

A LITTLE POLYTECHNIQUE MONTREAL IN OUR RADIO!



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be appointed to examine into the broadcasting situation in the Dominion of Canada, and to make recommendations to the Government as to the future administration, management, control and financing thereof, the cost to be paid out of Vote No.475, "Expenses of a Commission to enquire into radio broadcasting throughout Canada".

1. [Augustin Frigon, 1951](#)
2. [Extract from the report of the royal commission on broadcasting, mentioning Augustin Frigon in 1930.](#)

Augustin Frigon, Polytechnique engineer, graduate of MIT then doctor of the École supérieure d'Electricite de Paris, was director of Polytechnique from 1923 to 1935.

In 1928, the federal government appointed him to the Royal Commission on Broadcasting (Aird Commission), whose report will recommend the creation of a state broadcasting network which will later become Radio-Canada. As the only engineer among the members of the commission, Mr. Frigon was responsible for the technical aspect of the report.

His involvement led him first to the position of assistant director of Radio-Canada, then of general director in 1936. It was him who was responsible for developing the French-language broadcasting network and who proposed the name "Radio-Canada", which works in both languages, rather than "Corporation canadienne de radiodiffusion", which is the literal translation of the. English "Canadian Broadcasting Corporation".

There is a bit of Augustin Frigon in all of our current radio shows!

Listen to an excerpt from the Royal Broadcasting Commission's report mentioning Augustin Frigon in 1930.