

Questions

POTATOES—PAYMENTS IN N.B. AND P.E.I. UNDER STARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Mr. Hatfield:

What was the amount per bushel or hundred-weight paid to the starch factory in New Brunswick; also to the starch factory in Prince Edward Island in the year 1946-47 for potatoes processed under the agriculture prices starch support program?

Mr. McCubbin: In the year 1946-47 potatoes were purchased by the agricultural prices support board from producers in New Brunswick at \$1.50 per barrel (165 pounds), provided the potatoes contained at least 70 per cent Canada No. 1 grade. Such potatoes were then sold to the starch factory at \$1 per barrel. In Prince Edward Island potatoes of the same grade were purchased from the growers at 92 cents per 100 pounds and sold to the starch factory at 60 cents per 100

pounds. In all cases the potatoes sold to starch factories were for starch making and not for resale.

INCOME TAX—FARMERS—SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. McKay:

1. What was the amount of income tax paid by farmers in the dominion of Canada for each of the years 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947?

2. What portion of the total income tax paid by farmers in Canada for each of the above years was paid by farmers resident in Saskatchewan?

Mr. McCann:

1. The taxation division does not maintain statistics of collections on an occupational basis. The amount of tax assessed on farmers for 1943 to 1945 inclusive and the amount of tax declared by farmers for 1946 is shown in the following table:

	1943	1944	1945	1946	Total
Prince Edward Island	\$ 49,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 135,000
Nova Scotia	88,000	90,000	65,000	33,000	276,000
New Brunswick ..	39,000	35,000	47,000	15,000	136,000
Quebec	165,000	199,000	193,000	14,000	571,000
Ontario	1,766,000	2,039,000	1,608,000	1,449,000	6,862,000
Manitoba	2,188,000	2,714,000	1,369,000	1,265,000	7,536,000
Saskatchewan	3,778,000	9,246,000	4,769,000	3,299,000	21,092,000
Alberta	2,597,000	4,877,000	3,368,000	2,570,000	13,412,000
British Columbia ..	950,000	1,239,000	1,269,000	1,193,000	4,651,000
Total	\$11,620,000	\$20,481,000	\$12,727,000	\$ 9,843,000	\$54,671,000

Similar information for 1947 has not yet been compiled.

2. The percentage of tax assessed or declared on the above basis on or by Saskatchewan farmers is as follows:

	Canada	Saskatchewan	Per cent
1943	\$11,620,000	\$ 3,778,000	32.5
1944	20,481,000	9,246,000	45.1
1945	12,727,000	4,769,000	37.5
1946	9,843,000	3,299,000	33.5
Total ...	\$54,671,000	\$21,092,000	38.6

BIRMINGHAM TRADE FAIR

Mr. Church:

1. Does the Department of Trade and Commerce propose to have an exhibit at the Birmingham, England, trade fair?

2. If so, what steps are being taken in this connection?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. Birmingham is the heavy industries section of the British industries fair. Canadian government exhibits are limited to the commonwealth section, London. The Department

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of Trade and Commerce will have an exhibit in the commonwealth section, B.I.F. London, 1949.

2. Answered by No. 1.

FLOUR—NITROGEN TRICHLORIDE AS BLEACHING AGENT

Mr. Young:

1. Has the government taken any action with respect to the use of nitrogen trichloride (NC₃), by millers, as an agent in the bleaching of flour?

2. If so, what action has been taken?

Mr. Reid:

1. Yes.

2. (a) The food and drugs divisions of the Department of National Health and Welfare sent a representative to hearings in Washington, at which the use of nitrogen trichloride in flour was investigated.

(b) Although there is no evidence that nitrogen trichloride is harmful to humans in the amount present in white flour sold in this country, nevertheless, owing to the suspicion cast upon it by some animal experiments,