

Q. A ground line is available now if you had the money?—A. I think we can secure a line now from the C.N.R.

*By Mr. Rennie:*

Q. What is the rate of power for CFPL, London?—A. One kilowatt, 1,000 watts.

*By Hon. Mr. LaFlèche:*

Q. A moment ago Dr. Frigon explained what appeared to be a small difficulty in getting an outlet for one of the radio networks in the maritime provinces. I wonder if he would be good enough to describe that situation to us?—A. In the maritime provinces there are not enough stations to have two networks. There is only one station in Sydney, only one in Yarmouth. Those in New Brunswick are scattered apart, and there is no duplication of service at the present time. Where there is no duplication of service there can be only one service. There is only one network. We have tried to line up the stations under two networks, one by Trans-Canada and one by Dominion and the board has decided to establish in Halifax under the C.B.C. what you might call a provincial station. New Brunswick has CBA—

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. Just a minute until I get this right. What do you mean by a provincial station?—A. I mean C.B.C. owned but to serve the region of the province of Nova Scotia.

Q. Will it serve the province of Nova Scotia?—A. Not completely, not any more than any station serves a whole province anywhere.

Q. We are speaking of networks now. I want to question that because you say it is to serve a province. I want to point out from information I have such a station as you propose will not cover, may I say, one-tenth of the province.—A. You are quite right. The station which we propose to instal now is only a 100 watt station but that power should be increased. I think we should go to at least 5 kilowatts. Even then we know it will not cover the whole province. There is only one station in Canada which covers one whole province and that is CBK in Saskatchewan.

Q. I am going to suggest to you that your network could be used to better advantage and give greater service to Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton, of course, and Prince Edward Island, if you used Yarmouth, Halifax, Sydney and Charlottetown as private stations to carry your second network?—A. The problem which the board had to decide was this: should we have in the maritimes the one best possible network to give the best coverage possible and one network with a very limited coverage, or should we have two networks about equally good, but neither of the two giving full coverage? The board decided in favour of the second alternative; in other words, that we have two networks which would provide service to about 60 per cent of the radio homes, I think, as compared with what might have been 85 per cent of the radio homes and 20 per cent.

Q. You have put your finger right on it. Eighty-five per cent will give greater service and better service and maintain your reputation to a greater extent than would 60 per cent coverage?—A. That was the problem to be solved, and the board has decided it would be better to have two networks and part coverage than have only one giving full coverage and another one very little coverage.

*By Hon. Mr. LaFlèche:*

Q. I do not know all about that situation, but I have had an impression and I should like Dr. Frigon to give us his advice on it. I thought that by putting up a very small station in Halifax to be run as a C.B.C. outlet for the city of