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while, at the same time, the relations between France and Quebec will continue, especially in the field of education which comes under the provinces.

During that meeting, it was announced that an oil refinery would come to Quebec, as well as a tire factory, since Peugeot-Renault factories are already assembling cars in Saint-Bruno. It was also said that a decision concerning the establishment of an airplane factory in Quebec would be made in January.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I regret to inform the hon. member that his time has expired.

[Translation]

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member for Frontenac (Mr. Dumont) said himself, the Canadian government has considerably increased its help to French-speaking countries, particularly in the last few years.

The hon. member spoke of satellites. It is to be hoped that co-operation between France and Canada could increase in this very important field of communications by satellite.

I should like to quote, for the benefit of the hon. member, certain figures which show the increased help the Canadian government has given to French-speaking countries.

In 1967-68, an amount of \$12 million was devoted to this program as a whole; the corresponding amount for 1968-69 is \$22.5 million, that is an 88 per cent increase in one year.

The hon. member will probably remember—and he referred to it earlier—that the Canadian government sent last winter a mission of co-operation headed by hon. Lionel Chevrier in a few French-speaking countries of Africa. As a result of the work carried out by that mission, the government is implementing 50 projects—I think the hon. member said 49—in seven African countries, which will account for financial commitments of about \$30 million in the next three years, and \$40 million for the next five years, in addition to programs and projects agreed to before.

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—
PROTEST AGAINST PROGRAM RESPECTING
ALGONQUIN PARK

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North): For some time now, Mr. Speaker, there has been [Mr. Dumont.]

a prevailing feeling among businessmen in the forest industry, and many of their employees in the Ottawa valley, that the news media, and particularly the C.B.C., has been emphasizing the views of the Algonquin Wildlands League and their allies, who want the forest industry out of Algonquin park. At the same time the forest industry, which for years has been a tradition in eastern Ontario, has been given the short end of the stick. Proof of this can be found in the C.B.C. program "The Way It Is" which was televised a week ago Sunday night, December 1. The portion of that program which dealt with the Algonquin park issue was portrayed so that it left the impression in the minds of the viewers that the lumber industry is made up of a group of irresponsible people.

We are not discussing mediaeval methods of conservation here, but we are discussing forest management. These companies operate under licences and permits which would be cancelled if they violated any of the regulations contained therein. They pay a considerable sum of money for these privileges and pay for fire protection as well. Any company that does not obey the regulations should be disciplined by the Ontario department of lands and forests and not by an emotional and irrational television film presentation.

I should like now to emphasize the importance of jobs for the residents of the upper Ottawa. A week ago last night on "The Way It Is" the employees in the woods operation were portrayed as a group of lumberjacks who did not deserve very much consideration. No serious thought was given to the real economic issue which will be created by a major cut-back in timber operations in Algonquin park or if this industry is phased out in that locality. Let us take a hard look at the person who built up the case against the lumbering industry on "The Way It Is". At the same time, let us remember that this telecast was paid for with public funds. The man who built up the case against the lumber industry was one John Livingston, who I have been told by the C.B.C. was a former employee of the C.B.C., but is now a freelance reporter.

● (10:10 p.m.)

A further investigation has elicited the fact that this same man is a former managing director of the Audubon Society, and as such would naturally be a strong supporter of the Algonquin Wildlands League, and others who are going all out to put pressure on the department of lands and forests of Ontario to reduce greatly or even phase out all timber