

Bell Telephone Company, with whom you are in relationship perhaps in the planning of these things, are going to have the power to release the information, then it is a different thing.

Mr. RICHARDSON: I might say that we have not yet asked for quotations from any of the network suppliers for prices on any of these extensions to any of the places. I cannot do that until our board of directors say it is O.K. to go ahead with this one, this one, and this.

Mr. FISHER: Does the Bell Telephone Company have any idea as to where you put those stations?

Mr. RICHARDSON: No.

Mr. FISHER: Is it pure speculation?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Yes, and rumour on their part.

Mr. McGRATH: What is the value of the contract with the Bell Telephone Company?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Which one?

Mr. McGRATH: The total. I presume there are two.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you have the copy of material tabled for item F.4 there?

Mr. McGRATH: It is awfully difficult to find.

Mr. RICHARDSON: There are three contracts with the Bell Telephone Company.

The CHAIRMAN: Four.

Mr. RICHARDSON: I am sorry; there are four. Could I have a moment to do a little manipulation with figures?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think that is quite what he means.

Mr. FISHER: It sounds like Fleming on bonds.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Let us keep it politically clean.

Mr. RICHARDSON: \$2,750,954, unless my arithmetic is wrong. That includes all existing plus some extensions which have been authorized.

Mr. McGRATH: That is just the Bell Telephone Company. It does not include the C.N.R. or the C.P.R.?

Mr. RICHARDSON: That is right.

Mr. McGRATH: When the Bell Telephone Company decided they were going to build the microwave network did they know exactly the amount they were going to receive from the C.B.C. before they undertook the construction?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Not to that extent. When we wrote the tender specifications, in which we laid down all the technical requirements, we also listed those places where television stations existed at that time and also listed the cities and towns where it was apparent other television stations would come into being some time in the future. All these places were included in the basic contract.

In addition to that, there have been stations established in places where we did not foresee them. These were asked for by tender on the same basic principles, but for the particular extension.

Mr. McGRATH: You mentioned tender specifications. Do you mean that the C.B.C. calls for tenders?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Yes.

Mr. McGRATH: From whom?

Mr. RICHARDSON: From the Bell Telephone Company and from the railways, jointly. The C.N.R. and the C.P.R. always work as one unit on tenders for network services.