

- (d) to encourage the use and consumption of wheat and wheat-flour generally, and in particular, so as to improve health and nutrition, in countries where the possibility of increased consumption exists; and
- (e) in general to further international co-operation in connexion with world wheat problems, recognizing the relationship of the trade in wheat to the economic stability of markets for other agricultural products.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to make a general statement in that respect, or would you prefer to answer questions?

Dr. HUDSON: I think, Mr. Chairman, with the agreement before us, it might be better if the honourable senators would direct questions.

Senator BURCHILL: I have a question to ask, Mr. Chairman. According to the figures given Senator Lambert, did I understand the witness to say the total production of wheat was about 8 billion bushels?

Senator MACDONALD: That was the average from 1952 to 1957.

Senator BURCHILL: Those are the latest figures you have?

Dr. HUDSON: That is approximate, sir.

Senator BURCHILL: The percentages that you gave us, covered by this agreement, amounted to around 420 million bushels. Is that about correct?

Dr. HUDSON: Yes.

Senator BURCHILL: That is the quantity that this agreement covers?

Dr. HUDSON: Yes.

Senator BURCHILL: Which is what, about 20 per cent of the world wheat production, that we are dealing with?

Senator MACDONALD: Less than that.

Dr. HUDSON: Mr. Chairman, Senator Lambert raised the question earlier as to how the exports compared with total production. The exports of wheat for 1957-58 are estimated, according to the United States statistics, at about 32 million metric tons.

Senator MACDONALD: Are you going to relate that to bushels?

Senator LAMBERT: 36.7 bushels to the ton.

Senator BURCHILL: Mr. Chairman, while Dr. Hudson is looking up that information, may I correct the figure of 20 per cent I mentioned a moment ago. It should be 1-20th or 5 per cent.

Dr. HUDSON: The total exports, Mr. Chairman, in bushels would be about 1,175 million bushels.

Senator LAMBERT: That is the translation of metric tons into bushels.

Dr. HUDSON: Yes. That would compare with about 8 billion bushels of total world production.

In this connection it might be of interest also, Mr. Chairman, to note that out of the total world estimate of 211 million metric tons for the period 1952-57, the United States and Canada together accounted for about 43 million, Russia 52.5 million, mainland China, including North Korea and North Vietnam, about 22 million, and the Indian subcontinent, including India and Pakistan, about 11 million.

Now, I might also mention that Western Europe is 35 million. This gives, Mr. Chairman, some picture of the relative importance of the production in many of these countries which we think of as importing countries, and we do not realize the great volume of production that they have.

Senator LAMBERT: Did you say Europe was 55 million?