

The General Manager informed the Board that members of the staff in Toronto had joined a union and applied to the National War Labour Board for certification as the bargaining agent. Their application was denied on the ground that the CBC was a national organization and the applicants represented a majority only in Toronto. The question of a union was submitted to a vote of the employees by the staff council and the result reported on the vote was:

63% in favour of the present staff council,  
18% in favour of certification of staff council as employees' union and  
14% in favour of a union with international affiliation.

The General Manager said that he felt this vote indicated that the policy of the Corporation in dealing with the staff has been successful.

The General Manager reported on the progress achieved to date on the plan of technical expansion. Three 50 kw. transmitters and one 10 kw. transmitter have been ordered and it has been confidentially indicated that CFRB may accept one of the frequencies, perhaps 1550, suggested as substitute for 860 which they now occupy. It was pointed out that CFRB were anxious to secure a power of 50 kws. if the transfer to 1550 were made. After discussion, the Board agreed that they should consider favourably any application from CFRB for any frequency and power that would give the station as nearly as possible the same coverage as they now have.

The General Manager gave a further report on the matter of a site for a building in Montreal. He reviewed the development to date. First, a site had been made available to the Corporation by the City. Earlier this year the City had inquired if the Corporation proposed to utilize this site and it was indicated that no construction would be undertaken there. At the last meeting an option had been approved for the site at Cote Ste-Catherine Road. It is now indicated that the Corporation may be able to purchase the Keefer Building at an advantageous price. If this proposal were approved, it would be necessary to purchase a block of buildings 375 feet by 100 feet to the rear of the building for large studios and as provision for future needs. It is estimated that to adopt the plan to purchase the Keefer Building and the property adjacent to it would require about \$600,000.00 less capital than to build at Cote Ste-Catherine Road. It was agreed that the proposal for the purchase of the Keefer Building should be followed up and that options may be secured on the property adjoining.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Chase

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Management be authorized to open negotiations with the owners of the Keefer Building for its purchase and that authority be granted to the Management to secure option on the property adjacent to the Keefer Building on Mackay Street.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:00 p.m.