

No. 514.**Order in Council respecting the Commandeering of Wheat.**

P. C. 2893.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 8th December, 1915.

On a report of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, representing that the Government of Canada has been requested to take into account the supplies of wheat required by the British Government and certain of the Allied Governments, and to arrange for a considerable supply to be shipped during the month of December and following months. The Minister of Trade and Commerce reports that it has become necessary and advisable and within the meaning of Section 6, of the War Measures Act, 1914, to appropriate and control the wheat hereinafter described under the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

The Minister further reports that the action which he has taken for the above purpose is set forth in the telegrams, copies of which are hereto appended, and that the instructions given in the messages signed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Minister of Railways and Canals and the Solicitor General were sent after consultation with him and at his request in pursuance of the proposed appropriation and control of the wheat aforesaid.

That in the putting into effect and the carrying out of the said appropriation it has been found desirable in order to avoid as far as possible interference with the progress of milling in Canada, and with contracts for export of wheat, and to provide wheat already contracted for by the French Government and for other special shipments, to loan certain quantities of wheat so appropriated and to release certain quantities upon contracts for replacement or otherwise and to dispose of certain quantities upon sale and purchase agreement for the restoration of like quantities at like prices at convenient times.

As the wheat was required and ordered through the Government of the United Kingdom from the Government of Canada,

by reason of war conditions, the Minister of Trade and Commerce recommends that under Section 6 of the War Measures Act, 1914, the appropriation and control of wheat as herein set out be ratified and confirmed and all despatches effecting same and all acts done by or under the authority of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Minister of Railways and Canals and the Solicitor General, in the carrying out of the said appropriation and in the releasing under contract or replacement or otherwise, portions of the wheat appropriated be ratified and confirmed.

The Minister further recommends that the wheat which has been so appropriated and which is now under the control of the Government, save such as may have been or may hereafter be loaned, released or disposed of, in manner afore described, and also any wheat taken or to be taken in replacement, in return or by purchase and sale contract as aforesaid, be used for the purpose of supplying any such orders as aforesaid heretofore received or to be received by the Government through the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies or otherwise, and that the Minister be authorized to do such acts and make such contracts both of the character already taken and hereby confirmed as may be necessary for the purpose of using the appropriated wheat accordingly.

The Minister recommends that the Order in Council, P. C. 2873,* respecting the appropriation of wheat, passed on the fourth day of December, 1915, be repealed.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations and submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

November 27th, 1915.

Dr. ROBT. MCGILL,
Grain Commission,
Fort William.

Government has commandeered all numbers one, two and, three Northern wheat in elevators under Grain Commission. You are hereby instructed to retain same for Dominion Government.

GEORGE E. FOSTER,
Minister of Trade and Commerce.

*p. 966.