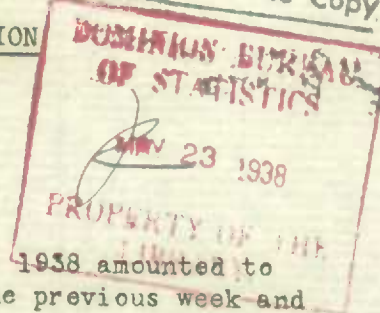


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WEEKLY SUMMARY OF THE WHEAT SITUATION

May 11, 1938

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International Trade:

World shipments for the week ending May 7, 1938 amounted to 10,059,000 bushels compared with 12,609,000 bushels in the previous week and 10,552,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year.

Cumulative world shipments from August 1, 1937 to May 7, 1938 were 398,284,000 bushels compared with 483,320,000 bushels for the same period in 1936-37.

Primary Movement:

Receipts at country elevators and platform loadings for the week ending May 6, 1938 were 688,700 bushels, compared with 1,168,120 bushels in the previous week and 757,888 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago.

Cumulative receipts at country elevators and platform loadings from August 1, 1937 to May 6, 1938 were 116,465,314 bushels, compared with 155,267,869 bushels for the same period in 1936-37.

Visible Supply:

The visible supply of Canadian wheat on May 6, 1938 was 39,482,993 bushels, compared with 41,743,988 bushels in the previous week, and 68,325,446 bushels a year ago.

Export Clearances:

Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat for the week ending May 6, 1938 were 495,023 bushels, compared with 825,688 bushels for the previous week and 2,434,500 bushels for the corresponding week a year ago.

Imports of Canadian wheat into the United States for consumption and milling in bond for the week ending May 6, 1938 were 2,000 bushels compared with 1,000 bushels for the previous week and 345,000 bushels for the corresponding week in 1937.

Cumulative overseas clearances plus United States imports of wheat from August 1, 1937 to May 6, 1938 were 61,048,771 bushels, compared with 153,328,203 bushels for the same period in 1936-37.

Prices:

The Winnipeg cash closing price of No. 1 Northern on Tuesday, May 10, 1938 was \$1.16 1/8 showing a decrease of 3 5/8 cents from the previous Tuesday's close of \$1.19 3/4.

WORLD EVENTS

1. Canadian Spring Wheat Acreage Intentions

According to the crop report issued yesterday by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, farmers' intentions indicate that the area sown to spring wheat in Canada in 1938 will be 24,105,900 acres, compared with 24,851,400 acres in 1937 and 26,646,100 acres in the peak year, 1932. The Manitoba wheat area will be increased by 172,000 acres, Saskatchewan decreased by 1,306,000 acres, and Alberta increased by 392,000 acres in 1938 compared with the sown area in these provinces a year ago. The above figures include the durum wheat area in Manitoba and Saskatchewan which is indicated at 1,693,000 acres this year, a decrease of 629,000 acres from the durum area sown in 1937.

2. United States Winter Wheat Forecasts

The official forecast as of May 1 of winter wheat production in the United States, released yesterday, indicates a production of 754,153,000 bushels. This is an increase of 28,446,000 bushels over the official estimate as of April 1. The average of six private estimates released recently is 743 million bushels, only slightly lower than the current official estimate.

3. Broomhall's Estimate of Importers' Requirements, 1937-38.

On May 5, Broomhall raised his estimate of importers' requirements for the current crop year from 500 millions to 516 million bushels. He forecasts that additional shipments from Australia and Russia will meet the increased requirements. His reason for raising the estimate lies in the recent British Government reserve purchases.

4. Netherlands Food Reserves

Trade reports indicate that the Netherlands will follow the United Kingdom's policy and purchase 5 million bushels of wheat for food reserves.

5. European Weather

During the past week, partial rains have fallen in parts of Russia, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Roumania and the United Kingdom. The actual rainfall was not as much as was needed, and has only moderately improved the current European crop outlook. Recent cold weather over Europe has been retarding growth.

6. Polish Wheat Export Embargo Lifted

On March 28, the Polish Government cancelled the embargo on exports of wheat, rye, and oats, which had been in effect since April, 1937. For the past two years grain production in Poland has been below normal, but with good crops in prospect for 1938, the Government hopes that Polish exporters will be able to re-establish their foreign markets, commencing next August.

