

picture as possible of trade in wheat amongst these countries. They will be able to provide this information for the purposes of the annual review, which is also a new feature of this agreement. This review will provide an opportunity for member countries to review the trade, both commercial and non-commercial, and also review what is happening in terms of production in both exporting and importing countries. It will touch on the policies of the member countries which may have some bearing on the free movement of wheat into these countries.

Senator LAMBERT: That review will be published in the form of a report, I suppose, and will be made available to the different countries?

Dr. HUDSON: I presume this information will be available at the meeting of the Wheat Council and that they will discuss various aspects of it.

Senator LAMBERT: Has the F.A.O., under the United Nations been in the habit of publishing a report of this kind? It seems to me I received some of their figures when I was a delegate to the United Nations, but I have not seen any recently.

Dr. HUDSON: For example, the F.A.O. publishes this booklet entitled *World Grain Trade Statistics* and the Wheat Council publishes this booklet *World Wheat Statistics*. So that between these two sources the statistics are generally available, but they do not at the present time provide a breakdown on the basis of commercial and special transactions.

Senator LAMBERT: I think it would be a very good supplement to these documents if the International Wheat Agreement Council would see to it that there was a more detailed report given.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: I believe they are supposed to do it under the agreement we are discussing.

Dr. HUDSON: Mr. Gherson was just mentioning to me, Mr. Chairman, that the material which member countries will be sending in to the Wheat Council secretariat is on a confidential basis, but it may be that following the annual review, the Council will agree to circulate it or make it generally available.

Senator LAMBERT: I think it is something like a revelation of the C.B.C.'s details. As contributors to this scheme it would be a very advisable thing to have it. It certainly would be informative and give the rank and file of us who are interested in this a more realistic basis of approach to the whole problem.

Senator CRERAR: Have you the figures of the total volume of international trade for the year 1957-58 in wheat?

Dr. HUDSON: Yes, that would be included in this volume here.

Senator CRERAR: That is the Wheat Board report?

Dr. HUDSON: The Wheat Council statistics.

Senator CRERAR: What are the figures? I have not seen them. I would like to know the total amount of trade in wheat, the total volume of exports by all countries in 1957-58.

Dr. HUDSON: We mentioned this figure—

Senator ASELTINE: Is that not on the record?

Dr. HUDSON: Yes.

Senator LAMBERT: Yes, it was given before Senator Crerar came in.

Dr. HUDSON: The total exports amounted to 1,175,000,000 bushels.

Senator CRERAR: Britain agrees to take 80 per cent of its imports through this agreement—

Senator ASELTINE: Commercial imports.

Senator CRERAR: Just a moment. Does that mean 80 per cent of commercial exports or 80 per cent of commercial and special transactions combined?