

Mr. CHURCH: I do not want to see a monopoly in that line. The policy should be laid down by the government and the radio committee, and the public should have the same protection as in Britain on this question and regulation as there.

The CHAIRMAN: Six in favour. Opposed to the motion? Sixteen. The motion is lost.

Mr. POULIOT: Before the clause is adopted I want to ask the company if the applicants for telephone service will be looked after, and if necessary improvements to the old system will be made before entering the new field of television?

Mr. JOHNSON: May I say we have no intention of entering the field of television. The whole purpose of clause 5 is to put at the disposal of television companies, and to put at the disposal of broadcasting companies, if they ever come into being, and to put at the disposal of broadcasting companies these facilities. We are not going into the broadcasting business. We want to put at their disposal wire facilities that will carry their programs from one place to another, and that is the whole and sole purpose.

Mr. JAENICKE: You cannot do that over ordinary wires?

Mr. JOHNSON: The only way you can carry television from one distant point to another distant point is by means either of coaxial cables laid under ground or by short range radio relay stations. Is that right, Mr. Macaulay?

Mr. MACAULAY: Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON: We want to be in the position if as and when the time comes that television enters Canada, not through our medium, not through our efforts, if it comes here in Canada that facilities will be available to carry television broadcasts from Montreal to Toronto, to Winnipeg and across the country, without which television broadcasting could not reach those distant points.

Mr. CHURCH: That is the point. If it was under the same regulation as Great Britain I would not mind it, but I fear a monopoly, and the government or radio committee has not laid down any government policy yet.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Johnson, I was under the impression that the purpose of this was to give each one of your subscribers the pleasure of seeing each other.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall clause 5 carry?

Carried.

Shall clause 6 carry?

Carried.

Shall the title carry?

Carried.

Shall I report the bill?

Carried.

The committee adjourned.