 | |
| 10 | 222 1/2 | | 10 | 222 3/8 - 223 5/8 | |
| 11 | 222 1/2 - 233 | | 11 | 222 5/8 - 223 5/8 | |
| 12 | 222 1/2 - 233 | | 12 | 224 1/8 - 225 1/8 | |
| 13 | 226 1/2 | | 13 | 223 - 224 | |
| 14 | 222 1/2 - 223 1/2 | | 14 | 222 1/8 - 223 1/8 | |
| 17 | 219 3/4 - 234 1/2 | | 17 | 222 7/8 - 223 7/8 | |
| 18 | 218 1/2 - 234 1/2 | | 18 | 223 3/8 - 224 3/8 | |
| 19 | 214 1/2 - 235 | | 19 | 224 1/4 - 225 1/4 | |
| 20 | 213 1/2 - 233 | | 20 | 224 5/8 - 225 5/8 | |
| 21 | 221 3/4 | | 21 | 227 1/8 - 228 1/8 | |
| 24 | 220 - 221 3/4 | | 24 | 228 1/2 - 229 1/2 | |
| 25 | 227 1/2 - 233 | | 25 | 229 5/8 - 230 5/8 | |
| 26 | 225 1/2 - 228 1/2 | | 26 | 229 - 230 | |
| 27 | 234 1/2 - 238 3/4 | | 27 | 230 3/4 - 231 3/4 | |
| 28 | 225 1/4 - 231 | | 28 | 230 3/4 - 231 3/4 | |

Chicago Wheat Futures, High Points of Closing

| Date | July | September | December | March | May |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
| | - cents and eighths per bushel - | | | | |
| June 3, 1957 .. | 202/7 | 205/4 | 210/2 | 210/4 | 205/1 |
| 4 | 204 | 206/4 | 211/1 | 211/4 | 207 |
| 5 | 203/6 | 206/4 | 211/1 | 211/4 | 207/4 |
| 6 | 202/3 | 205/2 | 210/2 | 210/7 | 207/2 |
| 7 | 202/4 | 205/5 | 210/4 | 211/3 | 207/4 |
| 10 | 202/4 | 205/6 | 210/4 | 211/4 | 207/5 |
| 11 | 201/6 | 204/7 | 210/1 | 210/5 | 206/1 |
| 12 | 204 | 207 | 211/6 | 212/5 | 207/6 |
| 13 | 202/6 | 205/5 | 210/5 | 211/2 | 205/1 |
| 14 | 203/3 | 206/2 | 211/3 | 212/2 | 206/2 |
| 17 | 205/5 | 208/6 | 214/2 | 215 | 207/5 |
| 18 | 205/3 | 208/3 | 213/6 | 214/4 | 207/3 |
| 19 | 205/5 | 208/5 | 213/7 | 214/5 | 207/4 |
| 20 | 205/4 | 208/4 | 213/6 | 214/6 | 208/1 |
| 21 | 207/7 | 210/6 | 216/1 | 217 | 211/7 |
| 24 | 209/1 | 211/7 | 217/4 | 218/7 | 213/4 |
| 25 | 210/5 | 213/4 | 218/3 | 220 | 215 |
| 26 | 210 | 212/7 | 218 | 220 | 215/2 |
| 27 | 214 | 215/7 | 221 | 222/2 | 217/6 |
| 28 | 214/5 | 217 | 221/6 | 222/6 | 218/7 |

ARGENTINE SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in the Argentine for the crop year 1956-57, consisting of the December 1, 1956 carryover of 42.9 million bushels and the new crop placed, on the basis of the third estimate of production, at 260.9 million, amount to some 303.8 million bushels. Supplies of the size indicated surpass by 10 per cent the 1955-56 total of 276.1 million bushels. After deducting 136.0 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, some 167.8 million are available for export and for carryover during 1956-57 as against 140.1 million in the preceding crop year. Exports of wheat during the December-May period of the current Argentine crop year have amounted to 50.6 million bushels, 7 per cent lower than the 54.5 million bushels of wheat and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent exported during the same months of 1955-56. The balance remaining on June 1, 1957 for export and for carryover was estimated at 117.2 million bushels compared with 85.6 million at the same date in 1956.

