

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE PURCHASE OF CANADIAN WHEAT

Signed at Ottawa, July 24, 1946

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United Kingdom, recognising that their mutual interest in the maintenance of reasonable prices and adequate supplies of wheat for consumers and of steady and remunerative prices for producers can best be met by international co-operation in the expansion of world trade and employment, have entered into the following arrangements designed to ensure a measure of security in the supply and of stability in the price of wheat supplied by Canada to the United Kingdom:—

1. (a) The United Kingdom Government undertakes to purchase and the Canadian Government undertakes to sell the following quantities of Canadian wheat, which quantities include wheat to be processed into flour for sale to the United Kingdom Government:

- (i) within the crop year 1946-47, 160,000,000 bushels;
- (ii) within the crop year 1947-48, 160,000,000 bushels;
- (iii) within the crop year 1948-49, 140,000,000 bushels;
- (iv) within the crop year 1949-50, 140,000,000 bushels.

A bushel shall be of the weight of 60 pounds avoirdupois.

(b) In the event of the United Kingdom requiring from Canada any additional quantities of wheat that the Canadian Government is prepared to make available, such additional quantities which the Canadian Government offers and the United Kingdom Government accepts shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Of the total quantity of wheat specified above for each crop year, the United Kingdom Government agrees to take the following quantity in long tons in the form of flour:

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| 1946-47 | 500,000 tons as a minimum, with an additional quantity not exceeding 140,000 tons to be determined by negotiations in the light of the out-turn of the crop. |
| 1947-48 | 400,000 tons as a minimum, with an additional quantity not exceeding 140,000 tons to be determined by negotiations in the light of the out-turn of the crop. |
| 1948-49 | 300,000 tons as a minimum, the actual tonnage to be negotiated by the 1st July, 1947.  |
| 1949-50 | 300,000 tons as a minimum, the actual tonnage to be negotiated by the 1st July, 1948.  |

(d) The rate and place of deliveries of wheat and flour shall be determined from time to time by mutual agreement.

2. (a) The prices per bushel to be paid by the United Kingdom Government to the Canadian Government, on the basis Number One Manitoba Northern, in store Fort William/Port Arthur, Vancouver or Churchill, shall be as follows:—

- (i) In respect of wheat bought and sold in the crop year 1946-47, \$1.55.
- (ii) In respect of wheat bought and sold in the crop year 1947-48, \$1.55.
- (iii) In respect of wheat bought and sold in the crop year 1948-49, not less than \$1.25.
- (iv) In respect of wheat bought and sold in the crop year 1949-50, not less than \$1.00.