

having the following objectives; to provide for better distribution in Canada of programs originating in the United States; to provide for better control over the importation of American programs into Canada; to offer as equal as possible opportunities to all U.S. networks; to consolidate the operation of Canadian networks; to help improve service to Canadian listeners throughout the country".

At 4.15 p.m. Mr. Tom Reid, M.P. and Mr. Rea, Manager of Station CKNW, New Westminster, B.C., came before the Board. Mr. Reid said that he spoke on behalf of his constituents in New Westminster. He said that because of interference from American stations the local station CKNW could not be heard beyond a seven-mile radius of New Westminster and he felt that as a local station the functioning of CKNW was seriously impaired. This station caters to the farmers in the Fraser Valley and Mr. Reid said he would be glad if something could be done to eliminate this interference. Mr. Reid then retired.

Mr. Rea said that he came before the Board as a station owner on behalf of his application for increase in power and change in frequency. He said that if CKNW were given 1000 watts power and a change in frequency, his station would separate itself from the Vancouver stations in a competitive way. He also requested that station CKNW be made a supplementary station on a CBC network. The Chairman thanked Mr. Rea and said that his request would be considered when the Technical Committee Report was discussed at this meeting.

At 4.40 p.m. Mr. Harry Sedgwick, president of station CFRB, Toronto and Mr. Joseph Sedgwick, came before the Board to make representations regarding the frequency of CFRB. Mr. Harry Sedgwick explained at length the background and history of his station since 1926 and pointed out the undesirable reaction if it had to change its frequency. He said that the rumours that his station might lose coverage had been detrimental to the business of the station and it was most desirable, in the best interests of future commitments with advertisers, that some decision be arrived at regarding the stability of a frequency. Mr. Sedgwick stressed that CFRB had built up its listening audience on 860 kc. and that he had always thought that this station could feel reasonably secure in the occupancy of a frequency so long as the public interest was well served. Mr. Joseph Sedgwick argued at length on the question. He said that all possible action in the courts, and if necessary through political pressure, would be taken to resist loss of 860 kc. unless another suitable frequency could be allocated to CFRB.

The Chairman explained that no decision had been arrived at and that Mr. Sedgwick had been asked to come and have discussions with the Board so that a solution as fair as possible to all might be arrived at.

The Chairman said that they could be assured that the Board would do its very best to act as a fair tribunal in coming to a final decision. Mr. Harry Sedgwick asked that when a decision was made that they be again invited back and advised of the decision before it was finalized.

The Board adjourned for dinner at 6.00 p.m.