

(b) Exports

During the crop year 4.4 million bushels of barley were exported as compared with 39.4 million bushels in the previous crop year; the principal market was in the United States. Exports of barley were restricted in 1945-1946 because of the domestic feed situation.

(c) Barley Shipments—Freight Assistance Policy

During the crop year 35.5 million bushels of barley were moved to Eastern Canada or British Columbia under the Freight Assistance Policy as compared with 30.6 million bushels in the preceding crop year.

FLAXSEED

In 1945-46 the Board took delivery of 4,856,203-24 bushels of flaxseed from producers and 17,371-28 bushels were transferred from the 1944 Crop Account, making total receipts of 4,873,574-52 bushels. Sales amounted to 4,595,040-34 bushels, leaving stocks on hand on July 31, 1946 of 278,534-18 bushels. Under Order in Council P.C. 2550, April 12, 1945, the Board was required to purchase flaxseed from producers at \$2.75 per bushel for No. 1 C.W. Flaxseed basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur, and No. 1 C.E. Flaxseed basis in store Montreal. In accordance with the same Order in Council the Board was required to sell flaxseed to domestic processors at the ceiling price of \$1.64 per bushel for No. 1 C.W. Flaxseed basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur and No. 1 C.E. Flaxseed basis in store Montreal. Since the bulk of sales were for domestic account, the 1945 Crop Account showed a deficit of \$2,510,417.07 as at July 31, 1946.

The 1944 Crop Account, with all stocks disposed of, showed a deficit of \$4,098,108.56 as at July 31, 1946. This deficit was due to large domestic sales at the prevailing ceiling price of \$1.64 per bushel.

As provided in Order in Council P.C. 2550, April 12, 1945, net losses to the Board arising from flaxseed operations are chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUNFLOWER SEED AND RAPESEED

In 1945-46 the Board received \$6,604,242 pounds of rapeseed and 3,179,084 pounds of sunflower seed. As provided by Order in Council P.C. 859, February 3, 1945, and in accordance with instructions of the Oils and Fats Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the Board sold sunflower seed and rapeseed to processors in Canada, f.o.b. their plants on the same price basis as these seeds were purchased from producers f.o.b. shipping points. In disposing of these seeds as directed, the Board absorbed carrying charges, handling and transportation costs, interest and administrative expenses which were in turn chargeable to the Treasury. With all stock disposed of, the deficit in respect to the 1945-46 Rapeseed and Sunflower Seed Account amounted to \$62,898.86 as at July 31, 1946, and the deficit on the 1944-45 Sunflower Seed and Rapeseed Accounts amounted to \$112,850 as at July 31, 1946.

EQUALIZATION FUNDS

Owing to the large utilization of oats and barley for feed purposes in Canada 1945-46, the Oats Equalization Fund and the Barley Equalization Fund recorded deficits as at July 31, 1946. In the case of oats, the Equalization Fees collected amounted to \$11,359,033.51 while Advance Equalization Payments to producers and administrative costs amounted to \$11,512,742.40, leaving a net deficit of \$153,708.89. In respect to barley, Equalization Fees collected amounted to \$983,735.37, while Advance Equalization Payments to producers