

ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT

DURA BUSINESS MACHINES

11. The Dura Company manufactures a typewriter which when operated manually to produce a document also produces a punched tape. This tape can then be used to activate a like machine and automatically reproduces the document. In many respects this machine is similar to the Flexowriter. It lacks however, an important characteristic and that is the capacity to perform selective tape punching. This characteristic is also lacking in all other automatic typewriters with the exception of the Flexowriter. The Dura Company when contacted stated that it was hoped to have this feature incorporated in their machine in the near future. Their machine is capable of typing automatically at the rate of 175 words per minute, as compared with the 100 words per minute speed of the Flexowriter. There would also appear to be, from preliminary information, some cost advantage. However, regardless of these advantages, the machine could not be considered an alternative as no Canadian distribution facilities exist at this time.

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12. A demonstration of the I.B.M. 870 document writing system was witnessed at Carleton University, Ottawa. This is essentially a two part system. The basic equipment in the first part consisted of a punch card machine