Argentine Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1955-56 | 1956-57 <u>1/</u> |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| | - million | bushels - |
| Carryover at beginning of crop year (December 1) <u>2/</u> ... | 83.2 | 42.9 |
| New crop | 192.9 | 260.9 <u>3/</u> |
| Total estimated domestic supplies | 276.1 | 303.8 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 136.0 | 136.0 |
| Available for export and for carryover | 140.1 | 167.8 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December-May | 53.3 | 50.6 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, Dec.-May .. | 1.2 | <u>4/</u> |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 54.5 | 50.6 |
| Balance on June 1 for export and for carryover | 85.6 | 117.2 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes allowances for farm stocks. 3/ Official estimate.
4/ Less than 50,000 bushels.

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Weather and Crops Warmer than average weather and scattered showers of varying intensity characterized most of May. The last week of May saw temperatures drop and widespread very heavy rains fall over much of the grain zone. The precipitation was heaviest in central, eastern and southeastern Buenos Aires where flood conditions caused serious damage to fences, low-lying buildings, livestock,

natural pastures and some dual-purpose winter grains. The continued wet weather has hindered harvesting of summer crops but insured adequate moisture for the initial development of winter grains some lots of which are already supporting livestock. The weather has just turned colder and drier which should improve the quality of pastures and aid in the conditioning of the corn crop.

Production Estimates During the past month official estimates of production have been revised slightly for several crops. The new estimates are tabled below and compared with the earlier estimates as well as those of recent years.

| Grain | Average | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 1951-52-1955-56 | | Previous Estimate | New Estimate |
| | | - thousand bushels - | | |
| Wheat | 212,185 | 192,904 | 261,983 | 260,880 |
| Corn | 129,568 | 152,354 | 104,325 | 107,081 |
| Flaxseed | 15,359 | 9,370 | 25,983 | 24,408 |

Wheat The third estimate of wheat production has recently been set at 7,100,000 metric tons (260.9 million bushels), down 30,000 tons (1.1 million bushels) from the second estimate. By June 5 the Grain Board reported that they had purchased 6,168,229 metric tons (226,644,000 bushels) of wheat from producers and that 1,774,652 tons (65,207,000 bushels) were available for export sale. The amount available probably includes the Brazilian and Chilean contract quantities less amounts already indicated by the Board as actually having been sold to these countries. During the past month wheat sales totalled over 333,000 tons (12,236,000 bushels) including 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels) for Chile and prices have risen somewhat. Wheat exports during May increases slightly to 276,401 tons (10,156,000 bushels) and continued narrowing the gap between cumulative exports for this year and those of last year. Port stocks of wheat (all crops) were reported as being just over 600,000 metric tons (22,046,000 bushels) on June 5.

The generous rains of the past month have provided excellent moisture reserves for the coming crops. In some parts of southern Buenos Aires there is some concern over the possibility that seeding will be delayed unduly because of the excessive moisture as happened two years ago. However, due to the selection of varieties which may be planted successfully even up until late July or August, the situation is far from critical.

Corn The unseasonably warm damp weather of May followed by cold, wet weather has hindered the conditioning of the small corn crop. However, harvesting continued and between May 5 and June 5 the Grain Board reports having purchased over 180,000 metric tons (7,086,000 bushels). During the past month sales to exporters jumped to almost 114,000 tons (4,488,000 bushels) at prices slightly lower than those previously prevailing. Exports were up only fractionally. The export retention (tax) has been removed from corn but international prices are still too low to permit exporters to handle corn profitably for their own account at present producer prices.

