

ciples laid down when the radio commission was formed, which stipulated not only that the companies should remain under Canadian control, but that that which they broadcast should be of Canadian origin and for the benefit of Canadian people. I should like, if possible, to have some information from the minister. This is one out of only thirteen Canadian channels. Last year we obtained more exclusive channels, and were very glad to get them. The channel in question is exclusively used by this concern, and it seems a pity to me that one of the channels so hard won by the Canadian people should be allocated almost entirely for the benefit of the people of another country. That is the point I wish to make, and if possible I should like to have some reassurance from the minister that the condition is better than that I outlined last year.

Mr. DURANLEAU: When the hon. member raised the same point last year the company in question was not in operation. The licence had been issued, but they were not operating. My information is that the company began operating on June 1, 1932.

Mr. EULER: I spoke in May.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes, I believe that is correct. I do not know the exact conditions under which they operated last fall, but I can say to the house that to-day the management is entirely in the hands of Canadians. More than fifty-one per cent of the capital is owned by Canadians, and all the directors are Canadians.

Mr. EULER: That does not mean very much.

Mr. DURANLEAU: There is one director from Sandwich, one from Windsor, one from Walkerville, one from Essex, one from Tecumseh and the remaining two from Windsor. There is no doubt that at the present time the management is in the hands of Canadians. Of course this broadcasting station, as all other Canadian stations, depends on advertising for its revenue, and as I said last year, so long as the stations operate on the present basis, one cannot readily see a reason why a Canadian station should not rent a certain amount of its time—

Mr. EULER: Yes, a certain amount of it.

Mr. DURANLEAU: —to United States advertisers, provided, of course, that no Canadian programs are offering.

Mr. EULER: Would the minister say that if a Canadian advertiser wanted to get time now he could get it?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes, I think so.

Mr. EULER: If they are under contract with Americans?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I think so.

Mr. EULER: Can the minister tell us how many purely Canadian programs ever issue from that station?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I cannot give that information now, but I can say to the hon. member and the committee that for some time my department have been following the operations of that station, and I frankly admit that we are not altogether satisfied with it. We believe that the station is giving an undue proportion of its time to American programs. If the control of radio stations had remained under the jurisdiction of my department it was the intention of the minister and the department to exercise more control over the company at Windsor. We had even thought of putting some conditions into effect when we renewed the licence for this year.

Mr. GRAY: Is not the commission itself under the control and regulation of the minister?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Since the radio commission has been in operation the station has come under its control.

Mr. GRAY: But is the commission not under the control of the minister?

Mr. DURANLEAU: To some extent, yes; they have to report to me. I have to be their spokesman in this house. But the commission has control over stations. I can say that the station in Windsor is carefully looked after by the radio commission, and I think that within a short time it will see that the station is operating according to law.

Mr. POULIOT: Is there another station at Windsor?

Mr. DURANLEAU: No, that is the only one.

Mr. POULIOT: May I suggest that the minister should give the station in Windsor to the Border Cities Star, a very good paper. The minister could do in Windsor what he has done in Montreal.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not think the hon. member can compare the city of Windsor with the city of Montreal.

Mr. POULIOT: No, but I can compare the Border Cities Star with La Patrie.

Mr. DURANLEAU: The hon. member for North Waterloo said a moment ago that