

EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON HEALTH

Question No. 2,846—Mr. Marcoux:

1. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare subsidized or carried out work, the purpose of which was the study of the effect of the use of alcohol in the causing of various illnesses in mankind and, if so, how much did such work cost?
2. Has the department subsidized agencies which recommend giving up the use of alcohol and, if so, what amounts have been spent and to whom were grants made?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Since 1948 \$101,971 has been made available under the national health grants by the Department of National Health and Welfare for the support of alcoholism research studies.

2. The following grants have been made available by the department for alcoholism research studies: Ontario alcoholism research foundation, \$83,712; Queen's University, Kingston, \$10,180; Toronto Psychiatric hospital, \$5,079; University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, \$3,000.

RELATION OF ALCOHOL USE TO HEALTH

Question No. 2,848—Mr. Marcoux:

1. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare taken cognizance of the work that has gone on throughout the world relating to the study of the part that alcohol plays in the development of various ailments in man and, if so, has this work been found to be unconvincing?
2. Is it the department's opinion that normal use of alcohol may be considered to be free of danger?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The Department of National Health and Welfare has taken cognizance of the work that has gone on throughout the world relating to the study of the part that alcohol plays in the development of various ailments in man.

In 1960-61 a grant was provided by the department to Dr. E. M. Jellinek, world authority on alcoholism, for his services in preparing a report on alcoholism legislation and programs in European countries entitled "Government Programs on Alcoholism—A Review of Activities in Some Foreign Countries".

*PRICE FIXING IN SALE OF PAPER PRODUCTS

Question No. 2,851—Mr. Orlikow:

1. Have any of the following companies: St. Lawrence Corp. Ltd., The Corrugated Paper Box Co. Ltd., Hinde and Dauch Ltd., Hinde and

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Dauch Boxes Ltd., Acme Paper Products Co. Ltd., Bathurst Power and Paper Co. Ltd., Bathurst Containers Ltd., Bathurst Containers (Maritimes) Ltd., Canadian Wirebound Boxes and Shipping Containers Ltd., Kraft Containers Ltd., Maritime Paper Products Ltd., Gair Co. Canada Ltd., Hendershot Paper Products Ltd., Hygrade Containers Ltd., Martin Paper Products Holdings Ltd., Standard Paper Box Manufacturing Ltd., and Superior Box Co. Ltd., which pleaded guilty in the Ontario supreme court within the last two weeks, to a charge of unlawful price-fixing from 1947 to 1954 in the sale of paper materials, ever been charged on previous occasions and, if so, when were these charges taken to court?

2. Have any of these companies been found guilty on previous occasions?

3. What penalties did the court assess on each company which was found guilty, prior to 1964?

4. Has the government given consideration to proposing amendments to the anti-combines legislation providing for increased penalties for repeated violations of the law by any company?

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): 1, 2 and 3. While the companies named pleaded guilty at Toronto on March 1, 1965, to a charge under section 498(1)(d) of the Criminal Code, three other companies pleaded not guilty. Their trial is proceeding and the trial judge has deferred sentence on the guilty pleas until the trial of the three companies has been completed and a verdict reached. While the information requested is available, it is considered that it would not be proper to reply to these questions in parliament while the case is sub judice.

4. The limit on fines for indictable offences under the anti-combines legislation was removed in 1952. Consideration is therefore not being given to increased penalties for repeated violations of the act by any company, and if any decision were made in this regard it would be announced in the normal way.

WINTER WORKS PROJECTS, SPRINGFIELD CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 2,856—Mr. Slogan:

1. What winter works projects were undertaken in the constituency of Springfield by municipalities in each of the years from 1957 to date?
2. What amount of man-days of work did each provide?
3. What was the total amount of each project and what amount did the federal government contribute?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): 1, 2 and 3. See table pages 12334-5.