

Mr. JOHNSTON: It seems to me that is beside the point, because whether he liked the idea of a manager or whether he did not like the idea of a manager he had no say in the matter. It seems to me that Mr. Woodsworth is quite right there.

Mr. SLAGHT: As far as I am concerned I did not intend to reflect on Mr. Charlesworth for not taking the initiative if he was not responsible, as explained by the minister; but I do think we might seek from him, since the committee considered it and reported on it, his views upon it. There is no reflection involved in his giving us his views.

Mr. JOHNSON: That is sort of putting him on the spot, though.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I have no objection to your asking Mr. Charlesworth to give his opinion, but just in this connection I would like to know whether or not he had any authority to carry out the recommendations of the committee.

Mr. DUPUIS: We do not want to cast any reflections on the chairman of the Radio Commission. If I understand it correctly Mr. Charlesworth is here for the purpose of giving information to the committee. As I understand it Mr. Slaght, and other members of the committee, are making an effort to find out from Mr. Charlesworth what his opinion is with respect to two different items of the report. The report recommends the appointment of a general manager. We want to know from Mr. Charlesworth whether or not he thinks such an appointment advisable.

Mr. SLAGHT: He has given us his opinion, and he has given us his reason for it. Unless some other member wants to ask some question on the matter I shall go to the next question.

WITNESS: Let me amend that a little, please. With the rapid expansion which has taken place in radio broadcasting in this country it might be a desirable thing to have a general manager; but just at present it might not be desirable.

*By Mr. Slaght:*

Q. You think the time is not right yet?—A. Up to date we have managed to run along with a fair degree of efficiency. I think we are one of the most efficient branches of the public service, and people who have dealings with us admit that. So far we have not seen the necessity for a general manager. We have been able to get along without one.

*By Mr. McIntosh:*

Q. Under the circumstances prevailing at that time, however, you were not sympathetic to the idea?—A. No. It would not have made any difference if I had been. This was a matter for Mr. Duranleau to deal with, to consult with Mr. Bennett.

*By Mr. Campbell:*

Q. Your commission was not consulted at any time regarding those recommendations?—A. Well—

*By Mr. Ryan:*

Q. If there was any correspondence between the government and your commission on that point I think we ought to have it?—A. I can tell you there was no correspondence. I am very certain of that. I will have a look, but I am quite certain there was no correspondence between the government and the commission.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. I think, Mr. Charlesworth, that you made a statement a little while ago that you had made a recommendation to the government?—A. I did discuss a certain matter with the government. I will go into that now if you like.