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Movement of Canadian Grain Crops

Increased Proportion of 1919 Crop was Shipped Through Canada—
Most of Wheat is Milled in Canada, and East Gets Greater Part
of This Business—Shipments of Wheat, Oats and Barley Crops

At least 250,000,000 bushels of wheat, and possibly 300,000,000, or more than in the record year 1915, are now being harvested in the Canadian west. A small part of it is already moving this way, and by the end of the present month the movement will be well under way. The carrying of the grain crop from west to east is one of the big problems in Canadian industry, a problem which is accentuated by the fact that a large proportion of the carriers must go back empty, and the grain must therefore bear the expense of a two-way trip.

The bulk of the grain crop comes down the great lakes. Some of it is milled in eastern Canada, and some goes overseas by various routes. Last year an increased proportion went through Canadian channels, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the Grain Trade of Canada. This report gives very thorough statistics of grain production and transportation, many of the figures having been compiled by the Board of Grain Commissioners. The grain movement is illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

The expedient has been adopted of showing a pool for the western inspection division and another pool for the eastern inspection division, and showing the principal streams into and out of each of these pools for the year, also the movements through the chief grain centres of the country.

Mostly Milled in Canada

The western pool, of course, is fed chiefly by the crop in the western division. This was computed for the crop year under discussion to be 165,354,324 bushels. There also was on hand at the beginning of the year, in accordance with the closest calculations available, some 543,498 bushels. The only other stream entering this pool is the small amount of 390,834 bushels, of which 338,081 bushels entered from Australia via Vancouver, B.C.; the balance of 2,813 bushels were imported from United States. 321,760 bushels of this amount were reshipped to Great Britain and other countries; 92,811 bushels of Canadian wheat were also exported overseas while 7,752 bushels were exported direct by rail to

