

MR. CATELLIER—C.B.C. PAYMENT FOR INTERVIEW

Question No. 1,820—**Mr. Matte:**

How much money did the CBC spend to obtain the exclusive interview with Mr. Catellier, an alleged member of the FLQ?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: No fee was paid to Mr. Catellier or anyone else in connection with this particular interview.

HOUSING FOR REFUGEES IN SAIGON

Question No. 1,824—**Mr. Godin:**

What interest rate does Canada intend to charge on the loan of \$355,000 which it is granting for the construction of housing for Vietnamese refugees in Saigon?

[Translation]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The Canadian contribution of \$355,000 for the construction of housing for Vietnamese refugees in Saigon is a grant and therefore there will be no interest.

[English]

REPLACEMENT FOR ROD SERVICES

Question No. 1,831—**Mr. MacInnis:**

1. Is it the intention of the Post Office Department to undertake within the Department itself the mail delivery services hitherto provided by Rod Services and, if not, in what way are such services to be carried on in view of the cancellation of the Rod Services contract?

2. Why was the Rod Services contract cancelled?

3. Is it the intention of the Department to award the contract held by Rod Services to another delivery firm?

4. With what firms have negotiations been conducted to date?

5. For what reason is this contract not being let out to tender in the normal way?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications):** In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 1. No. Arrangements have been made with another company to undertake these services.

2. Due to a breakdown in labour relations the contractor could not meet contract requirements—contracts were terminated by mutual consent.

3. Yes, for a period of one year.

4. (1) H. Lapalme Transport Ltée; (2) Meldrum Cunningham and Wells Ltd.; (3) Autobus Y. Lévis Ltée.

5. Due to the size of the operation and equipment involved, it is considered that it

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would require at least three months to proceed in the normal manner.

PUBLICATIONS ACCEPTED AT SECOND CLASS RATES

Question No. 1,838—**Mr. Chappell:**

What publications have been accepted to date, at second class rates, under Sections 11 (1) b and 11 (1) c of the Post Office Act as amended.

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications):** In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: Up to March 24th, 1,800 publications had been registered as second class mail.

Our records are not now maintained in such a manner that we can determine readily the Section of the Act under which each publication falls. It would, therefore, be necessary to review the records of the 1,800 publications in question.

Consequently the compilation of the information requested would necessitate a review of a substantial number of records, which would be very time consuming and require undue labour and expense.

"THE BEST DAMN FIDDLER FROM CALABOGIE TO KALADAR"

Question No. 1,840—**Mr. McBride:**

1. What was the total cost to the National Film Board of producing the film entitled "The Best Damn Fiddler from Calabogie to Kaladar"?

2. What was the cost to the CBC of the showing of this film on March 19, 1969?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the National Film Board as follows: 1. \$83,287.

I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 2. \$20,000.

MONITORING OF AIR POLLUTION

Question No. 1,858—**Mr. Haidasz:**

1. On what date were stations established to monitor air pollutants in Canada?

2. Which air pollutants have been studied in any national program at these stations?

3. What results have been obtained from this program?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Stations to measure air pollutants on a national scale were established on a co-operative federal-provincial basis during the late 1950's. Since then monitoring has been expanded continuously.