

## Questions

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER** [English]

## CBC COVERAGE, 1967 CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

## CBC COVERAGE, 1968 LIBERAL CONVENTION

Question No. 443—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. For the Liberal Convention held in Ottawa in April 1968, what was the total coverage given to the convention by CBC (a) English radio and television (b) French radio and television?

2. What sessions of the Liberal Convention were broadcast "live" by the CBC radio and television and what was the total time of such coverage?

## [Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: Since this convention was a leadership contest, extensive coverage was given on CBC English and French radio and television networks. Combined total radio and TV coverage which included live coverage of speeches, voting for leadership candidates etc., amounted to approximately 43 hours on the English networks and 24 hours on the French networks. Of these amounts approximately 31 hours on the English networks and 19 hours on the French networks were devoted to live coverage from the floor of the convention.

## [English]

## CBC COVERAGE, 1969 NDP CONVENTION

Question No. 444—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. For the New Democratic Convention held in Winnipeg in October, 1969, what was the total coverage given to the convention by CBC (a) English radio and television (b) French radio and television?

2. What sessions of the New Democratic Party Convention were broadcast "live" by the CBC radio and television and what was the total time of such coverage?

## [Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the CBC as follows: The combined total radio and TV coverage of this biennial convention amounted to approximately three hours on the English networks and 1½ hours on the French networks. While there were numerous actuality clips used during the period of the convention, the only live coverage in full from the floor was the hour-long closing address of T. C. Douglas on the English networks.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

Question No. 445—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. For the Conservative Convention held in Toronto in September 1967, what was the total coverage given to the convention by CBC (a) English radio and television (b) French radio and television?

2. What sessions of the Conservative Convention were broadcast "live" by the CBC radio and television and what was the total time of such coverage.

## [Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: Since this convention was a leadership contest, extensive coverage was given on CBC English and French radio and television networks. Combined total radio and TV coverage which included live coverage of speeches, voting for leadership candidates, etc., amounted to approximately 48 hours on the English networks and 20 hours on the French networks. Of these amounts approximately 40 hours on the English networks and 17 hours on the French networks were devoted to live coverage from the floor of the convention.

## [English]

## NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT CROSSING

Question No. 452—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Are any officers of any department of the Government of Canada studying the feasibility of the building, or in any way giving attention to a permanent crossing between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island across the Northumberland Strait?

2. What was the estimate of Colonel Edward Churchill as to the total cost of such a crossing?

3. On what date was such estimate presented to the government?

4. Have the 4.98 miles of railway on the New Brunswick side of the proposed crossing been declared surplus material and, if not, what plans are being made for disposal of this railway spur line?

5. In each of the years since 1962, what was the total amount expended on research and construction for the Northumberland crossing?

6. Has the Government of Canada received any offers from private firms to construct such a crossing and, if so, from whom and what was the response of the government in each case?

7. Has the Government of Canada any indication that any provincial government is giving consideration to proposals from private interests concerning the building of such a crossing?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** So far as the Department of Public Works is concerned: 1. No.