

Senator MACDONALD: Under this bill C.B.C. can still delegate all its powers to an executive committee, and an executive committee can under the bill carry on the whole business of C.B.C. There is nothing to prevent it from doing so.

The CHAIRMAN: For an indefinite time.

Senator WALL: May I ask whether this delegation would be by by-law or resolution?

Senator HAYDEN: I would say it can be by resolution.

Senator MACDONALD: I don't understand why the number of the executive committee are not spelled out in some detail under this bill, and I do not understand why there is no meeting—

Senator HAYDEN: One would think there should be a minimum number of meetings during the year.

Senator BRUNT: What does the present act say about number of meetings?

Mr. OUIMET: I believe the present act is silent, but we will check on that point. I should direct the attention of the committee to section 31 of the proposed act, where all such matters would be dealt with by by-laws. It reads, "The corporation may make by-laws respecting the calling of meetings of the corporation, the conduct of business," and so on.

Senator HAYDEN: I do think we should require them to meet at least once a year.

Mr. OUIMET: I believe this is implied, as we have to submit a report once a year.

Senator MACDONALD: The executive committee has power to submit that report.

Mr. OUIMET: Yes, I believe so, in accordance with the wording of the act.

May I suggest to you there would be difficulty in the wording if an attempt was made to change clause 28. Even if you were to remove "all" and left in "or any of its powers", the word "or any" would include "all" powers.

Senator HAYDEN: What you are saying is that you have a surplus of words there. You have "to it all or" when all you need is "any of its powers".

Senator ASELTINE: I would not want to make an amendment to that section.

Senator HAYDEN: I was just pursuing Mr. Ouimet's argument.

Senator MACDONALD: I think there should be some provision with respect to the meetings held by this body, as there is with the other body.

Senator BRUNT: It has never been done in the past.

Senator WALL: Why should the other Board of Governors be required to hold a definite number of meetings?

Senator BRUNT: The Board of Broadcast Governors are not operating a business like the C.B.C. Board is.

Senator HAYDEN: Certainly under this bill as drawn, there will have to be a first meeting to organize and appoint directors. Then they will lay out their whole scheme of operation and by-laws. If they want to do any delegating to the executive committee, they are set up. We start them off with a first meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: There is this feature, the directors get a fee of \$100 for every meeting attended. It is to be assumed that they will provide for occasional meetings.

Senator HAYDEN: I would think so. The importance of the job itself is such that I think they will insist on meeting from time to time to hear what is going on, if for nothing else.

Senator MACDONALD: I quite agree, but notwithstanding that, I cannot understand why in the first part of the bill it sets forth that the head office shall be at Ottawa, that the board shall meet at least six times in each year,