

Mr. BEYNON: I understand Mr. Ashcroft's position to be this, that he does not feel he is at liberty to disclose those names without the consent of the members. It is a question of whether we want to hear Mr. Ashcroft as representing somebody who is an unknown quantity.

Mr. AHEARN: If we heard a company we would not want the list of the stockholders submitted.

The CHAIRMAN: No, but we would want the name of the company.

Mr. AHEARN: He is the president of the association, and I think we ought to hear him as president of an association.

Mr. GAGNON: I would not be ashamed of the association for whom I speak.

Mr. AHEARN: He is not ashamed. He says, he does not want to give the names.

*By Mr. Gagnon:*

Q. May I ask you if you represent the stations of my province—CKAC, La Presse?—A. They are not members; they are sympathetic with the aims of the association.

Q. They are sympathetic with the aims of the association?—A. Yes.

Q. Do they approve of you appearing for them before this committee?—A. I am not appearing for them.

Q. Has your brief been submitted to them?—A. Yes.

Q. Did they approve of it?—A. Not formally. It was not submitted to them with the idea of their approving of it, but they expressed their approval verbally.

Mr. GAGNON: Mr. Chairman, I see that you have distributed to members this morning a list of telegrams that you have received, and there is one that appears to come from CKAC, Montreal. May I look at that telegram?

Mr. McKENZIE: I think that since Mr. Ashcroft represents a comparatively large number of the private commercial stations in Canada that he should be allowed to present his case on the understanding that he will submit the names of those he represents at a later date, if he gets their consent.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. McKenzie, here is the position. I think I should make this clear. Within the last few days I have received quite a number of telegrams from stations who are definitely going out of their way, in telegrams and letters to say that they are not associated with and are not represented by Mr. Ashcroft. Well, inasmuch as Mr. Ashcroft cannot divulge his present membership, I think in fairness to the stations who have written that we ought to go over that list, because they definitely wish it understood that they are not associated in any way with Mr. Ashcroft's group. If you will look at the list of letters I gave you this morning and there are a good number of telegrams, you will see what I mean.

Mr. GAGNON: Will you read those to the committee?

The CHAIRMAN: Here is a telegram from New Carlisle:—

Kindly be advised that R. W. Ashcroft president of broadcasters' Association does not represent our radio station.

The WITNESS: That station was never asked to join.

The CHAIRMAN: Here is a letter from the Canadian National Carbon Company Limited:—

We have noticed in one of the Toronto evening papers that an association called "Dominion Broadcasters' Association" will be appearing before the special committee on radio broadcasting to present a new plan for broadcasting in Canada. We understand that the Dominion Broadcasters' Association claims to have the support of a number of privately-