

Mr. DINSDALE: The advantage gained would be worthwhile.

WITNESS: We had hoped so, but a lot of it becomes outside of our hands because the public are not buying the sets.

By Mr. Fulton:

Q. Which comes first, the chicken or the egg; do you have to put in the F. M. stations or the public buy the sets?—A. In several cases we put them in. We have one at Ottawa and there are five in all, the others being at Montreal, two Toronto and Vancouver. We put them all in when there were practically no F. M. sets in the areas. There is only one F. M. Station in Canada on a commercial basis which is operating at Hamilton. One was established at Kitchener but dropped out of operation. There is an educational one in Toronto.

Q. In connection with your program of development, I notice in this report in one passage you say consideration was being given to using the old channel C.B.R., the former station CBU in Vancouver as an additional outlet, you having left that channel and gone to CBU on 690. What is the decision on that now?—A. We do not know. The decision not to do anything is just very recent. We want to look further into the question of coverage in the province and see if that frequency could be used economically in the interior or in the north; if not it will be open to someone else.

Q. Did you get any formal request by American Stations against the adoption by CBU of operation on the 690 kilocycle frequency? There was great controversy in Vancouver at one time.—A. I do not think there could be any possible grounds for complaint about it. It was a channel available to Canada for use in that way.

Q. Had an American station perhaps either occupied or come near it without there being a channel available to them? I know there was a very great outcry in the American papers because American stations that were formerly being received were blocked out by CBU.—A. The CBU wave length was within 20 kilocycles of Seattle and on some people's receivers did interfere with reception of Seattle; but the operation of CBU was far within the international restrictions, the International Agreement, and I am sure a well-adjusted set can make a separation between those two stations.

By Mr. Fleming:

Q. Would you give us the amounts of these additional items in your program for the fiscal year? Would you put the amounts opposite these different things that have been mentioned?—A. These are all only tentative amounts: CBN, St. John's, Newfoundland, \$420,000; new transmitting plant at Sydney, Nova Scotia, \$300,000; tentative Saskatchewan studios for capital cost, \$75,000; new transmitting plant at Ottawa \$325,000; new transmitter at Quebec \$300,000; two low power transmitters for Edmonton and Calgary, \$97,000.

Q. The total?—A. \$1,800,000.

Q. That is the program that has been approved by the Board of Governors for the fiscal year just commenced?—A. Yes, we would not expect to spend all that cash before the end of the fiscal year.

Q. You would be committing that amount?—A. Yes. Our plans are to start on these projects during this coming year. Could I just say, in addition to that, there is a list of various other capital items that are needed for the system amounting to \$260,000 besides that.

Q. Of what nature?—A. To supplement existing sound effects reproducers at Toronto, Montreal, Newfoundland and Winnipeg, and to provide specialized sound effect equipment for various locations to improve and replace portable R.F. equipment.

Q. This is all for equipment?—A. Yes.