

## Questions

## ELECTRICAL GRID SYSTEM, CANADA—U.S.

## Question No. 708—Mr. Coates:

Have negotiations been initiated by the federal government with the Government of the United States regarding the establishment of a grid system for the transportation of electrical energy between Eastern Canada and the North-Eastern United States and, if so, what progress has been made in these negotiations?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No.

[English]

## REPORTS ON MINE DUMP FIRES

## Question No. 710—Mr. Coates:

Has the federal government secured reports on mine dump fires that are available in the United States and, if so, what has been the conclusion of the reports in the elimination or containment of such fires?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The mines branch, of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, reviews United States reports, principally by the United States bureau of mines, on mine dump fires, as they are published.

The conclusions vary, dependent on circumstances. The most successful control of mine dump fires has been experienced by the blanketing of the dumps with inert material to exclude air, or by water spraying.

## ECONOMIC STUDY OF EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, QUEBEC

## Question No. 728—Mr. Beaudoin:

Does the government propose to undertake a detailed study of the economic situation in the Eastern Townships to determine what could be done to assist them?

[Translation]

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Not at this time.

[English]

## MACLEAN HUNTER CABLE TV

## Question No. 729—Mr. Robinson:

1. When did MacLean Hunter Cable TV Limited obtain a Canada Department of Transport Land Station License?

2. (a) In what areas of Canada is this license valid (b) where are the towers located in each case (c) what is the height of each of the towers (d) does the proximity of the towers to aircraft flight paths and airport facilities affect in any way the reception of TV programming?

[Mr. Pelletier.]

3. What authorization was required from the municipality concerned prior to the provision of CATV service?

4. Will Cable TV installation in any way affect the reception of TV signals for those who do not subscribe to the service?

5. What charge is made to subscribers for the Cable TV service provided by MacLean Hunter Cable TV Ltd., and/or MacLean Hunter Limited and/or Frederick T. Metcalfe and/or Toronto Cable TV?

6. Do regulations permit Cable TV service to be provided by use of public utilities such as (a) hydro facilities (b) telephone systems, and (c) any other public or private system?

7. Are Cable TV operators authorized to place their own equipment of poles and line to provide this service?

8. Is any consideration being given by the government to the introduction of legislation to provide that Cable TV be treated as a public utility in the manner of telephone service?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):**

1. MacLean-Hunter Cable TV Limited obtained licences for land stations performing a commercial broadcasting receiving service on the following dates: 1. April 12, 1967; 2. August 11, 1967; 3. September 27, 1967; 4. November 9, 1967; 5. November 9, 1967; 6. December 28, 1967; 7. January 23, 1968; 8. January 23, 1968; 9. January 23, 1968; 10. January 23, 1968; 11. January 23, 1968; 12. January 23, 1968.

2(a) The licences issued were valid in the following areas: 1. Metropolitan Toronto including the township of Etobicoke, North York, East York, York and the township of Scarborough, the villages of Long Branch, Swansea and Forest Hill, the towns of Leaside, Weston, New Toronto and Mimico, Toronto Island and the city of Toronto and the township of Toronto, and a portion of the township of Pickering; 2. Metropolitan Winnipeg; 3. Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Ontario and surrounding area; 4. Welland, Thorold, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Ontario and surrounding area; 5. Burlington, Freeman, Boyne, Omagh, Drumquin, Streetsville, Clarkson, Oakville, Ontario and surrounding area; 6. St. Catharines, Ontario; 7. Owen Sound and Meaford, Ontario and adjoining suburbs; 8. North Bay, Ontario and portions of Widdifield and West Ferris township; 9. Guelph, Ontario; 10. Collingwood, Ontario and surrounding area; 11. Midland, Penetanguishene and the intervening area; 12. Huntsville, Ontario.