

Q. Did they recommend those statements of policy be endorsed and approved by the minister?—A. That was the recommendation.

Q. Have any recommendations gone forward from C.B.C. to the minister with respect to specific applications apart from those general recommendations?—A. I believe not.

The CHAIRMAN: Just a moment. I am sure you mean any recommendation to the minister, as dealt with by him so that it came back to your desk—because you see, otherwise, Mr. Browne would only be dealing with what he saw in the newspapers perhaps. There might be a letter from the board to the minister but it would not get to Mr. Browne.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. Let us clarify that. What is the ordinary course? Do those recommendations go to the minister first, or do they come to you?—A. They go to the minister first.

Q. What is the practice in the department? Is it referred to you?—A. To the deputy minister.

Q. Referred to you for recommendation?—A. For action, through the deputy minister.

Q. Does the minister give his approval before you see the document or are you consulted before approval is given?—A. We are consulted before approval is given in case there may be any technical flaws or objections.

Q. If any recommendation came in, unless it came in within very recent days, in all likelihood you would have seen it?—A. I would think so.

Q. You have seen no recommendation with regard to any specific applications?—A. Oh, no.

Q. So in the field of licensing of private licensees for television, these five reports all have gone to the minister and they have all been approved by the minister?—A. As far as I am aware, yes.

Mr. LANGLOIS: I have a few questions to ask Mr. Browne. They deal partly with page 1 and partly with page 2 which is a continuation of the same subject.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary West*): I wonder if you would permit me one question before we change the subject. You know of no recommendations of the C.B.C. board which were turned down by the Minister?

The WITNESS: That is on the standard broadcasting band?

The CHAIRMAN: On television, or generally?

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary West*): Generally?

The WITNESS: I am not aware of any.

Mr. FLEMING: I think we had it before that in no case has the minister ever departed from the recommendation of the C.B.C. board of governors under the Broadcasting Act.

The CHAIRMAN: That is Mr. Dunton's evidence—

The WITNESS: In the matter of granting a new licence?

Mr. FLEMING: Yes?

The WITNESS: That is correct.

*By Mr. Langlois:*

Q. My questions deal with private receiving station licensees. On page 2 I see the report mentions that for the fiscal year 1949-50, 2,170,445 licences were issued, resulting in a gross revenue of \$4,989,354.33. Does that include only private receiving station licences?—A. That is correct.

Q. And I see in the following sentence you say you have paid \$331,652.20 on commissions deducted by issuers. Those are on private receiving station licences also?—A. Yes.