

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bell asked that question about half an hour ago.

Mr. TAYLOR: What was the answer.

The CHAIRMAN: In the interest of saving time, you will find it in the record. He stated there has been.

Mr. TAYLOR: If there has been any expert called in, could we have the name of the company the expert came from.

The CHAIRMAN: Again, the witness gave us the name of the organization. Naturally, we do not get into individual names.

Mr. TAYLOR: Has there been an independent appraiser or efficiency expert look over the staff problems of the C.B.C.?

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Bell inquired about the rates of pay and I replied to that effect. In respect of Mr. Taylor's question, about two years ago, or two and a half years ago, we had a complete review made of our accounting operations and the accounting set up by the firm of P. S. Ross and Sons, which was previously referred to.

Mr. TAYLOR: I am not interested at the moment in accounting. This is in respect of looking over the numbers of staff you have. Has any efficiency expert come in to deal with staff problems only, not accounting problems? As I understand it you have three live microphones carrying the dominion network and the trans-Canada network and that behind those three live microphones are 7,000 employees.

The question is has anyone been called in to look over that whole situation?

Mr. CARTER: The corporation itself did not call in anyone to make a complete review, but the Fowler royal commission had consultants working for them within the corporation for a period of a year and a half. Their conclusions were given in the Fowler commission report.

Mr. TAYLOR: I take it from that answer that no outside appraiser or expert has ever been called in to deal with staff problems only?

Mr. CARTER: Not with staff problems only; but the whole accounting department was reviewed by the firm of P. S. Ross and they went into the personnel division in the course of their study—the commercial, purchasing and stores at the same time. That was done about two years ago.

Mr. TAYLOR: They were mainly dealing with auditing?

Mr. CARTER: No, sir; with the operation of those departments.

Mr. PRATT: I was wondering if Mr. Taylor's questions referred to the technical operations staff and, if so, where would one get the technically trained personnel in such a young medium as television at this time in this country.

Mr. CARTER: In this country I believe we have the people who know most about it.

Mr. PICKERSGILL: I wonder if Mr. Taylor has an independent appraiser he could recommend?

Mr. TAYLOR: I have.

Mr. JOHNSON (*Interpretation*): I am putting the following question to Mr. Carter. Is there a C.B.C. policy which forbids the practice of employing relatives and, if so, what are the general rules?

Mr. CARTER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to read an internal memorandum dated October 30, 1957, which gives the policy in respect of the employment of relatives.