

privilege in terms of dollars per broadcast. I have also quoted a talent figure for our average broadcast. I could give you the Toronto talent per broadcast—perhaps that would suit you?

Mr. GEARY: I do not want to go into the cost of the orchestra. They might not want that.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Considering the excellence of the orchestra, we made a very satisfactory arrangement with the orchestra. Here is the answer to your Toronto question, Colonel.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: I will have it there in a minute.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I am sorry we are not ready to give you the answer offhand, but with about fifteen pitchers, it is somewhat difficult to tell what questions are going to come across the plate.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: The talent for those Toronto broadcasts runs considerably higher than the average. The talent cost was \$32,000 for a total number of 246 broadcasts.

Mr. HANSON: That is not so bad.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: That is a lot of money for Toronto, isn't it?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: The average is about \$130. In other words, the real answer to your question is that in round figures we pay about \$130 for broadcasting for an hour; and personally I think it is a very low sum.

Mr. GEARY: I was not interested in that, but what I was interested in was how much you pay out for talent and how much of the \$144,929 that would account for.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: The total amount paid for talent in 1930 was \$95,073.82; for rentals, \$60,756.23.

The CHAIRMAN: And the total cost?

Mr. GEARY: So that you have about \$160,000 of other cost.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: The total cost, after deducting the revenues received, is \$420,000.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: What Colonel Geary asks is after we have included the charge for leases and for talents, what is the balance, what does it consist of?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Wages and a small amount for personal expenses, rental of telephone lines, telegraph charges and miscellaneous.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: When we give a whole Canada broadcast, we charge the radio with a proper proportion for the use of the telegraph line, which accrues to the telegraph department.

Mr. GEARY: You absorb all the charges?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes.

Mr. HANSON: Shall we carry Mr. Duff's question?

Mr. DUFF: Question, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions arising out of the Canadian National Railways Annual Report and the estimates?

Mr. GEARY: One more, if I may. At page 2 of your Estimated Financial Requirements for 1931, a third of the way down the item Central Region, you will find other stations and shelters, 6—I suppose that is six in number, \$35,610.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: What letter is that, of the index?

Mr. GEARY: It is in G, page 2.

Those are specific stations, are they?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Oh, yes.