

Inquiries of the Ministry

and provincial cows, but we feel that we are entitled to clearer answers from him. We say that the farmers are not getting at present \$4 per hundredweight of milk. Is the minister in a position to guarantee the farmers \$4 per hundredweight of milk. That is all we want to hear, not tall tales.

Mr. Speaker: The question of privilege raised by the hon. member is out of order.

[English]

The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

Mr. Starr: I have a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: I believe the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway also has a supplementary question.

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): No, it is not supplementary.

Mr. Starr: As a supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I remind hon. members that we have a very short question period today. I realize this is an extremely important matter, but still I would invite hon. members to consider that other hon. members may have other questions that might be important also. The hon. member for Ontario.

Mr. Starr: I again ask the Minister of Agriculture if he would shed his cloak of arrogance and try to explain the federal policy with respect to manufactured milk, and why the farmers are not receiving the \$4, as he promised them?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me this is a repetition of the question that was asked previously. As I indicated to the hon. member for Ontario a moment ago, while possibly he is not satisfied with the reply given to him, I do not think he is entitled to repeat the question at this time.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REPORTED DEFIANCE OF BOARD BY
PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, we shall leave the subject of milk for a moment and go to another field. I would like to ask the Secretary of State whether the views expressed on national television by one of Canada's fiction writers are correct, that the C.B.C. board of directors at their last meeting instructed Mr.

[Mr. Villeneuve.]

Ouimet to get rid of Mr. Walker, who is vice president and general manager of the English network, and that Mr. Ouimet has defied the order of the board of directors.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think I know to what my right hon. friend refers, and I must agree with the adjective he used with respect to the particular writer, but I do not happen to know in this particular case whether or not it is another essay in fiction.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Well, Mr. Speaker, will the minister find out whether in fact Mr. Ouimet has defied the board of directors, and report to the house before the recess?

Miss LaMarsh: I would think, Mr. Speaker, that if the president of the C.B.C. had defied an order of the board, the board would at once communicate that to me; but I shall be pleased to put this question to them as requested.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): On a supplementary question, while the minister is making inquiries in this regard would she also make inquiries as to whether a similar announcement, giving the same information as carried in a number of Toronto newspapers yesterday, was on the seven o'clock news broadcast, and what influence was used to see that it was not mentioned in any other newscast last night.

Miss LaMarsh: I can only imagine that they probably followed the truth.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the demand made yesterday in Toronto by 32 national organizations, representing nearly half a million Canadian women, will the government appoint a royal commission to study the status of women?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is nothing I would sooner look into.

Mr. Fairweather: Federal or provincial?

SHIPPING

REPRESENTATIONS BY S.I.U. RESPECTING
SAFETY AT SEA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (St. Ann): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of