

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking for statistical information. I suggest that he might properly put the question on the order paper, or at least the first part of it.

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to answer the first part of the question; and even if the statistics were available I am not sure that it is one to which consideration should be given. As to the second part with regard to programming, I shall be glad to refer the hon. member's question to the corporation and obtain a reply.

**"VIEWPOINT"—REFERENCE TO PROGRAM ON
JANUARY 1**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the same minister in his role as happy interlocutor between the C.B.C. and parliament. I sent him some warning of this question. It relates to the interview on the January 1 program of "Viewpoint" where a Professor Fox talked with "the hon. member from Kicking Horse pass". My question is this. In view of the clear but partisan nature of this member's statements in support of the government, would the minister consider asking the C.B.C. to give comparable time to the official opposition?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, from having heard reference to that program—unfortunately I did not hear it but was told about it—I understood that the reference was to the hon. member for Port Arthur and that therefore he had a full chance to reply. If I was misinformed I shall be glad to get further information and let him know.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

PACIFIC PRESS LIMITED—INQUIRY AS TO STATUS
OF INVESTIGATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Justice a question of which I gave notice earlier today. Can the minister give the house any information with regard to the investigation by the combines investigation branch into the operations of Pacific Press Limited of Vancouver?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to add anything to the answer I gave to a similar question on April 30 of this year.

[Mr. Badanal.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister, in view of the fact that some intimation has been given with regard to interruption of the business on Tuesday. May I ask the Prime Minister whether he can tell the house now what the intention of the government is in that respect?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the intention is this. In view of the fact that urgent legislation will have to be considered at this session arising out of the unusually early snowfall in western Canada, we would expect on Tuesday—and I trust that we have the co-operation of hon. members everywhere—to introduce two resolutions preparatory to the introduction of two bills, one dealing with the matter of cash advances on unthreshed grain and the other with government guaranteed bank loans. If it is at all possible, after the resolutions have received the attention of the house I would hope that it might be agreed by hon. members in all parts of the house that we then proceed by way of second reading and to a conclusion at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Chevrier: I should like to ask a supplementary question. Is it the intention to continue with the two resolutions until they have been passed, even though they take up more than one day?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I would say so; yes.

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask this further question. May we expect a copy of the bills for the week end?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes, at once. Copies will be made available to the official opposition and to the C.C.F. group.

Mr. Chevrier: Today?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes, today.

Mr. Chevrier: The first part of the question dealt with the matter of whether the government intends to go on with this legislation until it has been completed.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes, I said that. I interrupted the hon. gentleman when he was speaking, and I said yes.