

*By Mr. Gagnon:*

Q. Could you elaborate on your programs of lectures from the universities in Canada?—A. We arranged with the universities of Canada to broadcast at least one period a week and the broadcast was given by a university professor. We also arranged for a series of debates between universities—that proved immensely popular with our audience. The debates were arranged in four sections of the country. We had four of these sections operating at the same time, the western provinces and British Columbia on one network, Ontario on another, the French speaking universities on another, and the English speaking universities in the Province of Quebec with the universities in the Maritimes on a fourth and by the process of elimination Laval University, in your own city, sir, was the eventual winner.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Who took charge of the organizing of the debates in the universities?—A. That was really under the supervision of Mr. Dupont and myself, and of course, under Mr. Maher. May I make it plain that Mr. Maher, the vice chairman, is the director of programs for all Canada.

Q. What is Mr. Dunlop's position?—A. He is the head of the department of university extension in Toronto university. We had Professor Corbett, in the university of Alberta, to organize the west. Mr. Dunlop organized Ontario and the Maritimes, and Dr. Montpetit organized the French universities.

Q. Who chose the judges? I want to nail the responsibility for that particularly?—A. They did.

Q. Who is they?—A. Mr. Dunlop, Professor Corbett and Dr. Montpetit. The choice of the judges was left absolutely in their hands.

MR. CHARLESWORTH: If I might supplement Mr. Bushnell's evidence on that point. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Davies, M.P., for one of the northern constituencies, and president for Canada of the intercollegiate debating society. He assisted us in organizing this in June of 1932 after your committee had decided to have a commission. The universities of Canada met and arranged for a permanent committee to assist radio in that educational way. Of that committee Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Corbett were members, and also Colonel Bovey and Dr. Montpetit. They operated jointly. That organization was completed last spring before Mr. Bushnell was with us, and that is the history of that educational broadcast.

The CHAIRMAN: Does it still exist?

MR. CHARLESWORTH: Yes, it is a permanent committee appointed by the universities.

*By Mr. McKenzie:*

Q. Have you had any complaints from the rural areas of the western provinces with regard to your programs?—A. I would say we have had some.

Q. What was the nature of the complaints?—A. Well, that is rather difficult to answer, because they were so diversified. I do not think rural areas differ from any other part of the country. We receive letters that some of them like old time music and others do not care for it, but prefer symphony or concert music.

Q. There was something came out in the committee the other day that probably the commission are, to a great extent, overlooking. Colonel Steel in his remarks said that when he was in Regina he heard distinctly both Bismark and Moose Jaw, for instance, practically on the same wavelength, and he made the statement that the newer models of radios can get either one or the other, whereas the older models cannot?—A. Yes.