

be hurt if the two posts provided in the Act were not created at once. Further, he indicated, an immediate choice would obviate the embarrassment of later being obliged to adjudicate between rival candidates supported by varying groups and interests, which would inevitably create dissatisfaction in parts of French speaking Canada.

A general discussion on the point ensued. Most members expressed the view that it was unbusiness-like procedure to appoint an assistant General Manager at the same time as the General Manager, and that it would be discourteous to the General Manager to make such an appointment without reference to his wishes or requirements. Other members emphasized the arguments advanced by the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman moved that discussion and decision on this matter be deferred until the following day. Motion carried.

The Chairman pointed out that due to a legal inadvertence in having the Act, proclaimable in-toto rather than in sections to enable, for example, the Board to function with respect to the recommendations for the appointment of the General Manager and the assistant General Manager, the Board appeared to have no legal existence until November 2nd. At the same time, he said, it was essential that the chief executive be named in order that he could undertake the necessary preliminaries to taking over on November 2nd. He proposed that the Board should, therefore, obtain an opinion from the Department of Justice as to procedure in this exigency. He suggested that a legal committee consisting of Messrs. Morin, Godfrey, Plaunt and himself should consult with Mr. MacNeill of the Justice Department, who had drafted the Act, and request him to obtain such an opinion.

Col. V.I. Smart, Commander C.P. Edwards, and Mr. Donald Manson called.

The Chairman said he understood that, under the terms of the new Act, the actual administration of wavelengths, power and allocation of stations, and other such matters relating to broadcasting and television was vested in the Department of Transport, but that before dealing with such matters, the Department was required by the Act to secure the recommendation of the Corporation. The Chairman said he therefore assumed it was the intention of the Department in all cases to act in accordance with the Corporation's recommendation.

Commander Edwards said that such was his understanding of the Act and such was, of course, the intention of the Department. The Department would, obviously, have to act on the Corporation's recommendation if the national scheme was to go forward. He said that frankly the Department intended to use the Corporation as a buffer as the pressure of private interests for new channels, increases in power, etc., was at times embarrassing. He said there were presently a number of applications for new licenses and increases of power pending. There were also some applications for television licenses. These he would turn over to the Corporation when constituted for its recommendation.

Some discussion between members of the Board of Governors and Commander Edwards followed, with respect to the wavelength agreement between Canada and the United States.