

Questions

Joly, of Lotbinière, for his property located in the constituency of Lotbinière and consisting of a large area of forest and, if so, what was the amount offered?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries): Yes. \$700,000 was offered for the large tract of forest land plus several smaller adjacent parcels.

C.B.C.—FREE POLITICAL TIME

Question No. 982—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. How much free time on the two National networks did the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation grant to each political party during the official period of the 1968 Federal Election?

2. What was the total value of that time, based on the rates then in force?

3. How much free time did the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation grant to the candidates of each party during the 1968 Federal Election?

4. What was the total value of that time, based on the rates then in force?

5. What was the CBC's policy concerning political broadcasts during the 1968 election campaign?

6. Will the CBC submit a report on political broadcasts made during the 1968 election campaign and, if so, will this report be laid before the House?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the CBC as follows: 1. The CBC allocated free time for political broadcasts by federal political parties during the federal election campaign as follows on each of the English and French TV and radio networks:

	TV	RADIO
Liberal	1 hr. 30 min.	1 hr.
Progressive Conservative	1 hr. 15 min.	50 min.
Social Credit	15 min.	10 min.
Ralliement		
Créditiste	15 min.	10 min.
New Democratic Party	45 min.	30 min.
TOTAL	4 hrs.	2 hrs. 40 min.

2. The CBC does not sell time for political broadcasting and does not normally attempt to place a monetary value on such broadcasts. However, if commercial rates in effect at the time of the last federal election campaign were applied to the network free time allocated, the cost to each party would have been approximately as follows:

	TV		RADIO	
	CBC-owned Stations	Privately-owned Affiliates	CBC-owned Stations	Privately-owned Affiliates
Liberal	\$25,177	\$ 39,263	\$ 5,074	\$11,366
Progressive Conservative	20,980	32,720	4,228	9,472
Social Credit	4,196	6,544	846	1,894
Ralliement	4,196	6,544	846	1,894
Créditiste				
New Democratic Party	12,588	19,632	2,537	5,683
TOTAL	\$67,137	\$104,703	\$13,531	\$30,309

3. Free time for political on individual CBC stations is allocated to the parties active in the area served by each station and the parties arrange for their local candidates to appear. The total time allocated locally during the 1968 election campaign was as follows:

	TV	RADIO
Liberal	13 hrs. 33 min.	16 hrs. 49 min.
Progressive Conservative	14 hrs. 2 min.	15 hrs. 20 min.
Social Credit	1 hr. 28 min.	15 min.
Ralliement		
Créditiste	1 hr. 22½ min.	15 min.
New Democratic Party	10 hrs. 59½ min.	15 hrs. 55 min.
TOTAL	41 hrs. 25 min.	48 hrs. 34 min.

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

4. If commercial rates in effect at the time of the last federal election campaign were applied to the local free time allocated on individual CBC stations, the cost to each party would have been as follows:

	TV	RADIO
Liberal	\$12,362	\$ 780
Progressive Conservative	11,985	738
Social Credit	2,567	28
Ralliement		
Créditiste	1,793	— FM (Commercials not accepted)
N.D.P.	9,789	733
TOTAL	\$38,496	\$2,279