

including equipment, furnishings, land acquisition and engineering, was estimated at \$66,260,000 in terms of 1968 dollars. Taking into account each annual escalation dollar adjustment made during the four years of construction, and the rise in building costs, the President said that the 4.6% overage or \$1,600,000 on the total budget figure of \$73,675,000 in terms of 1972 dollars represented an extraordinary accomplishment.

The report recommended that on the basis on this experience, the concept of a Monitoring Committee for large projects such as this should be repeated elsewhere and suggested that no basic change be made in the functioning of similar bodies but that more frequent visits to the site by at least the Chairman should be made. As well, between Committee meetings, monthly written progress reports from the Management team should be supplied to the Committee. Mr. Delorme also suggested that distance should not prevent appointment of any Director to a future Committee of this kind as long as the resident Director or Chairman is delegated sufficient authority to act on the Committee's behalf. Additionally, he suggested that the use of the telephone conference technique could assist immeasurably the total membership in carrying out their mandate.

Mr. Delorme on behalf of the Committee commended the work and co-operation of the staff and more notably that of the Vice-President, Engineering, the Director of Engineering and the Chief Architect which enabled the Committee to discharge its responsibilities.

The President noted that the Board was already on record with respect to continuing the Monitoring Committee mechanism with respect to the Vancouver consolidation project and assured the Directors that he would bring a proposal forward as to its membership at a later meeting when more is known about the nature of the bids of the contracting firms. The President also asked that he be permitted to bring forward at the next meeting a formal resolution expressing the Corporation's appreciation for the devotion and diligent work that was exhibited by those Directors represented on the Monitoring Committee, the staff members who worked so closely with the Committee on this project and the unqualified confidence the Corporation has had in Janin Foundation, the managing contractor. The Directors agreed.

At the conclusion of the Committee's report, an Engineering document covering all aspects of the Maison de Radio-Canada project was distributed to the Board following which:

Mrs. Riisna moved, seconded by Mr. Lypka,

THAT the report of the Monitoring Committee be accepted and that the Minutes of the 18th Committee Meeting held in Ottawa, February 18 (Appendix II) be approved.  
CARRIED.

#### ACCELERATED EXTENSION OF COVERAGE

In the absence of the Vice-President, Planning, the Director of Planning Co-ordination (Mr. West) joined the meeting to report briefly on the status of this program which has been agreed to in principle by the Government. This project would envisage having CBC Radio and TV Services extended to some 260 TV and 70 individual radio communities with minimum populations of 500. It was recalled that financial provisions were made in the Government's 1972/73 estimates tabled in the House of Commons in March of this year. Mr. West advised that an internal Coverage Working Group with representatives of both language Divisions, Engineering and the Regions is working closely with CRTC, Department of Transport, Treasury Board and Secretary of State staff representatives on the preparation and completion of all data. To date all parties have expressed favourable reaction to the Corporation's analysis of the British Columbia portion of the master plan. Although this area was selected first for review it does not mean that this phase will be implemented before any other.