

*Adjournment Motion*

number of steps have been taken which will increase supply. Canadian manufacturers have purchased and installed additional equipment for manufacture of the lids; personnel are working three shifts per day on the production line. The companies have assured the department that the supply being shipped to western Canada this year reflects a substantial increase over the supplies shipped in 1974.

Hon. members must realize, however, that the availability of canning lids in late May or early June is not truly reflective of the total supply that will be available during the home canning season. Production of the lids continues throughout June and July and supplies are shipped to the various regions of Canada as they come off the production lines. This ensures to the maximum extent possible a continuity of supply which builds up to a peak at the height of the canning season.

Consumers are therefore urged not to hoard supplies in June for the canning season which will not reach its peak until some time toward the end of the summer months. Consumers should also be aware that information received from the manufacturers of home canning fittings indicates quite clearly that canning lids made by one manufacturer may be used on the same size jar made by another manufacturer.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, may I say that we are encouraged by the latest information received from the manufacturers and that, unless the demand for home canning lids is extraordinarily high during this canning season, there is every reason to expect that there will be an adequate supply of these fittings to meet the demand in all parts of Canada, including British Columbia. "You got it made, sir."

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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