

Mr. DURANLEAU: Is it not fair that a French newspaper with a circulation as wide as has *La Patrie* should have at least a small station?

Mr. CASGRAIN: They could have waited one or two years.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I do not see anything wrong in the matter. Then, the hon. member mentioned the conference at Madrid. In reply may I say that the report of the head of the delegation is ready in both languages, and I can lay it before the house at any time.

Mr. LAPOINTE: All right.

Mr. DURANLEAU: But the annexed treaty or agreement, the protocols, regulations, and so on, have been prepared only in the French language because, as the committee is aware, French is the only official language used in printing the documents of the convention. However, if it is the wish of the committee I am ready to lay the report, which is printed in both French and English, before the house.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Either language will do.

Mr. DURANLEAU: The pile of documents to be annexed to the report is ready in the French language only, but at the present time we are working on a translation of those documents, so that they may be placed before the house in both official languages.

Mr. POULIOT: It would be the same thing as laying an egg without the white and the yolk.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I see it is the wish of hon. members that my report be tabled, even though the annexed material is ready in only one language. It will be tabled within a few days.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Let us have it in one or the other of the languages.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Either language suits me.

Mr. ERNST: Both languages.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I shall be pleased to have it in English, French, or both, but I want to have it. Further, I should like to be well understood concerning the licence issued to *La Patrie*. I do not object to the fact that *La Patrie* has obtained a licence, but I do object to the way it has been issued. No new licences had been issued for the last few years. We understand that the Minister of Marine may still issue broadcasting licences, but in spite of what he has said, parliament has enacted that no licences shall be issued

by him unless they are approved by the board. Years having passed without any new licence being issued, this legislation having been put into effect, and the board having been appointed, does the minister believe it proper that three days before the board is sworn in, he or his acting minister, without consulting the board, should issue a licence? In that way the board is operating in the face of a fait accompli. I say it is not right; it is not fair to parliament and, if it was done without the consent of the board—which I do not doubt—it was not fair to them. In any case the practice was objectionable, and as a member of parliament I protest against this strange conduct of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. I do not wish to speak more strongly.

Mr. POWER: I believe the committee should be familiar with all the circumstances. If my memory serves me correctly, in 1930 a commission headed by Sir John Aird was appointed to inquire into the whole matter of radio. A great deal of money was spent; the commission travelled throughout Canada and I believe even went to Europe in order to lay down a definite radio policy for Canada. Not satisfied with that, this House of Commons appointed a committee to study the matter, and the report of that committee was accepted by hon. members on all sides of the house. I think we may safely say that since this government came into power we have never seen such good feeling in the house or such unanimity of opinion as on the day the radio bill was introduced.

Mr. RALSTON: Except on your report about the soldiers.

Mr. POWER: I am speaking of the feeling in the house since 1930. Member after member from all parts of the house stated that the whole operation of the radio system in Canada should be safely confined to a commission.

Mr. CASGRAIN: And that it should be non-political.

Mr. POWER: Yes, and that the commission should carry out the work the committee and the Aird commission had recommended. First of all, when the Aird commission was investigating, no radio licence was issued. The hon. member for Richelieu (Mr. Cardin), the then Minister of Marine and Fisheries, stated definitely he would not issue any new licences because he wished the national body which would be in control of radio to take that responsibility. If that was not expressly stated in the house—and I think it was—at