

CHAPTER XX.—COMMUNICATIONS

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PART I.—GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER AGENCIES OF COMMUNICATION*

The present phase of national radio broadcasting in Canada was entered upon in 1936 when, with the passage of the Canadian Broadcasting Act, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation replaced the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission. The Act gave the Corporation wide powers in the operation of the system and gave to the Minister of Transport the technical control of all broadcasting stations.

Except for those matters covered by the Canadian Broadcasting Act, radio communications are now regulated under the Radio Act and Regulations which includes control of any equipment liable to cause interference to radio or television reception. In addition, all radio communication matters are administered in accordance with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention and Radio Regulations annexed thereto and in accordance with such regional agreements as the Inter-American Telecommunications Convention and Inter-American Agreement, and the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement.

Land line telegraph and telephone tariffs and tolls charged by companies incorporated by the Federal Government are regulated by the Board of Transport Commissioners under the provisions of the Railway Act. Similarly, tariffs and tolls charged to the public by individuals or companies for radiotelephone communications within Canada are regulated by the Board of Transport Commissioners under the provisions of the Railway Act and the Regulations made under the Radio Act.

* Revised in the Telecommunications Branch, Department of Transport, Ottawa.