

## EVIDENCE

MAY 29, 1952.

11:00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum.

At our last meeting we had reached production, on page 14 but I believe that Mr. Irwin has some answers available to questions asked at previous meetings. Would you like to present them now, Mr. Irwin?

**Mr. W. A. Irwin, Government Film Commissioner, called:**

The WITNESS: Mr. Fraser asked as to the number of Treasury Board staff attached to the National Film Board in 1950 and 1952. In the month of April, 1950 there were 20; and in the month of April 1952 there were 8.

*By Mr. Fraser:*

Q. That is on account of the reorganization of the headquarter setup, is it as proposed by the Woods-Gordon Company?—A. That was the result of our taking over the keeping of our own accounts.

Q. But on the recommendation in the Woods-Gordon report?—A. On the recommendation of the Woods-Gordon report, yes.

Mr. Browne enquired about the film "Four Songs by Four Gentlemen", and a showing in New York. To keep the record straight I would like to give you the details on that. On April 5, 1951, Mr. Browne was informed in answer to a question in the House that no revenue had been received from the showing of this film. As of that time that information was correct because revenue had not been received. The film was booked in the Paris theatre in New York for one week commencing March 26, 1951; but at the end of the second day it was withdrawn because it did not go well with the main picture which was showing for that week; and for that showing we received \$25.

Mr. Browne asked whether there was a French version of Newfoundland Scene. There is, and the Film Board will be distributing 18 prints in French during the coming season.

Mr. Carter raised a question as to the contents of that film and I would like to report that as a result of suggestions made by citizens of Newfoundland who saw the first version the film has been slightly shortened and a creeper title added which deals with the point raised by Mr. Carter.

*By Mr. Carter:*

Q. What is a creeper title?—A. A creeper title is this: The text comes up into the frame and you read it as you see it coming up.

Q. All right, thank you.

The WITNESS: Mr. Fraser asked me for a detailed list of the completed films for 1950-51. I have copies of this list if the members wish to have it.

The CHAIRMAN: We could distribute those now. They will merely be distributed, not put in the record.

Mr. FRASER: Is that a long list?

The WITNESS: 130 titles.