

The CHAIRMAN: I might state that we have that here. There will be copies made.

*By Mr. Dupuis:*

Q. Does that give the details as to salaries and dates of appointments?—

A. Yes, it does.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Charlesworth has made the request that the salaries of these employees should not be made public, and I think he is right there.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: That they not be put in the press.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, not put in the press.

Mr. JOHNSTON: That information should be made available to the committee.

Hon. Mr. CAHAN: I should like to make one remark. Insofar as these recommendations of a parliamentary committee referred to prospective or recommended legislation, or recommending action which must be taken by the governor in council, that is purely a responsibility of the government.

The WITNESS: As I understand it, yes.

Hon. Mr. CAHAN: The government initiates and takes the responsibility of initiating legislation recommended by parliamentary committees; and if the government, as a government, do not deem it expedient at the time to recommend such legislation, it is a government responsibility and not the responsibility of the commission. Secondly, so far as action that must be taken by order in council is concerned, and with respect to some of these recommendations, they can only be carried into effect by order in council of His Excellency the Governor General in Council,—that is a governmental responsibility, and is not a responsibility of the chairman of the commission or his associate commissioners.

The WITNESS: I think that is a fair statement of the position, Mr. Cahan.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Just as a resume following up that line of thought, it simply means this, that in spite of the report that was attached herewith of the radio committee of 1934, the government did not take any action whatsoever on the recommendations of the radio committee.

Hon. Mr. CAHAN: Well, it does amount to this, that any action taken involves serious financial outlay; and from time to time the question of increasing governmental appropriations for this purpose was duly considered; and in view of the financial position of the country, the recommendations were not carried into effect because the time was not deemed appropriate in view of the resources and revenues of the country.

The CHAIRMAN: I think the committee is well seized of that fact, Mr. Cahan. In 1934 there was a report made to the House of Commons by a committee which made quite an extensive inquiry into the radio situation. I think all the committee is trying to do, and all that Mr. Slaght is trying to do now, is to get Mr. Charlesworth's opinion as to these recommendations, based on the experience that he has acquired as chairman of the Radio Commission.

Hon. Mr. CAHAN: That is perfectly proper, to ascertain from the Chairman or chief commissioner as to what his general views are. But the committee should not place Mr. Charlesworth, who is a government officer in a certain sense, in the position of criticizing government action and the reasons for governmental policy, with respect to which he probably has not accurate information.

Mr. SLAGHT: I think we would all be agreed on Mr. Cahan's view.

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Hon. Mr. CARDIN: At the same time, I think the committee should be free to ask the advice of Mr. Charlesworth, because he is a man of experience. We are entitled to have his advice.

[Mr. Hector Charlesworth.]