

Television; licence for private station, Victoria, B.C.

13. The Minister of Transport, referring to the discussion at the meeting of February 26th, said it had been ascertained that, for television purposes, Victoria was considered to be on the fringe of the Vancouver area in which it had been decided to construct and operate a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television broadcasting station.

14. In the course of discussion, it was pointed out that, as Victoria could not be considered to be entirely within the Vancouver television area and as there was a relatively large concentration of population in and around Victoria, the application for a private broadcasting station in that city should be forwarded to the C.B.C. for consideration.

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed:

(a) that the city of Victoria be not considered as being within the Vancouver television area; and,

(b) that the Minister of Transport receive and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation be requested to consider, in the normal manner, applications for private television broadcasting in that city.

Unemployment insurance; proposed extension to unemployment arising from disability or illness

16. The Minister of Labour said that, for some time, consideration had been given to the possibility and advisability of extending the application of the Unemployment Insurance Act to cover persons who were unemployed not primarily because of the lack of suitable employment but because of illness or disability of a non-continuing nature.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission's actuarial adviser had now indicated that present contributions from employers and employees could be reduced by approximately 25 percent and still meet current requirements. It had therefore been suggested that this 25 percent of the present combined employer-employee contributions be ear-marked for disability payments, thus avoiding the necessity of having some share of the new payments borne by the general taxpayer.

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