

is considered unrealistic at this time from a technical and economic standpoint.

To provide television service to about 50 areas with a population of 2,000 or more which are outside present national service coverage limits would involve an estimated capital cost of between 15 and 16 million dollars, the estimated annual operating cost of which would be between three and four million dollars.

TENDERS FOR PEAS FOR INDIAN AID PROGRAM

Question No. 594—**Mr. Enns:**

1. On what date were tenders called for peas in the Indian aid program?
2. Have McAllister Pea and Seed Cleaners Limited of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, commenced loading peas on to box cars and, if so, on what date?
3. What is the amount of the tender awarded to McAllister Pea and Seed Cleaners Limited of Portage la Prairie and Ottawa Valley Grain Company of Renfrew?
4. What other tenders were received and what are the amounts offered in these tenders?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State External Affairs): 1. The Canadian Commercial Corporation called tenders on January 12, 1966.

2. McAllister Pea and Seed Cleaners Limited commenced loading peas onto box cars on January 25 for the Ottawa Valley Grain Company, who had successfully tendered.

3. McAllister Pea and Seed Cleaners Limited of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, did not tender. Ottawa Valley Grain Company of Renfrew submitted a tender, which was accepted for 2,000 tons of peas, at a price of \$268,487.50.

4. Two other tenders were received,—(a) Northern Sales (1963) Limited. The amount offered was 850 tons, (b) B.C. Pea Growers Association. The amount offered was 1,500 tons.

*FARMERS FINED FOR EXCEEDING QUOTAS

Question No. 612—**Mr. Rapp:**

1. How many farmers were fined for exceeding wheat board quotas in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba during the present 1965-66 crop year?
2. How does this compare with the 1964-65 crop year?
3. What were the highest and lowest fines?

Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): The answer to this question is in three parts as follows:

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1. To February 28, 1966 the board had received reports of 50 convictions for exceeding wheat board quotas in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

2. During the entire 1964-65 crop year, from August 1, 1964 to July 31, 1965, 143 producers were convicted for exceeding wheat board quotas in the three provinces named.

3. The highest and lowest fines reported to the board to February 28, 1966 in the current crop year are \$100 and \$5 respectively.

The highest and lowest fines reported to the board during the entire 1964-65 crop year were \$100 and \$3 respectively.

GRANT TO PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Question No. 621—**Mr. Thompson:**

Has the Secretary of State for External Affairs been asked to grant \$35,000 to the Canadian Peace Research Institute, and (a) if so, has the grant been approved (b) if not, has any grant been approved?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): On October 8, 1965, the government received a request from the Canadian Peace Research Institute for a grant of \$35,024. The reasons why the grant was not approved were outlined in my reply of January 24 to Mr. Alan Newcombe which was read to the house on March 2 in answer to Question No. 72.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, PORTAGE DU FORT, QUEBEC

Question No. 631—**Mr. Lefebvre:**

Is a new bridge to be built at Portage du Fort, county of Pontiac, Quebec and, if so, what will be the approximate federal share of the cost of this bridge?

[Translation]

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Yes; the federal government's share will be 50 per cent.

[English]

STUDY OF PEMBINA RIVER WATER RESOURCES

Question No. 649—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Has the International Joint Commission completed its studies of the proposed development of water resources on the Pembina river?