

tonnes). This total included 450 million bushels (12.2 million tonnes) of wheat and flour, about 190 million bushels (4.3 million tonnes) of barley and 30 million bushels (0.8 million tonnes) of rapeseed. (See Appendix II.)

The initial payments on the basic grades of wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Wheat Board during the crop year are guaranteed by the Federal Government. For example, the initial payment for wheat delivered during 1976/77 is \$3.00 a bushel for No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring, basis "in-store" Thunder Bay or Vancouver. When the grain delivered during the crop year has been marketed by the Board, profits are distributed on the basis of the types and grades of grain delivered by each producer.

The flow of grain from the farm to country elevators is regulated by a delivery-quota system that enables the Board to call for delivery of the kinds and grades of grain required to meet market commitments and, at the same time, to allocate delivery opportunities as equitably as possible among all grain-producers.

### **Transportation**

The producer delivers his grain, generally by truck, to a country elevator at one of the approximately 1,500 delivery-points throughout the Prairies. The grain is then loaded into railway cars for shipment to terminal elevators on the West Coast, at Thunder Bay, Ontario, at the St. Lawrence ports and at Churchill, Manitoba. Grain moves directly overseas from the West Coast and Churchill; while some direct shipments overseas have also been made from Thunder Bay, the bulk of the Eastern movement is by lake vessel to the St. Lawrence export ports of Montreal, Sorel, Trois Rivières, Quebec, Port Cartier and Baie Comeau. Grain is also moved from Thunder Bay to Georgian Bay ports and forwarded by rail to the Atlantic ports of Saint John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the winter, when the Great Lakes are closed to navigation.

In 1975/76, there were bulk-grain export shipments of 260 million bushels (6,500,000 tonnes) from the West Coast and 328 million bushels (8,400,000 tonnes) from St. Lawrence ports. The export movements from Churchill, directly overseas from Thunder Bay, and from the Maritime Provinces totalled about 100 million bushels (1,900,000 tonnes).