

differential will correct that situation and result in the sale of more Canadian wheat.

Mr. Drew: Will this have the effect of bringing about a different price to the producer in the eastern part of the western provinces compared with the producer in the western part of the western provinces?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): No.

Mr. Drew: The price will remain the same?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): Yes.

Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia): I should like to ask the minister a question. Will the effect of the announced change not be to reduce by 7 cents a bushel, in respect of the quantity of wheat that would otherwise have gone through Port Arthur and Fort William, the funds going to the wheat board, and consequently bring a reduction in the return to the producer not of 7 cents a bushel but of part of the 7 cents?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): There is no grain through Fort William and Port Arthur. You cannot decrease nothing.

Mr. Argue: There were 45 million bushels this crop year.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): That was last summer, when the freight rate situation was somewhat different.

Mr. Argue: You cannot get through on account of the ice?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): No, the wheat goes down by rail. When water movement is free a new look will be taken at the situation. These differentials are not fixed. Today grain has to be moved either from Fort William and Port Arthur or from the Georgian bay by rail to Halifax and Saint John, and the change in pricing is realistic in view of that situation.

[Later:]

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra): I should like to ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce in connection with his statement. Is there in contemplation any increase in facilities for the handling of grain at the port of Vancouver?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): I have had no information of any contemplated increase in facilities.

DRUGS

VITAMIN PREPARATIONS—INQUIRY AS TO STRENGTH

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I should like to table a written reply to the question which the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway asked me yesterday.

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Vitamin Preparations

Mr. MacInnis: I think this question is of considerable importance, and if the answer is not too long I would ask the minister to put it on *Hansard*.

Mr. Claxton: Let us stick to the rules.

An hon. Member: Let him read the answer.

Mr. MacInnis: We did that a moment ago with the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Martin: I think it could be put on *Hansard* if I table it. If I table it, it would go on *Hansard* with unanimous consent.

Mr. Knowles: Tabling does not put it on *Hansard*.

Mr. Martin: It will go on if we agree.

Mr. Speaker: Is the answer tabled or is it to be printed in *Hansard*?

Mr. Martin: Tabled, and it will be printed in *Hansard*. I think that was the request of the hon. gentleman.

Mr. Fulton: They are two different things.

Mr. Speaker: Tabling is one thing and having a document printed in *Hansard* is another. If it is to be printed in *Hansard* I will have to ask hon. members if they will give their consent. Is it agreed that it be printed in *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Martin: The answer is as follows:

A comprehensive survey by the food and drug divisions of the Department of National Health and Welfare of over 250 manufacturers representing practically the entire trade has shown that those companies supplying the bulk of pharmaceutical vitamins now have products which meet their label claims. Products of manufacturers with inadequate controls were not as satisfactory but these have been checked and considerable improvement has been shown.

The food and drug divisions analyse samples taken from the market and those not meeting the strength declared on the labels are withdrawn from sale. Checks are also made by the department of the labels and advertising of these products to make certain that they are honestly presented to the public.

QUESTIONS

CANADIAN MARITIME COMMISSION ESCROW FUND

Mr. Green:

1. What is the nature of the escrow fund under the replacement plan administered by the Canadian maritime commission?

2. How many ships have been sold under this replacement plan?

3. What is the amount of the total deposits now in this escrow fund and to whom does this money belong?