

not appear. In this case there is a stand-by artist ready to take his place. For example, that happened the first time that Heifetz came on the air. He was very nervous and not at all well and there was a stand-by musician waiting in another station to go on the air in case the artist did not. In most of the large stations there are stand-by artists. The smaller stations cannot afford to have a stand-by artist; they cannot afford to pay two or three artists for doing nothing. Then again it may happen that through some unforeseen circumstance the artist is prevented from appearing at the time, in which case somebody must fill in. It sometimes happens that a station finds itself in the position of having to play a record for fifteen minutes in order to maintain its position on the air, and all these things should be taken into consideration. I think the chairman of the commission has that in mind in allowing latitude to the stations between the hours of 7.30 and 11.

WITNESS: Yes, we allow latitude to the stations.

*By Mr. Slaght:*

Q. We now come to recommendation No. 5: "That pending nationalization of all stations, greater cooperation should be established between privately owned stations and the Commission." Did you carry that out or can you tell us about that recommendation?—A. I endeavoured from the very first week of my appointment to establish friendly relations with privately owned stations in Canada, to oblige them in every possible way. So far as I know—I do not know what they say behind my back—so far as they tell me, our relations are perfectly good.

Q. I point out the relations up to the time of this report. Now, this report recommends greater cooperation be established. Was that done?—A. We were going on with a policy looking towards a greater cooperation, and we have cooperation constantly with the privately owned station. I do not know just what they mean, because I never heard of any complaints from a privately owned station except one here in Ottawa, which was interfering with everybody all over the map in Ottawa. We made him take his transmitter up the river. That was the only privately owned station. They claimed we did not cooperate in one or two cases.

Q. Very well. You do not know why they made that recommendation?—A. No.

Q. Then we come to No. 6, which is as follows:

That chapter 35 of the Statutes of Canada for 1933 which expired on the 3rd of April, 1934, be renewed until the 31st day of March, 1935.

Now, I have chapter 35 here. It is not necessary for us to go into it in any detail. Tell us in what way that was done?—A. Yes.

Mr. CAMPBELL: What is the substance of it?

Mr. SLAGHT: It deals with the payment of officers and employees; deals with the powers of the commission.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Certain officers from the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. SLAGHT: I think I can perhaps summarize under two headings for you really what they were aiming at there.

*By Mr. Slaght:*

Q. Would it be this, that under the original set-up under the Act, you employed your own staff except clerical, or was that the amendment?—A. The amendment was intended to put that into effect.

Q. The amendment was intended to put that into effect?—A. Yes.

Q. Under the original Act you were hampered in the employment of your staff; it had to go through the Civil Service Commission?—A. No consideration

[Mr. Hector Charlesworth.]