

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Byrne:** Has the minister not in fact had an opportunity to peruse a draft copy of the Gill committee report, that is, the report on the committee set up to investigate the unemployment insurance fund?

**Mr. Starr:** I am horrified that the hon. member for Essex East and the hon. member for Kootenay East are intimating I have seen this report. I have not seen any report from the Gill committee, and what I have stated are the facts.

[Later:]

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate):** I am going out on the limb Your Honour is so ready to saw off, and I will ask the Secretary of State if he could get the Queen's printer to take on additional staff to complete the Gill report so the Minister of Labour could then read it.

## AGRICULTURE

## FARM LOANS—REPORTED DELAYS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Raymond Langlois (Megantic):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the minister tell the house why some farm credit loans already agreed to are not immediately followed by the loans themselves?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I refer the hon. member to standing order No. 39, and he can see quite easily that the question is out of order.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** In view of the fact that the question period guideposts have resulted in close to a thousand questions appearing on the order paper, is it the intention to give a prize to the person who poses the one thousandth question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. If the Chair is not deemed to be out of order here, perhaps it might be deemed better to give a prize for some intelligent questions.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** On a question of privilege, I am sure that on further reflection Your Honour will want to withdraw the comment which you made—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Douglas:**—a comment which it is most inappropriate for the Chair to make.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I would also address this point to the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam. A question in this regard is not usually addressed to the Chair. The hon. member for Skeena had addressed his question to the Chair in this regard.

[Mr. Peters.]

**Mr. Howard:** I did not.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is not in keeping—

**Mr. Peters:** We should have a vote on the Speaker. It is about time we did.

**Mr. Speaker:** There may have been some sort of susceptibility this afternoon, for people on all sides of the house have been a little touchy and as a result it may be that the Chair has been likewise. I do not want to offend the susceptibilities of any hon. members; I feel that they too know what questions should be asked and that there is an injunction against asking trivial questions. If the Chair was unduly sharp with regard to what was considered a trivial question, then I apologize to all hon. members of the house. But may the Chair, in return, seek the co-operation of all hon. members and ask them to avoid trivial questions. The Chair will not be provoked.

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure I am quite in agreement with your statement. I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, and ask him whether either he himself or any of his ministers had the opportunity to peruse the Glassco commission report before it was tabled in this house.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that when the Glassco report was delivered to me I naturally perused it.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## MONTREAL—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON NARCOTIC RAID

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. John R. Matheson (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Justice whether there is any information for this house with respect to the recent R.C.M.P. narcotic raid in Montreal.

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, these raids and arrests by the police yesterday in Montreal were the result of investigations conducted by the police into well known and suspected counterfeiters, who it also appears were involved in the theft of some codeine phosphate in an armed hold-up on August 3, 1962.

## HOUSING

## AMENDMENT OF ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCING OF EXISTING HOMES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public