

of employees who were involved primarily in this sector during the last three years:

(a) 1984	1,330 employees
(b) 1985	1,367 employees
(c) 1986 to date	1,358 employees

GRANTS TO GAINERS INC.

Question No. 13—**Mr. Murphy:**

1. Since September, 1984, did Gainers Inc. receive any grants from government departments and, if so (a) what type of grant (b) from which departments (c) on what dates?

2. What was the dollar figure for such grants?

3. What was the stated purpose of the grants?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Agriculture, Employment and Immigration and Regional Industrial Expansion as follows:

1. None.

2. & 3. Not applicable.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lewis: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[*English*]

WAYS AND MEANS

PETROLEUM AND GAS REVENUE TAX ACT

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)) moved that a Ways and Means motion to amend the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act, the Income Tax Act, and to repeal the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act, laid upon the table on Friday, October 24, be concurred in.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Bell Canada Act

Mr. Gauthier: On division.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)) moved that Bill C-17, an Act to amend the Petroleum Gas and Revenue Tax Act, the Income Tax Act and to repeal the Petroleum Gas Revenue Tax Act, be read the first time and printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gauthier: On division.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I wish to inform the House that because of the statement by the Minister, this day's sitting will be extended by 16 minutes.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

BELL CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Tuesday, October 28, consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald that Bill C-13, an Act respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, Bill C-13 is just the latest name for a project which has been promoted in this Parliament for several years by both of the old Parties. There has been a little restructuring of the legislation but there is no essential difference between this Bill and the previous legislation.

● (1540)

This is a Bill to reorganize Ma Bell. The word "reorganize" is meant to sound harmless and neutral to the general public. The public is interested in Ma Bell and in having a telephone service. In Canada there are only 25 million people scattered across a very large area and we make great use of telephones for both local and long distance calls. We make great use of the related services as well. Therefore, the public is very concerned about what is going to happen. In the past, the public has been told to rely on the CRTC to ensure that Bell's rates are reasonable. This Bill will make a mockery of the public's confidence in the CRTC to regulate Bell Telephone. That is why the New Democratic Party has fought this Bill from its inception.

Under the name of reorganization this Bill will divide Bell into two parts. One part will be profitable and the other will