

attention to the footnote on section 7, because I think that perhaps is one of the most admirable paragraphs that has ever been drafted in connection with broadcasting in Canada. It was drafted by Mr. Gladstone Murray; and I believe it explains, as no other paragraph I know of explains, our position in connection with these problems. It is as follows:—

It is not the intention of the Corporation to restrict freedom of speech nor the fair presentation of controversial material. On the contrary, the policy of the Corporation is to encourage the fair presentation of controversial questions. At the same time, it should be realized that the message of broadcasting is received at the fireside in the relatively unguarded atmosphere of the home, reaching old and young alike. Certain subjects, while meriting discussion elsewhere in the public interest are not necessarily suitable for this intimate medium.

Continuing with the regulation:—

- (j) (i) programs presenting a person who claims supernatural or psychic powers or a fortune-teller, character analyst, crystal-gazer or the like, or programs which lead or may lead the listening public to believe that the person presented claims to possess or possesses supernatural or psychic powers or is or claims to be a fortune-teller, character analyst, crystal-gazer or the like.
- (ii) programs in which a person answers or solves or purports to answer or solve questions or problems submitted by listeners or members of the public unless such programs prior to being broadcast shall have been approved in writing by a representative of the Corporation.

That second section means, of course, that if there is a legitimate program like "Information, Please" from the United States, it is all right. But if you are to be told where to find hidden treasure, it is not all right.

*By Mr. Bouchard:*

Q. Whom do you call the representatives of the corporation?—A. I think that is dealt with in the interpretation section.

- (f) "representatives of the Corporation" means the General Manager of the Corporation, the Assistant General Manager of the Corporation or persons authorized in writing by the General Manager of the Corporation.

The General Manager and his assistant cannot be everywhere. We have to have representatives at various points.

8. (1) Political broadcasts are governed by subsections (3), (4) and (5) of section 22 of the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936, which read as follows:—

- (3) Dramatized political broadcasts are prohibited.
- (4) The names of the sponsor or sponsors—

I shall not take the time to read the remainder of that.

(2) Each station shall allocate time for political broadcasts as fairly as possible between the different parties or candidates desiring to purchase or obtain time for such broadcasts.

I really think we would often like more definite guidance on these subjects. Private stations are continually passing problems back to us to solve. I do not know what the best procedure is. I think perhaps this committee might