

Q. By the end of March, 1954?—A. Yes, in other words within a year.

Q. Is it more economical to erect stations that you can run telegraph lines to?—A. For these network stations we would have to have a line wire service. The service goes through Port aux Basques and there should not be any extra line, because if we found we had to have other low power feeders along the coast we would just have to find out if service was available. If there is no service, the communication companies would have to put the service in.

Q. Well, if the new circuit is not adequate then you would consider a station either somewhere on the Burin peninsula or in the vicinity of the Port aux Basques?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Coldwell:

Q. What about the British Columbia blind spots?—A. I was asked about Kenora—

Q. Yes, after Kenora.—A. I think the Kenora question raised in the committee before was largely a service for the Fort Frances station. That has been added to the network. It is getting full network line service.

By Mr. Fleming:

Q. When did it go into operation?—A. About a year ago. In addition, the board has authorized work going ahead on a number of low power relay transmitters at different points, some in Ontario and some in British Columbia, and one in New Brunswick. Would you like to have a list of them?

Q. Yes, could you give us the list?—A. Yes, of course, in addition to the ones already in operation: Jamestown, Ontario; Geraldton, Ontario; Golden, British Columbia; Greenwood, British Columbia; McBride, British Columbia; Jasper, Alberta; Banff, Alberta; Blairmore, Alberta; Grand Forks, British Columbia; Red Rock, Ontario; Lytton, British Columbia; Chapleau, Ontario; Beardmore, Ontario; Grand Falls, New Brunswick; Longlac, Ontario; Megantic, Quebec; Coleman, Alberta; and Natal, British Columbia. That involves a certain capital expenditure and also a very considerable wire line expenditure to bring the service to these low power stations to be established at these places.

By Mr. Coldwell:

Q. Is the Cariboo country in British Columbia now covered pretty well?—A. I think pretty well.

Q. There were several blind spots there.—A. There are a string of repeaters up there and I do not think we had many representations from there recently.

Q. Is a place like Ocean Falls covered now?—A. No, Ocean Falls has been a difficult problem. There is no line service in there now. We hope to solve that in some way. I know the local company has been very interested in doing something and suggested they might establish a station if we could arrange to feed the network, and we are trying to find suitable ways of feeding the network. That is quite a problem. We have been working on the interior of British Columbia, but it is difficult and expensive to cover.

Mr. JONES: Have you received a report yet regarding the Okanagan valley, the interior around there?

The WITNESS: Yes, a good deal of work has been done on that, in that we gave consideration to a 10-kilowatt station serving the Okanagan valley which would have cost about \$450,000, but which, at the best, could have hardly more than duplicated the coverage of the present private stations in the area, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton, and so far the board has decided we would not be justified in an expenditure of that magnitude to, on the whole, duplicate the