Oats, Barley and Rye Between May 5 and June 5 the Grain Board purchased almost 76,000 tons of these grains, 60 per cent of which was rye and most of the remainder oats. Availabilities of these grains for sale by the Board increased by over 50,000 tons during the same period to almost 390,000 tons. Sales during the past month totalled only 42,684 tons. The way has now been paved for lowering the afors of these grains and more sales activity may be expected in the future. Generally speaking the

weather during the past month has been good for the development of these dual purpose forage crops and for the seeding of fields to be used only for grain. Excessive rainfall has damaged some fields in the province of Buenos Aires but the beneficial effects of the moisture in the drier zones probably more than offsets these ill effects, at least some of which will be only temporary.

Policy

Grain Export Price Regulation Changed When the exportation of certain Argentine grains was freed in November 1956, one of the clauses of the pertinent decree stated that Aforos (amount of export price negotiated through official market) would be fixed at no less than the minimum producer price plus 15 per cent for fobbing charges. International prices for oats, barley and rye have been low enough to discourage export sales on this basis and sales especially of oats and rye have been light. In order to make possible the lowering of Aforos of these grains and thus improve their competitive position abroad, the Executive Power has decided to eliminate the clause which establishes the minimum Aforos. As yet no changes have been made in the Aforos. The original clause also applied to flaxseed so that if and when an export quota is established for that grain it will be possible to set an Aforo at a competitive level.

Export Retention (tax) Removed from Corn Effective May 31, there is no longer an export retention (tax) of 10 per cent on corn exports. Amongst the major grains only barley and rye remain subject to an export retention.

Reported Agreement Reached with Western Germany Press reports from Germany indicate that by resolving a number of outstanding economic and commercial problems the way has been paved for Western Germany to enter into the multilateral trading arrangement (Paris Club) which Argentina has with a number of European countries. If and when Western Germany joins the agreement she will pay the base prices for Argentine exports whereas for approximately the past year she has been paying a premium of 1 per cent above those prices.

Grain Sales Sparked by heavy wheat sales, total sales of the major grains registered by the Grain Board during the past month reached almost 490,000 tons. Wheat sales exceeded 333,000 tons (12,236,000 bushels) including 100,000 tons (3,674,000 bushels) to Chile at 1,035 pesos per metric ton (\$1.56 per bushel) for Southern. Sales for multilateral currencies totalled 147,350 tons (5,414,000 bushels), and to Germany, 85,675 tons (3,148,000 bushels). Prices rose from 981 pesos (\$1.48 per bushel) on May 20 to 1,048.59 pesos (\$1.59 per bushel) on June 11 for Rosafé for payment in multilateral currencies. The price of Southern moved up from 1,035 to 1,071 pesos (\$1.56 to \$1.62 per bushel) for multilateral. Corn sales totalled almost 114,000 tons (4,488,000 bushels); 10,000 (394,000 bushels) to each of Western Germany and Uruguay and the remainder for multilateral currencies at prices which eased to 1,017 pesos per ton (\$1.44 per bushel). Other sales included 28,064 tons (1,820,000 bushels) of oats, 5,300 tons (243,000 bushels) of barley and 9,320 tons (367,000 bushels) of rye, all on the aforo basis for a number of destinations mainly European.

Grain Shipments Exports of the major grains increased fractionally in May to reach a total of 387,474 metric tons. The 276,401 tons (10,156,000 bushels) of wheat went mainly to Brazil 70,997 (2,609,000 bushels); Germany 49,514 (1,819,000 bushels); United Kingdom 29,857 (1,092,000 bushels); Netherlands 29,396 (1,080,000 bushels); and Peru 19,400 (713,000 bushels). Barley shipments rose to 45,721 tons (2,100,000 bushels) going chiefly to Germany 30,364 (1,395,000 bushels) and Netherlands 10,299 (473,000 bushels). Corn shipments at 30,324 tons (1,194,000 bushels) were almost unchanged from the previous month. Italy was the major

destination taking 18,350 tons (722,000 bushels) followed by Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Rye exports rose slightly to 21,943 tons (824,000 bushels) more than half of which went to Germany and the remainder to six other European countries. Oats exports at 13,085 (848,000 bushels) were less than half the previous month and went mainly to Germany, Netherlands and Denmark.

