

December 6, 1971
(9:00 am - 5:40 pm)

At the opening of the meeting, the President reported that although advice had been received that Mrs. Hayes, and Messrs. Delorme and Palmer would be unable to attend this session, the quorum requirement of eight directors was still intact as of last Friday. However word was received this morning that Mr. Denning would not be present due to illness, and that Messrs. Archambault and Lypka were not expected to arrive until later today. As a result of these developments, the President emphasized that whatever actions were taken at this meeting would have to be ratified at the next meeting of the Board. Later in the day Mr. Lypka advised that inclement weather had forced cancellation of his air transportation and that he would proceed to find other means to arrive by late evening. The President suggested that because the Board would still be short one member to solve the quorum problem and because the agenda would be completed by mid-day Tuesday that under the abnormal travelling conditions Mr. Lypka should be notified of these circumstances suggesting that he not feel compelled to attend.

MINUTES

Mr. Ménard moved, seconded by Mrs. Riisna,

THAT the Minutes of the 92nd Directors' Meeting of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation held in Ottawa, October 14 and 15, 1971; and the Minutes of the 17th. Place de Radio-Canada Monitoring Committee Meeting held in Montreal, October 22, 1971, attached as Appendix I, be approved.
CARRIED.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The President said there was no evidence to suggest that the Government would act in the near future on the question of filling vacancies on the Board. He said he intended writing again to the Secretary of State about this situation as well as also pointing out that the terms of office for four more Directors will terminate March 31, 1972.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO PENSION BOARD

The Vice-President, Administration (Mr. Coderre) said that little progress had been made on this question. A Corporation NABET employee had been nominated by the Staff Advisory Committee. However, there is the possibility that at least a second candidate not associated with the CBC will be proposed to replace the late Mr. Andras.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Recapping the latest developments in the conciliation proceedings with the NABET bargaining unit, Mr. Coderre noted that the Minister of Labour had not accepted the nil report submitted by the Conciliation Board. He asked that this Board resume conciliation proceedings to establish those areas where some settlement might be possible. Proceedings are expected to recommence by the end of this week (December 8 or 9). With respect to the estimated cost of any settlement with this group, which represents some 1,600 employees, Mr. Coderre said that while the Corporation has made allowances in its financial reserve funds the exact cost of wage increases and other fringe benefits is unknown at this time. Because historically settlements with this union have been trend setters internally, it is expected that the final price settlement will be greater than other union agreements recently concluded. As evidenced by the broadcast interruption during last Saturday evening's hockey broadcast, it would appear that the Corporation can expect some frequency of rotating strikes. During this manifestation, the Corporation showed that it was capable of keeping the network operative. It would seem at this stage that because of the forthcoming resumption of conciliation proceedings and the time required for submission of the second report to the Minister, further operational harassment would probably result after the Christmas period when the union could cause the Corporation more embarrassment with interruptions during the launching of its major drama "Jalna" series in January.