

Q. Would the figure you gave us include those 15 odd places where you are building relay transmitters?—A. No. That was already approved previously.

Q. What was the amount involved there?—A. About a capital cost of sixty odd thousand dollars. Of course those little stations will have quite a high annual line charge in addition to that.

Q. You are only speaking of capital cost at the moment?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. Are you expecting to go over all these projects this year including the relay stations you mentioned?—A. It is hoped to at least start them. The Newfoundland one is particularly urgent. The Edmonton relay experiment is due to start—it is actually under way—and if it is successful we will put one in in Calgary. The small relay transmitter equipment has been ordered now and is nearly ready. In many cases the wireline companies have not been able to provide the facilities and there is still consideration of rates to be charged in connection with the wire lines.

Q. You mentioned Coleman and Blairmore. Would you amplify that?—A. The equipment is ordered for them and we will have them in as soon as the wireline service is available and as soon as we have completed negotiations with the wireline companies.

Q. Have you any idea of the amount involved in this connection?—A. No. I could get that for the next meeting.

Q. It is not too important. That is a mountainous area and it has been needed for some considerable time and I have taken it up with officials on previous occasions and I am glad to know that something is expected there shortly. Coleman and Blairmore are not too far apart and in some of those regions that are mountainous you do not have to get too far apart.—A. We had thought of economizing to have one to serve the two, but our engineers decided it might end up with not too good service to either. It is not much extra line cost to have one to each.

Q. Have you any idea of the annual cost?—A. I am sorry. I have not got those figures with me, but we will have them for you at the next meeting.

*By Mr. Richard:*

Q. You spoke about a new transmitter for Ottawa. I suppose that is to be installed within the current year.—A. We will start on that project but our engineering department is so loaded at the present time that I would not guarantee that it would be in during the current year. However, while there is a great deal of work on these various projects to be done, we plan to start it in the present year.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones asked a question and we now have the answer.

The WITNESS: Kelowna did apply for an increase in power and the board considered its recommendation on the application when it met in Vancouver in September, 1950 and I can read to you the board's note on it. They recommended adversely. The board is of the opinion that this increase in power would not be advantageous to the general broadcasting service and to the various stations in the Okanagan Valley.

The issue was not a C.B.C. question. There was quite an active hearing before the board, with representations made by other private broadcasting stations in the area. It was felt that if CKOV went up to that sort of power, it would hurt their ability to carry on properly.

*By Mr. Jones:*

Q. Would it not pay you to allow them to go up to that power in view of the fact that you were going to pull out?—A. I do not think that anything