

*Inquiries of the Ministry***DRUGS**

VITAMIN PREPARATIONS—INQUIRY AS TO STRENGTH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Angus MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. What assurance is there that vitamin preparations on the market are up to labelled strength?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The hon. gentleman was kind enough to give me notice of this question. I am not now in a position to give a reply. I wonder if I might give one tomorrow.

FLOODS

SUGGESTED CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS ON THAMES RIVER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works, or in his absence to his parliamentary assistant. I regret that I was not able to give the minister notice of this question as I received the information just before coming into the house. The question is as follows. In view of the severe flooding conditions in the city of Woodstock on the Thames river, has the Minister of Public Works taken into consideration the question of whether or not the building of projected dams on the upper Thames river and Cedar creek should be proceeded with as soon as possible?

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public Works): I am not aware of the situation. I am taking notice of my hon. friend's question.

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAIN COMMISSIONERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Has the minister received the annual report of the board of grain commissioners, and when will it be tabled in the house?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The answer to the first part of the question is yes. The answer to the second part is when it is printed.

Mr. Argue: When will that be?

Mr. Abbott: Ask the queen's printer.

protest of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gregg) in his behalf, as well as in behalf of the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Howe), the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch) spoke as follows:

I did not mention the Acting Prime Minister. I referred to the statement made by the hon. member for Temiscouata.

There is no correlation between the first sentence and the second. On the other hand I will tell the hon. member that I have never been damning the trade unions, and when I have a legitimate ground for complaint against the union leaders, I take the opportunity to make it. The hon. member, who is just as brilliant as a meteor, should realize that it is very dangerous sometimes because one may vanish like a flying saucer.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Winch: The hon. member ought to read his whole speech in *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Hon. members sometimes rise on questions of privilege which in Beauchesne's third edition are termed "so-called questions of privilege". I do not want to address my remarks to the hon. member for Temiscouata particularly because I think that the rule in this respect is violated by members on both sides of the house.

Whenever a member feels that his remarks have been misinterpreted to the extent that it is necessary to give long explanations in order to re-establish the facts, and particularly when the debate that is going on is to be on the same subject as that on which he has already spoken and when there are amendments moved to the main motion and he may therefore find perhaps another opportunity of making another speech, I would suggest that he might perhaps wait for that opportunity and speak at length on the matter. When an hon. member is explaining a point which has been misinterpreted in one speech, it is always difficult for the Speaker to assess where the question of privilege starts and where it ends. Especially if it is a so-called question of privilege, an hon. member is not supposed to add anything to what he considers to be necessary to make his correction.

I would therefore ask hon. members not to abuse the rules by rising on what I consider to be so-called questions of privilege.

Mr. Pouliot: If you will permit me to say so, Mr. Speaker, it was not my fault if the speech of the hon. member for Vancouver East was winding and tortuous.