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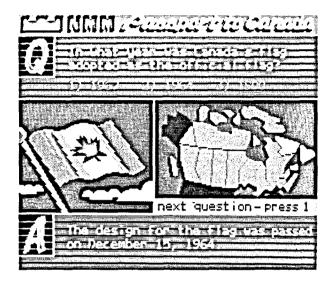
Keeping up to date on proposed government legislation and new regulations is difficult at best, even for the legislators and government employees involved in their drafting and implementation.

It has even been more difficult for the business community and general public to keep abreast of these developments.

To help overcome this problem, the Government of Canada is now providing up-to-theminute information on Telidon-NAPLPS terminals at more than 2,000 locations throughout the country.

The terminals, which are fed by a mainframe computer, display both text and colour graphics in an easy-to-understand format.

In addition to the Library of Parliament, which is responsible for information on the status of legislation, 14 federal departments and agencies will initially be providing information to the database. There are even detailed descriptions on how to fill out government forms.



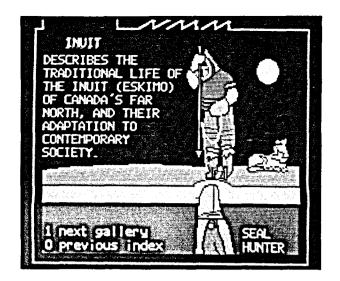
Viewers will be able to access this information via a menu, by identifying a department or using keyword searches.

Through the system, they will be able to get a synopsis of the bill or regulation, possible action being contemplated, which acts are affected, a timetable and a contact within the responsible department who can supply more details.

If they need follow-up information, they can make a request through the system for a contact person to phone them back. They can also use the tele-ordering procedure to receive a hard copy of the regulation or bill.

For the government, the system provides an inexpensive, fast and accurate means of disseminating information to the public.

Videotex offers several advantages over print. For example, if a phone number or contact name has to be changed, the expensive and time-consuming process of having hard copy retyped, printed and distributed is eliminated completely.



With videotex, changes are made instantly. Both text and material can be easily changed and updated.

The software for the system was developed by Infomart, a Toronto-based company.

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