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Betr.: Festsetzung eines Mindestpreises  
fuer Weizen fuer 1939.

1 Anlage.

Am 31. Januar d.J. ist in Regina unter dem Vorsitz des Premierministers John Bracken von Manitoba eine interprovinzielle Weizenkonferenz eroeffnet worden. Auf Grund der am ersten Tag der Konferenz gefassten Entschliessung ist zu erwarten, dass die Dominion Regierung ersucht werden wird, fuer die naechste Ernte den Weizenfarmern im Westen mindestens den gleichen Weizenpreis zu gewaehren wie fuer die letzte Ernte. Der Minimalpreis, der fuer die Ernte des Jahres 1938 garantiert worden war, ist 80¢ je Scheffel fuer Nr.1 Northern Wheat, angeliefert, in Fort William.

Einen Ausschnitt aus der Zeitung "The Gazette", Montreal, vom 1. Februar d.J., betitelt: "West seeks Guarantee on 1939 Wheat Price", beehre ich mich beizufuegen.

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"The Gazette",  
Montreal, den 1. Februar 1939

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### West Seeks Guarantee On 1939 Wheat Price

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Regina, January 31. — (P) — A guaranteed price of wheat to give "at least the protection given in the crop year 1938-39" is expected to be proposed to the Dominion Government as a result of the interprovincial wheat conference, which opened in Regina today under chairmanship of Premier John Bracken of Manitoba.

The conference, after its first day's deliberations, issued a copy of a resolution incorporating its unanimous view in respect to the national wheat policy. A sub-committee will be named to study recommendations to be made.

The resolution passed at the conference and issued to the press tonight, follows:

"That while this committee in the light of the expert evidence presented to the conference held in the City of Winnipeg and the unanimous reaction of its members with reference thereto, is of the opinion that present guaranteed price of wheat is not sufficient to enable the farmers of Western Canada, either to pay interest on, or to retire the capital of their present indebtedness, or to maintain adequate standards of living for themselves and their families, and while this committee also recognizes that a wheat policy for the crop year 1939-40 is necessarily only a temporary measure, pending an ultimate adjustment of western economy by national action and world markets developments or both, it hereby requests the chairman forthwith to nominate a sub-committee to present to this committee for consideration, and subsequently to recommend to the Dominion Government for adoption, a federal wheat policy for the year 1939-40.

"And by way of general direction to its sub-committee, this committee offers for its guidance, its unanimous opinion that the Dominion Government should be requested to extend to the western growers in respect of the wheat to be grown in the crop year 1939-40 at least the protection given in the crop year 1938-39."

In 1938 the Canadian Wheat Board paid a minimum price of 80 cents a bushel for No. 1 northern, basis Fort William.