

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 429,

April 11, 1934.

The select special committee on Radio Broadcasting met at 11 o'clock, a.m., Mr. Morand presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. I have a list of the correspondence that has come in addressed to members of the committee, and that is in the file before you. There is besides a very large correspondence that is being sent to the Prime Minister and is then being relayed to my office. I have not got this correspondence here because it is not addressed to the committee or to myself. Those letters all are in relation to broadcasting, so that the correspondence is open to any member of the committee. You will have to have more time and energy than I have to go through it; I think there must be two thousand letters.

You will find, also, in answer to a request made at the last meeting, the correspondence in relation to the new wavelengths. If you will turn over the pages you will see the Dominion of Canada, Herridge, and the Acting Secretary of State, Castle—Canadian Legation. These were all read in the House and entered in Hansard, but there was some request made for them at our last meeting, and now you will have them on your files. This document sets out the notes that passed between the two countries in relation to the new wavelengths such as we are now working under.

There is also on the last page the comparison between the 1932 channel allotments and the previous arrangement with the U.S.A. That is the arrangement prior to these notes, and that was also asked for at the last meeting, if I remember correctly.

Now, I have some further correspondence or some reports from the Commission which I deem are not of public interest and I would like to submit them to the committee at some time in camera. These are matters that are open to the committee, but which concern the detailed business of the Commission, and which it would not be good business for any business concern to put out, whether Commission or anything else; but we will have a meeting of the committee very shortly and we will go over these matters. I would like to wait until Mr. Cardin is here, because there is something of particular interest to Mr. Cardin. Now, is there any other business you wish to bring up before we call the witness?

Mr. AHEARN: Mr. Chairman, you will remember, perhaps, that I asked you a question, and in reply you advised me to put it on the order paper. Since then a couple of questions have been asked in the House. There was a question asked by Mr. Hanson of Skeena:—

What was the total expenditure in connection with the Canadian Radio Commission for the last twelve months, ending March 1, 1934, as follows:—

- A. Salary to each commissioner;
- B. Travelling and other expense to each commissioner;
- C. Office help;
- D. Inspection and field work;
- E. Broadcasters, acquiring and improving stations;
- F. Other expenses in detail.