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CARRY-OVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1949

Ottawa, August 18, 1949 (3 p.m.) - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Board of Grain Commissioners issues today its report on the carry-over stocks of Canadian grain in all positions at July 31, 1949. The data are obtained from the Bureau's annual July 31 survey of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from information supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. The statistics of total stocks as presented below differ from the July 31 visible supply figures by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain mill stocks.

Wheat - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on July 31, 1949 were 98.7 million bushels of which less than 70,000 bushels were held in the United States. A revised estimate places stocks of Canadian wheat on July 31, 1948 at 77.7 million bushels including approximately 35,000 bushels in the United States. Stocks of Canadian wheat at the end of the 1948-49 crop year were, therefore, up 21.0 million bushels or 27 per cent above last year's total. This is the fourth consecutive year, however, in which crop-year-end carry-over stocks have fallen below the 100 million bushel level. The average July 31 carry-over of Canadian wheat for the twenty-year period (1929-48) was 205.3 million bushels, considerably in excess of current levels.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed - Total stocks of Canadian oats on July 31 were 59.1 million bushels, of which 48.4 million were held on farms. Last year's total oat stocks were 47.9 million bushels with 37.6 million in farmers' hands. Barley stocks in all positions this year amounted to 29.0 million bushels, of which 18.5 million were on farms. Comparable figures for July 31, 1948 were 31.4 million and 17.4 million bushels, respectively. No Canadian oats and only 112,000 bushels of Canadian barley were held in United States positions at July 31 this year. Sharp increases have occurred in this year's carry-over stocks of both rye and flaxseed. On July 31, 1949 rye stocks were almost 12 million bushels as against 0.9 million a year ago while flaxseed stocks of 10.7 million bushels were more than three times last year's carry-over stocks of 3.4 million bushels.

Farm Stocks - Total farm stocks of wheat at 42.4 million bushels accounted for approximately 43 per cent of the July 31 wheat stocks this year. In 1948 farm-held wheat stocks were 39.2 million bushels, accounting for slightly over half of last year's total wheat stocks. Farm stocks of oats at 48.4 million bushels were 10.8 million above the 1948 level but farm-held barley stocks were up only 1.1 million bushels. Rye stocks on farms were almost 4 million bushels above last year's level but flaxseed stocks at 191,000 bushels were down approximately 100,000 bushels from July 31, 1948. Most of the farm-held grain is located in Western Canada and the following table summarizes the farm-stocks position in the three Prairie Provinces.

Farm Stocks in the Prairie Provinces, July 31, 1949

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
	- bushels -				
Manitoba .....	2,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	300,000	30,000
Saskatchewan .....	24,000,000	18,000,000	6,000,000	2,500,000	105,000
Alberta .....	15,000,000	15,000,000	9,000,000	1,300,000	56,000
Prairie Provinces .	41,000,000	38,000,000	18,000,000	4,100,000	191,000

# POSITION OF CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 1949 <sup>1/</sup>

Data for this report are obtained from the Bureau's annual crop-year-end surveys of grain held on farms, from mill returns and from statistics supplied by the Board of Grain Commissioners relative to stocks of grain in commercial positions. These complete figures on stocks differ from the visible supply figures by the inclusion of estimated farm stocks and certain mill stocks. The quantities in flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of June.

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
-- bushels --					
In Canada					
On Farms .....	42,423,000	48,363,000	18,482,000	4,187,000	191,000
Country Elevators .....	14,372,583	3,020,899	2,298,719	1,760,063	141,113
Interior Private and Mill Elevators .....	3,036,840	664,945	1,838,276	15,630	11,294
Interior Terminal Elevators .....	61,768	3,889	267,565	14,219	11,870
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators .....	5,411,004	117,682	14,845	38,509	246
Victoria and Prince Rupert Elevators .....	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator .....	1,205,444	186	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators .....	3,478,716	1,511,418	2,326,232	2,858,688	5,891,137
In Transit - Lakes .....	1,816,809	346,554	701,597	116,889	-
In Transit - Rail .....	6,257,443	2,141,493	1,273,842	484,236	188,144
Eastern Elevators .....	18,854,040	2,329,413	1,380,955	1,752,871	4,275,876
Eastern Mills .....	1,550,400	389,800	197,200	-	-
Western Mills .....	178,800	186,200	70,300	1,400	-
Total in Canada, July 31, 1949 .....	98,646,847	59,075,479	28,851,531	11,229,505	10,710,680
Total Canadian Grain in United States, July 31, 1949 .....	68,494	-	112,344	728,026	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1949 .....	98,715,341	59,075,479	28,963,875	11,957,531	10,710,680
Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1948 <sup>2/</sup>					
In Canada .....	77,675,758	47,065,974	31,153,555	903,746	3,371,226
In United States .....	34,652	825,085	295,905	-	-
Total in Canada and United States .....	77,710,410	47,891,059	31,449,460	903,746	3,371,226

<sup>1/</sup> Subject to revision.    <sup>2/</sup> Revised.