

On February 14th a letter was received from the Canadian National Railways accepting this offer on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways.

On February 15th the Commission wrote to the Honourable the Prime Minister, requesting permission to carry out this purchase, and asking that authority be obtained from the House in accordance with the Radio Act.

On March 15th, 1933, under Privy Council decision No. 406, an Order in Council was passed authorizing the transfer of the radio facilities of the Canadian National Railways at a purchase price of \$50,000.00. This Order in Council specified that the transfer was first to be approved by Parliamentary action.

*By Mr. Beynon:*

Q. Well, that does not answer the question, Colonel. In arriving at that value which you recommended to Council, what amount was allotted to the Moncton Station?—A. \$12,500.

Q. Now, what is the salvage out of the equipment of that station; will the equipment be of any value?—A. Very slight.

Q. It is practically scrapped?—A. The equipment was all very obsolete.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Is there anything else in the way of buildings there?—A. They were all rented buildings. I think I would be safe in saying that there would not be more than 10 per cent of this value of \$12,500 that could be obtained to-day if we were to break down the apparatus and attempt to use the parts.

*By Mr. Gagnon:*

Q. May I ask, Col. Steel, whether this Moncton Station will be replaced by another station in that vicinity?—A. At the present time the Broadcasting Commission are not planning on locating a new station in that area. We have a number of applications from private individuals but a definite decision has not yet been made.

Q. Do you contemplate making a decision on the matter within a few months? You do not need to answer the question if you do not wish to do so.—A. The reason a decision has not been taken before this is because we have been attempting to get additional information with regard to the proposals of different individuals and companies, but I presume that a decision will be made on that question within the next month or six weeks at the outside.

Q. My reason for asking that question is, that in the vicinity of Moncton there is a large population of French-speaking Canadians and Acadians who wish, if possible, to have a station which will be connected with the French hook-up of Eastern Canada.—A. Yes, there is an application from a company representing the Acadians.

Q. You will give the application your attention?

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Is that all the questions that were asked at the last meeting?—A. Those are all the questions.

*By Hon. Mr. Cardin:*

Q. It has been represented to me that there is more interference now than there was a year ago, that is, interference from one station to another. I much prefer to have the advice of one who knows than the advice of those who are not conversant with all the facts.—A. The information in our office at the present