

Q. In the third paragraph down you say that in the year 1949-50 it cost the department \$305,729.07 for the operation of the organization involving the distribution and the recording of receiving licences. What does that item cover exactly? I understand that the amount is in addition to that paid to issuers?—A. That is correct. It is in addition to the commission. That covers personnel here in Ottawa where all these licence records are kept. I believe there are some 105 people. In Appendix V, Mr. Langlois, you will find a breakdown of the costs.

Q. Appendix V?—A. Yes; the last line in the tabulation there, in the statement at the bottom, I believe, you will find that.

The CHAIRMAN: The second last column shows the figure which you mentioned, \$331,652.20. The third last column shows \$305,729.07.

Mr. LANGLOIS: So I take it, Mr. Browne, that the total cost of the collection of those private receiving station licences by your department amounts to \$637,381.27.

The WITNESS: That is exactly right.

Mr. FLEMING: For the last year.

By Mr. Langlois:

Q. That is for a gross revenue of \$4,989,354.33?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you worked out the percentage?—A. Yes, I believe it is of the order of 12 per cent.

Q. About 12 per cent?—A. Half of which is commissions.

Mr. FLEMING: It is shown in Appendix I, the last two figures: 6.32 per cent for commissions and 5.74 per cent for administration. The total is 11.79 per cent for the last year.

The CHAIRMAN: May I also ask you to look at the page which follows the one we have been looking at, Appendix V: it is shown there in graphical form in the way of a circle.

Mr. LANGLOIS: Now, Mr. Browne, I know, this is a very general question but are you satisfied with your experience in this collection of licence fees for private stations?

Mr. FLEMING: Stations?

The CHAIRMAN: How do you mean, is he satisfied?

Mr. LANGLOIS: Is he satisfied with the money he is getting for these private receiving station licences. That is the expression as he has it here in the title of this brief.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose the terminology of Mr. Browne is that he calls a receiver a station and also a sender a station.

Mr. LANGLOIS: "Private receiving station licences", that is the term used here.

The CHAIRMAN: It makes no difference as long as it is clear. We are all talking about receivers.

The WITNESS: It is not the receiver which is licensed but the person is licensed to operate a private receiving station which embodies the receiver, that is, the piece of equipment.

By Mr. Langlois:

Q. I see here you have issued in 1949-50 2,177,445 licences. How does that—most of the members of this committee have not had time to read this report—compare with the figures of 1948-49?—A. Well, there has been an increase, Mr. Langlois. You are asking me if I think that we have collected licence fees from everybody from whom they should have been collected?

Q. Yes.—A. I would say, yes. Early in the year—