

*By Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf):*

Q. What is the percentage of favourable comment on this?—A. Just about ten to one, favourable.

Q. Poor Canada. We are fighting communist materialism forces and we leave these people, especially Russell and Freud go on the air and startle our people with materialism! I do not understand the position the C.B.C. takes.

Mr. RICHARD: The people who like them write, and those who do not—

Mr. COLDWELL: The people who do not like them can turn them off. We should be given an opportunity to hear these views.

Mr. SMITH (*Moose Mountain*): Well, that may be so if you can stick around the radio and be ready to turn it off.

Mr. STICK: I think we should know what "freedom" means.

The CHAIRMAN: At this point we are not expressing opinions, but I suppose our job is to question Mr. Dunton and the officials of the C.B.C. on the report of the corporation for the past year. Perhaps we should confine ourselves to questions and defer the expression of opinions.

Mr. KNIGHT: Are we finished with this subject?

Mr. SMITH (*Moose Mountain*): Mr. Dunton spoke for a few minutes on this subject and we took his last remarks first. I think we should give this material some study, table it for the moment to give it some study and then refer to it later.

Mr. MURRAY: I think the members of the committee should read these scripts or these documents very carefully before passing any comment.

The CHAIRMAN: Now let us proceed with questioning on another line.

Mr. MURRAY: These can be held over until next week, until they have been thoroughly digested.

*By Mr. Knight:*

Q. If we are leaving this I have a question relating to a remark dropped by Mr. Dunton in the early part of his report. He mentioned in the report that the province of Saskatchewan was in need of a production centre and apparently it was one of the aims of the C.B.C. that the want should be filled.

I would like to ask Mr. Dunton or to suggest to Mr. Dunton that the existence of a centre, whether it be an administrative branch of the corporation itself or better, sir, a production centre, would be of inestimable value to the province in which it is. That is so because such officials as are there are in intimate contact with potential artists, speakers, and people of that type. A province which has not an office of that type is tremendously handicapped in the finding of speakers to go on the air. If we had personal contact, such as an office would involve, the situation would be much easier both for the corporation and for the province.

Could I ask Mr. Dunton how many provinces—I do not know which is the easier to ask—how many provinces have not such a centre or how many have such a centre?—A. Three have not.

Q. What are they?—A. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan.

Q. Of those three, since you mentioned it, it would appear to be the aim of the corporation that Saskatchewan should be dealt with before too long?—A. It seems urgent, partly because of the size of the area. We try not to deal too much in provincial terms but rather in regional terms.

Q. How many stations have the C.B.C. control over in the province of Saskatchewan?—A. How many are affiliated? There are two stations which have supplementary affiliation with our Trans-Canada network—commercial supplementary affiliations.