

of farmers in a financial way, but has given an incentive to holding wheat on farms and has thus taken some of the load of the heavy delivery months usually experienced in the fall.

Up to November 19, as I pointed out to the house at that time, 221 million bushels had been delivered under the quotas then established. Since that time another 100 million bushels have been delivered so that the total receipts as at March 7 were 326 million bushels.

Before leaving the question of wheat quotas I would mention that in certain cases over delivery of the established quotas has been permitted. Over deliveries were permitted to enable farmers to contribute to war service funds, such as the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Salvation Army Red Shield war service fund, the Young Men's Christian Association war services fund, the Canadian Legion war services fund, and the Knights of Columbus Canadian army huts fund.

More recently the wheat board has permitted deliveries by producers who wished to buy war savings certificates or non-interest-bearing bonds. By permitting over deliveries in these particular cases, many of the farmers in western Canada have been able to contribute to these important causes.

In addition to these over deliveries under the quota which can be made without individual permission, the wheat board has in some cases upon special application issued special permits to allow of the delivery of low grade wheat over and above the quota established at the farmers delivery point, so as to relieve the feed situation in eastern Canada and British Columbia. It will be remembered that for the same purpose the board removed the quota on barley and oats early in the marketing season. In addition the board has facilitated the movement of feed grains and low grade wheat from country elevators.

On the basis of the present estimate of the 1940 crop, and after making allowances for seed and feed, we anticipate that approximately 472 million bushels of wheat will be delivered during this crop year. As I have stated, approximately 326 million bushels have already been delivered, leaving a balance of approximately 146 million bushels to come in during the next five months, an income of approximately 75,000,000 dollars in cash.

I said in November that it was the expectation of the wheat board that by the end of next July farmers would have had the opportunity to deliver the entire surplus production from the 1940 crop. I feel very confident now that that will be done. In connection with remaining deliveries, however, I would like to suggest to farmers to keep storage space at their local shipping points filled as far as possible in order to prevent an undue rush of wheat in the closing weeks of the crop year. I wish to stress this.