Argentine Wheat Exports, December 1956-May 1957 with Comparisons

| Destination | Wheat | Destination | Wheat |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | - thousand bushels - | | - thousand bushels - |
| Austria | 424 | North Africa | 168 |
| Belgium | 2,170 | Norway | 831 |
| Brazil | 13,673 | Paraguay | 466 |
| Chile | 1,085 | Peru | 3,304 |
| Denmark | 1,163 | South Africa | 791 |
| Finland | 162 | Switzerland | 584 |
| France | 4,459 | United Kingdom | 7,213 |
| Germany | 4,763 | Yugoslavia | 17 |
| Italy | 4,720 | | |
| Netherlands | 4,599 | Total | 50,591 |
| Same Period: | | | |
| | 1955-56 | | 53,285 |
| | 1954-55 | | 66,359 |
| | 1953-54 | | 49,287 |
| | 1952-53 | | 19,195 |
| | 1951-52 | | 3,786 |

AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated supplies of wheat in Australia for the 1956-57 crop year, consisting of the December 1, 1956 carryover of 83.9 million bushels and the new crop placed at 134.7 million, amount to 218.6 million bushels, about 24 per cent less than the 1955-56 total of 287.0 million. After deducting 72.5 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, an estimated 146.1 million are available for export and for carryover during 1956-57, well below the 216.4 million available in 1955-56.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent up to June 1 of the current Australian crop year, at 56.4 million bushels, exceeded by about 3 per cent the total of 54.9 million exported during the corresponding period of the 1955-56 crop year. The balance remaining on June 2, 1957 for export and for carryover was estimated at 89.7 million bushels, representing a decline of 44 per cent from the 161.5 million available at the same date a year ago.

Australian Wheat Supplies

| Item | 1955-56 | 1956-57 <u>1/</u> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Carryover, including flour as wheat, at beginning of crop year (December 1) | 91.6 | 83.9 |
| New crop | 195.4 | 134.7 |
| Total estimated supplies | 287.0 | 218.6 |
| Less estimated domestic requirements for crop year | 70.6 <u>2/</u> | 72.5 <u>2/</u> |
| Available for export and for carryover | 216.4 | 146.1 |
| Deduct: | | |
| Exports of wheat as grain, December 1 - June 1 | 38.2 | 39.2 |
| Exports of wheat flour in terms of wheat, December 1 - June 1 | 16.7 | 17.2 |
| Total exports of wheat and wheat flour | 54.9 | 56.4 |
| Balance on June 2 for export and for carryover | 161.5 | 89.7 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised.

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Weather and Crops Recent weather conditions in Australia have varied widely. In Western Australia heavy rains fell last week. However, a high pressure area remains over New South Wales and part of Victoria and for the past fortnight this has prevented the seasonal changes which normally brings rain clouds to South Australia and the Eastern States. The rains in Western Australia and Northern New South Wales have given reasonable assurance to grain growers in those areas but in the south seeding has generally been delayed and it is feared that seed already sprouted may wither. However, once the rains come, power mechanization now permits rapid seeding and at the moment, therefore, there has been no downward revision of the May forecast for the 1957-58 acreage.

The Charter Situation Sales of Australian wheat during the past month have reflected the apparent hesitancy of overseas buyers to purchase at current price levels, evidently the result of a feeling that prices may drop further. Charter rates have been softer, and advantage has been taken of this for Australia to take care of steady sales by chartering about four ships per month for U.K. - Continent discharge. Three vessels were chartered to load full cargoes of barley from South Australia or Victoria for Japan and two part cargoes were arranged for Europe. A charter was arranged for a full cargo of flour from the eastern States to Ceylon and another is being sought for barley to Formosa. The chartering of vessels for grain and flour is being affected by strong demands for cargoes of coal (15 to Japan) and for manganese, lead and railway sleepers.

