

villages, 1950", is it not true that on this table the percentage given is derived from information received from other sources than your department?

The WITNESS: No, sir, this information was collected by the permanent inspectors of the department, the same inspectors who conduct the prosecution campaigns. We feel that this information is authentic because these people who were visited knew that the persons who were asking for the information were departmental officers and would hesitate before giving wrong information.

Mr. STEWART: So that that story that only sixty-six per cent of the Canadian people pay their licence fees is absolutely inaccurate?

The WITNESS: Well, those figures seem to indicate that.

Mr. RILEY: That is more of a poll, or a cross-section, across the country.

The WITNESS: It covers almost 50,000 people.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a pretty large sample.

The WITNESS: Yes. We were disturbed by the reports which we had seen and we decided to go out ourselves and get the truth or as nearly as we could.

By Mr. Riley:

Q. Polls are not always accurate.—A. Mr. Gallup found that out.

Q. Do you think the C.B.C. might help out in the collection of these fees by the dramatization of a prosecution from Stage 50?—A. I believe that the C.B.C. has helped us out from time to time in broadcasting our notices and I think we have worked in a little propaganda, shall I say, in some of the programs, which has stimulated the collection of licence fees.

Mr. FLEMING: Propaganda! mmm! mmm!

The CHAIRMAN: We were going to dispense with the witness at about one o'clock to hear Mr. Benidickson and probably Mr. Howe. Mr. Howe has not yet been able to come. Mr. Benidickson indicates if Mr. Howe does not come in he will give us the information on Mr. Howe's problem as well as his own. If that is agreeable, we will now dispense with Mr. Browne, hear Mr. Benidickson, and also hear Mr. Howe if he comes, and at the conclusion of that we will adjourn for the purpose of preparing our report. Does that meet with general approval?

Agreed.

Mr. W. Benidickson, M.P., called:

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Benidickson has a case to present. I think I gave you some slight indication of it so far as I knew it, but we will just listen now to what he has to say and ask such questions as we see fit.

I am getting a signal too from the other end of the table which I take it indicates that we might want to ask the C.B.C. officials questions as a result of what Mr. Benidickson says. I think that is probably correct. Is it agreed that we will sit here until we finish?

Agreed.

Now, Mr. Benidickson, you know that you can just behave naturally with no undue respect to your colleagues—on the other hand do not be unduly disrespectful.

The WITNESS: I will endeavour to comply there. I do appreciate the opportunity of being able to say something about a long standing radio problem in the constituency of Kenora-Rainy River, and particularly the provincial judicial district of Rainy River itself. Mr. Howe, who is presently piloting a bill through the House, finds it impossible to come personally to tell you about a similar