

Questions

the standards in use, with a view to preparing one representative of its own population. Canada is one of the first countries—if not the first—to meet this recommendation and to conduct a height-weight survey on a representative sample of the population of the whole country.

Under the direction of the chief of the nutrition division of the Department of National Health and Welfare and the guidance of the dominion bureau of statistics, the staff of the nutrition division has weighed and measured 22,000 persons throughout Canada. These measurements are now being averaged according to sex, height and age. A new standard table will

soon become available giving the average weight of Canadians in each category. While this average weight may not be the ideal weight for an individual (this only his doctor can decide) it is the considered opinion of medical experts that the average weight can serve as a guide to everyone in eating with a view to adjusting his or her weight to that which will help to ensure good health.

CANCER CONTROL GRANTS

Mr. Follwell:

By provinces and by years, how much money has been expended by the federal government under the cancer control grant since the national health grants program was inaugurated?

Mr. Robertson:

	Expended 1948-49	Expended 1949-50	Expended 1950-51	Expended 1951-52	Expended 1952-53	Approved 1953-54 (to Feb. 1)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	—	45,415	54,309	41,746	40,730	52,308
Prince Edward Island.....	5,010	10,582	9,365	9,306	8,070	11,036
Nova Scotia.....	36,380	61,158	67,733	45,165	62,755	83,338
New Brunswick.....	121,742	29,925	82,863	75,865	100,949	131,184
Quebec.....	170,418	246,069	646,083	951,404	885,472	928,785
Ontario.....	56,750	174,346	206,828	242,780	256,329	350,000
Manitoba.....	38,336	42,111	57,886	78,861	137,029	135,431
Saskatchewan.....	234,671	232,444	228,705	227,186	214,785	210,244
Alberta.....	154,979	206,821	227,096	231,942	242,600	241,917
British Columbia.....	48,355	86,466	112,238	137,837	178,159	195,126
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	—	—	400	1,128
Yukon.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Provinces.....	866,641	1,135,337	1,693,106	2,042,092	2,127,278	2,340,497

CANADIAN VESSELS ON U.K. REGISTRY

Mr. Green:

1. How many applications have been received from Canadian owners of ocean-going vessels for transfer to United Kingdom registry, since the government announcement of November 12, 1953?

2. How many have been approved?

3. How many are pending?

4. At completion of the present transactions, how many Canadian-owned vessels subject to government control will be on United Kingdom registry?

5. Under what conditions can the transfer agreement between the Canadian and United Kingdom governments be terminated or the vessels returned to Canadian registry?

6. What plans, if any, has the government in hand to man and operate these vessels if they should be returned to Canadian registry?

7. What plans, if any, are in hand for modernizing and replacing the Canadian-owned vessels now on United Kingdom registry?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspe):

1. 21.
2. 11.
3. 10.

4. This will depend on the outcome of such transactions; at present there are 91 such ships, plus 5 stores-issuing ships remaining on loan to the United Kingdom government.

5. At the request of either government.

6. In the event of the return of any or all of these vessels to Canadian registry their Canadian owners, operators or managers would man and operate them as they did in the past.

7. As has already been done, Canadian owners of such vessels seeking to modernize or replace may sell under the replacement plan.

FOOD AND DRUGS—FOOD STANDARDS

Mr. White (Waterloo South):

In the case of a food processing manufacturer wishing to add a certain chemical to food as a preservative, emulsifier, colouring agent, etc., what criteria are used by the Department of National Health and Welfare in deciding whether the food