

Mr. FULTON: I would suggest that you consider giving a full 15 minutes instead of just 10 minutes, instead of trying to jam 15 minutes of news into a 10 minute period.

The WITNESS: We will certainly consider that.

Mr. DECORE: Could you tell us something about your news gathering service on the C.B.C.

*By Mr. Mutch:*

Q. Yes. I would like a detailed explanation of what is involved in paragraph 3, under news where it observes that some news is of a local character. I would like to know the type of persons to whom the job is left to determine what is news; and, at the same time, I think we would like to have a detailed statement as to how the news is prepared and the extent to which news broadcasts originate in the studios.—A. I might try to give you an outline of the system. In the first place, the C.B.C. has, of course its own news department with a central news room in Toronto and regional news rooms at other regional points, starting at St. John's, Newfoundland, Halifax, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Our news in raw form comes in from the regular large news agencies and is supplied to us at the central news room in Toronto and at the other main points; and from that raw material—a great mass of news dispatches come in—our editors and trained news staff in our studios make up the bulletins which you hear on the air. There is the national news bulletin which goes right across Canada from coast to coast in the evening.

Q. Where is that made up?—A. That is made up in Toronto.

Q. Where do you collect your news from, the regular news agencies?—

A. Yes, from the regular news agencies. However, the news bulletins on the trans-Canada network are largely regional news bulletins; the ones which go on the air in the morning, the 8 o'clock bulletin—that is an 8 o'clock local time bulletin—and the 1 o'clock local time bulletin, and the one somewhere around 6:15, local time; those are all made up in the regional news rooms but, while carrying national and international news they pay more attention to regional news. The national news bulletin in the evening, which is the most important one, carries news of a more national and international character. We do not try to cover the local news in quite as much detail, but that is taken care of by the private community station, particularly.

Mr. DECORE: How many agencies have you supplying news?

The WITNESS: In Canada, there is the Canadian Press, the British United Press; and through the Canadian Press we get the Associated Press news; and, we have a parallel arrangement with the Canadian Press whereby we get a certain amount of news from Reuters; and through the British United Press we get the International United Press Service.

*By Mr. Mutch:*

Q. But you prepare the news which goes on the air through your own service?—A. Pardon me?

Q. Your own staff prepares the bulletins which go on the air at your regional stations?—A. Yes, our staff re-writes raw material into good form to go on the air.

Q. So that if the suggestion were made that in a particular instance a news report had been slanted—which is a heinous thought—the responsibility might very well lie in the rooms of the C.B.C. rather than in the agency from whom you purchase it?—A. It is possible, yes. Well, we have a pretty highly trained staff. We think they are pretty good. There are careful regulations