

could do anything else but resign.... In one section of our report we find that they willingly throw away \$1 million a year, chiefly for the benefit of foreigners, and in the same report we find them bickering over a few thousand dollars which could be wisely spent to promote the best interests of this country.

Mr. MacDonald Shortly after this Convention met I put through a question before committees were appointed, on this very subject of tourist development. The question was divided into five parts. I have never received a direct answer to those questions, but in this report those questions are all answered.... I have met a lot of tourists in my time, and found out that they enjoyed it very much here....

Mr. Ballam I did not think that we were all going over the question before the House, that is individually making speeches on it.... The tourist traffic is probably of more interest over on the west coast than in this part of the country, simply because we have bigger fishing rivers, we have steamship routes in Corner Brook, and there seems to be a desire amongst the people who come to visit primarily that part of the coast, so that the action of the government in not supporting this movement of the Tourist Board is, in my opinion, very bad. I know that next summer it is anticipated by a certain fraternal organisation that they will have a conference in Corner Brook, and that might mean a thousand people coming in there for a start, and much potential income. If the country had any encouragement from the government along these lines similar excursions would be made, and we would materially benefit from it.

Mr. Fudge Mr. Chairman, there is a point on which I am not satisfied. That point is the question of broadcasting. I would like to know from Mr. Smallwood, if he does know, the frequency and power of radio station VOUS, and on whose authority they operate. Perhaps this may come under the 99-year lease of Fort Pepperell, but I would like to know anyhow.

Mr. Smallwood In dealing with broadcasting we did not go into the question of VOUS at Fort Pepperell or the other station at Argentinia, or the one at Stephenville. These are not in Newfoundland, they are in the USA, on American bases, and we did not feel our authority extended that far. However, if Mr. Fudge would bring a

motion that a delegation be appointed to go to these bases, I have no doubt that delegation would get that information.

Mr. Fudge I would prefer to make a motion that we go over and capture those places.

Mr. Crosbie I am not satisfied with the answer you gave Mr. Fudge, Mr. Smallwood. Yesterday we heard a lot about VOCM, about frequency and channels of the air. Who gave VOUS the channel? Certainly if they got it VOCM should have it, they were here before the others.

Mr. Smallwood That does sound like a very valid argument. If VOUS are over the 250 watts that VOCM has, and authorised by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs ... that makes a very strong case for allowing VOCM to increase their power to the same extent. If the House wants the Transportation Committee to go into that I am satisfied to make a motion to that effect....

Mr. Ballam I imagine that the postal telegraph authorities here gave permission to VOUS to operate and they would have the necessary information. I think it would be a simple matter for Mr. Smallwood to get this information.

Mr. Higgins I don't want to interrupt, but are we not supposed to be discussing the tourist traffic?

Mr. Chairman That's perfectly true. I allowed some latitude in the hope that some information would be brought out.

Mr. Hollett We are discussing the whole report of the Communications and Transportation Committee, and I think this is a matter that effects the general public. We have heard how appreciative the general public are of the services given by VOCM. I would like to make a motion that we ask the Committee on Transportation and Communications to inquire into the authority under which they act and the frequency they have, that is the watt power, if I am in order.

Mr. Fudge I second that.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that, through Mr. Smallwood, the Transportation and Communications Committee do inquire into the authority under which VOUS operates in this country, and also the power which has been allotted to them by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Higgins I move that the report be received.

Mr. Bailey I don't know just how we should take this. It seems we must be in the right and the