Payment to Australian wheat growers, on June 25, will receive £A6,775,605 (\$14.4
Wheat Growers million) as a second advance on wheat grown during the 1955-56 crop
season. This will bring the total advance for the 1955-56 pools to
about £A93,800,000 (\$199.4 million).

Closure of The expected closing of rural railway lines in Western Australia will
Country Rail result in increased handling and transportation costs. Since the
Services Wheat Pool was begun in 1939, these costs from delivery point to
natural terminal port have been deducted from growers' certificates
for first advances. As the new extra costs are the result of West Australian
government policy they could not be charged legitimately against growers in other
States, according to a statement by the Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board.

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1
to June 1, 1956-57 and Corresponding Period 1955-56

| Destination | Wheat | | Wheat Flour | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
| | - thousand bushels - | | | |
| Aden and Aden I/T | 31 | 4 | 565 | 342 |
| Belgian Congo | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| British North Borneo | - | - | 128 | 127 |
| British West Indies | - | 1 | 97 | 233 |
| Brunei | - | - | 15 | 19 |
| Burma | 40 | - | 253 | 558 |
| Ceylon | 4 | 4 | 2,766 | 3,963 |
| Cocos Islands | - | - | 1/ | 1/ |
| Cyprus | 344 | 353 | 1/ | - |
| Czechoslovakia | - | 315 | - | - |
| Dutch New Guinea | - | - | 35 | 38 |
| Egypt (a/c War Office) | - | - | 5 | - |
| Eire | 312 | 686 | - | - |
| Germany, East | 671 | - | - | - |
| Germany, West | 4,890 | 4,342 | - | - |
| Ghana | - | - | - | 1/ |
| Hong Kong | 450 | 928 | - | - |
| Hong Kong (General) | - | - | 170 | 176 |
| Hong Kong (a/c War Office) .. | - | - | 17 | 33 |
| India | 4,185 | 6,288 | - | - |
| Indonesia | - | 5 | 5,136 | 3,161 |
| Iran | 588 | 783 | - | - |
| Iraq | 1,203 | 1,395 | - | - |
| Italy | - | - | 12 | - |
| Japan | 6,009 | 152 | - | - |
| Kenya | 357 | - | - | - |
| Kure (a/c War Office) | - | - | 18 | - |
| Macao | - | - | 7 | 9 |
| Malaya | 408 | 398 | - | - |
| Malaya (General) | - | - | 3,519 | 2,992 |
| Malaya (a/c War Office) | - | - | 69 | 69 |
| Malta | 193 | - | - | - |
| Mauritius | - | - | 205 | 668 |
| New Zealand | 4,137 | 4,959 | 1/ | 3 |
| Nigeria | - | - | 1 | 1/ |
| Nyasaland | - | - | 17 | 59 |

Exports of Australian Wheat and Wheat Flour in Terms of Wheat, December 1
to June 1, 1956-57 and Corresponding Period 1955-56

| Destination | Wheat | | Wheat Flour | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
| | - thousand bushels - | | | |
| Pacific Islands | 15 | 11 | 1,147 | 1,072 |
| Pakistan | - | 2,328 | - | - |
| Persian Gulf | 62 | 38 | 68 | 385 |
| Philippine Islands | - | - | 150 | 460 |
| Poland | 1,862 | - | - | - |
| Port Said (a/c S/S) | - | - | 40 | - |
| Portuguese East Africa | 222 | 336 | - | - |
| Portuguese India (Goa) | 10 | 79 | 30 | 35 |
| Rhodesia | 821 | 1,036 | - | - |
| Sarawak | - | - | 125 | 76 |
| Saudi Arabia | 37 | 2 | - | - |
| Scandinavia | - | 20 | - | - |
| Seychelles Islands | - | - | 13 | 18 |
| Somaliland, British | - | - | 4 | - |
| Somaliland, French | - | - | 22 | - |
| Sudan | - | - | 150 | 509 |
| Syria | 338 | - | - | - |
| Thailand (Siam) | 4 | 4 | 370 | 361 |
| Timor | - | - | 7 | 9 |
| United Kingdom | 10,928 | 14,724 | 1,365 | 1,567 |
| Yugoslavia | - | - | 1/ | - |
| Zanzibar | 40 | 4 | 70 | 178 |
| Royal Navy | 12 | 20 | 11 | 9 |
| Ships' Stores | - | - | 94 | 69 |
| Totals | 38,173 | 39,215 | 16,700 | 17,200 |

