

The Alberta Wheat Pool increased the storage capacity of its No. 1 terminal at Vancouver to the extent of 2,750,000 bushels, and also acquired, by lease, a 1,000,000 bushel terminal at Victoria, B.C. The combined storage space in Pool, country and terminal elevators now totals 95,976,250 bushels.

The central selling agency, or Canadian Wheat Pool, in common with all other wheat marketing organizations, was faced with an exceptionally difficult year and its turn-over and exports showed a heavy decline from the previous year. Total wheat sales for the 1929-30 season were 129,952,000 bushels, of which 56,877,613 bushels went into export channels. Unstable monetary and political conditions in China affected Canadian wheat exports unfavourably and the Pool's shipments to the Orient totalled only 4,000,000 bushels, compared with nearly 18 million in the preceding season. The United Kingdom was again the co-operative's largest customer, taking approximately 23,000,000 bushels, as compared with 34,600,000 bushels in 1928-29. Total Pool handlings amounted to 139,570,304 bushels, of which 24,040,981 bushels were coarse grains.

The Pool year was featured by difficulties of financing (involving legislative guarantees of bank loans by the Governments of the Prairie Provinces); changes in sales policy; a growing demand among members for a 100 p.c. Pool by legislative enactment; and continued expansion of cereal research activities.

The following table (Table 23) gives a statistical view of the expansion of the wheat pools during the past six years:—

23.—Pool Membership, Acreage and Bushels Handled by the Wheat Pools of the Prairie Provinces, 1923-1931.

Crop Year and Province.	Pool Membership.	Pool Acreage.	Pool Handling.
	No.	acres.	bush.
1923-24—			
Alberta Wheat Pool only.....	25,601	2,416,413	34,218,980
1924-25—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	30,711	2,952,890	23,026,393
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	51,268	7,055,590	50,201,536
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	9,216	735,866	7,982,065
Totals.....	91,195	10,744,346	81,159,994
1925-26—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	35,997	3,457,673	45,166,599
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	72,016	9,564,299	129,708,049
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	14,372	1,058,182	12,487,858
Totals.....	122,385	14,080,154	187,362,506
1926-27—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	38,490	3,650,703	44,251,334
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	80,418	10,664,948	119,502,566
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	17,334	1,215,047	16,196,342
Totals.....	136,212	15,530,698	179,950,242
1927-28—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	43,863	4,072,545	71,117,500
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	86,125	11,216,186	127,559,494
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	19,582	1,346,414	11,194,397
Totals.....	149,570	16,635,145	209,871,391
1928-29—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	36,541	4,167,456	18,379,667
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	77,404	10,735,448	158,424,177
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	17,783	1,250,000	67,444,356
Totals.....	131,728	16,152,904	244,248,200
1929-30—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	40,915	4,625,309	37,541,032
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	81,592	10,957,970	84,685,959
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	17,968	1,283,396	17,383,313
Totals.....	140,475	16,866,675	139,570,304
1930-31 (As at Jan. 1, 1931)—			
Alberta Wheat Pool.....	43,293	5,165,547	
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.....	82,979	12,411,572	
Manitoba Wheat Pool.....	21,758	3,257,288	
Totals.....	148,030	20,834,407	