

*By Mr. Coldwell:*

Q. Is it not useful as a reminder to the station that it is a trustee of a radio frequency?—A. That is exactly what the committee of last year suggested. It was a useful reminder to the station.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Were these questionnaires sent out to radio stations already operating or just to those applying for a new licence? If they were sent out to those stations already operating, what was the purpose in asking if the station had been in business for years?—A. The committee of last year specifically recommended that we obtain an undertaking along this line.

Q. Had you no information regarding private stations before this?—A. Yes, we had some.

Q. Why was it necessary to put those questions to a station in business?—A. It was suggested we do it.

*By Mr. Coldwell:*

Q. Was not the committee of last year supplied with a number of logs of private stations, some of which did not seem to be very satisfactory to the committee?—A. Yes. The committee of last year recommended that the CBC should discharge its duties, which it apparently had not been doing, in making a proper review of the activities of stations. We have been endeavouring to do that along the lines suggested by the committee.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Did you suggest that question regarding church services in this questionnaire which I have? Was that an outline of duties suggested by the committee, or did you add to it?—A. It is outlined in general terms on page 847 of last year's report. Some of the things we put in ourselves to try and obtain a proper picture. For instance, the committee mentioned other public service broadcasts and we thought it would give a better picture to know how much time is devoted to religious broadcasts.

Q. I know of one station which has frowned on commercial church broadcasts. I know considerable money was offered by churches across the line in the United States to put on pressure campaigns and this station made it a policy not to take that type of programme. To be safe, the station has soft-pedalled the other churches. This was not because they were unreligious. Now, the answer to that question may be held against that station if the answer is "none". These questions are very important when you commence looking them over. Heaven only knows what you can hold against a station.—A. We felt very strongly that there are a lot of different circumstances. We feel we must take into account different conditions. If a station does not seem to make any showing, our idea is to write and ask the owner to come along and explain what the difficulties are; why there are no talks or discussions on public affairs, why there is no use of local talent whatever, or why they have no local religious services at all.

Q. Are you rating these stations according to the answers given after you look over the questionnaires? How are you using this information? Do you give the station a pass mark if so many questions are answered correctly?—A. On this advance form, we recommended the renewal of licences. Then, we are going to gather information during this year. From that, we will make recommendations for next year. Perhaps there will be some division into classes.

Q. We had better give some study to this thing. I can see some danger to some stations if they do not obtain a pass mark.