

Mr. ISNOR: Before the witness leaves us, I think it is only fair to say, as one member of the committee, that the statement that he has given has taken fifty minutes and it is pretty hard to ask questions right offhand. Shall we have the opportunity of questioning the witness later?

The CHAIRMAN: I was going to make that suggestion, Mr. Isnor. It is very difficult for members to seize the points that Mr. McCullagh is establishing in his brief, because nobody has had a copy of it. I was going to make a suggestion to the committee—you have not any copies of that brief available, have you, Mr. McCullagh?

The WITNESS: I have three only.

Mr. BERTRAND: Everything is not in the brief.

The WITNESS: No. I departed from it at times.

Mr. BERTRAND: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: I doubt if anybody can ask questions intelligently on this brief, or on the statement of Mr. McCullagh, unless he has read it over. I do not know how we are going to get it to the members of the committee until to-morrow. If any members of the committee have made notes upon which they wish to ask questions, they may do so; it is up to them.

Mr. HAMILTON: That would be very haphazard questioning, if it is possible at all.

The CHAIRMAN: I would, myself, advise waiting until another meeting. Probably Mr. McCullagh, you have plenty of time and could come back?

The WITNESS: I have not plenty of time. I have things to do. Could you call a meeting this afternoon or some time?

The CHAIRMAN: We have not got your statement.

The WITNESS: Well, let us strike some off.

Mr. ROSS: There is something I should like to say in connection with this matter before we finish up. Many statements have been made by Mr. McCullagh here. He is not under oath, as I understand it. I am not questioning his veracity.

The WITNESS: I will take my oath as to the statements, if you wish me to.

Mr. ROSS: I am not questioning his veracity. As he said, it is human to err. One of the last statements made—and just one, although I have noted some more—was that he had already engaged a network of private stations. No one can engage a network of stations. One can engage individual stations; but one must go to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for permission to hook them up. Mr. McCullagh's statement was that he had already engaged a network and was refused use of it. I claim that statement is not correct.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: I think Mr. Ross is confusing two things, Mr. Chairman. My recollection was that Mr. McCullagh said that in 1937 he had engaged a network of private stations, that they were subsequently cancelled, that he protested about it and was reinstated. Then I understood him to say that in 1938 he made application for a network first to the CBC, because as I understand it, he was going to have some government stations on it.

The CHAIRMAN: He also, made a statement he had already engaged a network.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: Then he said he made application for a network of private stations.

The WITNESS: In deference to Mr. Ross, I think if I did not put it in that wording, I would have; and I will tell you why. You apply through an advertising agency. I was told by the general manager that I could have the stations. Would you think it is a great departure from the truth to say that I engaged