

as to impartiality and objectivity in the handling of news. I think most people agree they are doing a pretty good and impartial job. They use the raw material from the agencies. Occasionally if they have a doubt they will ask the agency to check back.

By Mr. Decore:

Q. What is your financial arrangement with these agencies?—A. We have different forms of business contracts with them. I am sorry I forgot one other service. We are getting a service in French from Agence France-Presse. The total for last year—

Mr. DUNTON: \$147,227.

Mr. MURRAY: How much did you pay the Canadian Press?

Mr. DUNTON: \$108,227.

By Mr. Murray:

Q. Well, do you not think that parliamentary news, for instance, should be handled by the C.B.C. themselves—parliamentary reports from Ottawa?—A. It would raise a great many problems, Mr. Murray. In the first place there would be the extra cost. In the second place I think we have felt always that it is a good idea for us to be taking news from another news agency which is trained, which has a staff trained in all kinds of news gathering and which is serving all newspapers across Canada. There seems to be less chance of partiality in getting that news.

By Mr. Mutch:

Q. Would you suggest, Mr. Dunton, that it has served as a protection against that suggestion?—A. Yes, I think it has and I think the Canadian Press has given us very good service. We occasionally, as any customer, have criticisms of it, but on the whole we think the service has been very good.

By Mr. Stick:

Q. Mr. Dunton, I think you had better have your own members in the Press Gallery. I am not happy with press members there giving comments. In my opinion I think the news is slanted and I think you had better have your own.

By Mr. Hansell:

Q. Would this not present the difficulty if you had your own reporters in parliament that you would have to have quite a number of them to adequately cover all the news here? I mean to say, what goes on in parliament is not confined to the chamber of the House of Commons. There is the Senate, there are very often quite a number of committees meeting and important committees. Would you not have the difficulty of having to provide quite a staff of newsmen if you did what was suggested?—A. Yes, certainly, to get adequate coverage of parliament in all its aspects we would have to have a very considerable staff and, of course, if we were only doing parliament as opposed to general Ottawa news we would only require them at certain times of the year.

Mr. FLEMING: The times are getting longer all the time, unfortunately.

By Mr. Murray:

Q. At the same time they will be familiar with the scene here between times and they could be very well occupied from coast to coast on commentary work and special articles and research?—A. To our thinking we always try