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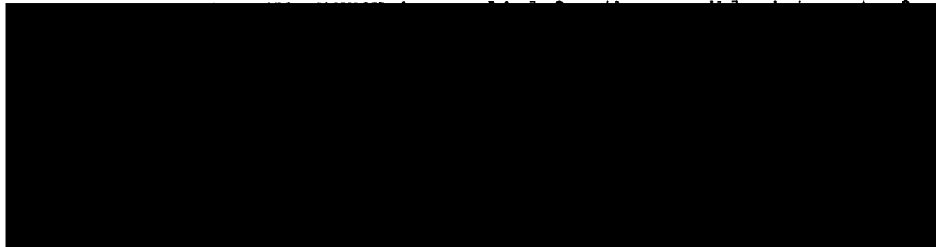
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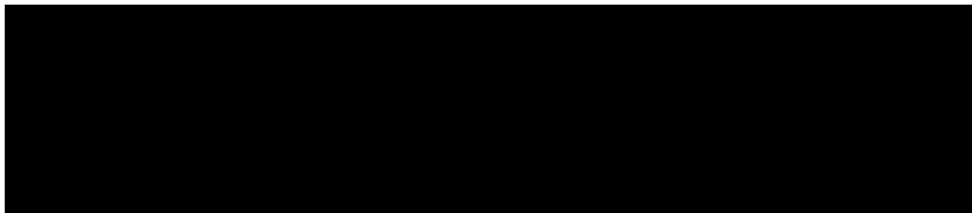
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Linseed oil markets abroad have been rather inactive with what little trading was done being limited to nearby delivery. Prices continue to hold steady. Although linseed (flaxseed) offerings have been made at reduced prices, buyers have shown little interest with so much cheap linseed oil available. Present prices for bulk linseed oil, c.i.f. European and British ports, in US dollar equivalent per pound, are approximately as follows:

Argentine and Uruguayan, Nov/Dec/	9-3/4¢
Canadian, Nov/Dec.	11-1/2¢
US - Nov./Dec.	9-1/2¢
Indian, Dec./Jan.	12-1/4¢
Belgian oil, ex mill, Dec. 9	9-7/8¢

Figures covering most of the European countries and the UK show that from January 1st through August/September these countries imported 4,263,000 bushels of linseed and 218,696,000 pounds of linseed oil, compared with 6,948,000 bushels and 216,933,000 pounds for the same period a year ago.

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