

sales amounted to 14,700,000 bushels, of which 4,800,000 bushels were sold domestically at the ceiling price of \$1.64 and 9,800,000 bushels were exported at \$3.10, both prices basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur.

Oilseeds.—The fixed price for soybeans for 1943-44 remained unchanged from the previous year. During the crop year the Board was empowered to buy sunflower and rapeseed from producers on the basis of 5 cents per pound and 6 cents per pound, respectively, top grades f.o.b. shipping points designated by the Board. Board purchases during the crop year were as follows: soybeans 1,637 bushels; sunflower seeds 4,554,465 pounds and rapeseed 981,476 pounds. All these quantities were re-sold during the year at the purchase prices.

Acreage and Production

Canada commenced the crop year 1943-44 with a carryover of 595,000,000 bushels. On an acreage of 16,849,700, 1943 wheat production totalled 284,000,000 bushels; thus, the carryover and new crop combined, provided 879,000,000 bushels of wheat available in Canada for the crop year 1943-44—about 100,000,000 bushels less than was available in 1942-43.

Exports

During the crop year exports, including wheat flour, amounted to 343,800,000 bushels as compared with 214,700,902 bushels in 1942-43. The increase in wheat exports is largely accounted for by United States imports of wheat for feed purposes during the latter half of the crop year. The United Kingdom continued to be the main overseas purchaser of Canadian wheat.

Operations of the Board

Wheat.—*Crown Account.*—Pursuant to Order in Council P.C. 7942, all unsold stocks of wheat in Canada, including the wheat remaining in the 1940-41, 1941-42 and 1942-43 Board Accounts (299,700,000 bushels) were taken over by the Federal Government through the Canadian Wheat Board (see p. 792). These stocks became known as Crown wheat and were used for Mutual Aid purposes and to provide wheat for the domestic market. Sales amounted to 111,400,000 bushels, leaving 188,300,000 bushels on hand on July 31, 1944. As at July 31, 1944, the Crown Wheat Account showed a deficit of \$10,125,327.

Order in Council P.C. 7942 provided for the closing out of the 1940-41, 1941-42 and 1942-43 Board Accounts. These Accounts showed a combined surplus of \$61,080,047 which was subsequently made available to producers (less payment costs and plus accumulated interest).

The position of Crop Account (Wheat) as at July 31, 1944, was as follows:—

Year	<i>Receipts from Producers</i>	<i>Inventory¹ July 31, 1944</i>	<i>Surplus as at July 31, 1944</i>
—	bu.	bu.	\$
1943.....	293,400,000	162,900,000	18,191,132

¹ Inventory valued at the Board's fixed initial price as at July 31, 1944.

Eastern Division.—As prices for Ontario wheat remained at ceiling levels throughout 1943-44 no deliveries were made to the Board and no operations were recorded during the crop year 1943-44.