

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Anybody who wants it. Now shall we pass on to frequency modulation? We are on page 4, frequency modulation.

Mr. SMITH: I am not on page 4 yet.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: I am sorry I thought we were.

Mr. SMITH: I want to talk about Alberta now. We are through with Manitoba and I want to talk about Alberta. I want to know when the construction began at the station outside of Lacombe?

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Are you addressing your questions to Mr. Dunton?

Mr. SMITH: I will address them to Mr. Dunton or to Doctor Frigon.

Dr. FRIGON: It began about December.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Would you please repeat the question?

Mr. SMITH: When was the construction commenced on the Lacombe station?

Dr. FRIGON: I cannot give you the exact date but it was early in December.

Mr. SMITH: Is it true that you burned a lot of coal in thawing out the ground in order to dig the foundation?

Dr. FRIGON: I do not think so.

Mr. SMITH: Would you mind checking that up because I know that it is a fact?

Dr. FRIGON: All right.

Mr. SMITH: Can you tell me how much work has been done at that place?

Dr. FRIGON: We have poured the foundation slab and the building foundations forms and we have called for tenders to complete the building.

Mr. SMITH: Do you pour cement there in the middle of the winter?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. SMITH: At what temperature?

Dr. FRIGON: Oh, I do not know, sir.

Mr. SMITH: How much coal did you use to thaw out the ground?

Dr. FRIGON: I do not know, sir, but it is a common thing in construction practice.

Mr. SMITH: It is very expensive is it not?

Dr. FRIGON: Well it is done.

Mr. SMITH: In Alberta it is expensive to put foundations in in the winter time.

Dr. FRIGON: We did not put the foundation in, we just put the foundation slabs in but not the walls.

Mr. SMITH: But you thawed out the ground by burning coal.

Mr. ROSS (*Hamilton*): Was it contracted for?

Dr. FRIGON: That was done with our own people supervising the work.

Mr. SMITH: Will you find out Doctor? I would like you to get for me the date they began work there and the history of what was accomplished in the winter time. Would you mind doing that?

Mr. COLDWELL: Have you assembled any material for this station, Doctor?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes, we have reserved the material required which we will pass on to the contractor now.

Mr. COLDWELL: And what about the equipment for the transmitter and so on?

Dr. FRIGON: That was ordered a long time ago.

Mr. COLDWELL: You have ordered it?