

presently outlined in the Broadcasting Act of 1936. This year the Committee will be able to have a report from Mr. A. Davidson Dunton, the first full-time Chairman of the Board of Governors; an appointment which resulted from a recommendation of a previous committee. While Mr. Dunton has held this position only since November 15th of last year, I am sure he will be able to give members of this Committee information on any aspect of the policy of the national system. Mr. Dunton will be supported by the officials of the Corporation who may be called to testify on particular phases of the operations of the CBC.

In order to bring the matter up to date and have it on record I have had put here as appendices copies of the different orders in council with reference to appointment. I thought it well at this time to give this background.

Mr. FLEMING: May I interrupt? Will the appendices to the minister's statement be printed in the records of the committee?

Hon. Mr. McCANN: Yes. I thought it well at this time to give this factual background with reference to the C.B.C. more particularly because there are a great number of men on this committee who sit upon it for the first time. Going back on my own experience as a member of the committee for a number of years and as a past chairman of it I have found it rather hard to ferret out for myself the whole background of the organization and to become conversant with the type of operations that are carried on by the broadcasting corporation. It was with a view to making it a little easier for members of the committee to understand that background that I took the line along which I have addressed you.

The CHAIRMAN: To keep the record straight I believe it will be deemed necessary to have a motion covering these appendices which the minister mentioned. Would somebody move that they be printed in the proceedings?

Mr. SMITH: I will move it.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Mr. Smith. You have heard the motion. All those in favor?

Carried.

Mr. SMITH: The minister has given a very valuable report that covers some eight closely typewritten pages. He also said he would be in a position to answer questions with respect to his share of the governmental responsibility. May I take it at some time when we have had an opportunity of studying this that in the event questions occur to us we may ask the minister questions?

Hon. Mr. McCANN: Certainly.

Mr. SMITH: It would be impossible to do so now. I would only be wasting time if I started to do so.

Mr. ROBINSON: I am one of the new members of the committee who has very much appreciated the outline which the minister has given. There is one point which I would like to bring up at this time. The minister mentioned in his report subsection 5 of section 11 of the Act dealing with the fact that there is no proprietary right in any radio channel or frequency. There has been considerable conjecture recently as to the possible cancellation of the wave lengths of certain radio stations. Coming from Ontario I refer particularly to station CFRB. I should think that the committee might wish to have before it any proceedings or material of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in that connection. I was wondering if that material could be made available in the not too distant future.

Hon. Mr. McCANN: That is not a matter to which I can give you a definite answer at the moment, but I do not think there will be any difficulty with reference to that. That is exactly one of the reasons why we have a committee set up, so that the officials of the corporation will be here and they will be in a position to discuss the matter to which you refer, and similar matters.

Mr. FLEMING: I take it that it might contribute to the orderly conduct of the proceedings of the committee if those who can would indicate at this stage