

public in order to gain a fuller understanding of how information and other programming is perceived by them, and actually carried out; (iii) The Committee will undertake research on specific matters related to programming and scheduling, as well as on the historical relationship between the French language and English language services of the CBC; (iv) The Committee may selectively analyze particular programmes". Then the public has hereby been invited to submit information and comment preferably by April 25, 1977 (Public Notice of March 24, 1977). Finally, the Commission stated that the Committee will submit its final report to the Commission before July 1st, 1977.

***CHARGES LAID BY CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD**

Question No. 2,773—Mr. Murta:

1. In the past 3 years, what was the increase in staff in the Inspection Services Branch of the Canadian Wheat Board and what did this represent in expenses?
2. In each of the past 3 years, how many producers and companies have been charged under the "Delivery Regulations" and, in each case, what was the amount of the charges and the total amount collected?
3. What was the total amount collected in fines by the Canadian Wheat Board for enforcing the "Inspection Service" and what was the amount in expenses to the Canadian Wheat Board for enforcing such service?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Insofar as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned: 1. Over the 3 year period July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1977 the inspection staff of the Canadian Wheat Board declined in number from 25 to 20.

2. In each of the past 3 years, the following number of charges were laid and fines collected for violations of "delivery regulations" under the Canadian Wheat Board Act:

Crop Year	No. of Producers Charged	No. of grain Companies Charged	No. of Elevator Managers Charged	Total No. of Charges	Total Amount of Fines Collected
1973-1974	52	0	16	116	\$10,914.36
1974-75	31	1	2	48	\$ 4,636.24
1975-76	21	3	3	88	\$10,019.59

3. The total amount collected in fines for violations of the Canadian Wheat Board Act is as above in (2). These fines were not collected by the Canadian Wheat Board but are levied and collected by the Courts. The Board's inspection staff and legal department perform many and varied tasks in addition to their inspection function. Records are not maintained with respect to the time and expense devoted to the task of "enforcing the inspection service".

***CBC COVERAGE OF ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Question No. 2839—Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey):

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,345, for what reason does CBC have only three English language reporters assigned to cover the Ontario Legislative Assembly while it has seven French language reporters assigned to cover the Quebec National Assembly?

2. How many (a) English (b) French language reporters are assigned to cover the Parliament of Canada?

Order Paper Questions

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): I am informed by the CBC as follows: 1. The CBC's French radio and television networks serve the Francophones of Canada, of whom 85 percent are concentrated in the province of Quebec. The steady flow of news generated by the Quebec government's policies is of intense interest to this audience in both the provincial and Canadian contexts. Nevertheless, the CBC's plans as enunciated in the June 14, 1977 statement by the President of the Corporation, call for greater use of French network news correspondents throughout Canada. The Ontario legislature is one of nine mainly English-speaking assemblies covered by the CBC's English Services Division. That has a total of 18 full-time and one part-time radio and television reporters covering provincial legislature across the country. In the case of the Ontario provincial legislature in particular, the CBC's English Services headquarters in Toronto are located within a few blocks of the provincial legislature and extra staff can be and are assigned at very short notice when required.

2. (a) Eight television reporters and four radio news reporters plus one radio agriculture commentator. (b) Three radio reporters and three television reporters. It is planned to assign two more television reporters in coming months.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the questions listed by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council, which list has now been filed with the House by agreement, shall be deemed to have been replied to today, and that the questions subsequently referred to by the hon. parliamentary secretary shall be deemed to have been made orders for return, with the returns to be tabled forthwith?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I rise with regard to an assurance given by the government to this House on at least four or five occasions by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council. He is the predecessor of the present parliamentary secretary, I realize, but nevertheless a commitment was made by the government which I am sure could not have been made by his predecessor had it not been approved by the President of the Privy Council and the Deputy Prime Minister.

I refer to *Hansard* at page 7790 of July 19, 1977, when at that time I brought the matter up for about the fifth time. I should like to quote one sentence therefrom when I asked why the answers to certain questions were being withheld. These answers were of an important nature and the Canadian people were entitled to know the truth. He replied: "May I indicate that I intend to provide answers to all questions standing on the order paper before the present session ends".

The present session will end in several minutes. There are 45 questions of mine and I am sure there are many other ques-