

As far as the department is aware, the company is a bona fide Canadian company and is under Canadian control. There is no thought that it is going to be operated in a manner detrimental to Canadian interests, and should such prove to be the case, the committee may rest assured that the licensee will be promptly checked up and if necessary the licence will be cancelled. With regard to the station selling some of its time to United States advertisers, there is no regulation forbidding this practice. A similar practice has been followed for some years by two stations in Toronto, the Rogers-Majestic (CFRB) and Gooderham and Worts (CKGW), and also by the Canadian Marconi Company (CFCF), and La Presse (CKAC) of Montreal. As far as the department is aware there is nothing happening as was stated by the hon. member for North Waterloo.

Mr. CARDIN: How many hours a day does the Windsor station broadcast the programs of the Columbia broadcasting system?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I cannot say, because these statements were made only yesterday and I have had no time to inquire. However, I can say that there is no regulation prohibiting the granting of time to an organization like the Columbia broadcasting system. If it was brought to the attention of the department that practically the whole time of this station was being leased to American companies for the advertising of American goods in Canada, the department would take the necessary steps to see that such a practice did not continue. My hon. friend is aware of the legislation adopted by this house to bring into being a radio commission. This commission will have control of all stations in Canada, including the one at Windsor, and the leasing of hours to different advertising companies will be controlled and regulated.

Mr. CARDIN: In justice to the hon. member for North Waterloo (Mr. Euler) I must say that his statement was based upon information which had been given to him. He was informed that the case he cited was a fact. In the information which came to him it was stated that one of the new channels obtained from the United States had been given to this station. Is that so?

Mr. DURANLEAU: As was stated by the hon. member for East Essex last night, the channel which was allotted to the Windsor radio station is channel 540. That channel has been used by Canadian stations since 1928; it was not a new channel for Canada. It was allotted in 1928 to Brandon, Manitoba. Some

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months ago the latter was transferred to shared channel 930, and channel 540 being available, it was assigned to Windsor. I am told it is a very good channel and they are well satisfied with it.

Mr. GARDINER: Has the minister any information as to the amount of capital invested in this particular broadcasting station and who are the owners of the capital? If I properly understood the hon. member for North Waterloo, I believe he stated that while there were Canadian members on the board, the bulk of the capital was held or subscribed for in the United States.

Mr. DURANLEAU: We have not the actual information on that point. All that concerns my department is that the company which is operating that station is one incorporated under our laws, and so long as it conforms with the laws of this country and the regulations of our department, I do not think we should be concerned with the amount of United States or other foreign capital invested in the company.

Mr. GARDINER: Can the minister give any explanation as to the various items that go to make up this amount of \$500,000 for radio service?

Mr. DURANLEAU: At the present time there are no details covering that amount. It will be used to give a better service to Canadian listeners and will also be used by the new commission. It will be derived from licence fees.

Mr. GARDINER: Under those conditions it is not possible to estimate the detailed amounts.

Mr. DURANLEAU: That would be hard to tell at this time. The program is not yet completed.

Item agreed to.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Geneva—Canada's contribution to the expenses of the League of Nations for 1932, including secretariat, International Labour organization and Permanent Court of International Justice, \$220,613.94.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): This item stood in order that if any hon. members so desired, they might mention the work of the League of Nations. I fancy, since the item stood, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has read in the press what he was asking me about at that time, but if he wishes to ask any questions I shall endeavour to answer.