

clerical staff—stenographers and people of that sort who form the majority—are appointed by the Civil Service Commission. The technicians, the program men, the musicians and the announcers are appointed by us, and the program superintendents. Of course, that is the only workable system, because with the system of examination under the Civil Service Act appointments would not be satisfactory, and it would not be feasible anyway to make all those appointments permanent appointments. Suppose you have a singing program man and his voice gives out and he has to quit. If he had a permanent appointment you would have him on your hands. One of the points that Gladstone Murray advised me very strongly against in connection with the artistic end was of having no permanent appointments at all. In England they occasionally have to change men because they have grown stale.

Q. I realize that, that is why I asked the question.—A. But so far as the office appointments are concerned they all come through the Civil Service Commission; but the majority of our appointments came to us automatically when we took over the radio section of the Canadian National Railways. We had an understanding with the government that we were not going to throw anybody on the street. We have made very few appointments at all as a matter of fact.

*By Mr. Ahearn:*

Q. I was hoping, Mr. Charlesworth, that you would come before this committee with some definite proposal of what your expansion was going to be and what it was going to cost and where you were going to get your revenue.—A. There is no good coming with a definite proposal of expansion till you know what your revenue is going to be. I could sit down and build myself a very nice house in my mind but I have not got the capital.

Q. You could tell us where you hope to get it from.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? If not we will call on Col. Steel. Thank you, Mr. Charlesworth.

Witness retired.

Lieut.-Col. W. A. STEEL, called.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Steel, there were some questions asked I believe at the last meeting that you said you would answer at the next meeting.—A. I think the first question appears at page 18 of your last day's evidence. The question was asked, about a third of the way down the page, with regard to the shared wave lengths:

“Q. With regard to the shared wave lengths, do you remember how many new shared channels were allotted to us in 1932.”

I said at that time that I thought there were seventeen. There were actually nineteen. A little later on the question was asked “How many of these were actually in “use at the present time,” and I said Twelve. That is correct. There are a few channels in the higher frequency end of the band reserved for small stations that are not yet in use. I think that answers the question.

Q. Just there, Col. Steel, might I ask you how many of the old shared wave lengths that we had prior to 1932 have been abandoned.—A. None at all, sir.

Q. None abandoned.—A. No. I think the second question is towards the bottom of page 19 and was asked by Mr. Ahearn. The question was:—

Q. What is the number of the staff, how many people are employed? I have prepared a table here.

The CHAIRMAN: We will have that read into the record.