

The statistics of warehousing are gathered together under this Section. Subsection 1 presents statistics of the licensed storage of grain. Subsection 2 deals with cold storage facilities without which perishable foods such as meats, dairy products, fish and fruits could not be exchanged or distributed on a wide scale; it includes also figures of stocks of food on hand. Subsection 3 deals with the storage of petroleum and its products, and Subsection 4 with public warehouses and customs warehouses. The facilities that specialize in the storage of tobacco and alcoholic liquors are analysed in Subsection 5. These bonded warehouses, as they are called, are under the strict surveillance of Federal Government excise officers, who supervise all movements into and from such places of storage.

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 652,112,000 bu. at Dec. 1, 1961 and represented an increase of 7,156,000 bu. over capacity at Dec. 1, 1960. Although the capacity of western country elevators declined by 575,000 bu., capacity at the Lakehead was expanded by 6,800,000 bu. and relatively small increases were recorded at interior, private and mill elevators and at lower Lake and St. Lawrence ports.

The system was generally congested at the beginning of 1961-62 but this congestion was relieved, especially during the latter months of the crop year, as a result of heavy export shipments and the prairie drought which caused farmers to hold back grain that might otherwise have been delivered before the end of the crop year. As indicated in Table 28, only 56.3 p.c. of the licensed storage capacity was occupied at July 31, 1962 as compared with 74.9 p.c. a year earlier.

28.—Licensed Grain Storage Capacity and Grain in Store, Crop Years 1960-61 and 1961-62

Crop Year and Storage Position	Licensed Storage Capacity	Canadian Grain in Licensed Storage			Proportion of Licensed Storage Capacity Occupied		
	Dec. 1, 1960	Nov. 30, 1960	Mar. 29, 1961	July 31, 1961	Nov. 30, 1960	Mar. 29, 1961	July 31, 1961
	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
1960-61							
Western country.....	374,033	303,124	304,312	288,648	81.0	81.4	77.2
Interior, private and mill.....	20,514	10,218	9,732	10,423	49.8	47.4	50.8
Interior, terminals.....	18,100	12,756	11,741	11,751	70.5	64.9	64.9
Pacific coast.....	24,906	12,222	15,546	13,553	49.1	62.4	54.4
Churchill.....	5,000	4,837	4,837	4,224	96.7	96.7	84.5
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	91,967	60,685	84,742	74,281	66.0	92.1	80.8
Georgian Bay and upper Lake ports..	36,566	32,903	11,272	30,938	90.0	30.8	34.6
Lower Lake and upper St. Lawrence ports.....	21,460	16,264	9,468	14,384	75.8	44.1	67.0
Lower St. Lawrence ports.....	45,180	34,154	20,043	30,261	75.6	44.4	67.0
Maritime ports (excl. Newfoundland).	7,229	6,101	3,199	4,433	84.4	44.3	61.3
Totals, 1960-61.....	644,956	493,265	474,894	482,896	76.5	73.6	74.9
	Dec. 1, 1961	Nov. 29, 1961	Mar. 28, 1962	July 31, 1962	Nov. 29, 1961	Mar. 28, 1962	July 31, 1962
	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	'000 bu.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
1961-62							
Western country.....	373,458	250,771	193,420	194,611	67.1	51.8	52.1
Interior, private and mill.....	20,926	10,608	10,471	9,065	50.7	50.0	43.3
Interior, terminals.....	18,100	13,538	12,680	9,093	74.8	70.1	50.2
Pacific coast.....	24,906	14,058	11,365	13,614	56.4	45.6	54.7
Churchill.....	5,000	4,829	4,829	4,400	96.6	96.6	88.0
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	98,767	53,258	80,935	75,509	54.0	81.9	76.5
Georgian Bay and upper Lake ports..	36,566	27,819	23,342	19,764	76.1	63.8	54.1
Lower Lake and upper St. Lawrence ports.....	21,480	11,032	9,952	10,816	51.4	46.3	50.4
Lower St. Lawrence ports.....	45,680	33,386	21,080	26,803	73.1	46.1	58.7
Maritime ports (excl. Newfoundland).	7,229	6,497	2,536	3,534	89.9	35.1	48.9
Totals, 1961-62.....	652,112	425,795	370,608	367,208	65.3	56.8	56.3