

Q. I think the principle of the thing is that they have their organization. They consult you from time to time on various other matters, and I think for the sake of harmony probably it would be better to call them in because they are a recognized body and they have their organization. Their organization is the spokesman for their group.—A. I do not think there was any reason or any need to call them in on that particular occasion. You will probably find from now on there will be more frequent consultation with them. As I think I said before I am going to meet the western broadcasters on the 4th of August to discuss many problems. They are welcome to come and see us and have come, and so has their organization. The association as such is not an operating association. It is a number of stations which are grouped in an association to discuss overall problems, policy problems at large. The C.A.B. does not operate stations.

Q. No, I understand that but they are there to consult with their people from time to time. The question of policy of the private stations is what they are interested in, and when the policy of the C.B.C. is made it seems to me they should be represented.—A. They did not consult us when they decided to recommend a new commission to rule broadcasting in Canada.

Q. What?—A. They did not consult us when they decided to recommend a new commission to control broadcasting in Canada.

Q. No, they did not consult you, but I may say here they certainly had grievances if you can believe what Mr. Bannerman said this year at Quebec. There is just one point here which is interesting to me. He says:

Let me present some illustrations of such delay from the relations of this association with the Board of Governors. So far as I can discover the only decisions of the board given promptly have been those when the decision was "no".

—A. Some people think if you cannot say "yes" to their requests right away that you are delaying the answer. At times we hope we may be able to say "yes" and we wait long enough to survey very fully to find out whether we cannot say "yes" to some of their requests. If we wait too long they are not satisfied. If we say "no" on the first occasion I suppose they would be satisfied; I don't know. I do not think they have anything to complain about there. When a case was delayed it was because there was some very good reason for delay, and it was because we were trying to find some way of satisfying them.

Q. On the question of power they were very dissatisfied but finally now they have been satisfied to a certain extent.—A. Do you think it would have changed anything if we had made this decision two years ago? Suppose, to satisfy them, we had said they could have 5 kilowatts; do you think one single station would have gone to that since then?

Q. I do not know whether they would or not.—A. We have tried to bring CJBC to 5 kilowatts and it has taken a year to find parts and design and build it ourselves. Maybe they have some way of getting equipment that we have not got.

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Q. I know one station that would have increased their power if they had permission. I was told just a short time ago of that station.—A. Pardon me; if I may follow this through, I still say there are a number of stations which were allowed to bring their power to 1 kilowatt and there are quite a number of them which have not been able to do so in the twelve months and more for the very simple reason they cannot any more than we can ourselves. Now, I do not know how a station which could not bring their power to 1 kilowatt could