

is the understanding there at the present time but they have to get the same treatment as every other province. It is not unreasonable, I suggest, that an organization which has been in existence for quite some time should be allowed any reasonable period to liquidate itself.

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): What have they got to dispose of?

The CHAIRMAN: They have a plant, CKY; they may sell it to Jones Brothers or somebody else, unless the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation want to make a deal with them.

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): Could they get any more from anybody else?

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot tell you that. Premier Garson would know better. I suppose it is just the same with him as it is with Mr. Dunton in that he wants to get as much as he can for the station. I have no doubt that he has told Mr. Dunton that if the CBC does not want it he will sell it to the Jones Brothers—of course, the Jones Brothers are a purely fictitious party—who would, perhaps, offer him something to get a wavelength, no doubt. But it is an ordinary case of horse trading going on between the Manitoba government and the CBC.

Mr. Ross (*St. Paul's*): The value of the station would be that they would get a wavelength.

The CHAIRMAN: Premier Garson cannot hold that out to anybody; but I suppose a stranger would know from looking over the dial or air map that there is some possibility of getting a wavelength. Of course, as far as CBC is concerned they have a wavelength.

Mr. COLDWELL: All really that Manitoba has for sale is the physical equipment.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is all.

Hon. Mr. McCANN: The wavelength is of no value; that is stated in the Act.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. I would like to ask what effect it would have if you had a 50 kilowatt station in Manitoba and the Manitoba government sold it to a private individual? Another question: Is the 50 kilowatt station under CKY?—A. Your first question was: What would happen if we went ahead with our 50 kilowatt station?

Q. What would happen to CKY? You are using it now. Suppose the Manitoba government transfers it or sells it to a private individual?—A. It can go ahead and operate as CKY owned by someone else.

Q. And you new station of 50 kilowatts would not interfere?—A. No.

Q. How close are you to it?—A. Our transmitter will be at Carman.

The CHAIRMAN: It is 50-odd miles away.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. For the purpose of the record, CKY, I understand, now has a commercial licence?—A. Yes.

Q. And is owned by the province?—A. By the Manitoba Telephone system.

Q. And yet commercial licences are refused to other provinces; is that so?—A. That is the policy, but I think the minister explained that the policy covers all provinces, including Manitoba.

Q. It does not, though; CKY has a commercial licence. How long have they had this?

Hon. Mr. McCANN: They have been in operation for years.

The CHAIRMAN: CKY?

Hon. Mr. McCANN: Yes.