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CARRYOVER STOCKS OF CANADIAN GRAIN AT JULY 31, 1950

Ottawa, August 17, 1950 (3 p.m.) The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today its report on the carryover stocks of Canadian grain in all positions at July 31, 1950. 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 herewith differ from the July 31 visible supply figure by the inclusion of farm stocks and certain mill stocks.

Wheat and Rye - Total stocks of Canadian wheat in all North American positions on July 31, 1950 were 113.2 million bushels, some 11 million greater than on the same date a year ago. All stocks at the close of the current crop year were held in Canadian positions and less than 70,000 bushels were held in United States positions at the close of the previous crop year. With the exception of 12.4 million bushels held on farms, all of the July 31, 1950 stocks were held in commercial positions. While the current carryover is the largest in the past four years it is considerably below the average carryover of either the preceding ten or twenty years. The average carryover of wheat during the period 1940-49 was 132.7 million and for 1930-49 was 204.0 million bushels. The largest recorded carryover was on July 31, 1943 when 594.6 million bushels were held in all positions.

Rye stocks at 6.6 million (including over one million held in United States positions) were down over five million bushels from the July 31, 1949 carryover of 11.9 million.

Coarse Grains and Flaxseed - Total stocks of Canadian oats on July 31 were 44.3 million bushels, well below last year's level of 60.5 million. Barley stocks at 20.4 million were also down from the July 31, 1949 figure of 29.7 million bushels. The crop-year-end carryover of flaxseed stood at 4.5 million bushels, less than half of last year's figure of 10.7 million bushels.

Farm Stocks - Total farm stocks of wheat at 12.4 million bushels accounted for only 11 per cent of the July 31 wheat stocks this year. At the close of the previous crop year farm-held wheat stocks were 43.4 million or 42 per cent of the carryover. Farm stocks of oats at 33.6 million bushels were nearly 15 million below the 1949 level while the barley carryover on farms at 11.3 million was down more than 7 million from a year ago. Farm-held stocks of flaxseed at July 31 this year amounted to only 107,000 bushels, while 1949 stocks stood at 191,000. 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, 1950

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed
	- bushels -				
Manitoba .....	1,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	100,000	30,000
Saskatchewan .....	6,000,000	12,000,000	3,000,000	600,000	50,000
Alberta .....	4,000,000	10,000,000	6,000,000	400,000	25,000
Prairie Provinces ..	11,000,000	26,000,000	11,000,000	1,100,000	105,000

Data for Newfoundland not available.

POSITION OF CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 1950 <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 -					
<u>In Canada</u>					
On Farms .....	12,389,000	33,579,000	11,324,000	1,131,000	107,000
Country Elevators .....	25,403,880	2,964,967	2,783,283	846,317	39,549
Interior Private and Mill Elevators .....	4,249,997	556,599	1,657,888	9,242	12,827
Interior Terminal Elevators .....	9,959	7,675	135,729	38,793	208
Vancouver-New Westminster Elevators .....	12,329,178	32,764	101,997	6,789	-
Victoria and Prince Rupert Elevators ....	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill Elevator .....	2,445,567	101	-	-	-
Fort William-Port Arthur Elevators .....	15,003,243	3,122,162	1,957,459	2,305,903	2,740,592
In Transit - Lakes .....	1,475,220	663,150	559,157	67,306	304,787
In Transit - Rail .....	8,307,169	2,000,300	1,193,326	196,287	28,361
Eastern Elevators .....	29,944,460	1,106,013	485,152	942,465	1,242,551
Eastern Mills .....	1,500,000	215,800	137,300	-	-
Western Mills .....	175,000	86,100	56,700	5,600	-
Total in Canada, July 31, 1950 .....	113,232,673	44,334,631	20,391,991	5,549,702	4,475,875
Total Canadian Grain in United States, July 31, 1950 .....	-	-	-	1,056,560	-
Total Canadian Grain in Canada and United States, July 31, 1950 .....	113,232,673	44,334,631	20,391,991	6,606,262	4,475,875
<u>Comparative Stocks, July 31, 1949</u> <sup>2/</sup>					
In Canada .....	102,342,747	60,506,604	29,556,799	11,189,867	10,692,153
In United States .....	68,494	-	112,344	728,026	-
Total in Canada and United States .....	102,411,241	60,506,604	29,669,143	11,917,893	10,692,153

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