

Since the first report to the Senate, made on the 25th of June last, the committee have held five meetings, at which were heard the following gentlemen:

Colonel Wilfrid Bovey, of McGill University, Head of the Department of Extra-mural Relations of that institution;

Colonel Mess, President of the Association of Canadian Clubs of Canada;

Commissioner S. T. Wood, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

Mr. Gladstone Murray, Director and General Manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission.

Valuable information and suggestions were obtained from these witnesses.

As a result it was decided to request the Association of Canadian Clubs to collaborate in the holding of a series of meetings through its ninety-three member clubs. These meetings are to be held in the immediate weeks ahead, and their object is precisely that outlined in your committee's first report, namely, the bringing of the Canadian public to a clear view of the dominating world facts and dangers by which we are surrounded, and to a firmer realization of the immediate and paramount interest and duty of Canadians in the present titanic struggle, and the stimulation of their zeal to support the efforts of this nation and to co-operate in maintaining its integrity and freedom from subversive influences until final and complete victory. The arrangement of these meetings will be under the direction of the President of the Association of Canadian Clubs, Colonel James Mess, and we are glad to be able to advise that other service clubs throughout the country have, with very creditable unselfishness, agreed to co-operate.

Your committee would respectfully urge upon the Government the consideration of the erection, without delay, in this country of a powerful short-wave radio station of 50,000 kilowatts. It is considered that such a course is distinctly advisable to supplement the present British Broadcasting station, and to make more secure the facilities now used from that station, which are so vital to Empire co-operation and to the general transmission of truth throughout the world. It is believed that the expenditure, which is estimated at \$350,000 to \$400,000, and the cost of maintenance, can be used to advantage in any event after the war for advertising and for trade purposes, especially throughout this continent and Europe.

In making this recommendation, your committee have in mind an opportunity to secure a most important section of the construction material which is now, fortunately, available, and which will enable construction to be completed in a fraction of the time which otherwise would be necessary.

Your committee would further recommend the organization of a series of broadcasts throughout Canada in certain foreign languages for the purpose of removing the influence of false and unfounded broadcasts through foreign-speaking sections of Canada by enemy countries.

We are pleased to report that, owing to the activities of your committee, a considerable number of broadcasts have already been delivered by people of standing, which it is believed have been of substantial benefit. It is earnestly hoped and urged upon the honourable members of this House that they will utilize every opportunity, whether by platform speaking or

by broadcasting, to contribute their very best at all times to the objective set out in this report.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Did the honourable gentleman and the committee consider the advisability of calling the Mayor of Montreal before the committee, to get his advice?

Hon. C. P. BEAUBIEN: As chairman of the committee I may inform my honourable friend that the incident with respect to the Mayor of Montreal occurred after our meeting. If it had occurred earlier, perhaps the committee would have been tempted, as my honourable friend has been, to refer to the matter.

## DEBTS DUE TO THE CROWN BILL

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMONS

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons reading as follows:

Resolved, that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this House

(a) agrees to amendment No. 1 to Bill No. 99, an Act to amend an Act respecting Debts due to the Crown;

(b) disagrees with amendment No. 2 for the reason that it is desirable that Bill No. 99 should come into force on assent being given; and

(c) disagrees with amendment No. 3 for the following reasons.

These reasons, honourable senators, are lengthy. I may say to honourable senators that the reasons are given in No. 57 of the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons, and it might be more advantageous to read them than to hear them read by me. Shall I dispense with the reading?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Dispense.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this message be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Now.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, I do not know what the motion of the Government will be, as respects rejection by the House of Commons of the third of the Senate amendments to this Bill; but whatever be its motion, and whatever be the stand of this House, I think it well that the reasons which the Commons present for rejection of the amendment should be reviewed here and such reasons given in answer as may seem appropriate.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: In order that honourable senators may understand the scope of the third amendment, perhaps my right honourable friend would give the Senate