

**Lake Shipments of Grain.**—The 1953 navigation season opened with the arrival of the first vessel at the Lakehead in mid-afternoon, Mar. 27, almost equalling the record early opening at 4 a.m. Mar. 27, 1945, and closed on Dec. 14, four days earlier than in 1952. During the season, total vessel shipments of wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and buckwheat from Fort William-Port Arthur amounted to 441,983,089 bu., down slightly from the 1952 total of 450,807,914 bu. Shipments of barley and oats, at 110,471,694 bu. and 98,202,498 bu., respectively, set new records for the second consecutive year for these grains.

**34.—Lake Shipments of Canadian Grain from Fort William-Port Arthur, Ont.  
Season of Navigation, 1952 and 1953**

Grain	1952			1953		
	To Canadian Ports	To U.S. Ports	Total Shipments <sup>1</sup>	To Canadian Ports	To U.S. Ports	Total Shipments <sup>2</sup>
Wheat..... bu.	209,619,852	36,301,684	246,093,244	200,287,969	8,318,478	209,117,510
Oats..... "	38,512,936	54,191,086	92,704,022	40,860,935	57,341,563	98,202,498
Barley..... "	80,370,705	16,492,644	96,863,349	78,012,515	31,763,840	110,471,694
Rye..... "	3,428,631	5,599,384	9,089,225	3,188,236	14,489,023	17,677,259
Flaxseed..... "	6,004,797	—	6,058,074	6,283,288	—	6,283,288
Buckwheat..... "	—	—	—	230,840	—	230,840
<b>Totals..... bu.</b>	<b>337,936,921</b>	<b>112,584,798</b>	<b>450,807,914</b>	<b>328,863,783</b>	<b>111,912,904</b>	<b>441,983,089</b>
Mixed grain..... lb.	—	—	—	21,714,790	—	21,714,790
Sample grain..... "	12,391,370	—	12,391,370	9,762,178	7,090,098	16,852,276
Screenings..... tons	13,425	87,033	100,458	35,843	86,698	122,541

<sup>1</sup> Includes following shipments direct to Europe: wheat, 171,708; rye, 61,210; and flaxseed, 53,277 bu.

<sup>2</sup> Includes following shipments direct to Europe: wheat, 251,539 and barley, 695,339 bu.; and 259,524 bu. of wheat lost in shipwreck.

**Wheat Flour.**—After reaching a peak of 28,588,000 bbl. in 1946-47, Canadian wheat flour production dropped to a post-war low of 20,259,000 bbl. in 1949-50. Production in each of the following three crop years was only slightly below the five-year (1945-46—1949-50) average of 23,985,000 bbl. A rather sharp drop in 1953-54, however, reduced output of flour to 20,801,000 bbl., 13 p.c. below the 1952-53 total. The proportion of milling capacity utilized for the crop year 1953-54 averaged 70.1 p.c. compared with 81.4 p.c. in 1952-53.

Exports of wheat flour during recent years have followed approximately the same pattern as production, dropping from the 1946-47 peak of 16,896,000 bbl. to 10,151,000 bbl. in 1949-50. Exports in 1953-54 amounted to 10,277,000 bbl., representing approximately one-half the total production, a ratio which has been maintained fairly consistently in recent years.