

By Mr. Smith:

Q. Why would that not apply to Alberta?—A. Taking over which station?

Q. CFCN, for example?—A. I do not think he would sell at the price we could buy. He is also on the Dominion network, not on the Trans-Canada network.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not suppose there has been any particular offer from Alberta.

Mr. Ross (St. Paul's):

Q. Does the 10 kilowatt transmitter at Chicoutimi give sufficient coverage?—A. Pretty good. Perhaps Dr. Frigon could add something on the technical side.

Dr. FRIGON: The reason is that we hold the frequencies in class 1-B, and if we went up to 50 kilowatts it would cost a lot of money. The territory is not densely populated. Later on we may go up to 50 kilowatts, but at the present time we only want to protect the frequency.

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): How much is it going to cost for these transmitters?

Dr. FRIGON: All of them?

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): Each of them?

Dr. FRIGON: We have estimates as we go along, and they prove to be good. I can give you these figures: Alberta, 50 kilowatt, \$510,000.

Mr. BEAUDOIN: So that we will not have a duplication on the record I wonder if Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*) is aware that Mr. Fleming has asked for a full report of those figures?

The CHAIRMAN: It was understood that information was going to be mimeographed and distributed at our next meeting.

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): I did not hear that.

Mr. SMITH: Might I ask a question about Chicoutimi? Is that one of the 50's?

Dr. FRIGON: It is at present class 1-A. This would call for a 50 kilowatt station if it is to remain in class 1-A. It is located away up in the woods. It does not seem economical to spend the money to build a 50 kilowatt station at that point.

Mr. SMITH: In other words, we are giving up one of our free channels?

Dr. FRIGON: We are keeping the channel for a 50 kilowatt station when we are ready.

Mr. SMITH: Under the Havana agreement have we not got to have these 50 kilowatt stations started and operating by a given time?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes. To protect the channel.

Mr. SMITH: How will you protect the channel unless you build the station?

Mr. BEAUDOIN: They are building a class 1-B station.

Dr. FRIGON: As reported last year we had the choice of spending a lot of money to protect the channel by building a 50 kilowatt station. Instead of that, because of the location of the station and the fact that the population is very scattered, we thought it would not be advantageous to do that; so we decided instead to build a 10 kilowatt station with the possibility of raising it to 50 kilowatts. In doing that we are degrading the channel from class 1-A to 1-B.

Mr. SMITH: You are not holding the 1-A channel.

Dr. FRIGON: Not for that channel.

Mr. SMITH: In other words, we are giving up one channel?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes, as a 1-A.