

THE SENATE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT
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OTTAWA, Thursday, February 9, 1961.

The Special Committee of the Senate appointed to study and report upon the trends of manpower and employment, met this day at 9.30 a.m.

Hon. LEON MÉTHOT in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, we have a quorum. The meeting will now come to order. This morning we have with us representatives from the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association. I understand that Mr. B. Napier Simpson, General Manager of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association is going to deliver the brief which is being presented by that organization this morning.

Mr. B. Napier Simpson, General Manager, Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association: Mr. Chairman and honourable members of the committee, I am, as stated, General Manager of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association. We are pleased to have this opportunity to appear before you. I have with me today certain members of the Executive Committee of my Board of Directors, and leaders in the electrical manufacturing industry in Canada. In alphabetical order they are Mr. J. D. Campbell, Member of Board of Directors of C.E.M.A., and President, Canadian Westinghouse Company Limited; Mr. Thomas Edmondson, Vice-President of C.E.M.A., and President, Ferranti-Packard of Canada Limited; Mr. J. W. Kerr, President of C.E.M.A., and President, Triangle Conduit & Cable Canada Limited, and Mr. H. B. Style, Vice-President of C.E.M.A., and President, John Inglis Company Limited, and English Electric Canada.

I am sure you realize that as manager of a trade association, while I have general knowledge of all industry problems, I do not live daily as intimately with the problems of labour and of production as do these gentlemen who have been presented to you.

Most of the organizations that have appeared before you previously have been accompanied by economists. We are not. These gentlemen are practical businessmen with a knowledge of day-to-day problems in industry. Their approach will be pretty well on that basis.

Mr. Chairman, I suggest that the brief be read; it is not too long. I would like your pleasure as to whether you would care to interrupt as I go along, or would rather have me read it through and question me afterwards.

The CHAIRMAN: Usually, if one of the members wants to emphasize some point or obtain some information he may stop you for a moment, but that would not be for long, so I think perhaps you can proceed with your brief.

Mr. SIMPSON: One further comment. This brief was tabled in November and, as with the case of most other submissions, certain statements must be qualified in the light of what has happened since that time. I propose to make these comments as we proceed.