

APPENDIX G

STATISTICS BRANCH

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The Statistics Branch receives reports from all elevators licensed under the Canada Grain Act and from these returns compiles and publishes basic statistics relating to the storage and handling of grain within the Canadian elevator system. It prepares audit statements of the operations of all terminal and eastern elevators, verifies the insurance carried on grain stocks, supplies for review by the Board a detailed analysis of country and terminal grain handlings and co-operates with other Board offices in the maintenance of detailed records of principal operations.

There were no major changes in the general statistical bulletins released by this office during 1957-58. The distribution of these publications continued to expand and the facilities of the local plant of the Queen's Printer were utilized to improve the service and reduce the costs of these operations. The demand for special statistics from the Grain Trade, and government and other offices registered a further increase as indicated of the wider adaption of these statistics to operational analyses.

Continued close co-operation with other offices of the Board made possible further integration of records through this Branch's machine accounting unit and thereby facilitated the preparation of special reports for Board review. Parallel steps were taken towards the integration of records and reports in electronic machine card accounting form with those grain companies and organizations using these media.

The records and facilities of the office were made available to the Box Car Distribution Inquiry. The tabulating and research sections of the Branch prepared a wide range of detailed statements of country and terminal elevator capacities, stocks, handlings and inter-related ratios for this investigation. The office also supplied historical records of their own operations for certain individual companies and groups for use in their submissions to the Inquiry.

The grain audit statements prepared in connection with elevator stock weighups during the year carried out by the Weighing and Inspection Branches of the Board under authority of Sections 139 and 140 of the Canada Grain Act are summarized in the tables G12-14 inclusive of this appendix. Additional statistics and analyses relating to the operations of these elevators were prepared for the information of the Board in their examination of these audits.

The responsibility of the Branch under Section 21 of the Act was met by the maintenance within the office of grain price records for the principal grain markets and the preparation therefrom of regular statements of price statistics.

In compliance with Section 102 of the Canadian Grain Act the office continued to examine and check grain insurance policies and reports filed by elevator licensees and thereby ensured adequate protection to owners of stored grain.

Vessel charter confirmations submitted by shippers with respect to all lake grain cargoes shipped from Fort William-Port Arthur during the 1958 season of navigation were examined by this office in accordance with our responsibilities under the Inland Water Freight Rates Act. These reports covered the 1,123 vessels that carried 322 million bushels of the five principal grains during the 1958 season which opened on April 18 and closed December 13. Rates on these cargoes opened and continued for the season at the maximum level of charges allowable under this Act.