

*Inquiries of the Ministry***DRUGS**ALLEGED INEFFECTIVENESS OF  
PRESCRIPTION PRODUCT

Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who stated there had been a loss of sales of wheat to Japan? Is the minister doing anything to assist the negotiations which are taking place and to make sure there will be no disruption of shipping in Vancouver harbour, with the consequent loss of further wheat sales?

**Mr. Mackasey:** Mr. Speaker, I have on several occasions been in communication with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce about the possibility of the port of Vancouver closing down during the month of August. This is always a possibility, as I have said on many occasions, in the type of democratic country that we have. Under our democratic system strikes are legal. Despite our best efforts there is a possibility that management may not feel it appropriate to pay the unions the sum of money for which they are asking and, conversely, the unions may not be prepared to accept the offer of management. In a democratic country, such as Canada, there is no legislation that prevents anybody exercising their legal right to go on strike or to lock out when and if they have complied with the law as it now exists. In the meantime we are doing everything possible to afford the maximum degree of mediation between both parties to avert such a catastrophe.

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister of Labour use his good offices to persuade the President of the Privy Council, to continue his negotiations with the opposition?

**Mr. Mackasey:** Mr. Speaker, I have found in the few cases in which I have been involved that it requires good will on both sides to bring about a settlement.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Mackasey:** The only evidence of good will that I have seen has been on this side of the house and not the other. The problem of the President of the Privy Council is to find good will on the part of all parties in attempting to negotiate.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. On July 10 the hon. member for Winnipeg North asked the minister whether he would make a statement on motions regarding the study released on July 9, prepared for the United States Food and Drug Directorate, which showed that large numbers of prescription drugs are ineffective. The minister replied that he would be glad to consider making a statement. Is he now prepared to make such a statement and, if not, can he indicate on which day it will be made?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I still have that matter under consideration, Mr. Speaker.

**NATIONAL REVENUE**INGERSOLL, ONT.—STEPS TO RESTORE  
CUSTOMS SERVICES

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. About two weeks ago I asked the minister a question concerning the closing of the customs port of Ingersoll, Ontario, and the matter was discussed during an adjournment debate. At that time the minister indicated he would be able to reply a little later. Is he now in a position to do so?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I gave a reply in the adjournment debate. I said I was waiting for more information from the hon. member, which I have received. However, I am not in a position to give a final answer now.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I regret to advise hon. members that it is six o'clock. I apologize to hon. members who have important questions to ask. We may have a longer question period tomorrow. For the moment I have to inform the house that it being six o'clock I do now leave the chair. This house stands adjourned until two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.