

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How much did you increase the rates when you established CBL?

Dr. FRIGON: I could not tell you the proportion, but it was in proportion to the rate of increase in coverage I suppose.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It would be about six to one, would it?

Dr. FRIGON: Oh, no, nothing like that.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Have you got the figures with you at all? You have not got those figures?

Dr. FRIGON: No.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It was tremendously increased anyway?

Dr. FRIGON: It all depends on what you call a tremendous increase. It was such an increase as you might expect for a station increasing in power from 5 kilowatts to 50 kilowatts. It was not anything like six, or even five, or even four times. It was not a considerable increase.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Would you mind looking that up for us?

Mr. HACKETT: It was more than doubled was it not, Dr. Frigon?

The CHAIRMAN: While Dr. Frigon is looking up the material with which to answer that question I should like to say for what it is worth, in my judgment we cannot finish this morning. Do you agree that it would be appropriate to fix a time for a meeting this afternoon?

Mr. BEAUDOIN: We should be able to finish this morning.

The CHAIRMAN: I would be happy if that were so.

Mr. HANSELL: I have a few questions which will not take long to get answered, almost yes or no.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, there are twenty minutes yes. What is your judgment there, have you finished, Mr. Diefenbaker?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I am just about through.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hackett?

Mr. HACKETT: Mr. Fleming who has been called away has some questions that he is very anxious to put and I am sure the committee will be glad of any assistance that might come through his questions.

The CHAIRMAN: I didn't make any answer.

Mr. HACKETT: No. I did not want to be put in the unenviable position of asking questions for someone else.

Mr. BEAUDOIN: Would it not be possible for Mr. Fleming to put his questions on the record and have the CBC answer them later to him directly?

Mr. HACKETT: No, it would not.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, gentlemen, we might as well consider this now. There are twenty minutes left this morning. Mr. Fleming wants to ask some questions. Let us assume for purpose of argument—and it is a pure assumption, a gratuitous assumption—that this committee would not decide to accord that time to Mr. Fleming; and that being the case that some person for him would ask questions until one o'clock and Mr. Fleming would thus have an opportunity of coming in. We might just as well face that—and I am not looking at any particular person when I make that statement.

Mr. HACKETT: Of course not, but I have been looking at you most earnestly.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, now, if you do not agree that we can finish by one o'clock then I think we may as well decide right now what time we will sit this afternoon.

Mr. HACKETT: What is a convenient time to you, Mr. Chairman?