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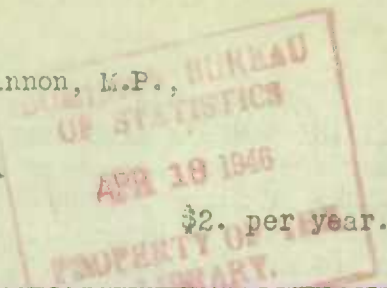
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STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN ON MARCH 31, 1946

Ottawa, April 17, 1946 (3 p.m.) - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on March 31, 1946 were 213.4 million bushels, of which 2.5 million bushels were held in the United States. The comparable figures for March 31, 1945 show stocks of Canadian wheat in all positions of 504.2 million bushels, with 24.1 million bushels held in the United States. Stocks of Canadian wheat in North America at March 31 of this year were thus down by 290.8 million bushels or 57.7 per cent below the level of a year ago. These data are obtained from the annual March-end Dominion Bureau of Statistics survey of grain held on farms, and from figures supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. These complete figures on stocks differ from the weekly visible supply figures by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain eastern mill stocks. Farm stocks include seed held for the 1946 crop and grain required for live stock and poultry feed until new crop grain becomes available.

At March 31 approximately two-thirds of Canada's total wheat stocks were held on farms and in country elevators, 106.0 million bushels or 49.6 per cent of total stocks being accounted for by farm-held wheat, while 35.6 million bushels or 16.6 per cent of the total were stored in country elevators. A year ago there were an estimated 154.2 million bushels on farms and 180.1 million bushels in country elevators. Lakehead stocks stood at 24 million bushels on March 31 this year, more than 58 per cent down from last year's figure of 57.2 million bushels. The decrease of nearly 50 million bushels in farm stocks may be largely accounted for by the comparatively small 1945 crop together with the early lifting of delivery quotas; the decline in over-all wheat stocks while also reflecting lower production in 1945, is a natural concomitant of the country's export program. Wheat and wheat flour exports in terms of wheat for the 8 months period ending March 31 were roughly 258 million bushels as compared with 175.2 million bushels for the same period last year.

Farm stocks of wheat in the Prairie Provinces accounted for 101.7 million bushels of the total Canadian stocks at March 31 of 106.0 million bushels. The quantity of wheat on farms in Manitoba is estimated at 10.6 million bushels; in Saskatchewan at 60.6 million bushels and in Alberta at 30.5 million bushels. From these stocks will be taken seed for the 1946 crop and such amounts as may be required for live stock and poultry feed during the remaining third of the crop year, leaving the balance to be divided between deliveries and July 31 carry-over stocks of sufficient magnitude to meet farm requirements until new grain is available.

The estimated quantities of wheat used for feed in the province in which it was produced during the August 1 to July 31 period indicate a substantial reduction in 1945-46 as compared with 1944-45, thus continuing the downward trend in the feeding of wheat which became apparent last year. It is estimated that 39.2 million bushels of wheat will have been fed by the end of the current crop year as compared with a figure of 49.9 million bushels for the last crop year. These estimates of wheat used for feed exclude western wheat which was moved under the Federal Freight Assistance Policy to the eastern provinces and to British Columbia to be fed to live stock. Freight assistance shipments of wheat for the 6 month period ending January 1946 were 14.4 million bushels or approximately 4 per cent greater than for the same period last year.

Coarse Grain and Flaxseed

The total stocks of Canadian oats on March 31, 1946 were 168.1 million bushels, practically all of which were located in Canada, and of which 130.5 million bushels were in farmers hands. Farm and commercial stocks one year earlier were 243.0 million bushels or 74.9 million bushels higher. Barley stocks in all positions amounted to 66.9 million bushels as compared with 89.2 million bushels a year ago, indicating a net reduction of 22.3 million bushels.

Stocks of rye at March 31 totalled 1.8 million bushels of which .7 million bushels were still on farms. This stock figure is well down from that of a year ago when there were 5.0 million bushels of Canadian rye in all positions. Total stocks of flaxseed, amounting to 3.9 million bushels were also well below the March 31, 1945 figure of 6.0 million bushels. Farm stocks of flaxseed at March 31, 1946 amounted to 1.4 million bushels.

