

crops will tumble from a 10-year average production of 160,000,000 bushels to about 78,000,000 bushels, he said.

Has the Leader of the Government in his possession any reports on the likely crop yields in the two adjoining Prairie provinces?

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I have no report from the Department of Agriculture for the province of Saskatchewan or the province of Alberta similar to that which the honourable Leader of the Opposition has just quoted, as to Manitoba, I shall do my best to obtain the required information within the next few days. For the present I may say that in some areas of Saskatchewan the yield is approximately 50 per cent of the average, and in other areas it is better. However, there are parts of central, east central, and southern Saskatchewan where there is practically no crop at all. My estimate for Saskatchewan as a whole is that the crop yield will be about 50 per cent of the average. I am sorry to say that I have no up to date information from Alberta, but I shall endeavour to obtain it.

Hon. Donald Cameron: Honourable senators, about two weeks ago I had a discussion on this very question with the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, and he assured me that reports of crop failures in Alberta are, like Mark Twain's death, greatly exaggerated. He said that the Alberta officials expected a crop yield in that province of about 80 per cent of normal. The area of serious damage is confined to a relatively small portion of the southeastern part of the province, and the yields in the northern and northeastern parts of the province are expected to be higher than average.

Hon. William R. Brunt: I might mention to the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) that within the last week the Searle Grain Company published a report which gives its estimate of this year's crop in the three Prairie provinces, also the estimate of the various wheat pools, and finally the estimate as made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

I may have thrown away my copy of the report, but I am sure that the honourable senator will be able to locate a copy of it.

NATIONAL CENTENNIAL BILL

THIRD READING

Hon. Fred M. Blois moved the third reading of Bill C-127, respecting the observance of the centennial of Confederation in Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan moved the second reading of Bill C-131, to encourage fitness and amateur sport.

He said: Honourable senators, it gives me a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure to introduce this measure relating to fitness and amateur sport in Canada. If I am not being immodest, perhaps I may say that I trust that a speech I made before the Senate in February, 1960, on physical fitness may have somewhat hastened the introduction and passing of this measure in the other place.

President Kennedy, in his inaugural address before the Congress, made this rather pregnant statement:

The physical fitness of our citizens is a vital prerequisite to America's realization of its full potential as a nation, and to the opportunities of each individual citizens to make full and fruitful use of his capacities.

As a result of the unanimity of opinion displayed in the other place—there were many members striving to get on their feet to speak in support of this bill—I propose, if the bill is given second reading, to recommend that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Health and Welfare for detailed study. I, therefore, will attempt to touch the high spots, speaking from experience in the past, and clarify to the best of my ability any parts pertaining to the bill.

Honourable senators may recall that a year and a half ago I tried to explain and define the words "physical fitness". There was a great deal of effort made and time wasted in trying to define those words. In that particular address on February 10, 1960, physical fitness, as expressed by the ordinary man on the street, was explained as follows:

Physical fitness, to him, is not only a physical but a mental attitude, an interest in and a willingness to participate in physical forms of recreation, besides an ability to sustain such participation or activity to an extent commensurate with an age somewhat younger than that of the participant. Positive good health, infrequent illnesses, a cheerful, optimistic attitude towards life and his fellow men, ability to work hard

—something that we have lost—

with his muscles on occasion, and a reasonable resilience after such work are commonly accepted attributes of physical fitness.

The Canadian Medical Association, in conference with the Canadian Association for Physical Health, Education and Recreation,