

Questions

4. Did the Government of British Columbia submit any counter-proposals and, if so, what proposals were made?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Yes, by discussions.

1, 2, 3 and 4. The details of such consultations are confidential matters.

POST OFFICE—DATA INPUT UNIT
INSTALLATIONS

Question No. 585—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. In what post offices were "data input units" (manufactured by Pylon Electronics Development Co.) installed?

2. How many such units were installed and at what total cost?

3. What other equipment or material was installed to make these units functional?

4. At what cost for material and installation?

5. For how long was the equipment in Parts (1) and (3) above used?

6. For what reason was its use discontinued?

7. How does the function of "time clocks" in Canadian post offices differ from that in use before the installation of "data input units"?

8. What reasons prompted the introduction of "data input units"?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): 1. Toronto Post Office. These units were installed and maintained by Bell Canada.

2. (a) 77; (b) \$19,500 for wiring and cabling.

3. A central scanner which is an electronic scanning device which can poll up to 100 data input lines. Magnetic tapes required for the two tape drives which were used by the central scanner as data capturing devices.

4. Total cost for installation and material, \$41,333.67 (this includes the \$19,500 for 2 above).

5. From February 1968 until November 1969. It was a Pilot experiment necessary for the development of a future integrated Management Information System.

6. It was considered that information sufficient to establish the feasibility of using data input devices in a Post Office operation environment had been collected. Continuing the operation would have entailed unnecessary additional costs.

7. Prior to the advent of the input devices Toronto used a standard I.B.M. time clock which provided a visible printed record of the time clocked in. The data input device functioned manually, except that there was no visible record of the time a man clocked in or out, as this was captured (or relayed im-

mediately) to the central scanner and kept on magnetic tape. An employee determined a successful clocking by receiving a "Remove" light signal or, on an unsuccessful clocking, a "Reinsert" light signal on the input device.

8. The electronic data input devices were tested in the Pilot Project to examine the potential of a more immediate and accurate form of data collection (it did not have to be transposed to a machine readable electronic configuration). This data was then manipulated to prepare production control and personnel information reports.

CBOT-TV COVERAGE OF OTTAWA CIVIC
AFFAIRS

Question No. 586—**Mr. Coates:**

1. What participation has CBC Television through CBOT TV taken in civic affairs in Ottawa and the Ottawa coverage area associated with the Civic Election held December 1, 1969?

2. How many hours of free time were made available to those involved in Civic Election campaigns within the area?

3. What was the total cost to the CBC of their participation in civic affairs?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

1. I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: On the program "Something Else":

September 10—Interview with Controller Fogarty, Ottawa mayoralty candidate. (6 min. 16 sec.)

October 30—Interviews with David Porter and Joseph-Louis Paradis Ottawa mayoralty candidates. (9 min. 1 sec.)

November 21—Interviews with Reeve Aubrey Moodie and Councillor Andrew Haydon, candidates for Reeve of Nepean Township. (17 min. 36 sec.)

November 26—Interviews with all seven Ottawa Board of Control candidates. (22 min. 10 sec.)

November 27—Assessment of Ottawa mayoralty candidates by commentator Roger Appleton, Ottawa Citizen. (2 min. 54 sec.)

November 28—A film about five Ottawa aldermanic candidates in Dalhousie ward. (12 min. 33 sec.)

December 2—A film about election night activities of Messrs. Fogarty and Paradis. (22 min. 51 sec.)

News Items:

November 17—Evening Report (3 min. 22 sec.) Night Final (1 min. 20 sec.)

November 18—Night Final (32 sec.)