

*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
**CANADIAN BROADCASTING  
 CORPORATION**

SUGGESTED CENSURE RESPECTING CERTAIN  
 POLITICAL BROADCASTS

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

Is the Secretary of State aware of an alleged censorship imposed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation upon certain political matters, separatism for instance, and does he intend to hold an inquiry into this matter? Would other matters be also censored by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?

[*Text*]

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, as I have said on previous occasions in the house, it has never been the view of any government, I believe, that the government is an appropriate body to censor broadcasting, and I hope we never have government censorship of broadcasting in this country. Successive governments have appointed eminent citizens to be the governors and directors of the broadcasting corporation and the responsibility for what is broadcast is on their shoulders where it should be. In my view they should be held accountable to the whole of parliament and not to any part of parliament for the discharge of those functions.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gregoire:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Does the Secretary of State intend to convene the sessional committee on broadcasting this year during this session?

[*Text*]

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I believe there is no sessional committee on broadcasting under our standing orders, and it would appear to me that there is so much work going on in committees at the present time that there would hardly be room for an additional committee at this session. But I do hope to have the approval of my colleagues to recommend that at the beginning of the next session we should have a select committee on broadcasting set up.

**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose):** Since November 11 is just one week away, Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the

[*Mr. Martin (Essex East).*]

Prime Minister whether the Liberal member for Lotbiniere was stating government policy at Drummondville last Saturday night when he said that Canada should end the monarchy, as stated in the report in this morning's *Montreal Gazette*?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure that this question is in order. If the hon. member were referring to a statement made by a cabinet minister then he would be entitled to ask the Prime Minister for an explanation, but not with regard to a statement by a private member.

**SUGAR**

REPORTED STATEMENT RESPECTING REASON  
 FOR PRICE INCREASES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I should like to ask the Minister of Justice if his attention has been drawn to a statement by Mr. Arthur E. Beeby, executive vice president of Salada Foods, to the effect that the recent series of increases in sugar prices cannot be explained on the basis of supply and demand; that there is no world sugar shortage, and that the rising cost of this staple food item on world food markets is not the result of demand but of speculators. I wonder if the minister would care to comment on that statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Is the hon. member asking a question for information or is he giving it?

**Mr. Howard:** I am glad you asked me that, Mr. Speaker. I am asking a question for information. I do not have any high hopes of getting it from the minister in view of his previous answers to this question, but I will try.

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice):** I have not seen the statement, and in order to comment intelligently upon it I think I should be given the opportunity of seeing it.

In so far as the hon. member's statement is concerned that he has received no replies to questions put to me with reference to sugar, let me tell my hon. friend that this is a matter which falls under the jurisdiction of not one but several departments. In so far as the Department of Justice is concerned, it falls under its jurisdiction in connection with the Combines Investigation Act. In so far as that act is concerned, there must be proof that there has been a combination or a merger to increase the price. There is in existence, as I indicated to my hon. friend some time ago, a court order in Montreal enjoining not only certain eastern sugar refineries but their directors as well from fixing an increase in prices. All that needs to be done is