

The amount of grain handled by eastern elevators during the ten crop years ended 1940-49 is shown in Table 3.

3.—Canadian Grain Handled at Eastern Elevators, Crop Years Ended July 31, 1940-49

NOTE.—Figures for the crop years ended 1922-29 are given at p. 626 of the 1931 Year Book; for 1930-36 at p. 512 of the 1943-44 edition; and for 1937-39 at p. 816 of the 1947 edition.

Item and Crop Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Flaxseed	Total Grain
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Receipts—						
1940	240,412,659	15,204,169	14,340,317	2,163,482	666,436	272,787,063
1941	294,736,497	7,958,781	8,937,925	906,154	2,206,498	314,745,855
1942	282,400,393	5,468,716	7,240,814	785,929	1,912,528	297,808,380
1943	219,652,250	9,785,401	5,278,318	458,978	1,244,032	236,418,979
1944	254,389,628	18,838,600	20,806,305	739,090	752,512	295,526,135
1945	365,444,773	44,726,587	27,047,192	2,632,303	1,869,128	441,719,983
1946	318,075,743	70,013,103	30,789,084	1,938,882	3,669,449	424,486,261
1947	255,286,775	63,764,776	22,719,533	5,663,823	1,302,023	348,736,930
1948	196,718,272	38,842,320	27,560,650	17,543,967	6,234,436	286,899,645
1949	255,213,214	30,407,034	34,320,228	8,750,556	14,906,168	343,597,200
Shipments—						
1940	221,558,877	17,360,438	14,784,608	1,927,316	613,212	256,244,451
1941	289,226,546	8,319,274	9,358,776	1,048,997	2,212,699	310,166,292
1942	282,022,653	5,377,665	5,658,168	777,623	1,873,895	295,710,004
1943	241,277,883	9,214,194	5,348,513	556,151	1,223,582	257,620,323
1944	248,581,173	17,221,335	17,164,441	829,960	628,979	284,425,888
1945	385,086,106	39,039,333	30,943,479	2,315,638	1,369,573	458,754,129
1946	338,462,187	70,460,215	28,472,958	2,432,487	3,727,565	443,555,412
1947	251,033,577	68,714,833	24,378,351	5,612,148	1,717,100	351,456,009
1948	206,061,315	39,805,551	26,847,608	17,647,367	5,551,788	295,913,629
1949	241,121,950	30,096,475	35,803,699	6,999,851	11,355,838	325,377,813

Wheat Flour.—The volume of wheat flour produced in Canadian mills in 1948-49 dropped to 20,400,000 bbl., a decline of 3,800,000 bbl. from the previous year, but was still well above the pre-war (1935-39) average of 15,000,000 bbl. Wheat milled for the production of this flour amounted to 90,900,000 bu., a decrease of 18,900,000 bu. from the crop year 1947-48. Exports of wheat flour (based on adjusted customs returns) for the crop year under survey amounted to 10,700,000 bbl., equivalent to 52.4 p.c. of the same year's production, but a decrease of 3,000,000 bbl. from the 1947-48 export figure.

The percentage of milling capacity utilized for the crop year 1948-49 averaged 67.3, a decrease of 13.7 p.c. from that of the previous crop year.

Grain Inspections.—Total inspections of Canadian grain in the 1948-49 crop year amounted to 475,600,000 bu., well above the 386,000,000 bu. inspected in the previous crop year. These figures reflect the improved level of production in 1948 as compared with 1947. The large gain in Eastern Division inspections is attributable, in part, to the much better harvest of 1948, but the sharp increase in inspections of Eastern Division wheat also indicated a response to a strong market demand existing for Ontario winter wheat and flour.