

The CHAIRMAN: I do not know that you will wish that Mr. Browne should actually read the brief but rather you might go down the documents and ask questions as you see fit—going from paragraph to paragraph.

**G. C. W. Browne, Controller of Radio, called:**

Mr. FLEMING: The brief deals with certain subjects which we can take one at a time.

The CHAIRMAN: I can run down a few paragraphs and ask to look at them and whether you have any questions in that field.

The WITNESS: May I say with regard to this list of stations that I thought it desirable to produce a list of this kind so that if there were any questions regarding broadcasting this would be a convenient reference.

The CHAIRMAN: It is very good, and you usually do present that too, but I do not think it is necessary to print it.

Mr. FLEMING: All of the material presented by Mr. Browne is in excellent form and a form that is going to be helpful to us.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you run down the first page and see if it suggests any questions to you?

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. On the subject of licensing, Mr. Chairman, it was dealt with in a general way but I would like to ask Mr. Browne some questions. Is the Minister of Transport exercising all of the functions that the Minister of Transport under the Radio Act and regulations thereunder now exercises?—A. That is correct.

Q. That has been the case for the last two years?—A. It has always been so—that the Minister of Transport has exercised that function. During the war years it was under the jurisdiction, consecutively, of the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Munitions and Supply, the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, and finally again the Minister of Transport.

Q. At the time Mr. Chevrier took over from Mr. Howe he functioned under the Act and the regulations—that was just a couple of years ago?—A. Yes, approximately.

Q. You have now the problem of licensing for television as well, have you not?—A. That is correct.

Q. Have you received any application for licences in the field of television?—A. The department has, yes.

Q. What action has been taken on those?—A. They have been referred, in accordance with the provisions I believe of section 24 of the Canadian Broadcasting Act to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for a recommendation to the minister.

Q. Has the C.B.C. reported back to the department on those applications that have been referred by your department to them?—A. Yes.

Q. In every case?—A. I do not think reports or recommendations have been received in every case. There have been general recommendations as to policy.

Q. Could you outline those to us?—A. In general it was suggested that in the case of certain cities, for example Montreal and Toronto, that the applicants get together as it were and make a joint proposal for a jointly operated station.

Q. Is that a concrete recommendation by the C.B.C. to the minister?—A. I believe so, yes.

Q. I am speaking subject to correction, Mr. Chairman, but I rather got the impression that the evidence of Mr. Dunton was that suggestion had been made