

Halifax only, as I understand it, on this occasion we could have better facilities by using—and this would be the exception—to a greater extent the local broadcasting facilities privately owned?—A. If I could show you a chart which has been prepared some time ago I could show you the only places where we have full C.B.C. service are where we have our own stations. Now as our own stations carry all our programs we think we will give better service to Halifax than by dealing with exclusively private stations. That is another point of view. I do not know whether that answers your remark.

Q. I am afraid that for my own benefit I shall have to get further information. I cannot see it yet myself.—A. Unfortunately in the maritimes there are not enough stations to provide for two networks. That is the bare fact.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. Your statement is that there is not a sufficient number of stations?—A. To give two complete networks.

Q. Then, if you had the opportunity of having another outlet you would approve of it?—A. Where?

Q. We will say in Halifax.—A. We do not need another one. We will have two with our own station. We will have CHNS which is already there and our own station.

Q. But you have an opportunity at the present time of having an outlet which would link up with your Dominion or second network?—A. Yes, but we would not be giving to Halifax the service we would like to give to the capital of Nova Scotia.

Q. You would be giving just as good service as you propose to give?—A. Oh no.

Q. And in addition you would serve the rest of the province to a greater extent than you are planning on doing?—A. I have to repeat we do not intend to leave the station at 100 watts. We had to do that because we had to have the station now. We had a transmitter that we could put within the city limits, and it had to be done quickly. CBA covers quite a proportion of the Nova Scotia rural area. There is no question from our own point of view that when we have our own stations the service is better. In other words, the C.B.C. programs get an outlet, are heard. The private stations have their requirements, their limitations, which are quite legitimate.

Hon. Mr. LAFLÈCHE: May I just say one word, please? I have heard so much coming from the maritime provinces, particularly Nova Scotia, to the effect that the people there do not have as good radio service as in other parts of Canada that as far as I am concerned I am most heartily in accord with improving the service there. I have heard of this 100 watt station and really that to me was a problem. I could not quite understand it.

The WITNESS: To provide satisfactory service in the maritimes we would need a number of medium power stations distributed appropriately. In other words, building one 50-kilowatt station in the maritimes did not solve the problem but it was all we could do at the time. If we had waited five or ten years to build say four or five 5-kilowatt stations instead of the one 50-kilowatt it would have been much better, but it had to be done then because people were demanding a maritime station and the only thing we could do at the time was a 50-kilowatt station which we did. As time goes on, as our financial revenues improve—and I hope they will—I hope that will come. When we are permitted to build more stations properly located then we will give proper service but unfortunately the maritime provinces do not offer for broadcasters a sufficient market to justify two networks.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. What do you mean by that, revenue?—A. Yes.