

depends, amongst other things, upon the capacity of our people to do their own thinking. We feel that to the extent that the C.B.C. puts on programs representing different points of view and encourages our people to do some thinking, even about concepts that we may take for granted as pretty basic ones, that to that extent they are rendering a service.

I want to put in this word: that so far as we are concerned, we commend the C.B.C. for bringing various points of view to the attention of our people. And I may say that Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Knight and I have read these scripts of broadcasts given to us. There are passages in them which are perhaps a little "high falutin", and over the heads of the listeners. They remind me of days when I sat in college and tried to take down notes from a lecturer. But apart from that, I see nothing offensive in them, and I think it is good for programs to be put out which require people to do some thinking.

Mr. LANGLOIS: Mr. Chairman, speaking again to my point of order, I think that the expressions of opinion that we have just heard from various members of the committee should have been postponed until we reached the stage in our proceedings when we would have to consider our report to the House. I do not agree with my friend, Mr. Mutch, when he says that it might be a good thing for the witnesses to hear the opinions of members of the committee. I do not think we are here for the purpose of influencing the witnesses by our own opinions. We are here in order to get from them statements of facts, and after hearing all the facts, we shall base our own opinions, and report to the House of Commons. It was with this thought in mind that I raised my point of order a few minutes ago. So I think, Mr. Chairman, we should now revert to the questioning of the witnesses in order to gather those facts on which our report to the House will be based.

Mr. GAUTHIER: Mr. Chairman, I do not agree with Mr. Langlois. We are here as representatives of the people. The people have something to say. We are financing the C.B.C. There has been a lot of protest against these scripts and lectures given by the C.B.C.

Mr. LANGLOIS: I am afraid you did not understand what I said.

Mr. GAUTHIER: Yes, I understood you. But as representatives of the people we have opinions to give. And if I understood the member from Cariboo, at the last meeting he said that we should take into consideration these four scripts and lectures given by Russell, Chisholm, and the others. Is that not right?

Mr. MURRAY: We cannot very well pass opinions on them until we have read them.

Mr. GAUTHIER: You asked to have two or three days in which to read them. You have read them now and I take it you are ready to give an opinion.

Mr. MURRAY: Yes.

Mr. GAUTHIER: I understood that we were to discuss these scripts and lectures at the next committee meeting, which is today. Therefore, I do not agree with Mr. Langlois.

Mr. LANGLOIS: Mr. Chairman, apparently Dr. Gauthier has misunderstood what I said. I would not deprive any member of this committee of the right to express his own opinion. But I would ask the chairman to allow those expressions only at the right time of the proceedings, which is when we are considering our report to the House. We are here at the stage of our proceedings when we should be gathering facts, and our questions should be addressed to the witnesses. After we have heard the answers to our questions and after we have gathered sufficient facts, then we will ask any member, Mr. Gauthier or anybody else, to express his own opinion based on the facts he has heard pre-