

camps. Would the Minister tell the House what progress is being made on this matter and what process has been set up to establish what kinds of compensation should be paid?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, this matter is indeed under some consideration by Government. It is far from being ripe at the present time. I understand the Japanese Canadians are holding a conference in the Fall at which they will discuss what their own position might be. Of course I should remind the Hon. Member and the House that there was a Royal Commission which was appointed and which reported in 1950, according to which Japanese Canadians were compensated to a great extent for the losses which they suffered.

Ms. McDonald: Madam Speaker, certainly members of my Party would welcome compensation being worked on at the present time, and I am sure other Hon. Members would welcome it too.

FORM OF COMPENSATION

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, my second question is for the Minister of Justice. Would he be a little more explicit on how consultations might be carried out and what the role of Parliament would be in determining the amount of compensation, and the form of compensation?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I think it would be rather unusual for Parliament to be involved in the amount of compensation. Perhaps with respect to the form of compensation, this is a matter about which, at the appropriate time, the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs would want to give some advice to the Minister. I think we are a long way from having the issues before us in sufficiently concrete form to enable us to face these questions precisely.

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PORTS

INVESTMENT IN QUEBEC—INQUIRY RESPECTING PORT OF CHURCHILL

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In today's mail I received an information bulletin from the Minister indicating a \$14.5 million investment in an elevator operated by Bunge of Canada Limited, at the Port of Quebec. When will the Minister be making an announcement with respect to spending some money on the Port of Churchill?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, this must be an investment by the Port of Quebec on the grain facility. It is not an investment of the Department of Transport.

Oral Questions

EXPORTS OF GRAIN

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, the information came from the Minister of Transport's office indicating a Government of Canada investment of \$14.5 million.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Oh, he doesn't know about it.

Mr. Neil: The Minister is aware of the fact that you can ship grain much more cheaply through the Port of Churchill than you can through Quebec or the Great Lakes system. When is the Minister going to do some work in the Port of Churchill and start directing the export of grain through that port?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I think I am right in suggesting that the investment in the Port of Quebec is an investment by the Port of Quebec, which is part of Ports Canada.

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On the subject of Churchill, my hon. friend is wrong in intimating that no money has been spent on that port. To the contrary, millions of dollars have been spent both on the Port of Churchill and on making adequate the rail that leads to Churchill. Each time we talk about Churchill, the question arises: what is the Canadian Wheat Board willing to do on behalf of Canadian farmers for the Port of Churchill? Is it willing to commit itself to certain minimum quantities on an annual basis for that port? Each time the Canadian Wheat Board, on behalf of Canadian farmers, says no, that there are some limitations to what price it can charge Canadian farmers for the use of that port. Consequently, in recent years 500,000 tonnes to 600,000 tonnes have been shipped from Churchill, but it is estimated by most people that, contrary to the opinion expressed just now by my hon. friend, there is an added cost to ship through Churchill.

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FOOD AND DRUGS

SALE OF NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS—SECURITY REGULATIONS

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I have given her office notice of it. In light of the recent occurrences of tampering with bottles of laxative in the Ottawa area, known as the Metamucil scare, could the Minister give us a progress report on proposed regulations for the security of non-prescription drugs? Can she also give us an update on whether the Metamucil scare is just an isolated incident or whether it has moved to other parts of the country outside the Ottawa area?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, starting with the latter part of the question, from all investigations conducted by the police and by my departmental officials, we are confident that these