

up against; they went into it with their eyes open, because they believed in freedom. The least we can do is to give them all the wheat we possibly can. I have known many Greeks, and they are fine people. They did not expect much help when they went into this war, and I think we should do as much for them as we possibly can.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): I was not altogether clear on the answer given by the minister to the hon. member for Qu'Appelle. Am I right in assuming that any wheat shipped prior to September 28 would be charged at the initial price to the wheat board, which is ninety cents, and that since that time the price has been \$1.25? It is the initial price at all times; it does not vary as the price of wheat shipped to other countries varies according to market conditions at the time of shipment?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The price now is \$1.25 a bushel f.o.b. Fort William. Before that price was established; before the government took over that wheat, the price at which it was accounted for to the producers of Canada was the sale price of other wheat at the time. I cannot give that price, because it has not been disclosed.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): That is, prior to September 28 it was sold at the prevailing market price?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Yes.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): And since that time all shipments have been on the initial basis of \$1.25?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): That is correct.

Mr. PERLEY: Do I understand, then, that the wheat shipped before the price was increased to \$1.25 would go on the basis of the price of wheat shipped to the United States, for instance?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The wheat shipped to the United Kingdom.

Mr. PERLEY: Shipped from the United States or from Canada?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): From Canada.

Mr. HAZEN: Does this amount of \$8,500,000 include the cost of transportation as well as the cost of the wheat?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): This amount represents our contribution only. The transportation is arranged by the International Red Cross, I believe.

Mr. PERLEY: I have the minister's report dated January 28, 1944, and the day the price

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of wheat was increased wheat at Saint John for shipment overseas was \$1.40, so that the minister must be wrong; it could not be based on ninety cents at Fort William.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I do not think I made the statement that it was based on ninety cents at Fort William. I said that it was based on \$1.25 at Fort William at the present time, and that previously the price was based on what we realized for our wheat shipped to the United Kingdom.

Mr. PERLEY: Then it was based on the price in this report, which is \$1.40, at the time you increased the price at Fort William?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): What is the date of that report?

Mr. PERLEY: January 28, 1944.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I am told that the difference between \$1.25 and \$1.40, the price my hon. friend mentioned, is represented by the cost of forwarding to the Atlantic port.

Item agreed to.

National research council, special war activities, \$3,945,507.

Mr. GRAYDON: Is any part of this vote for agriculture, or does that come under the civil estimates? The minister will recall there is an amount this year for agricultural research, and I was wondering whether it is in this vote, or in the civil estimates.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): None of this is for agriculture. That comes under civil estimates.

A year ago when we were discussing these war appropriation items, and particularly that having to do with the national research council, I asked permission of the committee to place on *Hansard* a report prepared by the national research council respecting the activities in research during the past year, and to set out the work for the future. Many members, and many people throughout Canada have written to us thanking us for submitting this information to them. With the permission of the committee I should like again to place on *Hansard* a report of the work of the national research council.

Mr. MacNICOL: Covering this vote?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): Yes, covering this vote. It stands to reason that it would have to be explained to laymen. I have it in proper form, one which I believe would be of great interest not only to hon. members but to the country generally. With the permission of the committee I should like to place it on *Hansard*.