

was also a contract for 360,000 tons of barley to be delivered by the Pacific before November 30, and in addition the Chinese have agreed to purchase approximately 30,000 tons of Canadian flour within the same delivery period.

2. The terms of these sales were 25 percent cash with the balance in nine months at 5½ percent interest; all sales were for sterling. We understand that Mr. Hamilton will be leaving Hong Kong on Monday, which should bring him back to Ottawa on the same day, Ottawa time. We expect that either Mr. Hamilton or the Prime Minister will wish to make a statement in the House about these large grain sales to China probably on Tuesday, but certainly no later than on Wednesday. We shall of course let the United States Government know before hand on a confidential basis. Mr. Hamilton agreed to this course of action before he left for Hong Kong.<sup>68</sup>

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*Statement*

[Ottawa], May 1, 1961

I. Sales to China involving deliveries this year:

(a) Wheat, ex St. Lawrence:

300,000 long tons = 11,200,000 bushels,  
worth approx. \$19,152,000

(b) Wheat, ex Pacific ports:

450,000 long tons = 16,800,000 bushels,  
worth approx. \$28,728,000

(c) Barley, ex Pacific ports:

360,000 long tons = 16,800,000 bushels,  
worth approx. \$15,456,000

(d) Wheat Flour

30,000 long tons = 1,500,000 bushels,  
Wheat equivalent, worth \$2,565,000

NOTE: These sales total 46,300,000 bushels, thus exceeding the cash sales last January of 40,100,000 bushels of grain. The aggregate for 1961 is 2,200,000 tons, or 86,400,000 bushels, worth \$129,000,000.

<sup>68</sup> Notes marginales :/Marginal notes:

Get comparative statement of 2 China deals re

(a) dollars

(b) tons

(c) bushels. R. C[ampbell] 1/5/61

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