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EXTRACT FROM ORDER IN COUNCIL
No. 2206.

"The Committee of the Privy Council further observes that as this war is being waged by the whole people of Canada, it is desirable that the whole people should be kept as fully informed as possible as to the acts of the Government which are concerned with the conduct of the war, as well as with the solution of our domestic problems; and for this purpose an Official Record should be instituted to be issued weekly for the purpose of conveying information as to all Government measures in connection with the war and as to the national war activities generally."

WHEAT STOCKS MUCH GREATER THAN IN 1918

Over 117,000,000 bushels is Estimate for March 31, as against 77,000,000 bushels last year.

QUALITY OF CROPS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has issued a bulletin giving in summary form the results of its annual inquiry as to the total quantities of wheat, oats, barley, and flaxseed in Canada at the end of March, the stocks of all kinds of agricultural products remaining in farmers' hands at the same date, and the proportion of the crops of 1918 that proved to be of merchantable quality.

TOTAL STOCKS OF GRAIN.

Returns collected from elevators, flour mills, railway companies, and crop correspondents show that on March 11, 1919, the quantity in Canada of wheat, and wheat flour expressed as wheat, was upwards of 117,739,000 bushels, as compared with 77,000,000 bushels last year, 126,000,000 bushels in 1917, 197,000,000 in 1916, and 79,000,000 bushels on February 8, 1915. The total for 1919 comprises 75,373,000 bushels in elevators, flour mills, and afloat in winter storage, 32,315,000 bushels in farmers' hands, and 10,051,000 bushels in transit by rail. Of oats, including oat products expressed as grain, the total quantity returned as in Canada on March 31, 1919, is 164,120,000 bushels, as compared with 155,500,000 bushels last year and 184,000,000 bushels in 1917. The total for 1919 comprises 17,809,000 bushels

SUMMARIES OF CANADIAN TRADE FOR MARCH

Total Exports from the Dominion of Canada for March, and Twelve Months Ending March.

	Month of March.				Twelve Months ending March.			
	1918.		1919.		1918.		1919.	
	Domestic.	Foreign.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Domestic.	Foreign.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
The Mine.....	6,772,173	877,653	5,895,161	230,710	73,760,502	1,928,373	77,439,963	3,192,703
" Fisheries.....	3,365,222	92,082	5,992,531	32,736	32,602,151	619,024	37,137,072	732,322
" Forest.....	3,922,820	1,276	5,630,022	1,945	51,899,704	60,645	70,024,644	44,298
Animals and their produce.....	9,652,749	218,422	17,984,474	2,820,058	172,743,081	7,125,087	197,805,478	8,687,055
Agricultural products.....	37,895,628	471,741	21,821,663	333,929	567,713,584	10,036,766	269,819,833	21,447,173
Manufactures.....	37,999,663	2,078,298	32,486,167	3,131,390	636,602,516	24,237,914	549,284,268	16,069,548
Miscellaneous.....	346,732	124,517	1,342,343	304,349	4,706,250	2,134,195	6,102,548	3,148,380
Total merchandise.....	99,854,987	3,863,989	91,152,361	6,855,115	540,027,788	46,142,004	207,613,806	52,321,479

Canadian Trade for Month of March, and Twelve Months Ending March.

	Month of March.		Twelve months ending March.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Merchandise entered for consumption.....	87,255,698	71,749,569	962,521,847	916,443,432
" domestic-exported.....	99,854,987	91,152,361	1,540,027,788	1,207,613,806
Total merchandise, for consumption and domestic exported.....	187,110,685	162,901,930	2,502,549,635	2,124,057,238
Merchandise, foreign-exported.....	3,863,989	6,855,115	46,142,004	52,321,479
Grand total Canadian trade.....	190,974,674	169,757,045	2,548,691,639	2,176,378,717

Total Imports entered for Consumption in the Dominion of Canada.

