

IMPORT QUOTAS ON WHEAT

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The American Minister to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

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OTTAWA, CANADA, May 28, 1941

SIR:

1. I have been instructed to call to your attention the fact that due to legislative action looking toward an increase in the income of American wheat producers there has been a substantial rise in the price of wheat in the United States. As a result of this development the spread between the price of wheat in the United States and the price of wheat in Canada has materially widened, thus making practicable an abnormal importation of Canadian wheat into the United States for consumption.

2. In view of the prospects of a record carryover of wheat in the United States, prospects for a better than average wheat production this year and extremely limited possibilities for export, it is obvious that the United States is faced with a surplus problem of its own. Furthermore, the importation of appreciable quantities of wheat from Canada would materially interfere with the proposed wheat program of the United States set forth in the preceding paragraph.

3. In view of this situation, the Government of the United States regretfully finds it necessary on the basis of the findings of the United States Tariff Commission to place a limitation on the importation of Canadian wheat.² Such action, however, will not apply to the movement of Canadian wheat into the United States for milling in bond and export, or to Canadian wheat moving through the United States for export. In the latter connection, moreover, the Government of the United States is anxious to collaborate closely with Canadian wheat authorities in making the most effective use of the available storage facilities in the United States.

¹ TIAS 1957, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 800.

² See Proclamation 2489 dated May 28, 1941 (55 Stat. 1649).