

Canadian Press for its actual editorial and preparation cost—which cost is presently estimated at \$20,000 per annum, effective from March 1, 1939.

Now the probability is we will take their service for the time being because it would probably cost us more than they can do it for.

- (j) It is understood that this memorandum is only a temporary working arrangement and is subject to reconsideration and amendment by application of either party on three months notice. In the meantime it is designed to facilitate the development of the service pending the settlement of outstanding questions which are recognized on both sides.

I have thought it necessary to read that agreement because it marks an era of expansion. In my opinion it marks, too, the cordial relationship between the press and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. I think the agreement is generous, and I hope that its working out will bring a great deal of pleasure to Canadian listeners.

Mr. BERTRAND: Have you any copies of that?

The WITNESS: It will be in Hansard in the morning. I can get copies for you if you want them.

Now, I am going to give you a very brief statement on the finances of this corporation, leaving Mr. Murray or Mr. Morin, whoever follows me, to elaborate them if you wish them to be elaborated. We estimated last year a total revenue of \$3,200,000. Insofar as that revenue could be estimated to the end of this month—the actual figures at the moment are \$3,168,000, but we have pending an adjustment on certain collection fees with the department, and if these are adjusted, as I think they will be, it will probably bring our estimate practically to within a few dollars of our actual revenue. Our expenditures have amounted to, or will have amounted to, \$2,893,000. We have deemed it necessary, as I have stated before, that the trusteeship of this national enterprise shall be prudent. I have emphasized the fact that while we do not want to make any profit, we certainly do not want to establish any loss. We have therefore tried always to live within our means. This year we shall have met all obligations, including full interest on government loans which have been advanced, and the retirement on capital provided for on a sinking fund basis, by our arrangement with the government—

Mr. FACTOR: Have you a break-down of the revenue you received?

The WITNESS: The revenue? I can get it for you. I have not it with me at the moment. I think the details in the main are these: we have received in our commercial service a revenue of somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000, and the rest from licence fees. After providing for all obligations we shall have at the end of this year by way of station reserves and operating profits, both of which will provide a working capital, a surplus of \$275,000.

Now, with reference to programs. I am going to ask the general manager, when he comes, to deal in complete detail with the programs that we have tried to build during the past year. I have asked to have circulated—I do not know whether it has been circulated or not—a little publication, of highlights of this week's programs. It is just a specimen. It was not specially selected. It was just picked up at random as applying to the current week. I believe if the members of the committee will read that and perhaps the various similar features that come out from week to week and continue far away into the year, they will get a vision of some of the work we are trying to do.