1/ Less than 500 bushels.

FRENCH SITUATION

Supply Position Total estimated commercial domestic supplies of wheat in France for the crop year (August-July) 1956-57, consisting of the August 1 carryover of 31.4 million bushels and anticipated marketings now placed at some 154.3 million amount to 185.7 million bushels, about 40 per cent below the comparable 1955-56 figure of 311.6 million. Imports during the August-March period of the current crop year have amounted to 38.7 million bushels, bringing total commercial supplies for 1956-57 to 224.4 million bushels. After deducting some 183.7 million bushels for anticipated domestic requirements, a total of 40.7 million are available for export and for carryover as against 132.5 million in 1955-56.

Combined exports of wheat as grain and wheat flour in terms of grain equivalent during the first eight months of the 1956-57 crop year amounted to 7.9 million bushels in contrast to 75.8 million exported during the August-March period of 1955-56. The balance of commercial supplies remaining on April 1, 1957, at 32.8 million bushels, represented a decline of 42 per cent from the April 1, 1956 total of 56.7 million.

French Supplies of Soft Wheat

| Item | 1955-56 | 1956-57 <u>1/</u> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | - million bushels - | |
| Commercial Carryover, August 1 | 51.7 | 31.4 |
| Farmers' Deliveries to Grain Board | 259.9 | 154.3 <u>2/</u> |
| Total Estimated Commercial Domestic Supplies | 311.6 | 185.7 |
| Imports of wheat for Domestic use, August-March | 4.6 | 38.7 |
| Total Commercial Supplies <u>3/</u> | 316.2 | 224.4 |
| Less domestic requirements for crop year | 183.7 | 183.7 |
| Available for export and carryover | 132.5 | 40.7 |
| Deduct exports of wheat and flour in wheat equivalent August-March | 75.8 | 7.9 |
| Balance April 1 for export and for carryover | 56.7 | 32.8 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Estimated. 3/ Excluding imports April-July period.

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Monthly Wheat and Flour Exports, August, 1956 - March, 1957
and the Corresponding Months in 1955-56

| Month | Foreign Countries | | French Union | | Total | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
| | - thousand bushels - | | | | | |
| August 1956 | 5,277 | 439 | 610 | 497 | 5,887 | 936 |
| September | 3,104 | 162 | 667 | 642 | 3,771 | 804 |
| October | 7,750 | 119 | 884 | 545 | 8,634 | 664 |
| November | 9,281 | 235 | 588 | 604 | 9,869 | 839 |
| December | 8,409 | 226 | 1,209 | 745 | 9,618 | 971 |
| January 1957 | 16,086 | 721 | 943 | 737 | 17,029 | 1,458 |
| February | 11,229 | 264 | 803 | 534 | 12,032 | 798 |
| March | 8,129 | 921 | 854 | 505 | 8,983 | 1,426 |
| Totals | 69,265 | 3,087 | 6,558 | 4,809 | 75,823 | 7,896 |

Weather and Crops

Unless particularly bad growing conditions develop over the next two months, France should have a record wheat crop this year. The Ministry of Agriculture bulletin on conditions at June 1, estimates the current crop at 10.7 million tons (393.2 million bushels). However, early estimates in France are always conservative, and the previous comparable estimate of 9.4 million tons (345.4 million bushels) in June 1955, turned out to be one million tons (36.7 million bushels) under the final estimate. The trade considers that the current wheat crop will eventually yield 11 or 12 million tons (404 or 441 million bushels), which would be a new record and may be compared with the 1951-1955 average of 9.1 million tons (334.4 million bushels).

