

Subsection 1.—Licensed Grain Storage

Total grain storage capacity in Canada, licensed under the provisions of the Canada Grain Act by the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, amounted to 632,200,000 bu. at Dec. 1, 1957, an increase of 10,000,000 bu. over the level at Dec. 1, 1956. Some 8,303,000 bu. of this increase occurred in western country elevators. Licensed grain storage capacity in Canada had reached a peak of 603,000,000 bu. at Dec. 1, 1943 but, following the disposal of heavy wartime stocks, declined to 482,400,000 bu. at Dec. 1, 1947. Since that date, capacity has increased each year.

The 1957 grain yields were well below the average of recent years and, with the exception of rye, were sharply reduced from 1956 levels. However, with bumper crops being harvested in five of the six preceding years, the pressure on Canada's grain storage and handling facilities remained great. Farmers' marketings of western grain are governed to a considerable extent by space made available in country elevators as grain moves forward into domestic and export channels. As indicated in Table 30, there was only slight variation in the proportion of elevator space occupied at Nov. 27 and Apr. 2 in the 1957-58 crop year but by July 31 the proportion occupied had increased to 77.0 p.c. Information is given in the table for only three dates in the crop year, but weekly data on stocks of grain in various commercial positions may be obtained from the DBS bulletin *Grain Statistics Weekly* (Catalogue No. 22-004).

30.—Licensed Grain Storage Capacity and Grain in Store, Crop Years 1956-57 and 1957-58

Crop Year and Storage Position	Licensed Storage Capacity	Canadian Grain in Licensed Storage			Proportion of Licensed Storage Capacity Occupied		
	Dec. 1, 1956	Nov. 28, 1956	Apr. 3, 1957	July 31, 1957	Nov. 28, 1956	Apr. 3, 1957	July 31, 1957
	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
1956-57							
Western country.....	371,679	284,947	287,117	316,491	76.7	77.2	85.2
Interior, private and mill.....	20,522	10,110	11,647	9,397	49.3	56.8	45.8
Interior, terminals.....	18,100	14,511	13,289	12,359	80.2	73.4	68.3
Churchill.....	5,000	4,801	4,801	4,885	96.0	96.0	97.7
Pacific coast.....	22,256	13,494	15,937	13,297	60.6	71.6	59.7
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	90,517	58,007	79,888	69,329	64.1	88.3	76.6
Georgian Bay and upper Lake ports.....	36,641	29,510	15,229	32,957	80.5	41.6	89.9
Lower Lake and upper St. Lawrence ports.....	20,520	13,301	10,480	15,325	64.8	51.1	74.7
Lower St. Lawrence ports.....	29,712	22,112	15,253	23,426	74.4	51.3	78.8
Maritime ports ¹	7,229	6,582	4,574	6,084	91.0	63.3	84.2
Totals, 1956-57.....	622,178	457,376	458,213	503,550	73.5	73.6	80.9
	Dec. 1, 1957	Nov. 27, 1957	Apr. 2, 1958	July 31, 1958	Nov. 27, 1957	Apr. 2, 1958	July 31, 1958
1957-58							
Western country.....	379,982	284,261	291,905	306,465	74.8	76.8	80.7
Interior, private and mill.....	20,583	9,441	10,946	10,806	45.9	53.2	52.5
Interior, terminals.....	18,100	13,937	13,035	11,339	77.0	72.0	62.6
Churchill.....	5,000	4,606	4,803	3,742	92.1	96.1	74.8
Pacific coast.....	23,906	11,349	14,720	13,333	47.5	61.6	55.8
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	90,517	62,404	82,853	68,767	68.9	91.5	76.0
Georgian Bay and upper Lake ports.....	36,641	33,344	9,881	28,952	91.0	27.0	79.0
Lower Lake and upper St. Lawrence ports.....	20,520	16,039	10,161	16,125	78.2	49.5	78.6
Lower St. Lawrence ports.....	29,712	24,776	17,547	24,783	83.4	59.1	83.4
Maritime ports ¹	7,229	6,508	1,961	2,699	90.0	27.1	37.3
Totals, 1957-58.....	632,192	466,666	457,817	487,012	73.8	72.4	77.0

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.