

Senator BRUNT: The Minister has been most co-operative in correcting this situation.

Senator KINLEY: It means that in the prescription there will be no stations that are not 75 per cent controlled by Canadians?

The CHAIRMAN: No new stations.

Senator KINLEY: How about a company changing hands?

The CHAIRMAN: Well, that might open the door to some such regulations as the Governor might prescribe.

Mr. OUMET: Under the present act any changes in ownership have to be approved on the recommendation of the C.B.C. to the Department of Transport.

Senator MACDONALD: It means that if a company lists its stock on the stock exchange then three-quarters of the shares will have to be held in Canada.

The CHAIRMAN: That is, a new company.

Senator MACDONALD: Yes.

Senator KINLEY: And it has got to be continually controlled from Canada.

Senator MACDONALD: Yes, that is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Any new corporation is now forewarned of that provision.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Suppose that radio station C.F.C.F. in Montreal wanted to establish stations in other cities.

Senator BRUNT: They have licences.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Who owns the licence, the company or the station?

Mr. OUMET: The company holds the licence.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Not the station?

Mr. OUMET: I see what you mean. I think I would like to ask Mr. Keddy who was Secretary of our Board until fairly recently. He might be able to give additional information on this.

Mr. KEDDY: As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, the licence is issued to the company and it becomes the licensee company and it is authorized to operate the station named in the licence.

Senator HAYDEN: Licensee is defined as meaning a person licenced under the Radio Act to establish a broadcasting station.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): If that were the case then the licensee in this case would be the company, and if the company wanted to establish a station elsewhere it could qualify for a licence under this.

Senator BRUNT: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Is the committee ready to vote on the amendment? Those in favour. Those against.

I declare the amendment agreed to.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): We did agree that this was hastily drawn and you might want to revise it, Mr. Chairman. Does that affect us?

The CHAIRMAN: Section 14 you mean?

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Do you not remember that he said it was put forward tentatively?

Senator HAYDEN: Mr. Thorson has presented this and I am satisfied to take his form of words.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, it does create a difficulty for any future broadcasting station that is publicly owned and whose shares are publicly traded, for they can never tell from day to day whether three-quarters of their shares are owned by Canadians or not.

I do not think we should try to legislate about that now.