

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

TELEVISIONING OF HOUSE AND COMMITTEE  
PROCEEDINGS

Comox-Alberni? It is next door neighbour to another constituency in which a by-election has already been held. I wonder whether the Prime Minister has had time to consider a date for the by-election in Comox-Alberni, and whether he can assure us there will not be too long a delay before it is called.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I can give that assurance, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

## HOUSING

## ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY BANK OF CANADA

**Mr. Lionel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

Since the minister is trying by all possible means to sensitize the government to problems in the house field—and I congratulate him for it—could he tell us whether the Bank of Canada will have some part to play within the financing co-operatives to be established?

[*English*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING  
CORPORATIONTHE PUBLIC EYE—CRITICISM OF PROGRAM  
CONCERNING INDIANS

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** I have a question for the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker, but in his absence I should like to direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Has the Secretary of State received a letter from the president of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood expressing grave concern about and strong criticism of the C.B.C. program, *The Public Eye*, of February 5, and the further program concerning the Indian people of Canada shown on February 17? If so does the government, through the Secretary of State intend to look into this matter?

**Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** As the hon. member knows, the Secretary of State is away on a government mission in Africa. I have not had such a letter brought to my attention, but I shall be glad to look into it and if such a communication has been received, bring it to the attention of the C.B.C.

**Mr. Simpson:** Since it is apparent that the producers of this program went far out of their way to show the Indian people in as bad a light as possible, I would ask the parliamentary secretary to look into this immediately.

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** I have a question for the President of the Privy Council. The other day I asked the minister whether he would give consideration to placing immediately before the Committee on Procedure the question of broadcasting our discussions in relation both to this house and to the several committees. Can the minister tell us whether this matter will be on the agenda, as the committee begins its work this afternoon?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Well, Mr. Speaker, the committee has a certain order of reference and I think it will stick to that.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** In view of the considerable interest shown in this subject, may I ask whether the minister is giving consideration to setting up a special committee to examine the possibilities in this direction?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** I am not considering the establishment of such a committee, Mr. Speaker.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## FRED—PLAN FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** My question is for the minister responsible for rural development and regional economic expansion. In view of the disappointment caused by his mistaken announcement the other day that a FRED agreement would be signed very shortly with Newfoundland, when he meant Prince Edward Island, I wonder whether the hon. gentleman would now give special consideration to Newfoundland and to its FRED agreement with the federal government?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, we are having talks with the provincial authorities, and we hope to find the best solution available to assist Newfoundland.

[*English*]

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** In view of the fact that the program for the expansion of his activities has already been tabled, can the minister say when we may expect the ratification of such an agreement? We have heard a great deal about it, but we