

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
May 29, 1947.

The Special Committee on Radio Broadcasting met this day at 11 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. R. Maybank, presided.

The CHAIRMAN: Last week we had gone a certain distance with the briefs of Mr. Dunton and Dr. Frigon. It was understood that we would proceed from there. There are a couple of preliminary matters. There is a letter from Mr. Marcel Provost of *Radio World*. I will read the translation.

I solicit the privilege of appearing before the Parliamentary Committee on Radio Broadcasting to make representations relating to the question of unjust competition of which the radio artists and musicians are the object.

1. On the part of American Networks.
2. On the part of manufacturers of radio transcriptions.
3. Of the necessity of exchange of programmes called sustaining being made on a more equitable basis.

Of this, the Canadian manufacturer and announcer is also the object of an unjust competition on the part of his American competitor and the Canadian government loses also an important source of revenue.

*Radio World*, a publication of which I am also the director, seems to have arrested the attention of some members of the committee, who no doubt would be happy to put questions to me.

I would be ready to appear on any day save Tuesday, although this condition is not "sine qua non".

Hoping to hear from you soon, believe me, dear sir,

Yours truly,  
(Sgd) MARCEL PROVOST.

I may say that this gentleman wrote last year asking to be heard but his letter came in so very late that it could not be dealt with. After a little correspondence he withdrew it. I am making those remarks from memory. That is the way I think it was. Do you think that the steering committee might take that up?

Mr. ROSS (*Hamilton East*): I move that it be referred to the steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion that the letter be referred to the steering committee to be dealt with by them.

Mr. REID: As a point of information may I ask the chairman who are the members of the steering committee? I should like to know who they are.

The CHAIRMAN: Messrs. Robinson, Langlois, Beaudoin, Fleming, Hansell, Knight, together with the chairman. Are you ready for that question? Those in favour?

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): What is the question?

The CHAIRMAN: It is to refer this letter to the steering committee. Those in favour? Opposed, if any? Carried.

The Canadian Daily Newspaper Association has likewise been asking for a time to appear. All I could say to them in response to their letter was that