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[English]

GRAIN—RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF
FREIGHT RATES

Question No. 17—**Mr. Skoberg:**

What written regulation or agreement is in effect, which spells out that the grain producer is responsible for the payment of freight rates to either Thunder Bay or Vancouver?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister Responsible for The Canadian Wheat Board): Under the terms of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, sections 25 and 35, and the Regulations made thereunder, the Canadian Wheat Board shall pay to producers selling and delivering wheat, oats or barley produced in the designated area to the Board, a sum certain per bushel basis in store Thunder Bay or Vancouver. Since the purchase of these grains is basis Thunder Bay or Vancouver the producer is responsible for transportation costs.

CONSUMER PURCHASING POWER OF 1949 DOLLAR

Question No. 33—**Mr. Mather:**

In terms of consumer purchasing power, what percentage of the 1949 dollar has been lost in the intervening years?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) stood at 168.3 for October 1970. On the basis of this index movement, the purchasing power of the dollar spent on consumer goods and services in October 1970, in terms of the 1949 dollar, would be 59 cents. The decline in the purchasing power of the consumer dollar since 1949, therefore, would amount to 41 per cent.

DAWSON CITY HISTORIC SITE—DISAPPEARANCE
OF ARTIFACTS

Question No. 151—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Are artifacts disappearing from the Dawson City Historic Site?
2. Has the government investigated this continuing loss of priceless historic treasures?
3. What action has the government taken to (a) stop the flow (b) deal with the offenders?
4. What remedies are available to the government in the matter?

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Artifacts are not disappearing from National Historic Sites in Dawson City owned by the Department. There have, however, been instances where items have been removed from unoccupied Crown land and private property.

2. During the past summer, two cases where offenders had removed articles from Crown land have been investigated by the R.C.M.P. with the result that the articles removed were returned to the Territory.

[Mr. Pelletier.]

3. Action is taken whenever possible, but it is extremely difficult to protect artifacts or to prosecute the offenders when articles are taken from privately owned property and unoccupied Crown land.

4. In instances where the owner of the property can be identified and ownership can be established, it would be possible to initiate prosecution under the Criminal Code. The continued vigilance of the R.C.M.P. and the co-operation of local residents are the primary remedies available.

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENDITURES CLAIMED BY
OIL, GAS AND MINING COMPANIES

Question No. 185—**Mr. Harding:**

1. What is the total amount of depletion allowances claimed by (a) oil and natural gas companies (b) all other mining companies in each year 1966 to 1969?

2. What is the total amount of exploration and development expenditures claimed for tax purposes by (a) oil and gas companies (b) all other mining companies for each of the same years?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: 1. The total amount of depletion allowances claimed is as follows:

	(a) Oil and Natural Gas Companies	(b) Other Mining Companies
	\$ million	
1966	68.4	110.2
1967	61.3	111.3
1968	68.2	109.1
1969	not available	not available

2. The total amount of exploration and development expenditures claimed for tax purposes is as follows:

	(a) Oil and Natural Gas Companies	(b) Other Mining Companies*
1966	521.6	181.5
1967	557.3	209.1
1968	626.5	209.9
1969	not available	not available

* Figures do not include exploration and development expenditures claimed for tax purposes by companies that had some mining activities, but whose principal business was in other fields. These expenditures were as follows: \$ million, 1966, 19.4; 1967, 44.7; 1968, 63.4; 1969, not available.

TRADE—BEEF PROMOTION

Question No. 273—**Mr. Southam:**

1. What initiative is the government taking to penetrate the Japanese beef market in view of the rapid increase of consumption of beef in that country over the past several years?

2. Can the government indicate what special action is being taken to stimulate beef sales in other areas of the world?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Following an initial survey of the market by its Trade Commis-