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## The Birth of the CBC

Important Moments in Canadian Journalism

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November 11, 1918

End of WWI

After World War I, Canada was more united than ever and needed a voice.

November 2, 1936

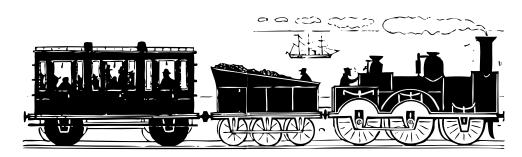
CBC founded



**The Royal Commission of Radio Broadcasting**, or Aird Commission, recommended that Canada have a national radio broadcast network in 1929.

They were concerned about the influx of **American** radio broadcasting stations as U.S.-based networks were slowly making their way to Canada.



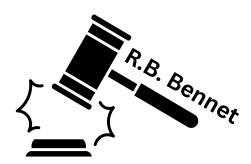


The Canadian National Railway Company (CNR) was making a radio network called the CNR Radio in order to entertain passengers and to compete with its rival, Canadian Pacific (CP).



campaigned for the project and made a plea to the government for public ownership of the radio.

The government of



passed the
Canadian Radio
Broadcasting Act
on May 26, 1932 in
response.



The Canadian
Radio Broadcasting
Commission was
established as a
result of this Act.



The CRBC took over the CNR Radio's facilities and in 1933 had its first radio newscast in both French and English.





On November 2, 1936, the CRBC changed its name to the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation**. The CBC was born!

Modelled after the BBC, the CBC became a **Crown corporation**. They were led by their first chairman, Leonard Brockington, in the same year.





The CBC went on to operate four radio networks and two TV networks.

They are the oldest existing broadcasting network in Canada and continue to play an essential role in Canadian culture today.