

# SEED GRAIN PURCHASING COMMISSION

This Commission, appointed, on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, by the Federal Government of Canada, has for its aim the procuring of a supply of clean sound seed grain to meet the requirements of Municipalities, Farmers' Organizations and Farmers in districts affected by drought, frost and other causes.

All seed grain purchased and distributed by the Commission is handled at the Government Interior Terminal Elevators at Moose Jaw, Calgary and Saskatoon. It is all inspected by the Seed Inspection Staff of the Dominion Department of Agriculture on arrival at these Elevators and must conform to the following Standards after recleaning:—

### WHEAT—Class No. 1 Marquis Seed Wheat

No. 1 Hard and No. 1 Northern Seed Wheat shall be composed of practically pure Marquis Wheat, sound, clean and free from other grains, and free from noxious weed seeds under the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 60 pounds to the bushel.

### OATS—Class No. 1 Seed Oats

No. 1 Seed Oats shall be composed of grades No. 1 and 2 C.W. Oats, shall contain 95 per cent. of white oats, sound, of strong vitality, clean and free from other grains, free from noxious weed seeds within the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 34 pounds to the bushel.

### BARLEY—Class No. 1 Seed Barley

Canada Western Seed Barley shall be composed of the six-rowed variety, sound, plump, clean and free from other grains, of good color and free from noxious weed seeds within the meaning of the Seed Control Act and weigh not less than 45 pounds to the bushel. ("Within the meaning of the Seed Control Act" means not more than one noxious weed seed per pound of grain).

The Government Seed Inspectors have been instructed to select and specially bin such cars of grain as can be cleaned, at reasonable cost, up to the above mentioned Standards.

The Commission will purchase No. 1 and 2 C.W. Oats, 3 C.W. Barley and No. 1 Hard and 1 Northern Marquis Wheat, subject to official grading and weighing, accepted as suitable for seed by the Seed Inspectors and stored in the Interior Terminal Elevators at Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary, and pay therefor a premium of 5 cents in advance of the closing cash price on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on day of purchase; all purchases to be made on basis Ft. William. When requirements are nearly filled, the Commission will notify farmers and grain dealers, through the Agricultural Press, that no more grain will be purchased after a date specified in such notification, which will be given at least two weeks in advance. The Commission invites the co-operation of farmers and grain dealers in carrying out its objects, so that there will be no possible danger of any shortage of seed grain for next spring's seeding and the expectations of the Allies for a plentiful supply of foodstuffs from Canada will be fulfilled. In purchasing and inspecting seed grain the services of the Commission and the staff of the Dominion Seed Branch will be available free of charge and the grain will be sold to farmers at actual cost plus cleaning and other necessary charges.

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## Western Dairy Developments

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industry by the provincial government. Mr. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, arranged to give aid financially in the matter of loans on capital account, and also have the dairy department operate all these creameries under a lease renewed from year to year, selling the butter collectively, and attending to all the finance, making large advance payments when cream was delivered, and dividing any surplus at the end of the season after allowing for a small reserve among the patrons in proportion to the amount of butter fat supplied by them.

"A dairy convention was held annually at which representatives of all the creameries under government operation came together, discussed all the angles of the industry and passed upon any suggestions from the department, which was ably handled by W. A. Wilson, as dairy commissioner, as to the betterment of the business.

"Some of the advantages secured were: centralizing of local effort, giving each creamery support in the matter of express shipment of cream; doing away with the old cream collecting routes and adopting the individual can delivered personally by the patron, bringing him into closer touch with the creamery and the management. The grading of cream and payment accordingly was also inaugurated.

"Owing greatly to the policy adopted, we find that while in 1937 the production was 160,000 pounds of butter, last year 7,203 patrons contributed 2,639,600 pounds, valued at \$711,692, most of which, after supplying local demand, was shipped to British Columbia where we have a fast growing market. Altogether about 35 cars have been shipped to the coast so far this season, approximately 870,000 pounds. This butter is shipped in 56 pound boxes and at Vancouver and Victoria cut up by the trade for local use. Last season, Saskatchewan, together with Manitoba made a trial shipment of a car of butter to England which proved a great success and has opened that market to us also.

### Now All In One Company

"The annual conventions of the dairymen together from all parts of the province and they got well acquainted, and when it was mooted that instead of a lot of small local companies we should consolidate and form one large strong company it was unanimously approved, and we secured a special act which unites all these little companies into one. The Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Ltd. capital stock is \$500,000. This company took over the business from the dairy department on November 1, and exchanges the stock in the new company to the amount of the value of the 20 local creameries as determined by the valuating committee. These creameries are located at Osbow, Culworth, Shellbrook, Lloydminster, Birch Hills, Henribourg, Melville, Lanigan, Unity, Fiske, Regina, Canora, Wadena, Moosomin, Langenburg, Tantallon, Kerrobert, Lemberg, Melfort, Vonda.

### Cold Storage

"Although each creamery has a small cold storage room, one can easily see that in order to keep shipments up, central shipping points must collect car lots in smaller shipments from the different creameries, and when a good article has been produced it must be kept at an even temperature until delivered to the consumer. In the busy season we make well over a car of butter a day and heretofore we have been hampered for cold storage room so that we have had to use cold storage space in Manitoba and Alberta for years. Thus when the new act of incorporation was passed a wise provision included assistance by way of a loan by the government for the establishment of public cold storage warehouses.

"Having such a large quantity of our own products to store, it was considered that our company could also serve the farmers, the merchants and the consumers, with such facilities in the most efficient manner. People are coming to realize that the solution of the national food problem lies to a considerable



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