Total Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1946

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1946 amounted to 210,954,588 bushels as compared with 480,094,553 bushels at the same date in 1945. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1946 with corresponding figures for 1945 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators and flour mills and afloat 95,121,939 bushels (317,324,567 bushels); in transit by rail 9,789,649 bushels (8,533,986 bushels); on farms 106,043,000 bushels (154,236,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1946 is estimated at 130,477,000 bushels, as compared with 242,780,882 bushels at the end of March 1945, this year's total comprising 33,819,349 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 3,546,910 bushels in transit by rail and 130,477,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks in Canada amounted to 66,830,901 bushels as compared with 88,432,750 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1946 including 24,952,971 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 241,930 bushels in transit by rail and 41,036,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1946, are estimated at 1,731,145 bushels, as against 4,987,960 bushels in 1945, this year's total including 813,063 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 173,082 bushels in transit by rail and 742,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks in Canada amounted to 3,927,887 bushels, as compared with 5,850,478 bushels at the end of March 1945, the total in 1946 being made up of 2,403,001 bushels in elevators, 121,886 bushels in transit by rail and 1,403,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1946

At March 31, 1946, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 106,043,000 bushels or 35 p.c. of the total 1945 wheat crop of 305,912,000 bushels. At the same date last year 154,236,000 bushels or 37 p.c. remained from the 1944 crop of 413,635,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1946, with corresponding figures at the same date last year within brackets, were as follows: Oats 34 p.c. or 130,477,000 (40 p.c. or 200,509,000); barley 26 p.c. or 41,036,000 (29 p.c. or 57,338,000); rye 13 p.c. or 742,000 (21 p.c. or 1,784,000); flaxseed 18 p.c. or 1,403,000 (20 p.c. or 1,963,000); buckwheat 17 p.c. or 903,000 (20 p.c. or 1,115,000); corn for grain 23 p.c. or 2,351,000 (23 p.c. or 2,657,000); potatoes 17 p.c. or 6,195,000 cwt. (26 p.c. or 13,020,000 cwt.); hay and clover 22 p.c. or 3,903,000 tons (19 p.c. or 2,799,000 tons).

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry

Province	Production 1944 000 bu.	Fed Crop Year 1944-45		Production 1945 000 bu.	Fed and to be fed Crop Year 1945-46 1/	
		p.c. 1944 crop	Quantity 000 bu.		p.c. 1945 crop	Quantity 000 bu.
Prince Edward Island	128	60	77	80	61	49
Nova Scotia	32	80	26	21	80	17
New Brunswick	60	63	38	41	75	31
Quebec	506	87	440	398	85	338
Ontario	21,679	67	14,500	20,828	60	12,500
Manitoba	50,300	11	5,700	40,000	9	3,700
Saskatchewan	242,100	6	14,500	162,000	6	10,300
Alberta	99,300	13	13,000	80,000	13	10,500
British Columbia	2,530	65	1,645	2,544	70	1,781
CANADA	416,635	12	49,926	305,912	13	39,216

Note: Above figures do not include wheat shipped from one province to another and used for feed, as for example, wheat moved under the Federal Freight Assistance Policy.

1/ Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

STOCKS OF GRAIN AT MARCH 31, 1946

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of Canadian grain as of March 31, 1946. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents. The quantities in eastern flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED
	- bushels -				
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms	106,043,000	130,477,000	41,036,000	742,000	1,403,000
Country & Private Terminal Elevators	35,600,085	7,300,076	6,319,310	253,687	1,058,714
Western Mills & Mill Elevators	4,701,949	1,090,746	415,437	34,072	170,230
Interior Terminal Elevators	1,746,063	1,283,180	1,688,587	-	12,454
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators	5,328,513	496,423	183,058	-	-
Victoria & Prince Rupert Elevators	1,373	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator	1,877,737	57	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators	23,992,217	18,703,169	10,748,647	444,989	572,977
In Transit - Lakes	-	-	-	-	-
In Transit - Rail	9,789,649	3,546,910	841,930	173,082	121,886
Eastern Elevators	17,076,002	4,359,698	5,121,932	74,315	588,626
Eastern Mills	4,798,000	586,000	476,000	9,000	-
Total in Canada, March 31, 1946	210,954,588	167,843,259	66,830,901	1,751,145	3,927,887
Total Canadian Grain in United States,					
March 31, 1946	2,457,791	248,280	50,000	87,046	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and					
United States, March 31, 1946	213,412,379	168,091,539	66,880,901	1,818,191	3,927,887
<u>Comparative Stocks, March 31, 1945 ^{1/}</u>					
In Canada	480,094,553	242,780,882	88,432,750	4,987,960	5,850,478
In United States	24,076,406	219,455	739,365	46,370	199,000
Total in Canada & United States	504,170,959	243,000,337	89,172,115	5,034,330	6,049,478

^{1/} Revised.

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