

national consciousness may be featured and sustained and national unity still further strengthened...(1)..." Nearly 20 years later, the Parliamentary Committee of 1951 reported:

"Your Committee shares the view of the Royal Commission and of previous committees of the House that the national broadcasting service carried on by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is essential in the development of our national life in Canada, and is efficiently performing an extremely valuable and important function... Your Committee wishes to endorse the first recommendation of the 1949-1951 Royal Commission on Broadcasting which also expresses what has been said in the past by successive Parliamentary Committees. That recommendation is as follows:

'That the grant of the privilege of radio broadcasting in Canada continue to be under the control of the National Government; that the control of the national broadcasting system continue to be vested in a single body responsible to Parliament; that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as now constituted be that authority and continue to provide directly by its operations and indirectly by its control of the operations of others a national radio broadcasting service free from partisan influence....'

"Your Committee agrees with the Royal Commission when it says on page 301 of its Report:

'....the considerations leading us to recommend the continuation of a national system of broadcasting seems to us to dictate much more strongly and urgently a similar system for television. Television, like radio, is akin to a monopoly, but its much more limited channels give added importance to a system of co-ordination and control. Like radio it is a valuable instrument of national unity, of education, and of entertainment; how much more valuable it is difficult to say at present, but it promises to be a more popular as well as a more persuasive medium.'

"Your Committee is strongly impressed with the vital need for the development of a television system that is essentially Canadian and which gives expression in this new form of broadcasting to Canadian ideas and aspiration. It agrees with the Royal Commission that the situation must be avoided under which commercial pressures will lead to the major part of the material or Canadian channels being non-Canadian. Your Committee supports the recommendations of the Royal Commission regarding

(1) Mr. R.B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada introducing in May 1932, the bill establishing the national radio system.