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when I say that the C.B.C. is not commissioned to give subversive ideologies an exaggerated importance but rather to serve the Canadian people in what are their strongest assets, namely those truths in which the great majority of us believe, but which the C.B.C. has apparently been taking pleasure in downgrading those past few years.

• (8:40 p.m.)

[*English*]

Mr. Nasserden: Rising to say a few words on this supplementary estimate I would point out to the hon. member for Three Rivers that when he talks about mistakes the Liberals have made during the past three years he is talking about mistakes he himself has made, because most of the time he has been supporting the Liberals in the House of Commons.

I think it is appropriate that on a day like this we should be undertaking a study of supplementary estimates—

Mr. Mongrain: On a question of privilege. I should like to apologize to the hon. member for interrupting, but I have the impression he was speaking about myself. I missed his remarks because I did not have time to put on my earphone. Would the hon. member repeat, for my benefit, what he said?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

Under the rules of the house—I do not know exactly under what standing order—it is forbidden to repeat the same thing twice. That is why, if the hon. member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) is asking that, I wish to point out that it is forbidden under the rules.

[*English*]

Mr. Mongrain: On the same point of order, may I say that I did not address the hon. member for Lapointe. I addressed my question through you, Mr. Chairman, to the hon. member for Rosthern.

Mr. Nasserden: I would be glad to repeat what I said in any place in Canada as well as in the House of Commons. If the government has been making mistakes, as the hon. member for Three Rivers indicated, most of those mistakes have been his mistakes, because he supported the government on so many occasions.

[Mr. Mongrain.]

Mr. Mongrain: On a point of order. I should like to remind the hon. member that there is no city in the province of Quebec which is called Three Rivers. There is only one which is called Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Nasserden: I agree with the hon. member. And Trois-Rivières is one of the most beautiful places in Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Nasserden: I hope some day it will send to the House of Commons a member who will support in the House of Commons the things he speaks about.

We have before us supplementary estimates covering a variety of items and, as I say, it is appropriate that on a day such as this in the history of parliament we should be discussing the question of expenditure. If one looks at expenditures on administration in the various departments he is bound to notice that salaries and special services, including professional services, are mentioned in almost every one of them. Take the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, where the amount is \$234,578. Then again, in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, we find that \$67,000—

The Chairman: I am sure the hon. member was listening to the hon. member for Trois Rivières when he said we were supposed to be talking about the estimates of the Board of Broadcast Governors, and that he would do so. May I suggest the same course to the hon. member?

Mr. Nasserden: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. That is what I intend to do. I intend to relate what I am saying to the item before us, because on occasions such as this it is the duty of the opposition to draw attention to areas in which the government could make the savings necessary to prevent an increase in taxation, such as they are so desperately seeking from parliament at the present time. To assist me in this connection I have here an article taken from the report of the Auditor General telling us that the C.B.C. spent \$104,000 for hotel space which it did not use and a further \$217,000 for programs which were junked. Talking about programs which could be junked, I too can think of a few that could very well be junked.

Visiting my riding not too long ago I had occasion to call at the town of Duck Lake. The C.B.C. had a crew out there in connection