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Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question, but may I direct it to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister say whether the advertisement that reads "Canadian Vickers Builds Confidence" is allowed income tax deductibility, so that the Canadian people have to pay for this misleading advertising?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Okanagan Boundary.

TRADE

WHEAT—FUTURE SALES—ALLEGED I.G.A. PREFERENCE

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Last Friday in answering a question put by the hon. member for Crowfoot the minister referred to the "bag of tricks" in the I.G.A. that was helping to make it inoperative so far as Canadian wheat sales are concerned. My question is based on the recent public statement that Canada and the United States did not read the fine print before signing the International Grains Agreement. Will the minister and his officials approach their counterparts in the United States with a view to renegotiating this important agreement?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have information on this subject. It is a bit long but it says that "destination" pricing clause for European wheats was also part of the previous international wheat agreement. The information goes on to say that in the present international agreement it is clearer than it was in the previous one. The information further goes on to say that this is part of the over-all discussion that is taking place now among exporters in order to strengthen the I.G.A.

GRAIN

WHEAT—FIVE BUSHEL QUOTA

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the low quotas for wheat at many points on the prairies can the minister indicate what uniform quota may be expected by the end of July, which is the end of the current crop year?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, apparently the Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board said this morning he can only equalize quotas at the five bushels per acre level.

SHIPPING

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MERCHANT FLEET STUDY

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the other day I asked the Minister of Transport a question regarding a study relating to the possibility of establishing a Canadian flag merchant fleet, and the minister said he would look into it and have a reply on a later occasion. Can he now advise the house what the situation is?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret I have not had the opportunity to get the detailed answer for the hon. member, but I will do so as soon as I can.

WATER RESOURCES

POLLUTION—INDUSTRIAL WASTE IN OTTAWA-HULL AREA

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As pollution of the Ottawa River in the Hull-Ottawa area is obviously much worse than it was a year ago, and as both Ottawa and Hull come under the jurisdiction of the National Capital Commission, will the government see to it that industries in these two cities are forced to stop dumping their industrial waste into this important river, and by such an example start off, I hope, a national campaign in all municipalities across the country—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hees: —to make it possible for us to have fresh water in this country once again?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made a submission which is very much the same type as the one that was made by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth. My suggestion to that hon. member was that the matter might be discussed at the time of adjournment. If the hon. member wants to pursue the matter it should be done at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Hees: Well, Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I do not know anything that is more