

FORM IN WHICH IRON OCCURS NATURALLY IN NO. 1
NORTHERN WHEAT

Question No. 417—**Mr. Reid:**

1. In what form is the iron which occurs naturally in 1 lb. of No. 1 Northern Wheat found?
2. In what form is the iron which is added to the product known as enriched flour?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Effective 1971, No. 1 Northern Wheat was replaced by No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring. The naturally occurring iron in wheat is organically bound to a small, unidentified molecule.

2. Reduced iron is used for the fortification of enriched flour.

DETOXIFICATION CENTRES

Question No. 541—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. Is the Minister of National Health and Welfare aware of the financial difficulties presently being faced by the native detoxification centre, Poundmaker, in Edmonton, Alberta and, if so, does he plan to assist in making funds available so that Poundmaker might be allowed to relocate and continue its most useful programme of assistance to native people?

2. Is the Minister considering reversing the Department's present policy with respect to native detoxification centres so that they will be eligible to receive federal financial assistance?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes. The Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission is considering a Fee-for-Service In-Aid Agreement with Poundmaker whereby the commission will pay for services of a vocational rehabilitation nature on a per diem basis. At present, the Department of National Health and Welfare is awaiting receipt of a copy of the agreement or service contract between Poundmaker and the commission in order to review its contents and determine share-ability under the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons program. In this fiscal year, the Department of National Health and Welfare contributed \$13,200 to the board of Poundmaker Lodge for counselling services.

2. The department is now actively considering with the native people of Canada and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, an expanded alcohol and drug abuse program which will include all aspects such as counselling, detoxification, and rehabilitation.

MANDATORY FOOD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR BASIC FOOD
PRODUCTS

Question No. 691—**Mr. Malone:**

Is the Department of National Health and Welfare proposing a mandatory food enrichment program for basic food products and, if so (a) is there to be a guaranteed nutritive analysis on the labels of all processed human foods (b) will a guaranteed nutritive analysis be stated by percentage of weight (c) will information be supplied to the public at large on how to balance the nutritive requirements for human beings at various stages of growth and physical activity?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, the Department of National Health and

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Welfare is proposing such a program. (a) No. The labels of those foods to which vitamins and minerals have been added are required under the Food and Drug Regulations (Sections D.01.007 and D.02.006) to list the names of the added vitamins and mineral nutrients and the quantities of these contained in 100 grams or 100 millilitres of the food. In addition, the manufacturer may state if he so wishes the amount of added vitamin or mineral nutrient contained in a specified quantity of the food (Sections D.01.006 and D.01.005). Manufacturers of all foods may, if they so wish, state the quantities of fat and/or carbohydrate present in a food. If they wish to state the protein content, they are required under Section B.01.061 (2) (a) to state the fat and carbohydrate content as well and in so doing, to group the three statements together and give them equal prominence. Manufacturers of foods for special dietary use recommended for carbohydrate-reduced diets are required under Section B.01.034 to state the quantity of carbohydrate present in the food in grams per 100 grams or on a percentage basis. (b) The Food and Drug Regulations require that the quantity of added vitamins or mineral nutrients contained in a food be stated on the label in milligrams or international units as appropriate per 100 grams or per 100 millilitres of the food with the exception of table salt (Sections D.01.007 and D.02.006). If a manufacturer lists the carbohydrate content on the label of a food, it must be stated in grams per 100 grams or on a percentage basis (Section B.01.034). (c) Information is being supplied to the public-at-large. "Canada's Food Guide" which is published by the Department of National Health and Welfare and distributed by the provinces, describes in easily understood terms how to balance the nutritive requirements for human beings at various stages of growth and development.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING OF
INTERMEDIATE AND EXTENDED CARE COST, BRITISH
COLUMBIA

Question No. 783—**Mr. Brisco:**

To the knowledge of the government, what is the reason put forth by the Province of British Columbia for not wishing to enter into a federal-provincial agreement for cost sharing of intermediate and extended care costs?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The federal government is not aware that the Province of British Columbia has indicated a lack of interest in possible federal sharing of intermediate and extended care costs under either the Canada Assistance Plan Act or the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act as might be appropriate.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF CANADA PERSONNEL

Question No. 800—**Mr. Stevens:**

1. As of March 31 in each year 1968, 1970, 1972 and 1974 (a) how many were employed by the National Museums of Canada (b) what would have been their aggregate salaries if all were employed for a full year (c) how many had salary levels of (i) \$20,000 or more (ii) \$35,000 or more (iii) \$50,000 or more?

2. What was the salary or the salary range for each of the five highest paid employees of the Corporation?