

contract for the first year involving some 112 million bushels of wheat, for a number of reasons. The first is that a three year term is going to put a measure of stability into the wheat market for the future which I am sure the farmers, flour millers and people involved in the transport of this commodity will welcome. I think the flour milling industry particularly will welcome this announcement. Although the minister did not say how much flour was involved in the whole contract, I hope it is substantial. During the past few weeks some of the mills in Canada have been operating at something less than 50 per cent of their capacity. Any additional orders, therefore, to which they might look forward after August 1 will certainly be welcomed not only by the mill owners but by the workers as well.

We are not clear what the minister intended by the words "other mutually advantageous trade". I suppose this is not the time to go into the details of what these other trading relations or trading matters involve, but we would be very interested in knowing what other commodities are involved in this term.

I should like to say also, Mr. Speaker, that I believe the time has come when the Canadian Wheat Board and other participants in the international wheat agreement should have a good long look at the price. This afternoon the Leader of the Opposition mentioned, and I think the minister would agree, that there has not been a rise in the price of wheat to the farmers in line with the increased cost of production that has manifested itself recently. I believe the farmers are entitled to have some increase in their returns to match rising costs. Perhaps at the next meeting of the international wheat agreement countries a price increase will be considered to be justified.

We welcome the announcement, Mr. Speaker, and we hope there will be co-operation from the elevator companies, the railways and other people involved in transporting this wheat into export position so that we can make the deliveries on time.

● (2:50 p.m.)

#### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

##### HEALTH AND WELFARE—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. H. C. Harley (Halton)** moved that the first report of the standing committee on health and welfare, presented to the house on Thursday, June 16, be concurred in.

#### Bank Act

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** On division, Mr. Speaker, because we are opposed to reducing the quorum.

[English]

Motion agreed to on division.

##### DRUG COSTS AND PRICES—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**Mr. H. C. Harley (Halton)** moved that the first report of the special committee on drug costs and prices, presented to the house on Friday, June 17, be concurred in.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** On division, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Motion agreed to on division.

#### INDIAN ACT

##### AMENDMENTS DELETING PROVISIONS RESPECTING LIQUOR

**Mr. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-203, to amend the Indian Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Reid:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to delete those sections of the Indian Act which deal with the sale of liquor to Indians, the possession of liquor by an Indian on or off the reserve, and other similar offences. In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, these sections are discriminatory and should be removed. I intend to request at a later time that this bill be referred to the standing committee on Indian affairs, human rights and citizenship and immigration for consideration.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### BANK ACT

##### DECENNIAL REVISION AND EXTENSION OF CHARTERS

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the decennial revision of the Bank Act