

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I cannot confirm the details of the report to which my hon. friend refers, but as he knows there was a meeting a short time ago with representatives of Vancouver and as a result of that meeting an arrangement, which it is hoped will be mutually satisfactory, is being considered. We expect to be able to make an announcement shortly.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask—

**Mr. Prittie:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond on a point of order.

**Mr. Prittie:** On September 30 the hon. member for New Westminster attempted to ask a question about the C.B.C. and the Kitsilano site. He was ruled out of order and was told to put it on the order paper. I suggest that if that ruling applied then, it should apply on this occasion.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I appreciate the fact that someone in left field has given some information, Mr. Speaker, but this has to do with an agreement which I understand was made—

**Mr. Prittie:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have a valid objection.

**Mr. Speaker:** The right hon. Leader of the Opposition has a right to ask this question. He is asking for confirmation or denial of a fact, and the other question asked by the hon. member for New Westminster was one seeking detailed information, I believe.

**Mr. Howard:** Favouritism.

**Mr. Speaker:** I would ask the hon. member for Skeena to withdraw that remark. I ask the hon. member for Skeena to withdraw the remark that the Chair has ruled on a favouritism basis.

**Mr. Howard:** I will gladly bow to your request, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I wanted to ask the Prime Minister in this connection if he would consider having this question submitted to a committee of the house for consideration, in view of the fact that if this suggestion is implemented it will cost the people of Canada, through the C.B.C., \$5 million or \$6 million, and there is a property available downtown that would not cost the Dominion of Canada anything.

**Mr. Pearson:** Well, Mr. Speaker, all these aspects of the matter have been and are being

considered in regard to the proposed arrangement. If an arrangement can be agreed upon, as I believe it will be, I am sure this aspect of the matter will have been taken into consideration.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** May I ask the Minister of National Defence if he can give the house a firm date upon which he will make an announcement concerning the second part of the Suttie report; because I am sure the operation of the militia is being seriously and adversely affected by the delay in an announcement of cut-backs in militia units.

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** I am sure the hon. gentleman, after his long years of experience in this house, would never really suggest that such a course should be followed.

**Mr. Lambert:** May I ask a supplementary question. The minister may have noted that I asked him if he could give us a firm date.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I was surprised that the hon. gentleman asked that question, Mr. Speaker. I have already indicated that we will make this information available as soon as we can.

**HARBOURS****BRITISH COLUMBIA—DEVELOPMENT OF SALT WATER PORT THROUGH ALASKA PANHANDLE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to pose a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys and ask him whether he has any views to indicate to the house relating to a report that, because of a receding glacier, there is now a salt water port extending through the panhandle of Alaska into Canadian territory, and whether any plans for the development of such a port are being made.

**Mr. Speaker:** Surely the hon. member knows this is a question for the order paper.

**Mr. Howard:** On a question of order, Mr. Speaker, I do not know that it is a question for the order paper. I posed it in all seriousness. If you suggest I put it on the order paper, I will.