

as a result of this experiment. There were some additional expenses involved which would not have been incurred had the same grain been moved in the usual way to its normal destination. At the present time it is known that approximately \$4,000 in additional transit charges have accrued but a final accounting cannot be made until all the facts are known. It was understood from the outset that no monetary benefit would result from the experiment and the Canadian Wheat Board participated in it on the understanding that any unusual expenses which would be involved would not be a charge on producers but would be met by the Canadian Grain Commission.

2 No, there are no positive plans at this time for further test runs.

GRAIN TRAFFIC—VANCOUVER

Question No. 255—Mr. Korchinski:

1. How many box cars of grain were unloaded in Vancouver in each day from November 1, 1971 to date?
2. What is the capacity of the terminal elevators at Vancouver?
3. What was the maximum amount of grain held at these terminals in each week since November 1, 1971?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture):

1. Daily Traffic Report—Vancouver
November 1, 1971—March 3, 1972

Date	No. Cars	Date	No. Cars	Date	No. Cars	Date	No. Cars	Date	No. Cars
Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.		March	
1	425	1	471	1	33	1	221	1	324
2	622	2	494	4	308	2	289	2	267
3	597	3	601	5	575	3	186	3	163
4	555	4	369	6	551	4	190		
5	518	6	467	7	443	5	101		
6	263	7	687	8	163	7	215		
8	455	8	676	10	417	8	485		
9	616	9	613	11	478	9	624		
10	626	10	643	12	380	10	558		
11	143	11	335	13	435	11	564		
12	496	13	459	14	431	12	415		
13	509	14	586	15	108	14	404		
15	484	15	555	17	312	15	587		
16	671	16	557	18	575	16	661		
17	613	17	522	19	538	17	592		
18	497	18	66	20	365	18	606		
19	520	20	393	21	264	19	489		
20	228	21	474	22	55	21	375		
22	431	22	441	24	120	22	625		
23	583	23	382	25	177	23	599		
24	607	24	381	26	125	24	539		
25	543	25	32	27	77	25	557		
26	531	28	118	28	106	26	448		
27	326	29	349	29	7	28	424		
29	423	30	449	31	160	29	559		
30	440	31	427						
Total Cars 12,722		11,547		7,203		11,313		754	

Total No. of Cars 43,539.

2. Vancouver = 25,028,500 bushels.

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3. Visible Stocks at Vancouver
November 1, 1971—March 1, 1972

Week Ending	Amount
	(in 000's bu.)
Nov. 3	12,972
Nov. 10	12,573
Nov. 17	12,021
Nov. 24	13,017
Dec. 1	12,268
Dec. 8	12,505
Dec. 15	14,130
Dec. 22	14,060
Dec. 29	14,689
Jan. 5	14,135
Jan. 12	12,178
Jan. 19	9,712
Jan. 26	8,101
Feb. 2	7,081
Feb. 9	7,384
Feb. 16	8,733
Feb. 23	9,359
Mar. 1	10,416

Above figures include wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and rapeseed.

NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE—RECEPTION, MARCH 4, 1972

Question No. 305—Mr. McIntosh:

1. What was the purpose of the reception, concert, dinner and dance hosted by the Secretary of State for External Affairs at the National Arts Centre the evening of March 4, 1972?
2. Of the guests, how many were (a) diplomats (b) others?
3. What was the cost of the National Arts Centre Orchestra's special concert staged for the occasion?
4. What was the cost of (a) the liquor (b) the wines (c) the champagne (d) the liqueurs?
5. What was the cost of the dinner?
6. What was the cost of the orchestra engaged for the dancing?
7. What was the rental fee for the Arts Centre facilities, accommodation and staff?
8. Is entertaining on this scale a routine practice for the Department of External Affairs?
9. What is the total departmental annual cost of entertaining (a) in Ottawa (b) in Canadian missions overseas?
10. Did the Minister or any of his departmental officers request or order the Arts Centre Management to permit minimal or no publicity in the media of the event?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. For a number of years, at least since the late 1950's, it has been the custom for the Secretary of State for External Affairs to provide an annual occasion to enable foreign diplomatic representatives and their wives to meet socially as a group with a number of distinguished Canadians in appropriate Canadian surroundings. An occasion of this nature serves as an expression of appreciation of the courtesies and hospitality extended to Canadian representatives in and visitors to the countries of the foreign Heads of Mission concerned and also to a great many of our fellow citizens here in Canada by those diplomatic representatives. It serves also as a gesture of hospitality on the part of the Canadian Government towards the distinguished diplomatic representatives of the friendly governments accredited to Canada. The importance of such occasions has long been recognized by governments of many other countries where official