

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

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Gentlemen, at our last meeting we heard briefly from Mr. Dunton and commenced questioning him. I was wondering if our work would not proceed more systematically if we resumed our study of the annual report of the C.B.C., section by section and directed our questioning in that way. Would that be agreeable to the committee?

Agreed.

Well, then, let us start at page 6 of the annual report of the corporation and deal first with C.B.C. Wednesday Night. Any questions under that heading?

Mr. FLEMING: Do not all these headings that follow in this report come under the major subject of national service, radio? This is pretty much around the subject of programming. Could we not discuss them as a matter of programming till we come down to some of the specific things—I am looking at the index now—such as regulations and press and information service, which are perhaps a little more special in the matter of programs.

**Mr. A. Davidson Dunton, Chairman, Board of Governors, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, called:**

The WITNESS: I might point out that up to page 35 is program material.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not suppose we can keep our questioning too much confined to any one item, but perhaps if we went along in that way—first we have music and drama, talks, news—it seems to me that we could conveniently group them in that way.

Mr. FLEMING: Mr. Chairman, may I ask one or two questions of a general nature before coming to anything more specific? I take it that in outlining plans for further development and extension of the system, Mr. Dunton, there is no fundamental change in the aims of the Board of Governors in relation to programming in general, is there?

The WITNESS: No, there isn't. What is in our mind now is more along the lines of improving our present programming. There are some weaknesses in it arising from shortness of funds and there should be improvement along the lines of the general pattern that applies now. We are not thinking of any radical changes in the pattern or the thinking about programs.

Mr. STICK: We had a discussion at the last meeting, and we were given copies of several broadcasts. I think we were asked to give our views on those. I do not know whether you have that on the agenda this morning, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that would come under programming.

Mr. STICK: Amongst the sample broadcasts we had were "Perplexities of this Atomic Age", by Bertrand Russell, and "Politics is not enough", by Professor W. Line. I have read them and I do not want to be too harsh in my criticism, but to me, although Mr. Russell may be a brilliant man and I may be just an ordinary human being, this is more or less tripe in good and plain unvarnished language. It may be over my head, perhaps, which would account for me saying that. I do not know what it cost to get the gentlemen