

Questions

3. If not, what is the present expectation as to when production will begin?

4. What is the estimate of the cost of the heavy water that was purchased from abroad between July 31, 1966 and June 30, 1968?

5. With reference to the delivery schedule referred to in *Hansard* on January 22, 1968, when do each of the reductions in the prices to be paid to Deuterium of Canada Limited become effective?

6. Has Atomic Energy of Canada Limited or the appropriate Minister protested to the owners of the company about the two-year delay in the beginning of production?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy of Canada Limited advises as follows:

1. 1 July, 1966.

2. No.

3. 1 January, 1969.

4. \$29.3 million.

5. 1st reduction, 1 April, 1972; 2nd reduction, 1 October, 1974; 3rd reduction, 1 October, 1979; 4th reduction, 1 April, 1982.

6. Yes.

JAPANESE PRODUCTION OF MEAT
FROM WHEAT

Question No. 785—**Mr. Southam:**

What action is the government taking with a view to stepping up wheat sales to Japan in light of the recent announcement by the Japanese Nisshin Flour Milling Company that it would soon start a full-scale production of artificial meat from wheat, starting off with an initial 150 tons of synthetic meat per month.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Nisshin Flour Milling Company indicate that their project to produce a meat substitute from wheat is still in the experimental stage. They expect to have a pilot plant in operation next spring. The Department of Industry, the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Canadian Wheat Board are keeping in close contact with this development with a view to future wheat sales.

IMMIGRATION FROM WEST INDIES

Question No. 795—**Mr. Nielsen:**

1. Has the attention of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration been drawn to a statement on November 7, 1968, by the Attorney General of Jamaica, that Canada's immigration policy is "wicked and disgraceful" in the sense that requirements as to skill are being utilized to practise "colour discrimination"?

2. What criteria are applied to qualify Jamaican immigrants to Canada?

3. What was the total number of applications for immigrant status in Canada emanating from residents of Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Bahamas and all other islands of the West Indies geograph-

ical group in 1967-68 and of the total number of applications from residents of the West Indies in 1967-68 (a) how many were granted approval for landed immigrant status (b) how many were rejected and, of those rejected, how many were coloured, in the sense of having black skins?

4. How many were skilled and how many were unskilled?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Yes. However, the Attorney General, according to subsequent news reports, has indicated that his earlier statement was misinterpreted inasmuch as he had actually been referring to a situation which existed some eleven years ago rather than today.

2. Canada's immigration policy is universal in application and free from any reference to race, ethnic origin, nationality or religion. Therefore, the criteria applied in the selection of immigrants from Jamaica, are exactly the same as those applied everywhere else in the world.

3. During the period January 1, 1967 to September 30, 1968, immigrant applications for admission to Canada were received on behalf of 46,083 residents of the West Indies. Of this number (a) 12,496 were approved and (b) 24,999 were refused. Because of the completely non-discriminatory nature of Canadian immigration policy, no information whatever is sought or recorded to reflect an immigrant's racial or ethnic origin.

4. Former residents of the West Indies who were granted landed immigrant status in Canada during 1967 and the first nine months of 1968 had the following occupational qualifications.

Occupational Qualifications	1967	1968 (to Sept. 30)
Managerial	85	27
Professional and technical	1153	697
Clerical	1406	860
Transportation trades	28	33
Communication trades	30	18
Commercial and financial sales workers	100	75
Service and recreation workers	1364	687
Farmers	18	26
Miners	4	2
Construction trades	281	175
Manufacturing and mechanical trades	948	633
Labourers	181	33
Not Stated	203	7
Non-workers	2602	2011
Total immigration	8403	5284