

Mr. MURRAY: It is shown on this map?

The WITNESS: Yes, and there are five affiliated on the dominion network.

*By Mr. Knight:*

Q. You suggested that it was one of the aims of the C.B.C. in future to create such a production centre, but I suppose that decision would largely depend upon whether or not you will be voted sufficient funds to carry out those plans?—A. Yes, it is one of the needs we see. On a number of these things we can only proceed carefully. We must know our exact financial position and know what we can foresee in the future after pretty careful study of the costs involved. What you mention is one of the things we consider necessary and should be looked at before too long.

Q. I suppose it would be unreasonable to ask what the centre will be?—A. We have not decided. Perhaps we could ask some of the people from Saskatchewan for advice.

Q. Saskatoon is a pretty good town.

*By Mr. Stick:*

Q. One of the first questions raised by Mr. Dunton was coverage of areas in Canada. The idea was to cover as much of Canada as possible. I am not forgetting my honourable friend from Saskatchewan, but, looking at the map here, Saskatchewan seems to be fairly well covered. I do not say it is satisfactory, but in Newfoundland, the province I come from, there is one part that is not covered. I speak of the southwest coast from Port aux Basques to Placentia. We have a situation there that broadcasts coming from St. John going west are not heard. They are heard north but not west. There is a blank area there on the southwest coast which does not get C.B.C. coverage. It seems to me that the air waves travel better from west to east than they do from east to west. For instance, in Corner Brook you cannot get St. John's. The southwest coast is practically blank.

I do not want to be sectional in this and I know your idea is to cover the whole of Canada, and I want to be broad in my views. The American stations come in strongly there but the C.B.C. does not come in at all. None of the stations in St. John's cover that area?—A. Does not the Sydney station get in fairly well?

Q. Sydney will come in fairly well there but the local broadcasts from St. John's are what they listen to mostly. I give you one instance. On that coast there are a lot of fishermen. Storm warnings from Sydney do not as a rule cover that area—sometimes they do but sometimes they do not. If that area could be covered from St. John's with storm warnings it would meet a most essential need.

There is a situation there that I would like you to look into. I am not making any suggestions as to what you should do but I think there is an area there and a situation that is worth looking into.—A. I might say that we are very much aware of the situation and have looked into it in a very preliminary way so far. It is a very difficult technical situation. There you have a long coast with the settlements scattered over long distances. It would be very difficult because I do not think you could get one transmitter that would cover the whole area.

Q. Well, a relay station?—A. It would need a very careful study and probably very large expenditure.

Q. You will look into it?—A. We will look into it. It is part of the technical matters we study. It is a problem we have. It is a difficult area to cover without enormous expense.

Mr. LANGLOIS: You better be prepared for a long wait, Mr. Stick, because we are still waiting to be covered at home.