The average yield at present estimated at 23.3 quintals per hectare (34.7 bushels per acre) is also the highest on record, and may be compared with the last five-year average of 20.8 quintals per hectare (30.9 bushels per acre). The current barley crop is at present estimated at 3.5 million tons (160.8 million bushels) while this is below last year's exceptional crop of 6.5 million tons (298.5 million bushels), it is already over one million tons (45.9 million bushels) ahead of the final outturn in 1955. Furthermore the anticipated yield at 22.4 quintals per hectare (41.7 bushels per acre) is well ahead of the last five-year average of 18.5 (34.4 bushels per acre), but may not catch up with last year's exceptional yield of 28.4 (52.8 bushels per acre). The current estimate of rye output at 479,000 tons (18.9 million bushels), is very close to the last five-year average and that of oats at 3.2 million tons (207.5 million bushels) about 10 per cent lower. Finally overall production of all grains including wheat, rye, barley, oats and mixed grains at 18 million tons is five per cent above 1955 the last normal year and almost twenty per cent above the last five year average.

Farmers' Marketings

With the suspension in May of the carrying charges payable for grain stored on the farm, marketings by farmers may be considered just about completed for the current crop year. A comparison of deliveries to the Grain Board, compared with the previous crop year, is as follows:

Farmers' Marketings August 1-May 1

| Grain | 1955-56 | 1956-57 |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------|
| | - thousand bushels - | |
| Soft Wheat | 257,250 | 152,350 |
| Durum Wheat | 596 | 57 |
| Rye | 2,435 | 3,593 |
| Barley | 29,329 | 132,266 |
| Oats | 17,517 | 28,008 |
| Corn | 5,880 | 12,411 |

Review of Grain Supplies

Following the recent meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Grain Board, the following statement was issued on grain supplies and disposal during the current crop year. This supersedes information contained in our last month's report.

Wheat The period of delivery to the Board may now be considered closed in May and total deliveries should not go beyond the 4.2 million tons (152,407,000 bushels) received by that time. This figure is only 60 per cent of the quantities received during the previous crop year but still half a million tons (18.4 million bushels) higher than was expected last fall. Imports have ceased at 1.1 million (40.4 million bushels), in place of the original estimate of 1.5 million

(55.1 million bushels). It is expected that 500,000 tons (18,372,000 bushels) of wheat will be exported during the current crop year, both feed wheat and flour, which means that net imports would total 600,000 tons (22,046,000 bushels). Present estimates indicate that the commercial carryover at August 1 will amount to 700,000 to 800,000 tons (25.7 to 29.4 million bushels) although some of this wheat showing deterioration from excess moisture may be denatured and used as feed.

Apart from the above, imports of durum wheat are expected to total the customary 400,000 tons (14,697,000 bushels). Deliveries of durum produced in France have amounted to only 1,556 tons (57,000 bushels) which is about one-tenth of the level reached the previous season.

Barley Deliveries to the Grain Board are expected to total 3 million tons (132,266,000 bushels) from a crop of 6.5 million (298.5 million bushels). Of this, 1.05 million tons (48.2 million bushels) were sold to domestic mills and feed companies by the Board; exports are forecast at 1.7 million tons (78,080,000 bushels); and there would be 250,000 tons (11,482,000 bushels) carried over into the new crop year. With the drop in world prices, the subsidy required on exports has risen from 650 francs per quintal (40 cents per bushel) last fall to 1,300 (81 cents per bushel) since April. For the next crop year, the Board feels that an average subsidy of 910 francs per quintal (57 cents per bushel) must be met, which will be taken into account when determining the levy on producers' deliveries. The 1956-57 export operation is reported to have cost 16 billion francs, (\$45.7 million) of which only a quarter was met by the producers' contributions.

