

Interim French TV Network Service to Moncton

The Committee noted that the Corporation's television station at Moncton is expected to go on the air early in December 1959 but that permanent French-language network service will not be available until January 1961. Management advised that it would be possible to make use of the English TV network from Montreal to Halifax during certain periods to feed French-language programs from Montreal to Moncton. This would permit network programming of the station for about eight hours per week.

Dr. Lumsden moved, seconded by Mr. Dupuis

THAT a contract be signed with the Bell Telephone Company to provide service from the company's toll office at Moncton to the Canadian National Telegraph terminal at Moncton at an estimated cost of \$988.50 per month and that at the same time an order be placed with the railways to provide station connection facilities from the Canadian National Telegraph terminal to the Corporation's television station at Moncton at an estimated cost of \$775 per month, such arrangements to continue until permanent French network service is available at Moncton. CARRIED.

Mr. Ganong abstained from voting on this motion in view of his association with the New Brunswick Telephone Company.

Additions to Ottawa TV Building

Acting upon the recommendation of Management, Mr. Leeson moved, seconded by Mr. Ganong

THAT approved alterations to the Ottawa television building be amended so that the total alteration will consist of an extension at one end of the existing building, providing for an additional studio, and another extension at the opposite end of the building, providing offices for producers, a staff lounge and space for telephone switchboard equipment, the whole at an estimated cost of \$298,500. CARRIED.

Alberta Radio Coverage

The Board noted the report on this subject contained in its agenda. This was discussed in some detail using coverage maps distributed to Directors. It was recognized that the proposal to make the Corporation's radio signal competitive in the chief population centres of Alberta would cost approximately \$1,500,000 in capital expenditure. It was decided to refer this proposal to the Finance Committee for further study, especially of the economic aspects of the problem including potential commercial recovery.

Dominion Network

Management advised that a recommendation as to the future of the Dominion network would soon be made to the Board, probably at its next meeting. It was noted that any change which the Board might decide on would have to be approved by the Board of Broadcast Governors.

Maritime Radio Coverage

The agenda report on this subject was noted, including the fact that the proposal for increased coverage would involve a total capital expenditure of \$605,000, of which \$240,000 was in the current year's budget. It was agreed that this proposal should also go to the Finance Committee for further study, on the same basis as the Alberta proposal.