

The WITNESS: I do not want to encroach on Col. Steel's territory in any way. Might I suggest that the statements you make are undoubtedly true, but it is caused largely by the vast increase in the number of stations now operating as compared with two or three years ago.

Hon. Mr. CARDIN: In Canada?

The WITNESS: In the United States.

Hon. Mr. CARDIN: And in Canada also?

The WITNESS: And in Canada.

Mr. McKENZIE: Well, that is another matter. I may say quite frankly that I was disappointed in the work which the commission has done in regard to taking over privately owned stations. The act provides for taking over of control of all broadcasting in Canada. I believe that we must get either public ownership or go back to the old system, either one or the other. It will prove very unsatisfactory as long as we have part one thing and part another. We cannot have part public ownership and part privately owned, because I do not think it will be satisfactory.

Mr. GAGNON: If I may interject my humble opinion, I will say there will be no decided improvement unless the House of Commons decides to vote the money, or at least, vote the commission all the money paid by the licence owners. When the experts came before the committee in 1932, I think it was proven conclusively that it would cost \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 to establish a modern, well equipped network in Canada.

Mr. BEYNON: The trouble is this; the experts of 1932 showed how this thing was going to be financed beautifully, but it has not worked out that way. The preponderance of opinion was for the creating of a publicly owned system, and they were all optimistic as to how easy it would be to finance it. Their views were accepted, but I was filled with doubt at that time. I could not see how it could possibly be done, comparing it with the British Broadcasting system, where they had a much smaller territory over which to broadcast and a tremendous population to support it. How 10,000,000 people could supply sufficient funds to broadcast over the tremendous expanse of country was something I could never see, and it is working out just as I expected. I foresaw that the commission would be handicapped terribly by lack of funds. They could not carry it out no matter how efficiently they were, or how hard they tried. They would be handicapped in undertaking an impossible task without the money available.

The CHAIRMAN: Would it not be better for the members of the committee to try to get all the information and evidence in, and then we can discuss afterwards what can be done. I do not think we have got by any means all the evidence there is to offer yet.

By Mr. Wright:

Q. Just to clear up that point, I should like to ask you this question: The complaints Mr. McKenzie speaks of might be due to change in wavelengths where the wavelengths were changed?—A. I do not know, sir, ask Col. Steel.

Mr. GAGNON: Anyone who has listened to radio during the last five years must admit that there has been a wonderful improvement in all fields of activity. Of course, those who do not listen are in a different position. I do not know how they can be in a position to speak conclusively in the matter. I should like to hear from Mr. Maher.

By Mr. McLure:

Q. I should like to ask Mr. Bushnell one question. It is possibly not fair to ask you this, as a program director, but the general opinion is that Canadian