

Inquiries of the Ministry

what action has been taken to meet the request of the dockyard trades and labour council in Halifax for one rate for labourers employed in the maritimes area by the Department of National Defence as opposed to the four rates in effect at the present time, which indeed is a discriminatory situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is of a rather detailed nature and I suggest to the hon. member that it should be placed on the order paper.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF COLOUR TELEVISION SETS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. As we are aware, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation spent over \$80,000 for 107 colour television sets, and on this morning's news it was announced that the officials of the C.B.C. were so arrogant as to inform the public that they had no intention of revealing the names of the people who had received these television sets.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has to ask a question, not make a statement.

Mr. Smallwood: This is just a preface to my question, Mr. Speaker. I am coming to the question now.

Mr. Speaker: The rules indicate that the hon. member cannot have a preface to his question.

Mr. Smallwood: I will rephrase the question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether he will introduce legislation to compel the C.B.C. to reveal to the public the names of the 90 people who received colour television sets so that the taxpayers will know how their money has been wasted by the C.B.C. I ask that legislation be introduced to compel the C.B.C. to reveal these names, because they have refused to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF FEED GRAIN BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put [Mr. Forrestall.]

a question to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. Is he in a position to give us the names of the members of the Canadian Livestock Feed Board?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): No, Mr. Speaker. I had hoped to make a statement tomorrow, but there will a delay of a week to ten days.

Mr. Ricard: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Since cattle breeders consider this matter as very urgent, when will the minister be in a position to make that information public?

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, as I have already said in my answer, within the next ten days.

[English]

INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DAIRY POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): Mr. Speaker, in order to clear up some understandable confusion in the industry, may I pose this question to the Minister of Agriculture. The government has indicated that a statement on the dairy policy for this year will be made prior to April 1. Will this policy be enunciated by the Minister of Agriculture or by the new National Dairy Commission?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): There will be a statement made in the house, Mr. Speaker.

REQUEST FROM PROVINCIAL PREMIERS FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Has he received from any of the provincial premiers, the premier of Manitoba in particular, any request for the convening of a national conference on farm prices, costs and income?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Some time ago we received a request from the premier of Manitoba for the convening of a national farm conference but I think its object was broader than was indicated by the hon. member.

Mr. Schreyer: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate to the house what course of action the government is taking with respect to that request?