

Inquiries of the Ministry

(Translation):

Could the Minister of National Health and Welfare tell the house whether he has received one or more requests with regard to the \$5 million available to the national advisory council on physical fitness and amateur sport?

(Text):

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): On Monday last I met with the provincial ministers to discuss arrangements for agreements with the provinces. At this conference we simply discussed how an agreement would be drawn up, and the officials of the provinces and of my own department were discussing this matter again yesterday. At this stage the officials of my department have proposed to draw up a draft agreement and send it out to the provinces for their consideration, and thus far there has been no request for actual funds.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSEAMENDMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING
LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Agriculture. My question is based on the astounding fact that the government members and members of the official opposition voted against the principle of marketing legislation last night.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Herridge: I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary whether the government intends to amend the marketing legislation.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Before the question is answered, Mr. Speaker, I should like to raise a point of order. Knowing as we do that hon. members are in the habit of sending out copies of *Hansard* containing the questions they have asked and answers they have received, I suggest to Your Honour that this question in this form should not be asked because my hon. friend has made an assertion—and that therefore makes the question out of order—and an inaccurate assertion which puts the question beyond the pale. I think this is important, because otherwise *Hansard* will go out containing inaccurate and out of order assertions.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): If I might say a word on that point of order, I should like to point out that there is a third ground that the Minister of Justice could have given, and that the house took a decision on this matter last night, and a

decision of the house is not subsequently debatable by any hon. member, even in the guise of a question.

Mr. Herridge: If the question offends the rules, then as a very green member in this position I apologize.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member demonstrates his experience. It is quite true that the hon. member began his question most improperly by reflecting upon a decision of the house. Objection having been taken, he will certainly have to delete that part of his question. As to the part of his question that remains, I forget whether it could stand alone. If he has a bona fide question of the parliamentary secretary, he may ask it.

Mr. Herridge: In view of recent events, would the parliamentary secretary inform the house whether the government intends any amendment to the marketing legislation?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member's question comes within the category of those related to general policy. If he limits it to any present intention to introduce a bill he might get by with it. However, I am afraid he cannot ask it in this form.

[Later:]

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): May I ask the Acting Minister of Agriculture if he is in a position to inform this house as to whether there is any intention, at this session, of introducing legislation to deal with the marketing of agricultural products.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Acting Minister of Agriculture): This is a question to be decided by the government, and when a decision on this matter is taken it will be announced to the house in the ordinary course.

TELEVISION

HALIFAX—ALLEGED INFRACTION OF RULES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): I wonder if I could ask the Minister of National Revenue whether the board of broadcast governors has found that the program entitled "Youth Wants to Know", which appeared on television station CJCH in Halifax, involved an infraction of the rules of the board of broadcast governors. If the hon. gentleman has not the information to hand, would he take the question as notice and report to the house?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I will be glad to take the question as notice. I had not heard of the matter in any way until the hon. member raised it.