

The harvesting and marketing of crops of record or near-record proportions in Western Canada in 1951, 1952 and 1953 have imposed an unusually heavy strain on all grain storage and handling facilities. The problem was further complicated at the beginning of this three-year period by the large proportion of out-of-condition grain harvested in the autumn of 1951, requiring special binning and thereby reducing effective storage capacity, and the abnormally large amount of grain harvested in the spring of 1952. As a result, a much higher proportion than usual of elevator space was occupied at the beginning of the 1952-53 crop year. Despite extremely heavy domestic and export movement of grains in both 1952-53 and 1953-54, an unusually high proportion of elevator space, as indicated in Table 38, remained occupied throughout this period. Although information is given in the following table for only three dates in the crop year, weekly data on stocks of grain in various commercial positions may be obtained from the *DBS Grain Statistics Weekly*.

### 38.—Licensed Grain Storage Capacity and Grain in Store, 1952-53 and 1953-54

NOTE.—Because these figures are exclusive of stocks in transit or in eastern mills, they are lower than those shown in Table 15, p. 412.

| Crop Year and Storage Position               | Licensed Storage Capacity | Canadian Grain in Licensed Storage |                |                | Proportion of Licensed Storage Capacity Occupied |               |               |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|---------------|---------------|
|  |                           | Dec. 1, 1952                       | Nov. 27, 1952  | Apr. 1, 1953   | July 31, 1953                                    | Nov. 27, 1952 | Apr. 1, 1953  |
|  | '000 bu.                  | '000 bu.                           | '000 bu.       | '000 bu.       | p. c.  | p. c.         | p. c.         |
| <b>1952-53</b>                               |                           |                                    |                |                |  |               |               |
| Western country.....                         | 306,834                   | 204,673                            | 218,203        | 245,335        | 66.7   | 71.1          | 80.0          |
| Interior, private and mill....               | 20,721                    | 8,480                              | 9,192          | 9,046          | 40.9   | 44.4          | 43.7          |
| Interior, terminals.....                     | 20,600                    | 9,403                              | 16,894         | 16,456         | 45.6   | 82.0          | 79.9          |
| Pacific coast.....                           | 21,756                    | 10,047                             | 7,609          | 7,881          | 46.2   | 35.0          | 36.2          |
| Fort William-Port Arthur....                 | 84,449                    | 43,998                             | 66,884         | 50,829         | 52.1   | 79.2          | 60.2          |
| Georgian Bay and Upper Lake ports.....       | 35,641                    | 16,102                             | 13,302         | 24,010         | 45.2   | 37.3          | 67.4          |
| Lower Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..... | 19,100                    | 6,843                              | 6,111          | 12,207         | 35.8   | 32.0          | 63.9          |
| Lower St. Lawrence ports....                 | 24,912                    | 11,152                             | 11,800         | 17,588         | 44.8   | 47.4          | 70.6          |
| Maritime ports <sup>1</sup> .....            | 5,277                     | 1,526                              | 3,169          | 4,179          | 28.9   | 60.1          | 79.2          |
| <b>Totals, 1952-53.....</b>                  | <b>539,290</b>            | <b>312,224</b>                     | <b>353,166</b> | <b>387,530</b> | <b>57.9</b>                                      | <b>65.5</b>   | <b>71.9</b>   |
|  | Dec. 1, 1953              | Dec. 2, 1953                       | Mar. 31, 1954  | July 31, 1954  | Dec. 2, 1953                                     | Mar. 31, 1954 | July 31, 1954 |
|  | '000 bu.                  | '000 bu.                           | '000 bu.       | '000 bu.       | p. c.  | p. c.         | p. c.         |
| <b>1953-54</b>                               |                           |                                    |                |                |  |               |               |
| Western country.....                         | 322,986                   | 238,827                            | 254,977        | 267,133        | 73.9   | 78.9          | 82.7          |
| Interior, private and mill....               | 20,716                    | 8,577                              | 9,640          | 8,626          | 41.4   | 46.5          | 41.6          |
| Interior, terminals.....                     | 20,600                    | 16,805                             | 18,162         | 15,996         | 81.6   | 88.2          | 77.7          |
| Pacific coast.....                           | 21,756                    | 13,915                             | 13,787         | 8,054          | 64.0   | 63.4          | 37.0          |
| Fort William-Port Arthur....                 | 90,517                    | 39,104                             | 81,744         | 62,976         | 43.2   | 90.3          | 69.6          |
| Georgian Bay and Upper Lake ports.....       | 35,641                    | 32,549                             | 25,224         | 31,283         | 91.3   | 70.8          | 87.8          |
| Lower Lake and Upper St. Lawrence ports..... | 19,100                    | 16,036                             | 11,414         | 13,352         | 84.0   | 59.8          | 69.9          |
| Lower St. Lawrence ports....                 | 24,912                    | 19,718                             | 16,750         | 21,396         | 79.2   | 67.2          | 85.9          |
| Maritime ports <sup>1</sup> .....            | 5,277                     | 4,890                              | 3,368          | 5,564          | 92.7   | 63.8          | 105.4         |
| <b>Totals, 1953-54.....</b>                  | <b>561,505</b>            | <b>390,420</b>                     | <b>435,066</b> | <b>434,380</b> | <b>69.5</b>                                      | <b>77.5</b>   | <b>77.4</b>   |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Newfoundland.