

NAVAL HAUL-UP SLIP, ANDERSON'S POINT, N.S.

Mr. GILLIS:

For a copy of any agreement entered into between the Sydney Engineering and Dry Dock Company and the Department of Munitions and Supply or the Department of Reconstruction, with respect to the operation of the naval haul-up slip at Anderson's Point, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

RADIO BROADCASTING — PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND CROWN COMPANIES

Mr. COLDWELL:

For a copy of all correspondence, reports and recommendations exchanged between the Department of Transport, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and any provincial governments, regarding the ownership of radio stations by provincial crown companies or by provincial governments.

Mr. McCANN: In view of the fact that a committee on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been set up I would suggest to the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart that this motion be withdrawn. The information which he seeks can be brought out to a better advantage when the committee is sitting.

Mr. COLDWELL: The radio committee may not sit for some time; therefore it would be a few weeks before the information would be available. I am anxious to get it as soon as possible; therefore I should be glad if the house would pass the motion.

Mr. McCANN: In any event it would be necessary to receive the consent of the provinces that the information be given. I oppose the motion on the ground that it is not the practice to produce in the house correspondence between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, which is a separate corporation, and other agencies.

Mr. GRAYDON: The minister has said that this is a separate corporation. Is it?

Mr. McCANN: That is what I say.

Mr. GRAYDON: If it is a separate corporation, has there been any change with respect to its employees being allowed to organize a union? I understand that in the past they were not allowed to organize, on the ground that the corporation was connected with the government. It cannot be both. The government cannot blow hot and cold with respect to the corporation. Either it is a separate corporation or it is a department of government.

Mr. McCANN: I have no knowledge of a desire on the part of the employees of the corporation to organize a union, and therefore I cannot answer the hon. gentleman's question. I take the position which has been taken in this house before, that since the Canadian

Broadcasting Corporation is a separate corporation, correspondence between it and other agencies is not producible in the house.

Mr. COLDWELL: I hope the minister will obtain the permission of the provincial governments as soon as possible. I should like to point out also that this is a practice that has crept in in recent years. Formerly permission was regarded as necessary where the correspondence was with governments of other countries; now it is the governments of the provinces as well.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Coldwell) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Argue	McCullough (Assiniboia)
Bentley	Macdonnell (Muskoka Ontario)
Blackmore	MacInnis
Blair	McKay
Bowerman	McLure
Bracken	McMaster
Brooks	Marshall
Bryce	Matthews (Kootenay East)
Burton	Menary
Campbell	Merritt
Cardiff	Moore
Case	Murphy
Castleden	Nicholson
Charlton	Probe
Cockeram	Quelch
Coldwell	Robinson (Bruce)
Coyle	Ross (St. Paul's)
Desmond	Ross (Souris)
Diefenbaker	Rowe
Drope	Senn
Fair	Shaw
Fraser	Skey
Fulton	Smith (Calgary West)
Gibson (Comox-Alberni)	Stanfield
Gillis	Stephenson
Graydon	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Hansell	Stirling
Harris (Danforth)	Strum, Mrs.
Henderson	Thatcher
Hlynka	Townley-Smith
Hodgson	Tustin
Irvine	Webb
Jaques	White (Hastings-Peterborough)
Johnston	White (Middlesex East)
Knight	Zaplitny—75.
Kuhl	
Lennard	
Lockhart	
Low	
McCuaig	

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Messrs:

Arsenault	Boivin
Baker	Bonnier
Beaudoin	Bourget
Belzile	Bradette
Benidickson	Breithaupt
Bertrand (Laurier)	Bridges
Bertrand (Prescott)	Brown
Blanchette	Claxton