

Other large importers of Canadian wheat in 1944-45 were France, Greece, Portugal, India, Belgium and Eire. In the main, the export movement of Canadian wheat in 1944-45 was to European destinations, reflecting significant international developments during the period under review.

### Operations of the Board

**Wheat.**—With due regard to the volume of wheat that was being carried in Canada during the crop year 1944-45, the Board felt that its duty was to market every possible bushel that could be sold under existing conditions. This sales policy was more than justified by the fact that, in the final year of the War in Europe, demand for Canadian wheat was urgent and failure to meet that demand would have had far-reaching repercussions.

In 1944-45 the Board had the following wheat available:—

- (1) The balance of Crown wheat supplies, acquired on Sept. 27, 1943, in accordance with the Order in Council P.C. 7942.
- (2) The balance of wheat delivered to the Board by producers in 1943-44.
- (3) Wheat delivered to the Board by producers during the crop year 1944-45.

The Crown wheat supply was sufficient to meet requirements up to Jan. 16, 1945. These requirements included domestic needs, supplies for United Kingdom and other countries receiving mutual aid and supplies for any other overseas distribution by the Federal Government. The Crown wheat supply was replenished by Order in Council P.C. 1116 dated Feb. 20, 1945,\* which directed the Board to proceed as follows:—

- (1) To purchase for Crown Account sufficient wheat from the 1943 and 1944 Crop Accounts to cover Mutual Aid sales by Crown for the period Jan. 16, 1945, to Feb. 28, 1945, at Class II prices prevailing on the date of each Mutual Aid sale.
- (2) To purchase for Crown Account sufficient wheat from the 1943 Crop to cover domestic sales by Crown for the period Jan. 16, 1945, to Feb. 28, 1945, at \$1.25 per bushel, basis No. 1 Manitoba Northern in store Fort William/Port Arthur.
- (3) To purchase for Crown Account 100,000,000 bushels of wheat from the 1943 and 1944 Crop Accounts at \$1.43 per bushel for No. 1 Manitoba Northern, basis in store Fort William/Port Arthur, to cover Mutual Aid sales contracted after Feb. 28, 1945. (These purchases were made as at Mar. 1, 1945, at the prevailing Class II price of \$1.46 per bushel for No. 1 Northern on Jan. 29, 1945. The spread of 3 cents between the Class II price and the purchase price was allowed to Crown Account in lieu of ultimate carrying charges incurred between Mar. 1, 1945, and the final date of each Mutual Aid sale.)

From Aug. 1, 1944, substantial sales of wheat were made from the 1943-44 Board Account at the Board's Commercial or Class II price. Order in Council P.C. 1116 provided for the disposal of further stocks of wheat in the 1943-44 Board Account: (1) by stipulating that wheat from the 1943-44 Board Account should be used to provide domestic requirements from the date Crown wheat was exhausted until July 31, 1945; and (2) by providing for the sale of stocks of 1943-44 wheat to Crown Account for Mutual Aid purposes. As a result of this arrangement, final accounting in respect to the 1943-44 Board Account could not be completed until domestic sales to July 31, 1945, were finalized and until many adjustments arising from wartime sales were made. On wheat provided for the domestic market out of the 1943 Crop Account, producers neither gained nor lost, as the Board sold such wheat at initial cost and reimbursed the 1943 Crop on an average per bushel carrying charge rate for all domestic sales. The arrangement in respect to supplying the domestic market was within the general price control policy of the Federal Government as in effect at that time.

\* Effective date amended to read "close of business, Feb. 28, 1945" by Order in Council P.C. 4647, July 5, 1945.