

Questions

privileges in each of the following classes: general news, religion, sciences, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, literature and the arts, public health, business and trade, trade unions, co-operatives, church congregations, political parties, others?

2. As of February 1, 1969, how many publications in each of these classes were using 2nd class mailing privileges?

3. How many publications were refused second class mailing privileges?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):

In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned: 1. As of 1st September 1968 a total of 5,291 publications were authorized to mail at a second class rate of postage. The records of the Department have not been maintained in such a way as to permit a breakdown by class as of the date requested. Commencing 1st April 1969 departmental records will be maintained in such a way that such information can be provided.

2. As of 1st February 1969 a total of 5,267 publications were authorized to mail at a second class rate of postage.

3. 79 publications were refused mailing privileges in 1968.

C.B.C. FESTIVAL SERIES, "NOISE OF PARADISE"

Question No. 1,327—Mr. Coates:

1. For what reason was "Noise of Paradise" cancelled as the drama on the CBC television series Festival on January 29, 1969?

2. What is the explanation for the delay in reaching the decision in question and did the final decision relate in any manner to complaints lodged with the CBC over other programs previously shown in this series?

3. Did the CBC make payments to any individuals or firms in regard to "Noise of Paradise" that will result in a loss to the corporation if the drama is not televised at a later date?

4. Were any advertising revenues lost as a result of the cancellation of this program and, if so, what was the amount of the loss?

5. Have any advertisers cancelled their patronage with the CBC as a result of programs that have been shown on this series and, if so, what is the estimated loss in revenue from these advertisers to the CBC?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. "Noises of Paradise" was withdrawn for review. It may be rescheduled on the network at a future date.

2. Senior C.B.C. officers screened the program immediately they became aware of possible concern over its content. This was done as a result of reaction to previous Festival dramas together with complaints about on air

[Mr. Macquarrie.]

promotion based on scenes from this particular production.

3. As stated above, the drama may be rescheduled at a later date. If this is not done there will be a loss.

4. No. The Festival series is not sponsored.

5. No.

MONTMAGNY WHARF—DREDGING

Question No. 1,329—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

1. When was the dock and access channel to the Montmagny wharf last dredged?

2. What was the total cost of this work?

3. What company carried out the work?

4. How many days did the work take?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. During 1959-60.

2. \$411.

3. The work was carried out by rental of bulldozer on hourly basis.

4. About one week.

C.B.C. FRENCH LANGUAGE BROADCASTING STUDY

Question No. 1,338—Mr. Serré:

1. When did the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation establish an internal committee to study French language radio and television broadcasting?

2. Who are the members of this committee?

3. When is it expected that the study will be completed?

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State): I am informed by the C.B.C. as follows: 1. March, 1968.

2. The committee was composed of 15 members, five from the Corporation's Quebec Division and French Networks, seven from other C.B.C. production centres across the country and three from Head Office. These people were drawn from the programming, technical and administrative areas. It has not been customary to require C.B.C. to list the names of individuals assigned to internal studies.

3. The committee reported at the end of October, 1968. The suggestions and recommendations contained in this internal document are being evaluated as to feasibility and cost.