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Ottawa, April 14, 1939, 4 p.m. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued a Bulletin giving in summary form (1) the total quantities of wheat, oats, barley, and flaxseed in Canada at the end of March, 1939; (2) the stocks of certain agricultural products of 1938 remaining on farms at March 31, 1939; (3) the proportion of the crops of 1938 estimated by crop correspondents to be of unmerchantable quality, and (4) the quantity of the 1938 wheat crop fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the crop season.

SUMMARY

Stocks of Grain at March 31.- Total stocks of wheat in Canada on March 31, 1939, were 117,282,060 bushels higher than on March 31 of the previous year. Total stocks of oats, barley and rye were also higher than on March 31, 1938, while stocks of flaxseed were lower than a year ago.

Stocks of wheat in Canada on March 31, 1939, were 200,841,905 bushels compared with a revised figure of 83,559,845 bushels a year ago. Stocks of wheat on farms including seed supplies amounted to 61,220,000 bushels which is 22,240,000 bushels higher than stocks on farms a year ago. Wheat in store in Canada, other than on farms, amounted to 139,621,905 bushels on March 31, 1939, showing an increase of 95,042,060 bushels from the stocks in the same positions on March 1, 1938, namely 44,579,845 bushels. In addition to the total stocks of Canadian wheat in Canada at March 31, 1939, there were 1,828,346 bushels of Canadian wheat in the United States, making a total of 202,670,251 bushels in the United States and Canada, compared with 84,669,638 bushels in the same positions on March 31, 1938. Stocks of Canadian wheat in the United States are 718,513 bushels higher than a year ago. Stocks of oats in Canada at March 31, 1939, amounted to 145,583,095 bushels compared with 78,227,045 bushels a year ago, while barley stocks were 35,803,393 bushels compared with 25,737,521 bushels at March 31, 1938. Stocks of rye at 4,921,674 bushels were appreciably larger than the amount of 1,991,003 bushels shown at March 31, 1938, while stocks of flaxseed at 367,195 bushels were 160,204 bushels below those of a year ago.

Stocks of Potatoes and Hay and Clover on Farms at March 31.- Farm stocks of potatoes in Canada at March 31, 1939 amounted to 9,558,000 cwt., as compared with 13,878,000 cwt., a year ago, a decrease of 4,320,000 cwt. Stocks are lower in all provinces but Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, with particularly heavy reductions in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

Supplies of hay and clover on farms at 2,959,000 tons, show an increase of 219,000 tons over the supplies at March 31, 1938.

Wheat Fed to Live Stock and Poultry.- The preliminary estimate of wheat fed or to be fed to live stock and poultry during the 1938-39 crop season amounts to 24,390,000 bushels as compared with 19,408,000 bushels in the 1937-38 season. The increased use of wheat for feed during this season has occurred chiefly in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario.

Unmerchantable Quantities of 1938 Harvest.- It is estimated that 3,373,400 bushels of the 1938 wheat crop were of unmerchantable quality as compared with 1,658,300 bushels from the 1937 crop. The quantity of unmerchantable oats from the 1938 crop is estimated at 7,956,000 bushels compared with 9,147,000 bushels from the 1937 crop, and for barley 1,374,700 bushels compared with 1,118,300 bushels last year. Increases in the unmerchantable quantities of rye and flaxseed were also reported.

NOTE:- All figures covering stocks of grain and potatoes at March 31 include seed supplies for the ensuing crop.

11 Stocks of Grain in Canada at March 31, 1939.

Total stocks of wheat in Canada at March 31, 1939, amounted to 200,841,905 bushels as compared with 83,559,845 bushels at the same date in 1938. Stocks in various positions at March 31, 1939, with corresponding figures for 1938 within brackets, are as follows: In elevators, flour mills and afloat 132,658,497 bushels (43,228,143 bushels); in transit by rail 6,963,408 bushels (1,351,702 bushels); on farms 61,220,000 bushels (38,980,000 bushels).

The total quantity of oats in Canada at March 31, 1939, is estimated at 145,583,095 bushels, as compared with 78,327,045 bushels at the end of March, 1938, this year's total comprising 9,128,230 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 1,030,865 bushels in transit by rail and 135,424,000 bushels on farms.

Barley stocks amounted to 35,803,393 bushels, as compared with 25,737,521 bushels at the same date last year, the figures for 1939 including 6,149,276 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 652,517 bushels in transit by rail and 29,001,000 bushels on farms.

Stocks of rye in Canada at March 31, 1939, are estimated at 4,921,674 bushels, as against 1,991,003 bushels in 1938, this year's total including 2,174,922 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 14,752 bushels in transit by rail and 2,732,000 bushels on farms.

Flaxseed stocks amounted to 367,195 bushels, as compared with 527,399 bushels at the end of March, 1938, the total in 1939 being made up of 167,307 bushels in elevators, 5,688 bushels in transit by rail and 194,200 bushels on farms.

A detailed statement of stocks is given on the last page of this report.

Stocks on Farms at March 31, 1939.

At March 31, 1939, the quantity of wheat remaining on farms amounted to 61,220,000 bushels or 17 p.c. of the total 1938 wheat crop of 350,010,000 bushels. At March 31, 1938, 38,980,000 bushels or 22 p.c. remained from the 1937 crop of 180,210,000 bushels.

Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels remaining on farms at March 31, 1939, were as follows with the corresponding figures for 1938 within brackets: Oats 36 p.c. or 135,424,000 (25 p.c. or 68,043,000); barley 28 p.c. or 29,001,000 (21 p.c. or 17,061,000); rye 25 p.c. or 2,732,000 (12 p.c. or 694,000); flaxseed 14 p.c. or 194,200 (11 p.c. or 85,050); buckwheat 20 p.c. or 1,439,000 (18 p.c. or 1,387,000); corn for husking 13 p.c. or 1,000,000 (20 p.c. or 1,083,000); potatoes 27 p.c. or 9,558,000 cwt. (33 p.c. or 13,878,000 cwt.); turnips, etc., 11 p.c. or 4,224,000 cwt. (10 p.c. or 3,633,000 cwt.); hay and clover 21 p.c. or 2,959,000 tons (21 p.c. or 2,740,000 tons).

Proportions of the 1938 Crops Unmerchantable

Of the total wheat crop of 1938, viz., 350,010,000 bushels, 1 p.c. or 3,373,400 bushels is reported as of unmerchantable quality as compared with 0.9 p.c. or 1,658,300 bushels from the 1937 crop of 180,210,000 bushels. Of the other crops, the proportions and the quantities in bushels of unmerchantable quality are estimated as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: Oats 2.1 p.c. or 7,956,000 (3.4 p.c. or 9,147,000); barley 1.3 p.c. or 1,374,700 (1.3 p.c. or 1,118,300); rye 0.6 p.c. or 71,000 (0.9 p.c. or 50,700); flaxseed 0.7 p.c. or 10,200 (0.6 p.c. or 4,900); buckwheat 5.7 p.c. or 404,300 (3.3 p.c. or 257,800); corn for husking 1.8 p.c. or 138,000 (4.3 p.c. or 233,000); potatoes 12.7 p.c. or 4,572,000 cwt. (5.5 p.c. or 2,323,000 cwt.); turnips, etc. 3.4 p.c. or 1,281,800 cwt. (3.3 p.c. or 1,211,800 cwt.); hay and clover 4.1 p.c. or 565,700 tons (2.0 p.c. or 255,000 tons).

inary Estimate of the Proportion of the 1938 Wheat Crop Retained on Farms as feed for Live Stock and Poultry during the Crop Year ending July 31, 1939, as compared with the Previous Crop Year.

Province	Production in 1937	Quantities retained for feed in 1937-38		Production in 1938	Quantities retained for feed in 1938-39	
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Prince Edward Island	236,000	21.4	51,000	180,000	29.0	52,000
Nova Scotia	51,000	33.3	17,000	54,000	37.0	20,000
New Brunswick	184,000	19.0	35,000	150,000	23.0	35,000
Quebec	879,000	25.0	220,000	758,000	29.0	220,000
Ontario	20,290,000	42.8	8,684,000	21,424,000	43.0	9,212,000
Manitoba	45,100,000	4.8	2,181,000	51,000,000	4.1	2,100,000
Saskatchewan	36,000,000	9.0	3,238,000	132,000,000	4.5	6,000,000
Alberta	75,700,000	5.5	4,133,000	143,000,000	4.2	6,000,000
British Columbia	1,768,000	48.0	849,000	1,444,000	52.0	751,000
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CANADA	180,210,000	10.8	19,408,000	350,010,000	7.0	24,390,000

STOCKS OF GRAIN IN CANADA AT MARCH 31, 1939

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has collected and compiled data showing complete stocks of grain in Canada at the close of the fiscal year ended March 31, 1939. The quantities on farms are estimated from the reports of Crop Correspondents. The quantities in flour mills are estimated on the basis of holdings at the end of February.

	WHEAT	OATS B u s h e l s	BARLEY	RYE	FLAXSEED
Public, Semi-Public Terminals and Private Elevators, Fort William and Port Arthur	41,371,720	1,341,410	1,414,884	932,290	20,071
Mill and Mill Elevators	6,396,861	805,850	2,025,617	110,583	11,621
Interior Public and Semi-Public Elevators - Western Division	8,981,937	38,698	679	-	-
Vancouver - New Westminster Elevators	8,746,582	417,885	166,540	4,239	19
Victoria Elevator	665,390	-	-	-	-
Churchill	2,213,380	-	-	-	-
Country Elevators and Private Terminals	41,204,398	5,317,713	2,351,954	1,058,031	133,481
In Transit - Railways	6,963,408	1,030,865	652,517	14,752	5,688
In Flour Mills - Eastern Division (Estimated)	1,200,000	600,000	65,000	10,000	-
Eastern Elevators - In Store	21,878,229	606,674	125,202	59,779	2,115
On Farms	61,220,000	135,424,000	29,001,000	2,732,000	194,200
T O T A L - 1939	200,841,905	145,583,095	35,803,393	4,921,674	367,195
T O T A L - 1938 (Revised)	83,559,845	78,227,045	25,737,521	1,991,003	527,399

Stocks of Canadian Grain in the United States at March 31, 1939, with Comparative Figures for 1938 in brackets:

Wheat	1,828,346	(1,109,833)	Bushels
Oats	-	-	"
Barley	-	(115,479)	"
Rye	42,283	-	"
Flaxseed	-	-	"

Total stocks of Canadian Grain in Canada and the United States at March 31, 1939, with Comparative Figures for 1938 in brackets:

Wheat	202,670,251	(84,669,678)	Bushels
Oats	145,583,095	(78,227,045)	"
Barley	35,803,393	(25,853,000)	"
Rye	4,963,957	(1,991,003)	"
Flaxseed	367,195	(527,399)	"

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