Oats Last year brought an exceptionally high crop of 4.6 million tons (298.3 million bushels), due to spring sowings of oats on frost-killed wheatfields. Deliveries to the Board have reached 432,000 tons (28,008,000 bushels), against only 300,000 (17,517,000 bushels) the previous crop year. Last fall, 18,000 tons (1,167,000 bushels) were exported without subsidy and latterly another 33,000 tons (2,140,000 bushels) were sold with a subsidy of 360 francs per quintal (16 cents per bushel). The carryover is expected to be substantial but with lower sowings this season, this stock should be absorbed on the home market.

In the past twenty years, the area planted to oats has dropped by a little over 1 million hectares (2,470,000 acres) to 2.3 million (5,681,000 acres) in 1955, but yields have increased by at least a third and as a result during the past few years production has shown a slight increase. In normal years, oats are consumed almost entirely on the farms and the quantity delivered to the Grain Board does not go beyond 300,000 tons (19,452,000 bushels).

Rye Considerable difficulty has been met in disposing of surplus rye which arose from last year's crop of 476,000 tons (18.7 million bushels). It is understood that Government assistance has been requested to permit the export of 10,000 tons (394,000 bushels) on which the subsidy has been estimated at 1,700 to 1,800 francs the quintal (\$1.23 to \$1.31 per bushel).

Output of rye is now only half of the prewar figure. Recently rye output has been running at 400,000 to 500,000 tons (15.7 to 19.7 million bushels) from a little under 500,000 hectares (1,235,000 acres). The yield is a good deal lower than from other grains, which is explained by its concentration on the poorer soil of the South and Southwest.

Domestic Use of Surplus Grain

In view of the prospects for large wheat and barley crops, suggestions are being put forward for the maximum use of such grain in the country. A programme of denatured wheat for feed will probably follow that in

force during the 1955-56 crop year. Furthermore, it is possible that humid wheat remaining from the last crop will be denatured while mills use wheat imported during the past few months. The sales price for such denatured feed wheat will, it is reported, range around 2,750 francs per quintal (\$2.14 per bushel) compared with last year's basic price of 3,450 francs (\$2.68 per bushel) plus a distress premium of 242 francs per quintal (19 cents per bushel).

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Crop prospects in southern and western areas of Alberta as far north as Lacombe are now considered average to good. In east-central districts from Hanna through to Vermillion early crops are very short with small heads. More rain is needed especially in northern regions to ensure average yields on late seedings but present conditions are fair to poor in a number of central and northern districts. Fairly general showers have somewhat improved the crop situation in the Peace River area. Late-seeded fields north of the Red Deer river are generally patchy and scattered rains have brought on second growth in some localities. Hay crops are generally light but showers have improved pastures in most districts. The honey crop prospects appear to be above average.

CALENDAR OF WHEAT EVENTS

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|--------|--|
| May 23 | The United States Department of Agriculture announced plans for exchanging grains in the C.C.C.-owned inventory for Soil Bank certificates earned by farmers who reduced 1957 acreages of wheat, corn and rice. The certificates are also redeemable in cash. |
| June 7 | The Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, estimated wheat flour production in the United States in April 1957 at 18,940,000 sacks, an average of 861,000 sacks per working day. |
| 10 | According to a report published by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, production of all wheat in the United States, based on conditions at June 1, was forecast at 971 million bushels, 3 per cent less than the 1956 production of 997 million bushels and 14 per cent below the 1946-1955 average. |
| 11 | According to a crop report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics an estimated 94 per cent of the total acreage expected to be sown to spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed and mixed grains in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) was seeded by May 31 compared with 84 per cent a year earlier. |
| 20 | Preliminary returns from the referendum held in the 36-State commercial wheat-producing area show that 83.3 per cent of farmers voted in favour of marketing quotas on 1958-crop wheat. |

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