

this area and in the province of Saskatchewan, she would now press the C.B.C. to start its station in Saskatoon. It has been under consideration for many years.

Miss LaMarsh: Mr. Speaker, the C.B.C. cannot start any station without a licence from the B.B.G. The hearing in respect of that particular application has been set for January or February.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I wonder if the minister would find out whether the C.B.C. and its affiliate attempted to get this program free? Is the difficulty between the C.T.V., the C.B.C. and its affiliate one of finances?

Miss LaMarsh: I do not know. The C.B.C. advertiser which normally has that spot has given the C.B.C. and its affiliate permission to release the time in order that the C.T.V. emanation might be covered. I do not know whether the roadblock itself has been a result of some other financial consideration.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the hon. lady a supplementary question. In view of the fact that this action on the part of the C.T.V. concerns not only this incident but also is a precedent for similar action in other matters, would she consider referring this refusal of the C.T.V. to the Board of Broadcast Governors for consideration and action?

Miss LaMarsh: No. I am informed that normally the broadcast of these games is arranged on a split basis, and that some of the games were to be carried by the C.B.C. and some by C.T.V. in the area. It appears this year that Saskatoon has shown a remarkable resurgence and there is a particular interest in this area which may not always exist. It is not possible for both networks to carry all playoff games.

MANITOBA—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COVERAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Secretary of State. It is a question of prime importance in this field. Could she inform the house of what progress is being made to provide television service in northern Manitoba, where there is none whatsoever?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Miss Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Last week I had an exchange of correspondence with the premier of Manitoba regarding this service. This week I should have the information before me, which may form the basis for announcing a definite date for service in northern Manitoba.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

REPLICA OF FLAG ON CERTIFICATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): I wish to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether it is a fact that on the social insurance number certificates the coat of arms of Canada has been, or is being, replaced by a replica of the new flag and, if so, whether this is a part of the government's program for the gradual removal of the traditional symbols of Canada's history and connections?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The new design for the social security or social insurance number certificates was decided on, as I recollect, some long months ago. There has been no change in that decision, a decision which was explained to the house at the time, when there was no apparent reaction from any source.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I rise on a question of privilege. We took the strongest possible objection to the removal of the coat of arms.

Mr. Pickersgill: Then why is this being raised as a matter of urgency, now?

Mr. Diefenbaker: The minister should recall those things which he so continually forgets with regard to those symbols of our past, and our traditions, which this government is removing.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN—PARTICIPATION OF CANADIAN TROOPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question to address to the Prime Minister. Is the right hon. gentleman in a position to make a statement to the house concerning the present fighting between Israel and Jordan? Can he tell us whether any Canadian troops have been involved in the fighting and, if so, whether there have been any casualties?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, I am in a position to make a short