

service of the present private stations, even though it would bring some additional programs to that area. What we are doing is making further survey work around the Okanagan and the Kootenays to see if we could not add more listeners not now served, or covered, by installing more relay stations.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. Since we met in the fall of 1951, how many new private stations have come into operation and are therefore available for your network?—A. I do not know that any have come into operation, because the government had a general stop on any new licences for any broadcasting stations for two years, until the beginning of this year. I do not think any have actually come into operation in the period.

Q. What was the basis of that stop order on further stations?—A. It was a government matter. We understood it had to do with the shortage of steel that arose after the Korean war.

Q. That was my impression, too. Is that stop order still in effect?—A. No, it was lifted as of the beginning of this year.

Q. This calendar year?—A. Yes. Several applications have gone through since and several have been recommended by our board.

*By Mr. Fulton:*

Q. Arising out of your answer to Mr. Jones, did I understand you to say that you or your board have pretty well turned down the idea of a C.B.C. station for the Okanagan?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember that you and I had correspondence in December of last year as the result of a request from the Salmon Arm and District Chamber of Commerce, which is in the Shuswap valley, adjacent to the Okanagan valley. They were protesting against the fact they could not get any C.B.C. coverage—and you told me in your letter of December 4, 1952 that you had written to them to the effect that their problem might be solved if this new station were to be installed, but you went on to say: "If on completion of our site survey, we find that the northern end of the Okanagan, including Salmon Arm, would not be satisfactorily serviced by a station of higher power, we shall of course have to reconsider the question of establishing a low power station in the Salmon Arm district."—A. That is just the sort of thing that came out in the studies that we made, that a station in the middle of the Okanagan would not bring very good service to a place like Salmon Arm, and for that reason we thought it would be better to go back to the relay transmitter and serve places like Salmon Arm and the surrounding valleys with a lower power transmitter.

Q. I realize it is only four months since you wrote me, and perhaps only two months since you finally decided against the bigger station.—A. It is only 10 days ago; it was decided at the last board meeting.

Q. Can I ask you, then, to press forward your installation of the low power transmitter at Salmon Arm?

*By Mr. Jones:*

Q. Some time ago one of the stations referred to—that is, Kelowna—applied to increase its power from 1,000 watts to 5,000 watts. The application was turned down on the supposition you were going ahead to remedy the situation. In view of what you said, would their application be reconsidered, or that of other stations?—A. I do not remember that being turned down, offhand.

Q. CKOV—two years ago.—A. Perhaps, the secretary of the board will be looking that up and we will have an answer in a minute.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other general questions? Mr. Carter?