CHWK, Chilliwack, B.C.; CFCO, Chatham, Ont.; CJOR, Vancouver, B.C.; CKLW, Windsor, Ont.; CKWX, Vancouver, B.C.; CFCT, Victoria, B.C.

Twenty of the above stations were present at the convention of the association held in Toronto on January 8th last. Five were absent. Since the convention, three stations (CFCY, CKPC and CKPR) have expressed their desire to withdraw from the association, but no action has yet been taken in regard thereto.

Of the remaining forty-three radio stations in Canada, thirty-one stations have never been asked to joint the association, and the barrage of telegrams, etc., received by the committee were, in our opinion, the result of misrepresentations made to some of these stations with the connivance of the Radio Commission for the purpose of discrediting the association with the committee.

Most of the remaining twelve stations are, be believe, in general accord with the aims of the association, even though they are not actively affiliated with it at the present time.

Now, I have had the stations checked up that have sent telegrams in relation to the Broadcasting Commission. We have a telegram from CFCY, Charlottetown, setting out their own views; and there is a letter from the Sydney radio station signed by W. Nathanson, in which he sets out his own views. He does not say whether he is connected with this association or not. Then there is a telegram from the New Brunswick broadcasting company limited signed by T. F. Drummie, CFBO. He says he is not associated in any way. Then there is CKPC.

Mr. BEYNON: Where is that?

The CHAIRMAN: Brantford. He says: "Please be advised that CKPC in Brantford is not represented by the Dominion Broacasters Association nor R. W. Ashcroft stop The owners and management of this station are highly in favour of the Commission's present system of operation stop At no time were we actually members of this association having paid no dues and not being in favour with the Dominion Broacasters Association's policy stop We only attended initial meeting of the association with the idea in mind that it was to help the privately owned stations commercially stop We wish to go on record with you to avoid any future misunderstanding."

There is a telegram from Mr. C. T. Thomas, *London Free Press*, CKLW: "Chairman Broadcasting Commission, Ottawa, Ontario, CKLW and CFPL will not be represented at the inquiry by anyone except ourselves." There is a letter from CFCH, the gist of which is this: Petitioning that they, with CKGB, Timmins and CJKL, Kirkland Lake, be allowed to appear before committee to present their views.

Mr. BEYNON: There is nothing there repudiating anything?

The CHAIRMAN: No. Except that they wish to appear themselves. That, gentlemen, is the situation at the present time. Now, Mr. Ashcroft has a statement he wishes to read. Go ahead, Mr. Ashcroft.

The WITNESS: In case there should still be any doubt about it, I would like to clarify my status in the broadcasting field and in relation to this investigation, because of the clumsy roorback regarding me that was perpetrated by the Radio Commission just prior to my first appearance before your Committee.

I characterize it as "clumsy", because it differs from an ordinary campaign roorback in that, thanks to the fairness of your Committee, I have an opportunity of exposing the libel.

The libel that was circulated from Coast to Coast by the Radio Commission among a large number of stations was that I was in Ottawa claiming to represent