

The CHAIRMAN: Of course, as far as the chairman is concerned, Mr. Slaght, he is in the hands of the members of the committee. However, if you wish to make a motion to that effect, you may do so. The committee took the stand last year that the minutes of the Broadcasting Corporation should not be produced.

Mr. FACTOR: So far as they affected conflicting interests between private broadcasting and national broadcasting. Any records of minutes which affect matters of policy ought to be the property of the committee.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: It was on a matter of policy I asked for them last year, Mr. Chairman, if you will consult the records.

The CHAIRMAN: I see your name there.

Mr. SLAGHT: I was not on the committee last year and I am therefore not familiar with what transpired. It does not seem to me that there could be any objection to the recorded minutes of the commission being available to this committee which is asked by parliament to take up all matters pertaining to the conduct of the commission. How we can intelligently do that if the minute books are not made available to us, I fail to see.

Mr. ISNOR: Mr. Chairman, you mentioned an important engagement which some of the members wished to keep, and I think there was a motion, more or less agreed to, that we should adjourn.

I remember the discussion last year. There was considerable difference of opinion on the matter and, if I remember rightly, it came to a vote. It was decided more or less on statements made by the minister in regard to the manner in which the CBC operates. I think it is too important at the present moment to decide in the short space of time at our disposal. I would suggest, therefore, that we allow the question raised by Mr. Slaght to stand until our next meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: I really think, Mr. Slaght, that there is going to be quite a discussion on your request. As I mentioned before, these gentlemen have an appointment at 12.45—

Mr. SLAGHT: Oh, surely. I just wanted ultimately to accomplish that.

The CHAIRMAN: Then we shall adjourn until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m.

(At 12.45 the committee adjourned until 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 1939.)