

pleted and the thing will have to stop; but still the lasting wheat capacity of the country which the Panama Canal will make tributary to the Pacific Ocean is something enormous, and the most of its export surpluses have got to come through Vancouver. Roughly speaking and averaging, the whole year round, the bulk of the export wheat of Alberta and Saskatchewan for Europe as well as for Asia, is destined to come through Vancouver. **This wheat cannot get past Port Moody on one railroad, and the two Narrows, and one or more bridges on Burrard Inlet.** Somewhere up there on the prairies the Panama Canal is throwing up a new economic continental divide, on both sides of which, obeying the law of economic gravity, cheapness of transportation, wheat as well as other export products will flow eastward and westward to the world's market. I can only estimate the net results of what I have worked out in some detail elsewhere, but taken from two points of view, I reckon that this canal will make three-fifths of agricultural Canada tributary to the Pacific Ocean. I have no time to go into this study here, but will present to you an illustration through which you will be able to visualize approximately the nature of the problem you will have to solve. The recent estimates of the crop of wheat on the prairies this year were 190,000,000 bushels. A rough guess will place the figure for Alberta and Saskatchewan at 130,000,000. Since the winter economic divide will be drawn somewhere north and south about Winnipeg, and the summer economic divide somewhere about Regina, for the approximate purposes of illustration, let us say the average will be somewhere about the boundary line between Saskat-