

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: So, as I understand it, then, under your business practice, the general manager, without any resolution on the part of the board of governors, or any other body, may dispose of the time and dispense a period of 30 minutes to any person in this country without payment?

Dr. FRIGON: Well, of course, he is responsible to the board.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I beg your pardon.

Dr. FRIGON: Well, of course, he is responsible to the board; and if the board notes any decision on his part which it does not like, then it is up to the board to call his attention to it.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: But if the board does not get the opportunity! Otherwise there would be a notice or a resolution covering the matter. You do not, seriously suggest that the board of governors did not know of this decision?

Dr. FRIGON: I have told you that the minutes of the meeting do not carry anything about the decision with respect to the Toronto newscast. As to whether the members of the board knew about it, I am sure that those members of the board who lived in Toronto knew about it, for one thing.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: So it was a matter of common knowledge?

Dr. FRIGON: No, I would not say it was "common knowledge", to our governors living in Vancouver or living in Halifax; but it would be common knowledge for those who, for any particular reason, would be aware of these broadcasts.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Who, in the board of governors in Toronto, would have a particular reason for knowing about it?

Dr. FRIGON: The governors who lived in Toronto since 1942.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And there has never been any complaint raised by the board of governors regarding this matter?

Dr. FRIGON: That is a difficult question to answer because all sorts of matters are discussed between individual governors and the general manager. As to whether they made an issue of this or not, I do not know.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Take Mr. Dunton's position; would this matter be brought to Mr. Dunton's attention?

The WITNESS: It did come to my attention; I heard about the thing just several months ago and I made some inquiries when I was told there was an old arrangement made which had just gone along; the old arrangement went back to the days of the old commission; and I would have investigated the whole basis of the thing if it had not been for the pressure of the work of this parliamentary committee.

*By Mr. Diefenbaker:*

Q. How long ago was it that you just found out about it?—A. As I remember, I heard about it during the winter at some period when I was in Toronto. It was just a local thing in Toronto; and then, sometime during the spring, when I was looking over notes about things I wanted to check up, I noticed this thing and I began to make some inquiries. Then I found out that there was an old arrangement going back to the days of the commission and I made a further note to go back after the parliamentary committee to try to get the whole story.

*By Mr. Bertrand:*

Q. Could you tell us how many years the arrangement went back?—  
A. Apparently it dated back to the commission in 1932 to 1934, some time.