

Paving Limited and six other companies were the subject of allegations by the director under the Combines Investigation Act and this culminated in the report of the restrictive trade practices commission relating to the supply, transportation and application of asphalt mixes used in the paving and repair of municipal streets in the cities of Ottawa and Eastview, Ontario, and Hull, Quebec. The report and evidence have been referred to counsel to consider whether the evidence warrants prosecution proceedings.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, HAMILTON
POST OFFICE

Question No. 84—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. How many people had temporary employment, full or part time, with the Hamilton post office at Christmas, 1965?

2. What was the minimum wage paid to (a) full time workers, and (b) part time workers?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): 1. Christmas helpers are not considered as either full time or part time. They are employed on an as required basis for periods normally not exceeding eight hours per day and which could be less than eight hours a day.

1451 Christmas helpers were employed in the Hamilton post office during the Christmas period 1965.

2. (a) and (b) Christmas helpers were paid at the minimum rate of \$1.25 per hour.

FREE C.B.C. NETWORK TIME
TO POLITICAL PARTIES

Question No. 85—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. How much time did the C.B.C. allocate free of charge to each political party on the two national networks during the official campaign period for the 1965 federal election?

2. How much money does such free time represent according to the rates in effect at that time?

[Translation]

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): During the official campaign period for the 1965 federal election, the C.B.C. allocated 3 hours and 40 minutes of network free time on each of its two national radio networks and 5 hours and 30 minutes of network free time on each of its two national television networks. Distribution among the parties was as follows:

Radio: Liberal, 1.15 hours; P.C., 1.05 hours; N.D.P., 40 minutes; Social Credit, 20 minutes; Ralliement des Créditistes, 20 minutes.

Television: Liberal, 1.52½ hours; P.C., 1.37½ hours; N.D.P., 1.00 hour; Social Credit, 30 minutes; Ralliement Créditistes, 30 minutes.

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2. The C.B.C. does not sell time for political broadcasting and does not normally attempt to place a monetary value on such broadcasts. However, if current network rates were applied to the hours of broadcasting listed in part 1 the cost of network time and lines of microwave facilities would be: English Radio Network, \$25,094.00; French Radio Network, \$10,799.00; English Television Network, \$130,592.00; French Television Network, \$39,811.00.

[English]

SALE OF FRESH WATER TO U.S.

Question No. 90—**Mr. MacRae:**

1. Are talks at present being held with the United States government in relation to the possible sale of fresh water to the United States?

2. What is the official position of the government of Canada in regard to this?

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No.

2. Clearly our own future requirements must be determined before we could give any thought to exporting water to the United States. Of course, there could be no export without the concurrence of the province or provinces concerned. I stress, however, that we have received no approach from the U.S. government on this subject.

DORION REPORT—CHARGES LAID

Question No. 92—**Mr. MacRae:**

1. Have any charges been laid by the Minister of Justice stemming from the Dorion commission report?

2. What charges are expected to be laid?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): 1. Charges have been laid at the instance of the provincial crown attorney at Ottawa against Raymond Denis under sections 119 and 368 of the Criminal Code.

2. It is not the practice to discuss charges to be laid.

INFLATIONARY TRENDS IN CONSTRUCTION
COSTS

Question No. 95—**Mr. MacRae:**

1. Is the government aware and concerned about the possibility of inflationary trends in construction prices in this country?

2. If so, what action is the government planning to take about any such trends?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): The government has for some time been aware of developing cost trends in the construction industry. On August 2, 1965, the Prime Minister announced a number of measures to stretch out the excessive demands