

best facilities of broadcasting over the national chains or the various stations of the dominion. What chance have the progressive, I might say radical party, if you like, if the situation as enunciated by the minister himself this evening is permitted to be developed? The best thing that has come out of this debate on the radio commission is that we have a clear-cut issue: Who is to control the broadcasting of political matter in this country? It would be well if we followed the precedent established in Great Britain whereby all groups seeking the suffrage of the electorate should have equal and ample opportunity of making their views known over our broadcasting stations, rather than that, as under present conditions, the man who has the most money should have the best opportunity of making his views known to the people.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): Following the statement just made by the hon. gentleman opposite, I might inform the committee that so far as the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation in Saskatchewan is concerned, I do not think he has anything of which to complain.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am not complaining.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): They are on the air every Monday night, as western members can confirm. The hon. member speaks about the party that has the money having the power to broadcast. In Saskatchewan the wonder is where the C.C.F. are getting the money to be on the air every Monday night. The government are on the air, I might say, only about once in six weeks and I know the western members can verify what I have just said.

Mr. EULER: I should like to refer to some remarks I made last session with regard to a radio licence that was granted in the city of Windsor to the station known as CKOK. Preliminary to what I have to say, I should like to mention again certain principles which were laid down by the Prime Minister when he introduced the radio bill, namely, that two of the purposes of having a radio commission were to ensure that radio stations located should be under Canadian control, and also that programs broadcast in Canada should be of Canadian origin, using Canadian material and fostering a Canadian spirit, if I might put it in that way.

Mr. DURANLEAU: If my hon. friend will permit me, would he have any objection to postponing his remarks on this question until the hon. member for East Essex is present? He is away this evening, and he asked me to bring up this matter when he was here.

Mr. EULER: I may not be here when he is here. I have no particular objection to the minister's request, but last year when I made my statement the hon. member for East Essex was not in the house, and when he made his statement I was not in the house. However, I am quite willing to agree to the minister's suggestion, but I should like to know when the matter is coming up again because I want to speak on it.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Any time my hon. friend wishes, except this evening if he will agree to postpone his remarks.

Mr. EULER: It is not particularly serious. My hon. friend from East Essex, for whom I have every regard and respect, can very readily answer my remarks to-morrow if I continue now. May I add that the member who should reply to what I have to say is the minister himself, and not the member for East Essex?

Last year when I brought this matter up I made the statement in the presence of the Prime Minister that the station at Windsor was controlled by Americans, not by Canadians, and that it was really created, in my opinion, for the use of the city of Detroit; that the United States people who are really behind the granting of that licence could not themselves obtain a licence in the city of Detroit, and therefore they sought a Canadian licence in order to serve that large territory, the city of Detroit. They got the licence. I made that statement, and on the following day, when I chanced not to be present in the house, the Minister of Marine made the following statement, at page 3432 of Hansard of May 25, 1932:

As far as the department is aware, the company is a bona fide Canadian company and is under Canadian control.

The minister goes on to say with reference to the statement that had been made that the station was under the control of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, and that the Columbia Broadcasting Company had a similar arrangement with other Canadian stations. He cited the Rogers-Majestic and Gooderham and Worts in Toronto and the Canadian Marconi Company and La Presse in Montreal, and then he said:

As far as the department is aware there is nothing happening as was stated by the hon. member for North Waterloo.

I must take that to be a direct denial, if you like, of the statement that the company was under United States control and that the greater portion of its programs was of United States origin. The minister further stated:

If it was brought to the attention of the department that practically the whole time of this