

Q. In the light of what you know, are you well satisfied with the terms of the White Paper?—A. We have been so far. It has not been considered by the board recently.

Q. When did the board last meet?—A. Late in June.

Q. Nothing has risen as to modification of any of the terms of the White Paper?—A. No. You mean to do with this question of national political parties? There is one thing we amended. I will be glad to read it to you. That is in another part of the White Paper.

Q. It has nothing to do with the political broadcasting?—A. No.

Q. Are you still satisfied with the definition of national political parties?—A. As I say, the board has not considered it.

Q. Are you yourself satisfied with the definition of national political parties?—A. It has worked pretty well so far. It was approved by the last committee.

Q. Do you suppose that the board will wait for some recommendation from this committee before undertaking a revision of that definition?—A. I think that in a matter like that, we would be very glad to have a recommendation from the committee.

Q. I think the committee, probably, owes some duty to help you, and I think the committee will make some suggestions to trim down this definition so that parties like that one who got 61 candidates in the field will not be mentioned there?—A. We will be glad to have any recommendations.

Q. You are not going to say that the board will amend this without such a recommendation?—A. No.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. You would be agreeable to letting the political parties decide that? I believe that has been the practice in the past?—A. Yes, we shall wait until the White Paper provisions have been rejected or approved by the parliament committee.

*By Mr. Coldwell:*

Q. The thing I am in favour is this. I do not think anyone will accuse me of wanting the Communist party to be more influential, but we might as a committee try to formulate a definition to suit the situation but we might find out that that would rule out some other minority opinion. I do not think we should try to cut our cloth to meet the present necessity for a certain garment.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: I suggest that we keep this matter out of our discussions.

Mr. COLDWELL: Yes, leave it to the parties themselves.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. Whatever has been done by political parties it has been as it is in this White Paper. I think the definition needs some revision. According to No. 4 simply by putting 61 candidates in the field, regardless of whether you get one elected, I think that that is something this committee should consider very carefully. I am going on to another subject in regard to political broadcasting. You said in your earlier appearance before this committee that it was the purpose of the CBC board to give the people of Canada a fair expression of the ideas of representative groups on subjects of current political interest?—A. That is right.

Q. You will remember, I think, that the Dominion-Provincial Conference was a subject of leading current political interest?—A. Yes.

Q. Of very great importance to the people of Canada?—A. Right.

Q. I will be frank about this. I am coming to the matter of the desire of the premier of Ontario to obtain certain time on the air for the purpose of rendering an account to the people as to what occurred in that conference as he viewed it and as to the position taken there by the government of Ontario in the course of its responsibility to the people of Ontario. Now, if I recall the