

Q. I do not think so. Is it not Kenora?—A. They own three all told, two in Regina.

Q. Have they not an interest in the Kenora station bought from James Richardson & Sons?—A. Competition comes from the fact some stations are owned by some people and operated by others. That is the case with Mr. Thompson. He owns stations and he also operates stations for other people. What his interest is in those stations where he is the operator we do not really know. Whether he is just manager and operator or part owner we do not know.

Q. Then you have a situation in Alberta as well where the Edmonton station and the Calgary station are owned by the same people who own the Calgary *Herald* and Edmonton *Journal*. While I think they and its Armadale group are giving service and giving equal treatment to people of various ideas I do not think it is a very healthy situation. Since the question of relationship of the journals, and so on, to broadcasting has been raised by Mr. Carson himself I think it is a matter which the committee should go into and one on which they ought to make some recommendation because obviously news channels, both radio and journalistic, are being controlled by a very small group of people in this country. I think that is a very unhealthy situation and one which should be carefully reviewed by this committee. I think we did express some view regarding it in one of the previous reports. I was going to ask, too, on what basis broadcasting rates were set by the corporation or by the private stations?

Mr. ISNOR: Before you get away from that other angle, as a rule you are very clear and it is not difficult to follow you, but I just fail to get your point there.

Mr. COLDWELL: May I repeat it?

Mr. ISNOR: Yes.

Mr. COLDWELL: My point is, it is not in the interests of the state, Canada, to have the vehicles of information, newspapers and radio stations, controlled by a few groups. In this country you have the Thompson group in Ontario; you have the Manitoba *Free Press* group in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and you have the *Journal-Herald* group in Alberta controlling newspapers and radio stations.

Mr. TRIPP: What about the commonwealth group from coast to coast?

Mr. COLDWELL: I do not know of a group of that name controlling newspapers and radio stations.

Mr. TRIPP: I just heard there was a new paper starting up in Halifax.

The CHAIRMAN: If you turn to page 316 of the record you will see a list there of all stations and by whom they are owned.

Mr. HANSELL: Did we not make a recommendation to that effect last year or the year before? I was under the impression there had been regulation.

Mr. ISNOR: With respect to new licences only.

Mr. COLDWELL: Yes, two years ago.

Mr. HANSELL: That was followed out, was it not. Dr. Frigon?

The WITNESS: I do not recall there was any specific recommendation in the report about newspapers. There was a specific recommendation about ownership, yes.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. About ownership, that is it; that was followed out, was it not?—A. Yes, to a great extent; it is known now that we do not encourage ownership of many