

**Mr. Herridge:** Is the minister ducking the question?

### FINANCE

#### INQUIRY AS TO OVERSUBSCRIPTION OF NEW BOND ISSUE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. H. McMillan (Welland):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Was the recent loan involving \$200 million in government of Canada bonds oversubscribed, and in what time?

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, as was announced to the public this loan was fully taken up, and the allotments made of the two issues were as follows: 2½ per cent bonds due April 1, 1960, \$125 million; 3 per cent bonds due December 15, 1960, \$75 million. As to the time, I may say that the announcement made on Monday morning when the wires were sent out in the usual course was that the books would open on Monday evening and would remain open until at least eight o'clock eastern daylight time on Tuesday evening. They were actually closed at 9.30 o'clock eastern daylight time on Tuesday evening. In that hour and a half subscriptions were still coming in, and it was to equalize conditions as between eastern and western Canada that the issue was closed at 9.30 Tuesday evening.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. I regret that I was not able to give him notice of it.

**An hon. Member:** We know why.

**Mr. Fraser:** That was the note that was passed down to you from above.

**Mr. Drysdale:** It may be a better question than usual.

**Mr. Howard:** I was just waiting for the noise to subside to say that my friend has given expression to his usual stupidity.

**Mr. Fraser:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Nail it down.

**Mr. Fraser:**—this morning when we came in here not just one person but a dozen or more saw a note passed from the gallery above to the hon. gentleman.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** What is wrong with that?

### Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid there is no question of privilege involved in that. Will the hon. member ask his question?

**Mr. Howard:** Is the Minister of National Defence able to give the house any information regarding the reported sighting of an unidentified submarine off the coast of British Columbia?

**Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, from time to time there are reported sightings of unusual objects off both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada. In all these circumstances an investigation is carried out by our naval and air forces.

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Have any of these investigations led to any information which would indicate that there are submarines of foreign nations operating in our waters?

**Mr. Pearkes:** In nearly every case these investigations have been carried out in parts of the ocean beyond the territorial waters of Canada. I am afraid I cannot give an answer to the hon. gentleman regarding the results of these investigations, as that procedure would be contrary to the public interest.

### SHIPPING

#### MONTREAL-KINGSTON—REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PILOTAGE DUES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question of the Minister of Transport or, in his absence, the acting minister of transport. He might take this question as notice. In view of the dispute between pilots of the Montreal-Kingston district and the shipping federation, why has not the minister had the pilotage dues approved by the governor in council as required by the Canada Shipping Act? Will the minister see that they are approved without delay?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—INQUIRY AS TO INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. R. McWilliam (Northumberland-Miramichi):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Since the New Brunswick minister of health was in Ottawa this week, can the minister advise the house whether an agreement has now been signed with New Brunswick under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act?