

COMMUNITY CABLE NETWORK VERSATILITY

One "box" offers many services...

computer games, telesoftware, education, pay-for-view, captioning, videotex, meter-reading, fire and security, and much more.

HOME INFO SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS & EDUCATION ENTERTAINMENT & FUN

HOME TV OR COLOR MONITOR

KEYPAD

OPTIONAL FULL ASCII KEYBOARD

DECODER

CABLE AND THE COMPUTER REVOLUTION

Montreal's Vidéotron cable system is one of the largest in Canada. In partnership with a local engineering and manufacturing concern called Videoway, Vidéotron proposes, in 1984, to begin selling a dramatically enhanced cable service.

The service will depend on equipping households with Videoway's user interface device. The device looks much like other videotex or teletext units: a box that connects to the cable and to the TV, and a remote control that looks similar to a hand-held calculator. The box is in fact a microcomputer, and is individually addressable over the cable network.

The cable subscriber equipped with a user interface will receive an integrated and highly sophisticated set of services. The device replaces a cable converter, a pay TV decoder, and a teletext decoder. It's also capable of displaying the time and current channel on the TV screen.