

Questions

MacDougall, McCusker, McIlraith, Pearkes, Pinard, Power, Stewart (Winnipeg North), Stick, Thomas, Weaver.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

WHEAT—QUESTION AS TO QUANTITY HELD BY WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Harkness:

How many bushels of No. 5, No. 6, and feed grains of wheat were held by the wheat board at October 15, 1951, or the most recent date for which figures are available?

Mr. Howe: The information required by question No. 1 was given in a return to the house that I made last Monday and is published in the *Hansard* which appeared on Tuesday. The information was given as of October 20, and that is the only difference between the information given and the question asked by the hon. member. I would ask that the question be dropped.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped.

[Later:]

Mr. Harkness: Was the Minister of Trade and Commerce referring to the return given in this house on Monday last, November 19? The minister has said that this question was answered by a return or a report he gave to the house.

Mr. Howe: On Monday.

Mr. Harkness: Was it Monday?

Mr. Howe: Yes.

Mr. Harkness: Then, if that is so, the return does not answer the question. It merely states there were 70 million bushels of non-millable wheat. My question asks for the number of bushels each of Nos. 5 and 6 and feed at whatever was the most convenient date. That of course would include wheat in those grades which have been taken in this year, and not merely wheat transferred from last year's account. I should like to have it restored to the order paper.

Mr. Howe: It has been a practice for many years to refuse information as to the current marketing position of wheat, for reasons my hon. friend will understand. We do not wish to give our customers our stock position. If we did, it might easily have a bearish effect on the market. Therefore the information cannot be given in the form asked.

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, we have had numerous returns giving the amount of wheat held at various periods by the wheat board throughout the year. I can see no reason why this particular question could not be answered in view of the numerous other questions in this regard which have been answered.

[Mr. Weir.]

FISHERIES PATROL SERVICE, P. E. I.—ILLICIT LOBSTER FISHING

Mr. McLure:

1. How many cases of illicit lobster fishing did the fisheries patrol service report in Prince Edward Island during the present year to date?
2. How many in each of the counties of Queens, Prince and Kings?
3. How many prosecutions were imposed?
4. How much gear was seized?
5. How many cases of lobsters (illicit pack) were seized?
6. How many men are employed in the fisheries patrol service in each of the above-mentioned counties?
7. Does the R.C.M.P. assist in the patrol service, and in what manner?

Mr. Mayhew:

1. 269.
2. Queens, 63; Prince, 162; Kings, 44.
3. Queens, 7; Prince, 18; Kings, 27: 52.
4. 5,097 traps, 41,333 fathoms of rope.
5. Illicit canned lobster, nil, but 128 14-oz. tins of fresh lobster meat were seized.

	Fisheries Officers				
	Full Time	Part Time*	War-dens	Guard-ians	Boat Crews
Queens	2	2	—	—	5
Prince	3	4	8	—	7
Kings	3	1	—	2	4
	8	7	8	2	16
				Total	41

* These men are primarily inspection officers but are used part time for protection duties as required.

7. Yes, on request. Because of their regular duties services are requested only in exceptional circumstances.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

Mr. Boisvert:

What is the cost per mile of the trans-Canada highway under construction for (a) grading; (b) paving?

Mr. Winters:

(a) Final figures are not yet available on the cost per mile of grading. From present information, it is estimated that the cost will vary from approximately \$14,000 per mile in the prairie provinces to \$80,000 per mile in some sections of Ontario and \$450,000 per mile in the Fraser canyon sections of British Columbia.

(b) Final figures are not available on the cost per mile of paving. From present information, it is estimated that for plant-mix bituminous paving, 24 feet wide, the cost