

the provinces. Scholarships and fellowships are a 100 per cent federal responsibility.

The amount of a bursary is determined by the provincial welfare authorities. The federal government shares up to a maximum of \$1,500 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependants. The provincial welfare authorities also determine the amount of training grants with the federal share not to exceed \$4,000 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependants. These grants are reduced proportionately for periods less than one year. Necessary travel costs are also paid.

Scholarships and fellowships are awarded by the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The maximum amount of a scholarship is \$2,000 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependants. The maximum amount of a fellowship is \$4,000 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependants. These awards are reduced proportionately for periods less than one year. Necessary travel costs are also paid.

(d) Yes. In 1965-66 research projects totaling \$133,472 were approved. (e) Yes, through the technical and vocational training agreements of the Department of Labour and the welfare grants program of the Department of National Health and Welfare, provincial departments received assistance in 1965-66 to undertake programs of training for sub-professional personnel, and these programs will be evaluated in terms of their effectiveness in producing competent personnel for the welfare field.

SALES TAX ON DRUGS

Question No. 1,253—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

Has the government received representations from the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association regarding the removal of the 11 per cent sales tax on drugs and, if so, what has been its reply?

Answer: Yes. The budget speech, as reported on page 3387 of *Hansard* for March 29, 1966, reads as follows:

I renew the undertaking given last year by my predecessor, the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Gordon, that if the considerations of the special committee of the house on food and drugs lead it to recommend that drugs should be exempt from sales tax as part of a comprehensive and effective program to reduce the prices of drugs, then the government would be prepared to recommend such action by means of a special statute covering all the measures required to give effect to such a program.

Questions

WHARF FACILITIES, DALHOUSIE, N.B.

Question No. 1,254—**Mr. MacEwan:**

1. Does the government intend to construct a wharf and docking facilities at Dalhousie, New Brunswick, during the present fiscal year?
2. If so, what will be the size of the facilities and the estimated cost of same?
3. Will these facilities be operated by the government, or by private interests?
4. If by private interests, what is the name of the person or company who will operate same?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.

MULTIFORM EXUDATIVE ERYTHEMA

Question No. 1,256—**Mr. Isabelle:**

1. Has the food and drug directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare received recent complaints about several cases of multiform exudative erythema?
2. Has the directorate found that the drugs sulfadimethoxine and sulphamethoxyphyridazine, when taken alone or with some other product, are in any way connected with these cases and, if so (a) has the directorate alerted the medical profession in this regard (b) has the directorate warned the manufacturers of these drugs and what was the nature of the warning?

[Translation]

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes.

2. Yes. (a) Yes. The Department of National Health and Welfare on February 4, 1966, informed all doctors in Canada that the Food and Drug Directorate had received published information that Stevens-Johnson syndrome (erythema multiforme exudativum) had been associated with the use of long-acting sulphonamides as well as other drugs. (b) The manufacturers of long-acting sulphonamides have been informed that their labels must carry suitable warning statements such as: (1) Stevens-Johnson syndrome has been associated with the use of long-acting sulphonamides as well as some other drugs; (2) the dosage recommended should not be exceeded, and (3) the patient must be closely observed, and should any adverse reaction develop, the drug should be discontinued immediately.

[English]

ALEX STORM, NORTHERN AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE

Question No. 1262—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Was Alex Storm, an employee of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources at