

what volume of wheat has been shipped and what is the total value of shipments?

2. What proportion does this bear to the total commitment under the master sales agreement?

3. Of the total value of shipments already made, what proportion of this value has not yet been received on account?

4. How many firms have been involved in these transactions as agents of the wheat board?

5. What volume and value of grain has been handled or transacted by each of these firms acting as agents of the wheat board?

6. What payment was made or what value was received by these agent firms with respect to their transactions under these two master sales agreements to date?

**Mr. Bruce S. Beer (for the Minister of Trade and Commerce):** 1 and 2. The current long term wheat agreement between the U.S.S.R. grain agency Exportkhleb and the Canadian Wheat Board covers the period August 1, 1966 to July 31, 1969 and provides for the purchase and supply of nine million long tons (336 million bushels) of wheat and flour. The current long term wheat agreement between the China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation and the Canadian Wheat Board also covers the period August 1, 1966 to July 31, 1969 and provides for the purchase and supply of a minimum of four and one half million long tons (168 million bushels) and a maximum of seven and one half million long tons (280 million bushels) of wheat. The Canadian Wheat Board has concluded sales contracts with Exportkhleb for 112 million bushels of wheat and flour and with the China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import and Export Corporation for 93 million bushels of wheat for shipment in the 12 month period ending July 31, 1967 and the board advises that shipments are proceeding on schedule. According to the D.B.S. publication "Trade of Canada" the quantity and value of wheat and wheat flour shipments to the U.S.S.R. and China in the August through October period were 33.8 million bushels worth \$67.6 million and 34.6 million bushels worth \$65.5 million, respectively.

3. All wheat sales to the U.S.S.R. have been on a cash basis and full payment is received at the time of shipment. Sales to mainland China are on credit terms of 25 per cent cash at the time of shipment with the balance in 18 months.

4, 5 and 6. The Canadian Wheat Board advises that it is not its policy to disclose the competitive position of grain companies with regard to their transactions with the board.

### Questions

The trade's operations are of a commercial nature and information concerning their negotiations with foreign buyers is not available to the government.

### ASSISTANCE FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION, REGINA, SASK.

#### Question No 2,636—Mr. Douglas:

1. Has the government of Saskatchewan approached the federal government for special assistance for the construction of a new base hospital in Regina?

2. If such an approach has been made, have any proposals been put forward to establish this hospital as a teaching and research centre in conjunction with the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan?

3. What has been the reply of the federal government to any such representations?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Yes, to the extent that such a project appears on an initial list of projects making up a five-year program in Saskatchewan for support by the health resources fund.

2. To be eligible under the Health Resources Fund Act the project has to be established for the purpose of teaching or research in the health field. It is understood that this proposed hospital will be a teaching hospital and that it will be affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan.

3. The project has yet to be approved by the health resources advisory committee set up under the act. No payment can be authorized by the Department of National Health and Welfare unless the project is part of a five-year program approved by this committee. The next meeting of the committee will probably be held in April.

### \*SELECTION OF HOSTESSES, EXPO '67

#### Question No. 2,646—Mr. Sherman:

1. How many hostesses have been selected for Expo '67 and, of that number (a) what proportion are from western Canada (i.e., Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia (b) how many of French speaking background are from Manitoba?

2. How many persons from western Canada (as defined in part 1 above) applied for jobs as hostesses for Expo '67 and of these, how many were of (a) English speaking background (b) French speaking background?

3. How many persons from Manitoba applied for jobs as hostesses for Expo '67?

4. On what basis were the persons chosen as hostesses for Expo '67 selected?