

in wheat last year, the present year under the reduction will be about 11,000,000 acres; this will mean an average production of about thirteen bushels to the acre. It will be impossible for the government to accept anything over and above an average of thirteen bushels to the acre.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The acceptances will be on a quota basis. The intention is to make the first quota the same all over western Canada. The second quota will depend upon the yield of the district.

Mr. PERLEY: Based upon last year.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Sixty-five per cent of last year's acreage.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Will the regulations with reference to deliveries be available before we adjourn?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I do not think there are any additional regulations with regard to the quota system that has been announced. At the present time the wheat board are drafting information or regulations having to do with this method of acceptance, and these will be distributed.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw): The hon. member referred to a yield of thirteen bushels to the acre from 11,000,000 acres. Surely he did not mean that.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Eighteen million acres is what I meant for 1941.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): An explanation should be given to hon. members of the regulations to be drafted so that they will be in a position to give information to any one who may question them when they go home. It might not always be 65 per cent based on the crop of last year because there will be districts where there was no crop.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The wheat board will take care of special instances of that kind. It might be that everything was in summer-fallow last year, and this would have to be covered by regulation. The regulations regarding bonuses will be submitted to-morrow by the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. GARDINER: I should like to answer the point raised by the hon. member for Weyburn. The quota of five bushels per acre will be based upon 65 per cent of last year's acreage in wheat. It does not make any difference what acreage a man has this year, his quota will be based upon 65 per cent of last year's acreage. If he has a larger acreage this year, that will not give him a greater quota; if he has a smaller acreage this year, he will still have the same quota. The quota will

be 65 per cent of last year's wheat acreage, no matter what the acreage is this year. This is the first inducement to a man to reduce his acreage this year.

Mr. COLDWELL: The amount to be delivered is given as 230,000,000 bushels, but I understand that this is from all Canada, not just western Canada.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Correct.

Mr. COLDWELL: Could the minister please on record the division between the east and the west? Is it 222,000,000 and 8,000,000?

Mr. GARDINER: Approximately that.

Mr. NICHOLSON: How many bushels per acre will that be, based on last year's yield?

Mr. GARDINER: A little under twelve.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What actuates the minister in bringing this matter before the committee by way of regulation? The argument was advanced the other day that the passage of this vote for \$35,000,000 would expedite matters and would make unnecessary the placing of regulations before the house, but the minister stated to-day that he wished to secure the opinion of the committee as to regulations which have been drafted.

Mr. GARDINER: I am afraid the second part of the hon. member's statement is not in accordance with my statement to the committee, although the first part is. I was hopeful that we would get along more quickly than we have by following this method rather than by bringing down legislation. I am, however, not so sure now that that is the quickest course. The hon. member referred to the fact that regulations would not be brought before the house. My statement was that if we brought down legislation, regulations were less likely to be brought before the house. The legislation would be discussed and passed section by section, and then I, as minister, under the powers given by the legislation, would make regulations.

I stated at that time that I preferred the suggestion which had come first, I think, from the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley), that any regulations should be submitted either to the committee of the whole or to a special committee or to the house itself. I am proposing now that the regulations are ready to be submitted to the committee of the whole, to be discussed section by section either to-night or at some time before to-morrow evening, and if, as a result of the discussion, changes were considered advisable, I can take them back, recommend them to council and have them passed.