

- (1) The necessity of increasing production of oats and barley to meet the feed situation arising from a rapidly expanding live stock industry; and the necessity of increasing flaxseed production in order to secure war-time requirements of vegetable oils;
- (2) The large stocks of wheat in Canada in relation to available storage capacity, and to market possibilities;
- (3) The need to improve the income of those producers whose main cash crop is wheat.

The 1942-43 grain program, as announced by the Hon. James A. Mackinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, is summarized as follows:—

(1) *Prices*

The fixed initial price was increased from 70 cents per bushel for No. 1 Northern in store Fort William/Port Arthur or Vancouver to 90 cents per bushel for the same grade of wheat in the same position.

(2) *Limitation of Marketings*

For the crop year 1942-43 permitted marketings were set at 280 million bushels for the West, as compared with 230 million bushels for all of Canada in the previous crop year.

(3) *Minimum Prices for Barley*

For the crop year 1942-43 The Canadian Wheat Board was empowered to buy Winnipeg barley futures or cash barley at a price per bushel which would assure that producers in western Canada would be continuously offered the following prices per bushel basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur: No. 1 Canada Western 2 Row or 6 Row, or No. 2 Canada Western 2 Row or 6 Row—60 cents per bushel; No. 3 Canada Western—58 cents per bushel; or No. 1 Feed—56 cents per bushel.

(4) *Minimum Prices for Oats*

For the crop year 1942-43 The Canadian Wheat Board was empowered to buy Winnipeg oats futures or cash oats at a price per bushel which would assure that producers in western Canada would be continuously offered the following prices per bushel basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur: No. 2 Canada Western Oats—45 cents per bushel; Extra No. 3 Canada Western, No. 3 Canada Western, or Extra No. 1 Feed—42 cents per bushel; or No. 1 Feed—40 cents per bushel.

(5) *Fixed Price for Flax*

For the crop year 1942-43 The Canadian Wheat Board was designated as the only agency to receive flaxseed from producers in Canada. The Canadian Wheat Board was empowered to purchase flaxseed on the basis of \$2.25 per bushel for No. 1 Canada Western Flax, basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur.

(6) *Payments for Wheat Acreage Reduction*

With some changes, acreage bonuses under the Wheat Acreage Reduction Act were continued for 1942-43.

ADJUSTMENT OF CANADIAN WHEAT STOCKS TO HIGHER PRICE LEVEL

On March 5, 1942, a resolution appeared on the order paper of the House of Commons providing for "the payment of an increase rate per bushel of wheat delivered by producers". Pending official action, The Canadian Wheat Board