	Month of March.		Twelve months ending March.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dutiable goods.....	50,637,294	49,102,408	542,319,623	526,495,717
Free goods.....	36,618,404	22,647,161	420,202,224	389,947,715
Total.....	87,255,698	71,749,569	962,521,847	916,443,432
Duty collected.....	15,799,244	14,781,753	161,588,465	158,044,456

in elevators and flour mills, 141,694,000 bushels in farmers' hands, and 4,617,000 bushels in transit by rail. The total quantity of barley in Canada on March 31, 1919, is returned as 30,542,000 bushels, as compared with 16,000,000 bushels last year and 14,871,000 bushels in 1917. The figures for 1919 comprise 8,135,000 bushels in elevators and flour mills, 20,026,000 bushels in farmers' hands, and 2,381,000 bushels in transit by rail. Of flaxseed the total quantity in Canada on March 31, 1919, is returned as 2,259,000 bushels, as compared with 2,420,000 bushels last year and 5,662,000 bushels in 1917. The total for 1919 comprises 881,000 bushels in elevators and mills, 1,039,000 bushels in farmers' hands, and 339,000 bushels in transit by rail. For wheat and barley, therefore, the quantities in stock at the end of March this year are considerably in excess of those in stock a year ago, whilst for oats and flaxseed the quantities are more, but not to so great an extent.

STOCKS IN FARMERS' HANDS.

The reports of crop correspondents show that of the total wheat production

of 1918, 17 per cent, or 32,315,000 bushels, remained in farmers' hands on March 31, 1919. Last year the proportion was 14 per cent, representing nearly 32,000,000 bushels, and in 1917 it was 21 per cent, representing nearly 55,000,000 bushels. Of the other field crops the proportions and quantities estimated to be in farmers' hands on March 31, 1919, are as follow: Oats, 33 per cent, or 141,694,000 bushels; barley, 26 per cent, or 20,000,000 bushels; rye, 21 per cent, or 1,784,000 bushels; buckwheat, 23 per cent, or 2,500,000 bushels; corn for husking, 12 per cent, or 3,000,000 bushels; flaxseed, 17 per cent, or 1,000,000 bushels; potatoes, 31 per cent, or 32,836,000 bushels; turnips, etc., 18 per cent, or 22,295,000 bushels; hay and clover, 18 per cent, or 2,701,000 tons. The stock of potatoes, viz., 32,836,000 bushels, compared with 24,130,000 bushels last year, 16,770,000 bushels in 1917, 16,825,000 bushels in 1916, and 32,310,000 bushels in 1915.

QUALITY OF CROPS.

The returns from crop correspondents show that of the total wheat crop of 1918, viz., 189,075,350 bushels, 93 per cent, or 175,370,000 bushels, were of merchantable quality. Last year the proportion was estimated at 95 per cent, and in 1917 it was 85 per cent. The proportions per cent of other crops of 1918 estimated to be of merchantable quality were as follow, the corresponding percentages for 1918 being given in

brackets: Oats, 90 (91); barley, 92 (90); rye, 92 (89); buckwheat, 75 (76); corn for husking, 67 (50); flaxseed, 90 (89); potatoes, 81 (77); turnips, etc., 86 (83); hay and clover, 89 (87).

LIQUEURS CAN BE
IMPORTED BY BRITAIN

The Department of Trade and Commerce has been officially advised by the Canadian High Commissioner in London that with regard to the removal of restrictions on imports into the United Kingdom from the British overseas dominions, while licenses will still be required for the importation of liquors into the United Kingdom, it has been decided that such licenses will be issued freely in the case of liquors exported from and manufactured in the British dominions.

Tender for Toronto.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Laundry Building, Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto, Ont.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Friday, May 9, 1919, for the construction of laundry building, Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto, Ont.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; the Superintendent of Military Hospitals, 350 Christie street, and of the Superintendent of Dominion Buildings, Postal Station "F," Toronto.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

By order.

R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, April 24, 1919.