

Under the Canadian Broadcasting Act, the CBC is charged with the responsibility of formulating regulations controlling the establishment and operation of networks, the character of any and all programs broadcast in Canada and the proportion of time that may be devoted to advertising in broadcast programs. The CBC's regulations were drawn up to ensure a certain standard in all broadcast programs. The CBC neither exercises, nor authorizes any private station to exercise on its behalf, censorship on any matter broadcast on the air. The responsibility of seeing that the regulations are observed rests with the station management.

Radio Censorship in War-time.—The personnel of the Censorship Co-ordination Committee of the Dominion Government in 1941 included a senior officer of the Corporation seconded to look after the interests of radio broadcasting. The Censorship Co-ordination Committee is a separate and distinct entity from the CBC. This Committee administers the Defence of Canada Regulations which apply equally to both the CBC and to privately owned stations.

The aim of the censorship authorities is to interfere as little as possible with the ordinary avocations of life and the enjoyment of property. Responsibility for observance of the Defence of Canada Regulations is placed on each station management and only talks originating outside of Canada or at luncheon or dinner meetings require prior authorization. Broadcasting from public meetings, other than the foregoing, is prohibited. Spoken-word broadcasting is restricted to the English, French, Gaelic and Welsh languages, except where the transmissions are directly initiated by the CBC or Dominion Government Departments.

Subsection 2.—Operations

Broadcasting Facilities.—Under Sect. 24 of the Act, the CBC is required to review all applications for licences for new stations as well as applications for increases in power and changes in frequency or changes in location. Under these provisions the licensing of extensions in broadcasting facilities involves two considerations: the first is non-interference with the present and proposed facilities of the CBC; and the second is that high-power transmission facilities, on both long- and short-wave bands, are reserved for use by the CBC. Within these limitations it is the policy of the Board to serve community interests by giving every practical encouragement and assistance to local stations.

The CBC national network is made up of 10 CBC-owned stations, 26 privately owned affiliated stations, and 25 privately owned supplementary stations. The total power of CBC stations, which includes four 50,000-watt transmitters, is 213,250 watts and of the privately owned network stations, 63,700. In the achievement of the extensive coverage of the CBC network, designed to be as effective to the entire Dominion as possible, the needs of the rural population are considered as well as those of the urban population. Quebec Province is equipped with both French and English outlets.

Subsidiary hookup broadcasting is controlled by the CBC, and all hookups must have the authorization of the Corporation. Contractual arrangements with stations for commercial hookups are handled by the Corporation's Commercial Department.