

158 books French 80 per cent, Belgium 2½ per cent, Switzerland 2½ per cent, Canada 15 per cent.

Now, in the children's section, French and Belgium 65 per cent, others 30 per cent—U.S.A. 5 per cent and Canada 0 per cent.

I think we have to admit that our culture or our way of looking at culture is not the way we see it in public. I am sorry to bring it out in the open.

The Chairman: No, on the contrary, I think it is a good thing to bring it into the open. I think it is things like this which should be in the open, as long as you do not argue that two wrongs make a right.

Mr. Audet: No, no. On the contrary I think we are together looking at ourselves.

The Chairman: Because it is so late, let me just put my last question to you which ties right in with this. You say on Page 8:

"...the weakness, we have to admit, of the Canadian culture by opposition to the American culture which is backed by considerable human and financial resources [is] so powerful that no country in the world has yet found a formula to resist to its penetration."

Implicit in that statement is a pretty pessimistic forecast for Canada because if no one in the world has been able to resist it, you presumably think that we will not be able to resist it.

Mr. Audet: Well, we did not come to any conclusion.

The Chairman: Would I be fair in drawing that conclusion?

Mr. Audet: No. The point we would like to make, if I may suggest respectfully, is that we feel we have a very steep hill to climb. We really have to make a very strong effort if we want to retain the Canadian identity and I think we have to accept that we have to foot the bill if we want to do it and we are willing to do it. We feel it should be done and I am one of the ones who feel it should be done. I feel very strongly about this.

The Chairman: Mr. Audet and Mr. Bonneau, may I thank you. May I say to you as far as your library survey is concerned, my colleagues on this Committee will not be surprised to know, that I had thought very seriously of including in this study a reference to books, to book-publishing and to readership

and so on. With the end of our hearings on Friday, I am sure my colleagues on that Committee are delighted we did not.

On the other hand I am not sure that it would not have been a very useful study. Certainly I am grateful to you for the points you have made and if there is any additional information of that kind you have, we would be delighted to receive it.

I would simply say in closing that you have been a very gracious witness. We do not apologize for having you here. We wanted broadcast representatives from outside of English-Canada. We wanted broadcast representatives from outside Montreal, frankly. We wanted people in Quebec in your particular community situation. Your views have been valuable to the Committee.

I am sorry that time did not allow us to go into one other area. You are, I know, a graduate of MIT and I think you will have views on technology which we would find useful. I would only say in closing, if there is additional information that you are able to send us, either in the area of technology or in this whole area of the cultural problem we have been discussing, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The Chairman: Specific demands?

Meanwhile, we do appreciate the fact that you have been a most gracious witness. Thank you, Mr. Bonneau.

I would say to the Committee we meet at 2:30 with the Canadian Cable Television Association and at 4:00 with Maclean-Hunter Cable Television Limited. I would remind you again that the session this evening with the British Columbia Television Broadcasting System Ltd. has been cancelled.

Thank you.

Mr. Audet: Thank you, sir...
The Committee adjourned.

Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman: Honourable Senators, if I may call the session to order. As the Senators are aware, the Committee is entering the final phases of the public hearing aspect of its activity.

This afternoon we begin to turn our attention to really the last major branch of the media which we have under our particular study, the whole area of community antenna or cable television. Not only is it the last phase that we will be studying, I think by all