

watch on television, preventing such a marvellous instrument of education, entertainment and communication from being unduly exploited exclusively for a pecuniary gain. This exploitation may even appear in the form of wild stock promotion with which we were threatened a few years ago in a certain region of the country.

I really envy Mr. Sedgwick who can appear before you as a counsel for the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters. He brings to you general statements, arguments based on theory or what might be, and the moment he is pressed to give facts and discuss operation details, he is at liberty to say that he doesn't know or that he has not been instructed to deal with this or that question, that he is not informed of the opinion of the majority of broadcasters, and so on. You expect me to deal with actual facts and definite policies and I have tried to do so throughout this enquiry. If there is anything on your mind which is not quite clear, if there is any doubt about any of our regulations or practices, may I ask you to please put questions to me so that when this committee is adjourned, I would have the feeling that I have had an opportunity to explain anything which may worry you about the C.B.C. Once I have been given that opportunity, it will be for you to make your decision according to your best judgment but with full knowledge of the facts.

Hon. Mr. LAFLÈCHE: Mr. Chairman, I recall when Mr. Sedgwick was here, perhaps the first time, someone, perhaps I, asked whether he represented all the private broadcasting stations. I wonder whether Dr. Frigon can throw any light on that situation.

Mr. ISNOR: Did he not say he represented forty-nine, certainly not all.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it was sixty-three.

The WITNESS: I believe the C.A.B. represents a great majority of the stations. There are not many which do not belong to the association. Whether Mr. Sedgwick comes here with opinions which have been discussed by the members of the association I do not know. Whether he comes here with suggestions coming from his board of directors or from the association members I do not really know, but as an association they certainly represent a great proportion of the broadcasters.

Hon. Mr. LAFLÈCHE: So I understood, Mr. Chairman, but I seem to recall that the position was left a little bit up in the air when the question was up last time.

Mr. COLDWELL: I see that Dr. Frigon makes a very good point, that Mr. Sedgwick appears here as an instructed counsel and is therefore unable to give us some information. I think in another year we should call Mr. Bannerman.

The WITNESS: If I may suggest, what I have in mind is that the proper persons to call are people who are the actual operators from different sections of the country. I do not mean that Mr. Sedgwick should not come, but the men who operate stations in Edmonton, Halifax, or Vancouver should come.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. Or Charlottetown?—A. Or Charlottetown; they may be in a position to discuss a problem in a different light than Mr. Sedgwick.

Mr. COLDWELL: I did not mean that Mr. Sedgwick should be denied the privilege. I think we should call somebody in addition.

The WITNESS: I envy him when he can simply say, "I cannot answer that, I do not know." I have not that privilege; I must answer.

Mr. ISNOR: I wonder if we would be on safe ground in inviting sixty to eighty private operators to come here instead of them sending their representative? They had their convention at Quebec and as a result they presented a brief. I would think that is by far the better procedure to follow.