

Questions

PRESERVATION OF MALISEET LANGUAGE

Question No. 1,350—**Mr. Corbin:**

Has the federal government been asked to contribute to the preservation of the Maliseet language in New Brunswick and, if so, what contribution has been made and when?

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): Yes. However, no contribution has yet been made as this request is still under consideration.

STATIONS CBAF AND CBAFT, MONCTON

Question No. 1,357—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. How many persons were working with radio stations CBAF and CBAFT of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Moncton in December 1968?

2. What was the number of men and women in each of the positions?

3. How many persons were from (a) New Brunswick (b) Quebec (c) other Maritime Provinces?

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. As of December 31, 1968, there were 14 C.B.C. employees at radio station CBAF and 17 at television station CBAFT plus 21 integrated radio and TV personnel, several of whom also have responsibilities with respect to the C.B.C. English language radio station CBA at Moncton.

2. Of the total of 52 employees, 41 are male and 11 are female.

3. (a) New Brunswick, 39; (b) Quebec, 10; (c) Other Maritime Provinces, one; plus two from Ontario.

LA RONGE AND URANIUM CITY TELEVISION SERVICE

Question No. 1,374—**Mr. Korchinski:**

1. What are the present plans for extension of television services in Northern Saskatchewan, particularly as they affect the areas of La Ronge and Uranium City?

2. Are there any plans to initiate improvements serviced out of Prince Albert by the relay station at Greenwater?

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. A C.B.C. application to establish a "frontier coverage package" TV station at La Ronge will be submitted to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission by February 25, 1969, and it is expected that this can be considered by the CRTC in June. The C.B.C. has been operating

[Mr. Pepin.]

a similar station at Uranium City since October 1968.

2. The C.B.C. is aware of technical problems recently experienced by the privately-owned affiliate CKBI-TV, Prince Albert, which controls several rebroadcasting stations including one at Greenwater Lake. The station is attempting to correct these difficulties which are not within the purview of C.B.C.

THETFORD MINES, QUE., AIRPORT

Question No. 1,375—**Mr. Dumont:**

1. Have studies been made by the Department of Transport into the possibility of constructing an airport at Thetford Mines and, if so, what decision has been arrived at by the Department?

2. If the project has been approved, what amount of the assistance has been provided for construction of the airport?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

1. Yes. The studies concluded that a contribution of \$75,000 would be justified. However, an engineering study has shown that the minimum cost of developing a suitable facility would be \$114,000. It was therefore concluded that until additional evidence becomes available of either reduced cost or increased potential use by air travellers or air carriers, it would be necessary to accord a relatively low priority to Thetford Mines.

2. Answered by "1".

APPLICATION OF SALES TAX TO MUNICIPALITIES

Question No. 1,382—**Mr. Mongrain:**

Are municipalities exempt from the payment of federal sales tax on the purchase of materials for use in municipal works and, if so, under what circumstances?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Not all materials for use in municipal works are exempt from sales tax, however, Part XII of the Excise Tax Act provides for exemption from sales tax in respect of the following: 1. Certain goods sold to or imported by municipalities for their own use and not for resale, as follows: (a) culverts; (b) equipment, at a price in excess of five hundred dollars per unit, specially designed for use directly for road making, road cleaning or fire fighting, but not including automobiles or ordinary motor trucks; (c) fire hose including couplings and nozzles therefor; (d) fire truck chassis for the permanent attachment thereon of fire fighting equipment for use directly in